

MINUTES
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SALINE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Held With
FREE HILL CHURCH

Cleveland County

AUGUST 30-31, SEPTEMBER 1, 1946



Next Session will be held with Macedonia Church
Cleveland County, Arkansas

Eld. J. E. White, Moderator New Edinburg, Ark.
Eld. Lewis Barker, Clerk New Edinburg, Ark.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Eld. J. C. Moring England, Ark.
Eld. J. E. White New Edinburg, Ark.
Eld. W. P. White Warren, Ark.
Eld. R. M. Moore Tarry, Ark.
Eld. D. A. Bryan Warren, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Church Clerks, composing that part of the Church of God or Christ, commonly known as Free Will Baptist, met in annual session with Free Hill Church, Cleveland County, August 30, 31, September 1, 1946.

The inception recorded representation from churches in Saline Association. All members of committees and officers were willing and ready to do their duty with interest.

Arrangements for the reception of those in attendance were planned by the Free Hill Church. The welcome, hospitality, comforts and good eats were enjoyed by the attendants. Noon and evening meals were served at the church.

A very high tribute is hereby paid to J. E. McMahon, Eld. D. A. Brian, Eld. J. E. White, Leonard Doggett, Ollie (Sweeney) Doggett and Eld. Homer Parker and others who were instrumental in making the singing enjoyable.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Moderator Eld. J. E. White called the body to order. Songs—"Just Over in the Glory Land" and "Amazing Grace," directed by Eld. J. E. White. "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," directed by Eld. D. A. Brian. Scripture reading by Moderator, Psalm 107:1-22. Prayer by Eld. W. P. White. The class sang No. 308, "Only Trust Him." Elder Homer Parker was appointed reading clerk. Reading of letters and seating of delegates.

WILLOUGHBY—Eld. L. W. Wheeler and Eld. D. A. Brian.

ROSE HILL—W. C. Carter and Sis. Hattie Clemons.

SPRING HILL—Bro. and Sis. Sam Armond.

HARMONY—Bro. John Taylor, Bro. and Sis. Clyde Taylor, Ola Taylor and Burdett Nickols.

OAK GROVE—Bro. and Sis. J. A. McMahon, Sis. J. E. McMahon and Monroe McMahon.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Bro. G. W. Doggett, Bro. and Sis. Orace Doggett, Fay Mann and Leonard Doggett.

PLEASANT GROVE—Bro. and Sis. Elvin Funderburg.

MACEDONIA—Bros. T. H. Brown, Dewey Brown, Sisters Emy Lee Barker, Iva Mae McClellan and Betty Jean Brown, Bro. Van Thompson.

FREE HILL—Sisters Lillie Spakes, Bama Ashcraft, Patta Rauls, Blanch Jacobs, Lewine Burr.

PINE HILL—Sis. Lee Wynn, Alma West, and Ada Wynn.

UNION CHAPEL—Bro. T. M. Craig, Bro. Cecil Craig and Bud Cole.

YORK TOWN—Bro. and Sis. Havis Moore and Eva Tucker.

OLIVEDELL—Eld. D. Smith.

GOODHOPE—Bro. E. E. Freemon.

MT. PLEASANT—Bro. and Sis. Cloy Estelle, Sis. R. W. Estelle.

DURDON CHAPEL—Eld. and Sis. Homer Parker.

Ten minute recess.

Dismissed by Bro. Dallas Jones.

Eleven o'clock service. Song, "It Wont Be Very Long," by Leonard Doggett, followed by Bro. J. E. McMahon, "When the Re-

deemed Are Gathering In." Preaching by Eld. Homer Parker. Scripture lesson Rom. 1:1-14. Prayer by Dallas Jones. Text, Rom. 14, "I Am a Debtor." A wonderful message was delivered. Concluded by Eld. J. E. White. Dismissed for the noon hour by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by Leonard Doggett. Scripture reading by Moderator, Romans 8:22-34. Prayer by Eld. D. A. Brian. Song, "Precious Memories," by J. E. McMahon, followed by No. 91, "Some Day," by Leonard Doggett. Song No. 188.

Hand shake.

Election of permanent officers. Moderator, Eld. J. E. White; Assistant, Eld. D. A. Brian; Clerk, Eld. Lewis Barker; Assistant, Dallas Jones; Song Director, Leonard Doggett; Assistant, J. E. McMahon.

Clerk's report for the past Associational year:

Received from the different churches	\$80.00
To the State Association	\$28.00
Printing of Minutes, postage and clerk hire	\$49.50
Expense \$77.50—Balance on hand	\$ 2.50

Moderator Eld. J. E. White appointed the following committees:

Resolution—Homer Parker, D. A. Brian, Dallas Jones, Murry Funderburg and J. E. McMahon.

Temperance—L. W. Wheeler, W. T. Woodruff, G. W. Doggett.

Union of Churches—W. P. White, T. H. Brown, Orace Doggett.

Sunday School—Rachel Parker, Sam Armond, Ollie Doggett.

Divine Service—John Taylor, Rob Raules, J. A. McMahon.

Obituary—Sis. J. E. McMahon, Johnnie Hartley, Iva Mae McClellan.

Credentials—J. H. Rogers, Sis. Hattie Clemons, Sis. Hazel Mann.

Statistical—Doris Funderburg, Maxine Brown, Fay Mann.

Reading the Rules of Order by clerk.

Report of Home Mission Treasurer read and approved.

Ten minute recess.

Dismissed by J. E. McMahon. Called to order by Moderator. Song by J. E. White, "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer by L. W. Wheeler. Song, "Jesus Holds My Hand" by Leonard Doggett.

Talks on Home Missions by Dallas Jones, Lewis Barker, W. P. White, Murry Funderburg and J. E. White.

The Resolution committee was asked to write an amendment to a resolution adopted in 1944.

The Ordaining Council ordained two Deacons—Bro. Sam Armond for Spring Hill church, Bro. W. C. Cater for Rose Hill church.

Eld. J. E. White read the qualifications of a Deacon. Eld. W. P. White questioned the two young men. They were ordained by prayer and laying on of hands.

Song, "Wont It Be Wonderful There?" Moved and seconded that we adjourn the business session of the Association until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, August 31. Dismissed by T. H. Brown.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Songs, "I Love My Saviour," "Jesus Holds My Hand," by Leonard Doggett. Song, "Anywhere is Home," by J. E. McMahon.

Prayer by Eld. Clarence Tillman. Songs, "When Our Lord Shall Come Again," "I'll be Satisfied," by J. E. White.

Devotional by J. E. White in which 33 took part. Song, "I'll Fly Away." Scripture Reading Act 9, and preaching by Eld. W. P. White, concluded by L. W. Wheeler. Text, Phil. 1:21, "For Me To Live Is Christ And To Die Is Gain."

Dismissed by Eld. J. E. Mooring.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song, "When We All Get To Heaven," by Leonard Doggett. Scripture reading by Moderator. Psalms 16:7-14. Prayer by Eld. D. Smith. Newly organized churches—Olivedell Church of Louisiana. Good Hope Church, Mounds, Louisiana. Song, "I Love My Saviour Too." Hand shake with delegates from the new churches.

The next Association will be held with Macedonia church, Cleveland county. Introductory sermon, Eld. D. A. Brian; alternate, Eld. Homer Parker. Memorial sermon, Eld. J. C. Mooring; alternate J. E. White.

Willoughby Church, Warren, Arkansas, Bradley County, was selected as the place to hold the next Sunday School rally.

Officers—President, Dallas Jones; vice president, Homer Parker; secretary, Sis. Homer Parker; song director, Leonard Doggett.

Bro. D. Smith of New Hope Association was seated as an advisory member of the Association.

The Association indorsed Resolution No. 4 calling for a Ministers and Deacons Alliance organization. The officers are as follows: Chairman, Homer Parker; vice chairman, Lewis Barker; clerk, Dallas Jones; assistant clerk, Murry Funderburg. This meeting will be held on Friday night before each fifth Sunday meeting. Song, "Just Over in the Glory Land." Dismissed by Eld. Homer Parker.

Eleven o'clock service. Song, "I'm Not Ashamed," by J. E. McMahon. "On the Jericho Road," by Leonard Doggett. Prayer by Sis. J. E. McMahon. Song, "I'll Fly Away."

Memorial sermon was delivered by Eld. J. E. White. Scripture Heb. 11:9; 32-12-22. Subject, "Where Are the Dead?" Song, "Precious Memories." Hand shake. Dismissed by W. P. White.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song No. 203 by Leonard Doggett and No. 88 by D. Smith. Scripture reading by Moderator. James 2:22-26. Prayer by G. C. Poole. League reading by Willie Jean Barker and Ruth Hazel McClellan.

Reports from the different committees read, received and committees discharged. Home Mission Board: Dallas Jones, chairman; Murry Funderburg, secretary; T. H. Brown, member.

Ministers Reports:

Eld. J. E. White, New Edinburg, Ark. Churches pastored 4, miles traveled 1,382, number baptized 13, sermons preached 145, funerals conducted 12, marriages 12, money received \$913.03. Pray for me that I may do more.

Eld. J. M. Spikes, Sherrill, Ark., R. 1, Box 171. Sermons preached 33, preached in 6 missions, baptized 8, organized one League, miles traveled 500, helped in 4 revivals, received for my work \$63.00. I saw many souls led to Christ. Pray for me.

Eld. Clarence Tillman, Sherrill, Ark. Churches pastored 1, held one revival, had one conversion, baptized none, members re-

ceived 3, miles traveled 1,000, money received \$275.00. Pray for me that I may do more this coming year.

Eld. W. P. White, Warren, Ark. Sermons preached 50, preached at one mission point, organized one church, money received \$207.35.

Eld. D. A. Brian, Warren, Ark. Churches pastored 2, sermons preached 50, conversions 9, baptized 9, additions to the church 11, marriages 2, miles traveled 500, money received \$313.26. Tithes paid into churches \$84.40. Help to old age and sick \$25.00, balance on hand \$31.78.

Eld. J. C. Mooring, England, Ark., R. 3, Box 188. Sermons preached unknown, churches pastored 1, preached at 2 mission points, helped in 3 revivals, additions to the church 8, funerals preached 4, money received \$373.25. Pray for me.

Eld. John S. Hartley, Herbine, Ark. Sermons preached 18, baptized 3, money received \$52.00. Pray for me.

Eld. L. W. Wheeler, Warren, Ark. Sermons preached 10, miles traveled 326, money received \$13.25. Pray for me.

Eld. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Ark. Churches pastored 2, helped in 1 revival, funerals 3, marriages 2, sermons preached 75, miles traveled 7,904. money received \$514.83. I court the prayers of this Association that God will bless us, wife and I, in the new year.

Eld. H. P. McClellan, New Edinburg, Ark., made a verbal report.

Elected delegates to State Association as following: Sis. Ola Mae Moore, T. H. Brown, Sis. J. C. Mooring, Sis. J. E. White, Sis. Rachel Parker. Alternates, Sis. Devine, Sis. J. E. McMahon, Sis. Iva Mae McClellan.

Report of delegate's expense to National Association. Donations of \$27 to Bro. and Sis. Homer Parker. Ten minute recess. Dismissed by Eld. D. A. Brian.

Called together with a song by J. E. White. Committee on Old Ministers Monument, J. C. Mooring, J. L. Harrelson, J. E. McMahon. Ordained Bro. Clifton Rogers as Deacon of Harmony Church by prayer by J. E. White and laying on of hands of all Deacons and Ministers present.

Moved and second that we adjourn the business part of the meeting to meet with Macedonia Church in 1947. Song, "Till We Meet Again." Hand shake. Dismissed by H. D. McClellan.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Song service directed by Bro. Homer Parker and Bro. Herring. Prayer by Murry Funderburg. Devotional by Bro. Dallas Jones. Prayer by Sis. Eva Tucker. Message brought by Eld. D. Smith, followed by Eld. J. C. Mooring. Text, Luke 19, "Look and See Jesus." Song. Call for Sinners. Dismissed by D. A. Brian.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Sunday morning service was very enjoyable service. Several songs were directed by D. F. Herring. Prayer by Bro. Rob Rauls. Several songs. Prayer by Bro. Garland Holderfield. Song. 11:15 o'clock preaching by Eld. D. A. Brian. Scripture reading, St. John 15:1-15. Prayer by D. A. Brian. Song. Call for sinners.

Two moved membership to Free Hill Church. Dismissed by Bro. Will McKinney. Call back at 1:15 o'clock for the Ordination of Deacon of Harmony Church, Ray Curry. Dismissed by Eld. D. A. Brian.

DIVINE SERVICE—We, the committee on Divine Service, recommend Eld. W. P. White to fill the stand Friday night, followed by L. W. Wheeler. Eld. D. Smith and J. C. Mooring Saturday night. Eld. D. A. Brian Sunday at 11 o'clock.

J. A. McMahon, Chairman

TEMPERANCE—We, your committee on Temperance, believe that the evils caused by the effects of liquor are the main objects used for the purpose of destroying the Christian faith and misleading lots of our young Christian people. But if we put God first and rely upon His promises we will be more able to withstand temptations.

L. W. Wheeler, Chairman

UNION OF CHURCHES—We, your committee, find that all of the churches in the Association in harmony with each other, and in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and in union with each other.

W. P. White, Chairman

CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on Credentials, find that all our ministers are in good standing as far as we know. Some are not doing as much as they should or could do. We recommend that they strive to come to the realization of their duty first to God and then to man and do more for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. And we ask that our churches hold them up in prayer and have the utmost respect for them that is due a true cross bearer for God.

J. H. Rogers, Chairman

OBITUARY—We, your committee on Obituary, find that God in His infinite wisdom saw best to call from our Association to their reward, Rev. O. A. Ashcraft, Bro. Pope Reep, Free Hill; Sis. Minnie Williams, Pleasant Valley; Bro. W. W. Clark, Harmony; Sis. Mattie Barnett, Sis. Addcock, Pleasant Grove; Bro. J. P. Barnett, Macedonia; Bro. Johnnie Estelle, Mount Pleasant; Sis. Mollie Raley, Sis. Ida Mulligan, Sis. McQuister, Pine Hill; Sis. Cora Parnell, Willoughby; Sis. Harriett Hines, Spring Hill. Their lives were an inspiration, but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain, and pray we may be submissive to God's will.

Iva Mae McClellan, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee on Sunday School, find the churches are still carrying on the good work of the Sunday School. There are fourteen Sunday Schools in our Association that have reported doing fair. We find there are two churches that have no Sunday School. Every church in our Association should strive harder than ever to make the Sunday Schools a greater success and to bring more of our young people to the house of the Lord and help keep them there. Bring your child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and he will not depart from it. A Sunday School that works is a school that lives and gives for the betterment of the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sis. Homer Parker, Chairman

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

Pastoral work	\$ 2,566.92
Evangelists	\$ 1,077.33

Church property	\$10,095.00
Publication	\$ 451.76
Home Mission	\$ 251.32
Foreign Mission	\$ 27.50
Minute money	\$ 48.00
Help take care of State Association	\$ 28.00
Ministers' monuments	\$ 108.19

Total\$14,654.02

Received into church	41
Baptized	30
Dismissed	15
Died	13
Ministers	14
Deacons	31
Total church membership	1,171
Number in Sunday School	529
Number in League	65
Taking church paper	93

Maxine Brown, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 1—

Be it resolved that insomuch as we have had immoral characters from other Associations coming into our Association and preaching, while living and practicing ungodly deeds, we submit to this body that in particular—Rev. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Ark., and Rev. J. W. Handy of Houston, Texas, be barred from preaching in Saline Association until such time they might appear in person before this body, in regular session and beg forgiveness before God and this body. Also the clerk is to notify them by regular mail of our decision. Any other minister, not living clean, upright Christian life is also covered by this resolution.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2—

Be it resolved that Saline Association elect a Home Mission Board of three members to handle all office work of said board. One of the three members act as chairman, one as treasurer. The above board is held responsible for all funds and duties performed by the board. At each fifth Sunday they are to make a general report on finance and expenditures and Home Missions work.

The resolution takes the place of Resolution No. 2 passed by this body in 1944 session.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 3—

We recommend that this Association vote to empower its clerk to write a new paper of authority for Rev. W. P. White to continue carrying on Evangelistic work in any place that his service might be needed.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 4—

We recommend that this body indorse the organization of a Ministers and Deacons Alliance, to be organized during this session. The Alliance to have power to elect its officers and decide on meeting dates. Said Alliance to have power of authority to settle all minor difficulties arising in Saline Association.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 5—

Resolved that inasmuch as the Free Will Baptist Bible College is launching an expansion program and which will require at least \$100,000 for its present goal, we urgently recommend that this District Association strive to attain its quota as soon as possible on or before January 1, 1947. Per capita quota for 1946 is approximately 40c.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 6—

Be it resolved that every church in Saline Association organize a League.

Homer Parker, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 7—

Resolution of Thanks—We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Free Hill Church and surrounding community for their kind hospitality shown to each and everyone that attended this Association.

Homer Parker, Chairman

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 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 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 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 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 whoever 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; 28:18; 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 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 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. 26:26-29.

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 becomes 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, 6:1-16, 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 thereafter 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. Alternations 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 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.