

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



Held With
PINE HILL CHURCH
Lincoln County

SEPTEMBER 4, 5, 6, 1942



Next Session will be held with Mt. Pleasant Church,
Ashley County, Arkansas

Elder J. E. White, ModeratorNew Edinburg, Ark.

S. L. Woodard, ClerkWarren, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the forty-sixth annual session of the Saline Association.

The Association was composed of a large representation of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and visitors from all over the district. An interesting and harmonious atmosphere prevailed throughout the meeting.

Eld. R. M. Moore, Bro. H. C. Dyer, Bro. J. E. McMahon, Eld. H. P. McClellan, and Sister Alma Wynn and others were in charge of the singing that added to the spiritual edification of the associational convention. The pianists were Sister Eva Tucker and Sister J. E. McMahon.

Pine Hill Church and community served the noon and evening meals at the church grounds. There was plenty of food served in the most appetizing manner.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 10:00 by Moderator, Eld. J. E. White. Class singing, Scripture reading and prayer were actively engaged in.

The roll call of associational letters was asked for. The following were presented and their delegates seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship:

PINE HILL—Harold Burns, Huston Morgan, Sister Leo West, Sister Ludie Morgan, and Sister Alma Wynn.

MACEDONIA—B. F. Thompson, V. S. Barker, T. H. Brown, Sister Ellie Dyer, Sister Janie Barker, Sister Lois McClellan, and Sister Lizzie Brown.

OAK GROVE—J. E. McMahon, Sister J. E. McMahon, Alford McMahon, Sister Marguerite Owens and Sister J. G. Bruster.

YORK TOWN—Sister Annie Bradshaw, Sister Eva Tucker, Sister Helen Dodds, and Sister Ruth Mackleroy.

HARMONY—Burdette Nichols, Sister W. W. Clark, Sister Ethel Taylor, Sister Katherine White.

PLEASANT VALLEY—S. L. Woodard, G. W. Doggett, and Sister Fay Mann.

PLEASANT GROVE—Aubrey Myers.

WILLOUGHBY—Sister Cora Parnell, Eld. Lorton Calvert, Eld. J. B. White, Eld. Stanton White, and Bro. J. D. Devines.

MT. PLEASANT—W. T. Grant.

SPRING HILL—BY Letter.

Song: The right hand of fellowship was given.

The eleven o'clock service was opened with singing, directed by H. C. Dyer. Prayer. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. E. White. Scripture lesson: First John, 4th chapter. Singing. Eld. J. C. Moring pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The assembly was called together by class singing directed by J. E. McMahon, H. C. Dyers, H. P. McClellan, and Sister Alma Wynn. Scripture lesson by the Moderator, J. E. White, 90th Psalm.

The election of permanent officers for the incoming year were Eld. J. E. White, Moderator; Eld. Lewis Barker, Assistant Moderator; S. L. Woodard, Clerk; Otis Cook, Reading Clerk; H. C.

Dyer, song director, and Sister Alma Wynn, assistant leader. Motion and second to accept Bro. Dallas Jones' report as clerk.

The following committees were appointed by Moderator:

Pulpit Committee—J. D. Divine, G. W. Doggett and A. R. Jones.

Temperance—L. W. Wheeler, Sister Cora Parnell and Sister Ethel Taylor.

Statistics Committee—Sister Hazel Mann, Sister Alma Wynn, Sister Helen Dodds.

Resolution Committee—T. H. Brown, H. P. McClellan and W. W. Clark.

Sunday School Committee—Sister Eva Tucker, Sister Ella Mae Dyers, and Sister Ludie Morgan.

Obituary Committee—W. P. White, H. C. Dyers, and Sister A. R. Jones.

Union of Churches—W. P. White, W. W. Clark, and A. O. Myers.

Finance Committee—Huston Morgan, Lewis Barker, and Lorton Calvert.

Credential Committee—H. C. Dyer, Lorton Calvert, U. S. Barker, and B. F. Thompson.

Non-Represented Churches—Sister Jannie Barker, Sister Lizzie Brown, and Harold Burns.

A short talk by Eld J. C. Moring on how glad he was to be present. A short time spent in class singing, directed by H. C. Dyer, Sister Alma Wynn, H. P. McClellan, and Lorton Calvert. Benediction by Eld. J. C. Moring.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Friday evening service began at 7:00 o'clock with class singing, directed by Eld. J. E. White. Prayer, J. C. Moring. Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm. Devotional, led by T. H. Brown. The devotional was very uplifting with forty-six speaking for the Lord. The evening sermon was delivered by Eld. R. M. Moore. Scripture lesson, St. Matthew 16:13-19. Concluded by Eld. W. P. White. Closing prayer by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

SATURDAY MORNING

The resumption of business was begun at the stipulated time. The congregation was called together by singing, directed by H. C. Dyer. Romans 12:1-18 was read by the Moderator, J. E. White, as a scripture lesson. Prayer G. T. Grant.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted as read (see resolution). Resolution No. 2 was adopted as read (see resolution).

Committee reports. Circulating Library Committee—J. C. Moring, W. P. White, and J. E. White. Sunday School Rally officers: Eld. Lewis Barker, President; S. L. Woodward, Vice President; Sister Hazel Mann, Secretary; Eld. Stanton White, Song Director.

The next Sunday School Rally goes to Pleasant Valley in Bradley County. Time, the second fifth Sunday in 1943.

The business session was adjourned until afternoon by J. E. McMahan.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called to worship by choir singing different numbers followed by asking God's blessings upon the hearers in prayer, led by Eld. J. E. White. Scripture reading Psalm 91st chapter. Text, John 14:1. Eld. Moring's message was ably delivered and very appropriate for the occasion. An opportunity was given to the unsaved to accept Christ as their savior. Prayer Eld. W. P. White. The assembly was dismissed by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Call to order by singing: followed by Scripture reading. Prayer H. P. McClellan. Eld. J. B. White, Eld. Stanton White and Bro. L. I. Shelton were present for the afternoon session. Committee reports were read and accepted and committees were discharged. The association voted to send the next association to Mt. Pleasant, Ashley County, Arkansas. Eld. R. M. Moore was selected to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, Eld. W. P. White. Eld. J. E. White is to preach the memorial sermon. Alternate, J. C. Moring. Five minute intermission.

Eld. W. P. White is to do mission work the rest of his life. The delegates to State meeting were selected as follows: Sister Helen Dodds, Sister A. R. Jones, Sister J. E. McMahan, G. W. Doggett, and J. E. McMahan. Alternate, Sister Ola Mae Moore, Sister Lorton Calvert, and Leonard Doggett. Macedonia asked for the State Association. Eld. J. M. Spike was asked to meet with Eld. W. P. White, Eld. J. C. Moring and Eld. Lewis Barker for a questioning in regard to him becoming a minister in Saline Association. Motion and second to accept Eld. J. M. Spike into the ministry.

Eld. Stanton White was elected to do mission work throughout the association. Noble Lake's petition for Eld. W. P. White was accepted. He is to preach for them if they will pay his expenses.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session until we meet with Mt. Pleasant Church, Ashley County, Arkansas, on Friday morning before the first Sunday in September, 1943. Song: Parting handshake. Dismissed by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Report of Committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—We, the committee on Divine Service, recommend Eld. R. M. Moore Friday evening, concluded by Eld. W. P. White, devotional T. H. Brown, Saturday evening, Eld. Stanton White; followed by Eld. J. M. Crouch, devotional led by Eld. R. M. Moore, Sunday morning, Eld. J. C. Moring, followed by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on Temperance, find since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, the devil is using every means possible to wreck all forms of christianity. It is the duty of every Christian to take an active part in establishing temperance one hundred per cent and stand firm no matter how tempting it may seem, and denouncing intemperance everywhere at all times. Put God first and rely upon his service and influence. There is no reason why any one should be tempted with such evil. As christian people, we better acquaint ourselves and watch our vote, unless we fall into the same ditch. Our prayers to God is that our nation at large would be temperant in serving the Lord.

FINANCE—We, your committee on Finance, have collected and turned over to the clerk four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$4.76).

CREDENTIAL—We, your committee on Credential, find that all ministers are in good standing as far as we know.

OBITUARY—We, your committee on obituary, find the death angel has visited and called from our midst Bro. Edgar Flimister, Bro. Yarber, Sister Deal, and Sister Larkin, from Pleasant Grove; Bro. Cook from Pine Hill; Bro. Gus Kimble from Harmony; Eld. J. R. Hartley from Macedonia; Sister Tol Rowell from Spring Hill; Deacon D. H. Howsen and Bro. Hairson Pruitt from Pleasant Valley. We express our sympathy for their loved ones, and hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, the committee on Sabbath School, find the churches that are carrying on a Sunday School, are in much better condition in every way. If your church hasn't a Sunday School, organize one and give your people a fine place to go each Sunday morning. It is the duty of every minister to encourage Sunday School work. Our attendance should be better. Give to the church and Sunday School your best and the best will come back to you.

UNION AND NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, the committee on Union and Non-Represented Churches, find that all the churches are represented but one, Free Hill. Our churches are in good standing and in good fellowship.

Ministers' Reports:

Eld. J. C. Moring pastored one church in the last half year, helped in four meetings, received four into the church, preached six funerals, married ten couples, received for my work \$125.76. Pray for me.

Eld. L. W. Wheeler preached some and received \$144.00. Pray that I may do more for the Lord.

Eld. Lorton Calvert reported a fair year in the Lord's service. Sermons preached unknown, amounted collected unknown, did some mission work, and saw a goodly number of souls saved. I desire your prayers that I may do more in the future.

Eld. W. P. White did home mission work, preached fifty sermons, received forty dollars, three other mission points yet to carry on meetings.

STATISTICAL—We, the committee on Statistic, beg leave the following report:

Pastorial Work	\$2,086.38
Help in Meeting	235.00
Minutes	25.01
Sunday School	150.00
Rally Day	15.00
Home Mission	100.00
Total	\$2,611.39

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1—Be it resolved, that each minister that has spare time preach at least once each month at some mission point.

No. 2—Be it resolved, that each church in the association pay five dollars for the purpose of buying books for a circulating libra-

ry to be used by the ministers of Saline Association. Send your money to the clerk.

SATURDAY EVENING

The congregation was called to order by a spirit filled song service led by Eld. Stanton White. Prayer J. E. McMahon. Devotional service led by Eld. R. M. Moore. We were made to rejoice for the many witnesses for Jesus. The evening sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. Stanton White. Lesson Text: Math. 25:6, followed by Eld J. M. Crouch. Dismissed by Eld. Lorton Calvert.

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday morning service was called to worship by singing praises to God, led by Sister Arzell Bradshaw. Prayer. The message was delivered by Eld. J. C. Moring. Reading his lesson from Luke 18th chapter. Text: Luke 18:10. Followed by Eld. J. M. Crouch. Benediction by Eld. Lorton Calvert. Sunday afternoon spent in class singing.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD**—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in divine essence, purpose, power, and glory. St. John 1:1; 1st Cor. 8:6; 1 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 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 up to Heaven, and that he will descend to gather his jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 7:26-28; 24:50-53; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; 15:22-41; Acts 1:9-12; 1st Thes. 4:13-18.

3. **HOLY SPIRIT**—We believe the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and its 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 16:18-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 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 Timothy 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Math. 24:14.

5. **THE FALL OF MEN**—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 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; Romans 11:11-35; 5:18; Psalms 37:23-24.

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 in the glorified Kingdom above. Hebrews 9:12; 1:3-4; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16, Isa. 45:22.

7. **CONDITIONS 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 person 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 or God. 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 1:9-25; 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, Son and Holy Ghost, 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. 3:14-16; 28:19; 3:5-6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47.

10. **COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING**—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinance 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 at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinance 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. 26:26-29.

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; 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 become irresistible with personal contentment, that

when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scripture 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 Abel to the restitution of all things from every kindred, nation, tongue, and people. Eph. 3:16-21, 2:19-22; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; 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. II Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 20:28; III John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Rev. 1:4, 11-20; 2nd Cor. 8:18-19.

15. **PERSEVERANCE**—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life that all the combined force of the great enemy of souls on earth 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 willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued 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, 6:1-6, 3:12, 1st John 5:16; I Tim. 4:1-2; St. John 15:1-7; Math. 12:31-32; Jude 1st chapter.

16. **CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**—We believe that Christ is the great head of the Church, and the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Math. 16:18, 21:42; Heb. 12:23; 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 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. And the sanctification of the body (which is held under subjection) will take place in the resurrection. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 1st Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Timothy 2:20-21.

18. **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. Philp. 1:23; Luke 23:43, 16:19-25; Rev. 6:9; Math. 10:28.

19. **THE RESURRECTION**—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and 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 great universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately there-

after the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13, 20:12-13, 21:8; II Cor. 5; 10; Math. 12:36-37; 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; (4) 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.