

Minutes



FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



HELD WITH

HARMONY CHURCH

CLEVELAND COUNTY

September 3-4-5, 1948

{ Next session will be held with Pleasant }

{ Valley Church, Bradley County, Ark. }

ELD. LEWIS BARKER, Moderator.....New Edinburg, Ark.

BRO. OTTIS COOK, ClerkStar City, Ark.

Ordaining Council

Eld. J. C. MoringEngland, Ark.

Eld. J. E. WhiteNew Edinburg, Ark.

Eld. W. P. WhiteWarren, Ark.

Eld. R. M. MooreTarry, Ark.

Eld. D. A. BrianWarren, Ark.

Proceedings

The 52nd Annual Session of the Saline Association met with Harmony Church Sept. 3, 4, and 5, 1948.

Composed of ministers, deacons, delegates, and church clerks, composing that part of the Church of God or Christ commonly known as Freewill Baptists. Arrangements for the reception of those in attendance were planned by the Harmony Church.

The welcome, hospitality, comforts, and good eats were enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator, Eld. J. E. White.

Opening song by Bro. J. E. McMahon—No. 37, "Standing On The Promises."

Song No. 63—"Heaven Holds All To Me."

Song by Sue White—No. 172, "Kneel At The Cross."

Scripture Reading by Moderator—Hebrews 12:1-3; Romans 12.

Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Song—No. 307, "Amazing Grace," by Eld. J. E. White.

Letters Read and Delegates seated.

Song by Eld. Stanton White—No. 78, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Dismissed for Recess by Eld. A. J. Worley.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song, No. 31—"Won't It Be Wonderful There," by Bro. J. E. McMahon.

Song by Eld. Stanton White—No. 116, "When I See The Blood."

11:00 a.m.—Preaching by Eld. Melvin Snow—text, Amos-4th. chapter, 12th. verse.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Dismissed for noon by Eld. J. C. Moring.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song, No. 297, Rock of Ages, by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. Homer Parker.

Song by Bro. J. E. McMahon—No. 98, "It Won't Be Very Long."

Hand Shake—Prayer by Eld. J. C. Moring.

Motion and second to seat all visiting brethren as advisory members.

Election of permanent officers—Moderator, Eld. Lewis Barker; Assist. Moderator, Eld. D. A. Brian; Clerk, Bro. Ottis Cook; Assist. Clerk, Sister Eva Tucker; Song Leader, Eld. Stanton White; Assist. Song Leader, Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Reading of Rules of Order.

Appointing of Committees.

Report of Executive Committee.

Motion with second to receive report and discharge the committee.

Dismissed for recess by Eld. Johnnie Hartley.

House called to order by Moderator, Eld. Lewis Barker.

Song—No. 33, "He Is Very Near," by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

Song—No. 84, "There Is A Song In My Heart," by Sue White.

Song—No. 36, "Life Is A Proving Ground," by Patricia White.

Report on Home Mission work by Bro. Dallas Jones and Bro. Bro. Tom Brown.

Talk on Home Mission by Eld. Homer Parker.

Motion with second that the Home Mission Board give the church in Pine Bluff and the church in Louisiana (Olivedale) \$25.00 each.

Report on College Expansion.

Program—by Sister Helen Dodde.

Song—No. 60, "Bound For A City," by Eld. Stanton White.

Collection taken for College Expansion.

Program—Collection \$51.30.

Motion and second to adjourn Business Session until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Dismissed by Eld. J. M. Spikes.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by Eld. J. E. White.

Song—No. 140, "Just Over In The Glory Land," by Sister Betty Jean Brown.

Song—No. 98, "It Won't Be Very Long."

Song—No. 78, "When We All Get To Heaven," by Sue White.

Prayer by Bro. Clifton Rogers.

Quartet—"Living Each Moment For Jesus"—by Eld. Stanton White and three young ladies.

Devotional—Led by Sister J. E. White with 41 testimonies.

Song—No. 307, "Amazing Grace," by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. Melvin Snow.

Preaching service opened by Eld. Stanton White.

Scripture Reading—15th. chapter St. Luke.

Song—No. 308, "Only Trust Him."

Altar Call.

Jeffress Quartet—"Dreaming of A Picture."

Dismissed by Eld. Homer Parker.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song by Sue White.

Scripture Reading by Moderator—St. John, 1: 1-14.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Tardy letters called for. Letters read and delegates seated.

DELEGATES—Oak Grove Church: Sister Ada Riviere, Johnny Owens, Bea McMahon, Isabel McMahon, Bro. Monroe McMahon. Corbet Ferry Church—Bro. Jesse Boles, Bro. Oscar Driver. Durdon Chapel—Sister Mintie Teel, Sister Kathline Fitch, Sister John Brown. Good Hope—Bro. J. O. Ates. Springhill—Bro. J. O. Belin, Sister Sam Ormand, Sister Lola Mae Jones. Olivedale—Bro. Smith. Pleasant Grove—Sister Lizzie Funderburg, Sister Elouise Foy, Sister Doris Funderburg, Bro. John Ed. Funderburg, Bro. Elvin Funderburg. Willoughby—Bro. Henry Doggett, Sister Henry Doggett, Sister Vera Freer, Bro. Lonnie Doss, Sister Lonnie Doss. Pine Hill—Sister Bessie Owen, Sister Viola Dorsey, Bro. Ernest Williams, Bro. Waldo Wynn, Bro. Leslie Wynn. Mt. Pleasant—Bro. Levi Pennington, Br. Lloyd Fletcher, Sister Lloyd Fletcher. First Freewill Baptist Church of Pine Bluff—Sister Homer Parker, Sister R. C. Chapple. Rose Hill—Bro. Ernest Nowlin, Bro. Forest Barnett, Gaston Barnett, Unice Barnett, Sister Hattie Clemons. Macedonia—Sister Eva Thompson, Sister Gussie Mae Thompson, Bro. Dale Barker, Bro. T. H. Brown, Bro. Richard Dyer, Bro. Van Thompson, Sister Emma Lee Barker. Snow's Chapel—Bro. L. A. Taylor, Bro. Archie Beavers, Bro. William Crouch. Pleasant Valley—Bro. Grady Housen, Bro. Ray Mann, Sister Ollie Doggett, Sister Hazel Mann, Sister Ruthie Mae Greenwood. Union Chapel—Sister Edna Reeves, Bro. Cecil Craig, Bro. T. M. Craig. Yorktown—Sister Hazel Moore, Eva Tucker, Sister Dorothy Jean Moore. Harmony—Bro. Johnnie Swinney, Bro. John Taylor, Sister Nancy Beard. Free Hill—Bro. Leonard Ashcraft, Bro. Lonnie Rawls, Sister Geneva Rawls, Sister Della Kimbrel, Sister Irene Rawls.

Next session of Saline Association voted to be held at Pleasant Valley Church in Bradley County.

Eld. D. A. Brian elected to preach Introductory Sermon at 1949 session (Eld. R. M. Moore, alternate).

Eld. J. E. White elected to preach Memorial Sermon at 1949 session (Eld. J. C. Moring, alternate).

Song—No. 1, "Travel The Sunlit Way."

Song—No. 111, "At The Top of The Hill," by Bro. Erbie Teel.

Report On National Association by Sister J. E. White, Sister Homer Parker, Eld. J. E. White, and Eld. Homer Parker.

Dismissed for recess by Bro. Fay Mann.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song—No. 26, "The Glory Land Way," by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. D. A. Brian. Song—No. 29, "Flowers Are Blooming For Me," by Eld. Stanton White.

Memorial Service conducted by Eld. L. W. Wheeler. Scripture reading 1st. Kings, 2: --, followed by Eld. J. E. White.

Song—No. 63, "Heaven Holds All To Me," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song—No. 336, "What A Friend," by Bro. Erbie Teel, followed by Hand Shake.

Dismissed for noon by Bro. Ottis Cook.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song—No. 60, Bound For A City, by Sue White.

Song by Bro. Erbie Teel. Prayer by Eld. L. Williams.

Tardy Letters called for. Letters read and delegates seated.

Eld. Homer Parker elected to serve with Ordaining Council in the absence of Eld. R. M. Moore.

Report on Home Mission by Bro. Murry Funderburg—Paid in \$207.28; Paid out \$75.00; Balance in Treasury \$132.28.

Motion and second that we receive report and committee be retained.—Committee: Bro. Murry Funderburg, Bro. Dallas Jones, Bro. Tom Brown.

Resolution passed that each member pay 10 cents per month to our Home Mission Board.

Report of Divine Committee: That Eld. J. E. White fill the stand tonight, followed by Eld. J. C. Moring.

Statistics Report read, received as read, and committee discharged.

Sunday School Report read, received, and committee discharged.

Motion and second that we retain Resolution No. 1.

Recess—House called to order by Moderator.

Song—No. 84, "There Is A Song In My Heart," by Eld. Stanton White.

League program read for Sunday. Election of officers for Sunday School Rally.

Officers were as follows: Pres., Bro. Dallas Jones; Sec. Sister Eva Tucker; Vice Pres., Eld. D. A. Brian; Song Leader, Bro. Erby Teel; Assistant, Eld. Stanton White.

Report on Ministers and Deacons Alliance read; received as read.

Talk by A. B. Cummings, followed by the ordination of three Deacons for Mt. Pleasant Church—Bro. Clark High, Bro. Thedford Hollis, and Bro. Jim Meeks.

Song—No. 290, "God Be With You," by Bro. Erby Teel, during hand shake with newly ordained Deacons.

Motion and second that we adjourn until next regular session, meeting with Pleasant Valley Church.

Song—No. 203, "Jesus, Hold My Hand," by Eld. Stanton White. Dismissed by Bro. Duncan McClellan.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

House Called to order by Moderator.

Song—No. 56, "I Am Keeping The Promise," by Bro. Erby Teel.

Song, No. 86, "It Makes Me Feel Like Heaven Is All Around."

Song—No. 124, "He Bore It All," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song—No. 202, "Anywhere Is Home," by Bro. A. A. Hollis.

Ordination of Eld. A. J. Worley to the ministry. Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Song—No. 82, "I'm Not Ashamed," by Eld. Stanton White.

Resolution of thanks extended to Harmony Church.

Quartet—No. 123, "Bend Away Down Low," arranged by Eld. Stanton White.

Jeffress Quartet—Dreaming of A Picture.

Jeffress Quartet—We'll Never Be Lonesome.

Devotional—Bro. Murry Funderburg, with 76 testimonies and great Revival, which did not permit time for Eld. J. E. White to preach.

Song—No. 255, "Why Not Tonight,"—Altar Call.

Song—No. 203, "I'll Meet You In The Morninng," by the Jeffress Quartet.

Song—No. 156, "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus."

Right hand of fellowship extended to Eld. A. J. Worley, who had just been ordained.

Jeffress Quartet—I Will Be True To My Lord.

Offering of \$27.42 was taken for expenses of the Jeffress Quartet.

Dismissed by Eld. Homer Parker.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

League Rally Program Held With Harmony Church, Sept. 5, 1948—

Two songs directed by Miss Betty Jean Brown.

Prayer—Eld. R. M. Moore. Welcome address by Mrs. Marie Gibson;

Response by Sister Homer Parker.

Quartet—Durden Chapel Leaguers.

Topic, "Heaven," Bro. Erbie Teel.

League sermon, "Approved Unto God," 2 Tim. 2-15, by Eld. Lewis Barker, League president.

Dismissed for noon by Eld. Stanton White.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song by Bro. Lonnie Brown. Prayer by Bro. Erbie Teel.

Song directed by Bro. Leonard Doggett of Pleasant Valley.

The Signature of God—Sue McClellan, Macedonia.

There Is A Danger Line—Miss Sue Barnett, Macedonia.

A Dream—Miss Willie Barker, Macedonia.

Solo—Miss Sue White, Willoughby.

The Bible—Mr. Douglas Andrews, president of Willoughby League.

Ten Reasons Why People Go To Church—Sister Eva Tucker of Yorktown.

Quartet—Willoughby Leaguers, "My Vacation In Heaven."

Eld. Homer Parker—District League Secretary.

The Bar—Mr. Jimmie Eifling, Durden Chapel.

Why We Must Continue Our League Work—Eld. J. E. White.

Election of Officers—Pres., Eld. Lewis Barker; Secretary, Eld. Homer Parker.

Closing song, Bro. Erby Teel. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. D. A. Brian.

Ministers Report

Eld. Lewis Barker—Preached 20 sermons, assisted in one revival, preached one funeral, and received \$72.00. Pray for me that I may do more next year.

Eld. J. E. White—Pastored 3 churches, Willoughby, Rose Hill, and Yorktown. Held 5 revivals with 64 additions to the churches. Conducted 8 funerals. Received \$1,335.58. Pray for me.

Eld. J. M. Spikes—Preached 52 sermons. Preached at 7 Mission points. Organized 1 Sunday School. Three conversions, two additions to the church, two revivals, married 1 couple, and received \$55.87; please pray for me.

Eld. L. W. Wheeler—Preached 14 sermons. Traveled 787 miles. Received \$40.50. I am-ready for every good word and work. Pray for me that the good Lord may use me more this coming year.

Eld. J. C. Moring—Pastored 3 churches. Preached 104 sermons. Received in cash \$700.25, produce \$35.00. Gift by Pine Hill Church a new suit. \$50.00. Received for baptism eight. Addition to churches, thirteen. Funerals, two. Pray for me and mine.

Eld. D. A. Brian—Pastored 2 churches. Preached 60 sermons. Two funerals. Three conversions. Three baptized. Received \$373.53. Tithes received, \$126.39. Paid back into God's service, \$121.00 brought forward from last year, and on hand this year \$63.35. I beg you to pray for me that God may continue to Bless me that His cause may be enlarged by His blessings upon me, and that I may remain humble.

Eld. Homer Parker—Pastored 3 churches. Preached 67 sermons. Preached 2 funerals. Married 2 couples. Six conversions. Baptized 12. Received 43 members. Twenty-one Re-Dedications. Travelled 4,811 miles. Cash received, \$355.84; produce, \$28.20. We conducted 1 revival; assisted in 2 revivals; organized 1 church and 1 Sunday School; made 15 sick calls; dismissed 1 member by letter; personal donations to different phases of our Denominational work, \$148.48. Collected and paid out for revival in Pine Bluff, \$466.50. Collected and mailed to Pocahontas expense of National Association, \$15.00. Give Jesus the Praise and pray for wife and me, that we may do more for the Master.

Committee Reports

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that the evils caused through the use of strong drink is very destructive to the cause of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is one of the devil's weapons for starving the innocent and dragging souls to his pit. Let us all be ever prayerful to keep this sin away from our loved ones.

Committee: Bro. W. P. White; Sister Homer Parker;

Sister Hazel Mann.

CREDENTIALS—We, your committee on Credentials, in so far as we can find out, report all Ministers in good standing. We recommend that the Pastor of each church take it up with his church and invite our young ministers to visit and preach at each church in the Association.

Bro. T. H. Brown, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your committee on Sunday School, find that all churches, except 3, have Sunday Schools. We recommend that if possible they organize a Sunday School, for we believe that a good lively Sunday School is worth more than anything to our church, and in bringing our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Sister Madell Doggett, Chairman.

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

PASTORAL WORK—\$4,061.49; Evangelists—\$1,058.23; Church property—\$20,800.00; Publications—\$219.00; Home Mission—\$52.55; Foreign Missions—\$91.85; Minute Money—\$65.00; Assistance in care for State Meeting—\$79.60; Old ministers fund—\$15.90; State minutes—\$15.00; Repairs—\$15.62; Charity—\$309.30; State Mission—20.00; National Association—\$50.00; Total—\$28,359.41.

Received into Churches—95; Baptized—73; Dismissed—11; Died—8; Ministers—20; Deacons—34; No. in League—110; Church membership—\$1,394; No. in Sunday School—796.

Sister Leo West, Chairman.

OBITUARY—We, your committee on Obituary, find that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our Association: Bro. J. D. Divine; James West, Willoughby; Sister Petty Rawls; Bro. Tom Hytt; John Marshall Ashcraft of Free Hill; Bro. Henry Baker, Pine Bluff Church; Sister Mary Clines, Durden Chapel; Sister Iva Mae McClelland, Macedonia. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Helen Dodds, Chairman.

UNION OF CHURCHES—We, your committee on Union of Churches, report all churches present, and to the best of our ability and knowledge report them all in good standing.

Bro. Dallas Jones, Chairman.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, your committee, find that we have one hundred percent representation of the churches in the Saline Association.

Committee: Eld. J. C. Moring
Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

DIVINE COMMITTEE—We, your committee on Divine Service, recommend Eld. Stanton White to fill the stand Friday night; followed by Eld. A. J. Worley. We recommend Eld. J. E. White to fill the stand Saturday night; followed by Eld. J. C. Moring.

Bro. J. E. McMahon, Chairman.

Resolutions

No. 1.—We ask that each church of our Association pay \$2.50 per quarter and send it to the Quarterly Meeting to be applied on our quota of Foreign Mission Funds. This resolution offered by Eld. Homer Parker.

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 Mission work.

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

(Note: The resolutions No. 1 & 2 were carried over into this edition of minutes from the 1947 copy).

No. 3.—(Passed in 1948 session) Be it resolved that each member of the Freewill Baptist Church in Saline Association pledge and pay the sum of 10 cents per month into the treasury of the Home Mission Board, for the purpose of carrying on the Home Mission work, which is so badly needed. We also ask individual pledges, of any amount, by anyone led to pay more. Said money to be paid to church Clerks. If it is then deemed advisable by this body, a tent may be purchased.

Committee: Eld. J. E. White
Eld. Homer Jarker
Eld. D. A. Brian.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. 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 ascending 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 16:14-18; 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. 2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 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 them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Genesis 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 came 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; 2 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. Salvation Free—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. 1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9; 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; 1 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 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 at the same time that the supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming. Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 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; 1 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. 2 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 20:28; III John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Rev. 1:4; 11:20; 2 Cor. 8:18-19.

15. Perseverance—We believe that all true believers in Christ should preserve 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 forces of the great enemy of the 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 side-step and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 1 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy—2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 6:1-16; 3:12; 1st John 5:16; 1 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. 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 1st. Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 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. Phil. 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 in to everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Math. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 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. 2 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; 20:12-13; 21:8; 2 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 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, (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.