

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

Held With
WILLOUGHBY CHURCH
Bradley County
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1941

Next Session will be held with Pine Hill
Church, Lincoln County, Arkansas

Elder J. E. White, Moderator ____ Warren, Ark.
Dallas Jones, Clerk _____ Star City, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the 45th Annual Session of Saline Association, met with Willoughby Church, Sept. 5, 6, 7, 1941.

Called to order at 10 o'clock by Moderator Eld. Lewis Barker.

Opening song by H. C. Dyer.

Scripture reading by Moderator. Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer by Eld. J. R. Hartley.

Reading of letters and seating of delegates:

OAK GROVE—James Brewster Jr., Frank Reiviere, Sister A. M. Reiviere, Beatrice Potts.

MACEDONIA—Bros. Ben Thompson, U. S. Barker, Harve Thompson, T. H. Brown, Sisters Eva Thompson, Vivian Dyer, Bro. Homer Myers.

PLEASANT GROVE—Bros. J. E. Funderburg, Murry Funderburg, Henry Jeter, Sister Foy.

FREE HILL—Sisters Rob Rauls, Claude Spakes, Lee Williams, Luther Shelby.

HARMONY—Bro. Hugh Wooldridge, Sisters Lillian Brown, Jessie Brown, Ruth Clark, J. E. McMahon, Alice Brewster.

PINE HILL—Bro. J. V. Sawyers, Sister Alma Wynn, Eugene Wynn, Lela Cook, Leo Morgan.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Bro. G. W. Doggett, W. H. Housen, Sister Annie Manns, W. H. Housen, L. E. Jones.

WILLOUGHBY—Bro. Larton Calvert, Douglas Andrews, Ray Barnes, Lard Williams, Sister Mae Delle Grubbs.

YORKTOWN—Bro. Jimmie Mouse, Sisters Ethel Moore, Helen Dodds.

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. Roby Hollis, Edger Willis, Sisters Edger Willis, Roby Hollis.

Recess, 10 minutes.

Called to order by moderator at eleven o'clock. Song by Lonnie Brown. Prayer by Bro. W. P. White. Introductory sermon by Bro. W. P. White. Text Matthew 28. Song by Lonnie Brown. Old time handshake. Dismissed by Bro. Rice.

Dinner Served on ground.

Friday Afternoon

Called to order by moderator at 1:15 o'clock.

Song by H. C. Dyer. Election of permanent officers: Moderator, Eld. J. E. White; assistant, Lewis Barker; clerk, Dallas Jones; assistant, Lewis Barker.

Appointment of committees:

Statistics—Sisters Alma Wynn, Ruth Clark, Mana Mae Hollis.

Divine Service—Otis Cook, G. W. Doggett, Ben Thompson.

Resolutions—H. C. Dyer, Willie Estelle, Murry Funderburg, W. H. Housen.

Finance—Henry Jeter, J. A. McMahon, Willie Estelle.

Temperance—W. P. White, J. R. Rice, Sister Jessie Brown.

Obituary—T. H. Brown, Huston Morgan, John Funderburg.

Sabbath School—Della Higgins, Lela Cook, Vivian Dyer, J. G. Brewster.

None Represented Churches—G. L. Shelby, W. A. Bryant, Earl Higgins.

Credentials—Otis Cook, T. H. Brown, Sister Cora Parnell, Sister Mary Funderburg.

Song by H. C. Dyer and Alma Wynn.

2:00. Recess for 10 minutes.

2:40. Called to order by moderator. Song by Lonnie Brown. Election of class leader. H. C. Dyer.

3:00. Election of Sunday School Rally Officers: president, Dallas Jones; vice president, Otis Cook; secretary, Alma Wynn; class leader, Lonnie Brown.

4:00. Adjourned until 7:00 p. m. Friday night.

Friday Night

Called to order by moderator at 7 p. m. Song service directed by Stanton White. Prayer by Willie Estelle. Devotional service by Eld. A. O. Ashcraft. Special song by Stanton White and Sister Marie Adams. Quartet by Stanton White. Prayer by G. S. Jenkins.

8:20. Sermon by Lewis Barker. Text Matthew 20:6, "Why Stand Ye all the Day Idle?" Song by J. E. White. Alter call. Dismissed by J. E. Handy.

Saturday Morning

9:30. Called to order by moderator. Song by congregation. Scripture by moderator, 1st Cor. 10:1. Prayer by D. A. Bryan. Song by Willie Estelle. Prayer by Douglas Anders. Song by R. M. Moore. "This Old World is Rocking."

MINISTERS REPORT—I wish to report a fair year in the Lord's service. I assisted in One meeting. Sermons preached, unknown. Amount of collection unknown. I desire your prayers that I might be able to do more in the future.—Rev. Lewis Barker.

This year has been a great year with me in the service. I wish to make my yearly report. I have baptised 21; married 5 couples; preached 15 funerals; helped in six meetings; preached 162 sermons. Received for my work this year \$563.70. Trusting my next year will be a greater year for the church.—Rev. G. S. Jenkins.

I beg to submit the following: I pastored two churches. Received five members, two by letter, three by confession of faith. Three baptised. Traveled 210 miles; received \$74.31. Pray for me that I might still be of service to my Lord.—Elder D. A. Brian.

I submit the following as my report. Preached 16 sermons, one funeral; have received \$6.00; traveled about 500 miles, including trip to state association. Pray for me—Eld. J. R. Hartley.

Brethren I submit the following report: Only preached a few times. Have not been the work of the Lord as I should, account of circumstances. Received \$10.75. Pray for me that I may be more useful in the Lord's vineyard.—Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Verbal statements by—Elds. R. M. Moore, W. P. White, J. E. White.

Motion carried to seat Bro. J. W. Handy from Houston, Texas, as honorary member, Also Sister Cora Parnell as honorary member of Saline Association. Quartet by Brown girls. Select home for rally. Rally goes to Yorktown, four miles north of Star City. Dismissed for 10 minutes. Recess.

11:00 a. m. Memorial sermon by Rev. G. S. Jenkins. At conclusion song and old time handshake. The spirit was felt by all. Dismissed for noon. Dinner served on ground.

Saturday Afternoon

Called to order by moderator. Report of committees:

CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on credentials, find all ministers in good standing as far as we know, except one. We find by investigation that he has departed from the Faith, and joined

himself to another body. We recommend that the Saline Association withdraw from him and call for his credentials. His name, D. F. Dodson.—Otis Cook, Chairman.

NONE REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, the committee on none represented churches, find all churches in good standing and in good fellowship, except Pine Grove unactive.—G. L. Shelby, chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—All Sunday Schools report an active Sunday School. Interest is good. Could be improved by other churches organizing Sunday Schools.—Della Higgins, chairman.

FINANCE—We, the committee on finance find all the churches have turned in their money except four.—H. W. Jeter, chairman.

OBITUARIES—We, your committee, find the death angel has visited and called from our midst: Sister Nannie Noble, Sister W. F. Grant, Bro. E. H. Willis, Bro. Luke Jordon, Bro. M. H. Bolen from Mt. Pleasant, Bro. Leon Hopgood from Free Hill, Bro. Palmer Witt, Bro. Edward Parker from Macedonia, Sister Willie Bridges from Pine Hill, Bro. R. F. Taylor from Harmony, Sister Riner Murphy from Pleasant Grove.—Tom Brown, chairman.

TEMPERANCE—We, the committee on Temperance, believe that strong drink is the most deadly weapon the devil invented. We feel it the duty of every Free Will Baptist to put forth every effort to hinder the use and sale of it. We therefore ask each church, as a body, to use all their prestige and power to stop it.—J. R. Rice, chairman.

Motion and carried by body to elect a home missionary. Rev. R. M. Moore was elected for the purpose of rebuilding of churches that have gone down and have no pastor, subject to the moderator and clerk's advice, where needed. Each church is requested to pay each month according to their ability, sending the money to the clerk of Saline Association.

2:50. Recess for ten minutes.

3:00 Called to order by moderator. Song by Sister Ollie Sweeney. Selected home for Association, sent to Pine Hill, 3 miles north of Star City. To meet at 9:30 on Friday morning before the First Sunday in September, 1942. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. E. White. Alternate, Larton Calvert. Memorial sermon by Eld. G. S. Jenkins. Alternate, R. M. Moore. Delegates to State Association: Sister Larton Calvert, Sister Rastus McMahon, Bros. Havis Moore, J. E. Funderburg, Rastus McMahon. Alternates: Bros. Clyde Taylor, Tom Brown, J. L. Shelby. Dismissed until 7:00 p. m.

Saturday Night

Called to order at 7:00 o'clock by moderator. Song by R. M. Moore. Prayer by G. C. Poole. The ordaining council met and examined and ordained the following: Bros. Stanton White, Loyd Williams, Larton Calvert, J. B. White, H. L. Myers. After a handshake bidding them God's speed, sermon by R. M. Moore, text Matthew 17:1-8, subject: "The Two Covenants." After sermon, altar call. Two young men professed Faith in Christ and two additions to Willoughby church. Dismissed by Bro. Willie Estelle.

Sunday Morning

Called to order by moderator. Song by G. C. Poole. Prayer by Bro. Barnes. Spent rest of morning till 11:00 a. m. in enjoyable song service. Sermon by Eld. J. W. Handy of Houston, Texas. Closing remarks by Moderator Eld. J. E. White. Adjourned until next Association.

Churches	Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address	Deacons	Members	No In S. School	Own Church	Finance
Pine Hill	J. E. White Warren, Ark.	Huston Morgan Star City, Ark.	Otis Cook, Obie Blasengame, Dallas Jones, G. C. Jones	103	65	No	\$155.86
Yorktown	R. M. Moore Star City, Ark.	Irma Gene Moore Star City, Ark.	Walter Moore Clarence McLemore Ed Baugh		65	Yes	116.10
Pleasant Grove	J. E. White Warren, Ark.	Earl Higgins Monticello, Ark.	Henry Jetter Murry Funderburg	175	65	No	169.50
Pleasant Valley	J. E. White Warren, Ark.	Lenard Dogget Warren, Ark.	W. Y. Mams, L. E. Jones, D. H. Houseing	99	20		10.06
Mt. Pleasant	J. E. White Warren, Ark.	W. T. Grant Hamburg, Ark.	Willie Estell, M. C. Pennington, W. T. Grant	85	46	Yes	180.95
Willoughby	G. S. Jenkins Hamburg, Ark., Rt. 2	Douglas Andrews Warren, Ark.	John Difine, Willie White, G. C. Poole	82	65	Yes	253.61
Harmony	G. S. Jenkins Hamburg, Ark., Rt. 2	Mrs. Tommy Brown Warren, Ark.	W. W. Clark, E. T. Taylor, R. F. Curry	150	35	Yes	230.00
Macedonia	G. S. Jenkins Hamburg, Ark. Route 2	Leroy Thompson Hamburg, Ark.	Herman Thompson, W. A. Bryant, D. D. Trammell, Silva Howard, D. C. Dyer	130	40	Yes	115.49
Oak Grove	R. M. Moore Star City, Ark.			20			
Free Hill	J. B. White Warren, Ark.	Mrs. B. Williams Herbine, Ark.	Rob Rauls Will McKinney	24			62.24
Spring Hill	Lewis Barker New Edinburg, Rt. 1	Evie Rowell Gravel Ridge, Ark.	W. T. Woodruff Tone Rowell	14		Yes	29.15

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. Luke 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-16; Luke 24:30-43; 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; Matthew 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; Romans 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; Isaiah 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 9:9, 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 ob-

tained 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. **PERSEVERENCE**—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 Churches of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
6. Corresponding churches.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading Rules of Order and Minutes of last Association by 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; (i) Credentials; (j) Statistics.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.