

Minutes



FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SALINE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH
BRADLEY COUNTY

September 2-3-4, 1949

{ Next session will be held with Corbet Ferry }
{ Church, Lake Providence, La. }

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 53rd Annual Session of the Saline Association met with Pleasant Valley Church September 2-3-4, 1949. Composed of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and Church Clerks comprising 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 Pleasant Valley Church. Welcome, hospitality, comfort, and good eats were enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

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

Opening Song by Bro. Van Thompson, "If I Could Hear My Mother Pray Again."

Song, "Precious Memories."

Scripture Reading by Moderator, 10th Chapter St. Luke.

Prayer by Elder W. P. White.

Song by Bro. Leonard Doggett, No. 91, "Some Day."

Call for Letters. Letters read and delegates seated.

Song by Eld. Stanton White, "Amazing Grace."

Dismissed for Recess by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Houses Called to Order by Moderator.

Song by Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Introductory Sermon brought by Eld. D. A. Brian at 11:00 o'clock.

Scripture Reading, Luke 5:12-36.

Song by Eld. Stanton White, "Just As I Am."

Altar Call.

Dismissed for Noon by Eld. D. Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song by Eld. Homer Parker.

Petitionary Letter from Sardus Freewill Baptist Church at
Oak Grove, La.,—and was received into the Association.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Hand Shake with the Delegates.

Election of Officers for the Coming Year.

MODERATOR — Eld. Lewis Barker

ASSISTANT MODERATOR, Eld. D. A. Brian

CLERK — Bro. Ottis Cook

ASSISTANT — Bro. Leonard Doggett

SONG LEADER — Eld. Stanton White

ASSISTANT — Bro. Leonard Doggett

Reading Rules of Order.

Appointment of Committees.

Dismissed for Recess by Bro. Fay Mann.

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song by Bro. Leonard Doggett, "Are You Washed in the Blood
of the Lamb?"

Song No. 2, "Rock of Ages."

Prayer by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Report on Home Missions, by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Motion and Second that we Receive Report and Retain Committee.

COMMITTEE:

Bro. Dallas Jones.

Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Bro. T. H. Brown.

Elect Officers for Sunday School;

PRESIDENT — Bro. Dallas Jones

VICE PRESIDENT — Bro. Murry Funderburg

SECRETARY — Sister Eva Tucker

ASSISTANT — Sister Leo West

SONG LEADER — Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Report of Divine Committee Read and Accepted.

Song by Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Motion and Second that we Adjourn Business Session until

Saturday Morning at 9 o'Clock.

Dismissal by Bro. T. H. Brown.

FRIDAY NIGHT

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song by Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Song by Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. A. J. Worley.

Proceed with Ordination Service by Eld. W. P. White to Ordain

Bro. Howard Jones Deacon for Spring Hill Church.

Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Song by Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Song No. 58, "Take Up Thy Cross."

Song, No. 10, Sister Sue White.

Devotional Service led by Sister J. E. White with 53 testimonies.

Song No. 114, "It Makes Me Want To Go," by the Jeffress Quartet.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Preaching by Eld. D. Smith.

Scripture Reading, Ester 4.

Song No. 122, "I Mean to Reach Heaven Some Day,"

by Bro. Nolin Jeffress.

Altar Call.

Song, "Dreaming of a Picture," by Bro. Jeffress' Quartet.

Dismissed by Eld. Loyd Williams.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song, No. 10, "I Know I've Got Religion," by Bro. Nolin Jeffress.

Song, No. 13, "I'll Shake Hands With My Savior," by

Bro. S. D. Denson.

Song by Bro. Erby Teel.

Scripture Reading by Moderator, 23rd Psalm.

Prayer by Eld. J. C. Moring.

Petitionary Letter from North Crossett Free Will Baptist Church

read, and accepted into the Association.

Motion and second to receive Bro. Henry Teel and Bro. S. D.

Denson as Ordinary Members.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Hand Shake with the delegates of the New Church.

Elect Delegates to represent at State Association.

DELEGATES: Sister Marie Gibson

Sister Lela Cook

Sister J. E. White

Sister Lewis Barker

Bro. Nolin Jeffress

ALTERNATES: Sister Nolin Jeffress

Sister Rachel Parker
Bro. A. A. Hollis

The next session of the Saline Association will be held at
Corbet Ferry Church near Lake Providence, La.

Rose Hill Church Letter read and delegates seated.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Eld. R. M. Moore will preach the introductory sermon at the
next Association.

Eld. Lewis Barker Alternate.

Memorial, Eld. J. C. Moring.

Alternate, Eld. J. E. White.

The next Sunday School Rally goes to the New Freewill Baptist
Church at North Crossett.

Song by Bro. S. D. Denson.

Song, No. 92, by Sister Ralph Doggett.

Dismissal for recess by Eld. R. M. Moore.

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song, No. 70, "Alone in The Garden," by Bro. Nolin Jeffress.

Song by Bro. Erby Teel—"Happy In The Service Of The Lord."

Prayer by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Song, No. 121, "Where Dreams Come True," by Sue and Patricia
White.

Memorial Service by Eld. J. E. White.

List of the Deceased Read.

Scripture Reading, Heb. 11:13.

Song, No. 123, "Precious Memories," by Eld. Stanton White.

Hand Shake. Dismissal for Noon by Eld. J. C. Moring.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song, No. 40, by Bro. Leonard Doggett's Quartet,

No. 105, by Bro. Nolin Jeffress.

Song, No. 26, "Waiting For The Boatman."

Committee Reports Read.

Motion and Second to Retain Resolution No. 1 to be Carried
in these Minutes and No. 3 also.

Song, No. 33, "In That Wonderful By and By."

Call for Home Mission.

Call—\$37.00

Call for Foreign Mission.

Call—\$10.00

Song, "Looking For a City," by Bro. Jeffress' Quartet.

Fifteen Minutes Recess

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song, No. 66, "Marching On The Way," by Bro. Erby Teel.

Ministers' Reports Read and Received.

Read Delegates from the Churches as follows:

FIRST FREEWILL CHURCH, PINE BLUFF: Sister Homer Parker,
Sister Hazel Chapple, Sister Hester Parker.

CORBET FERRY CHURCH: Sister Bertha Fairchilds, Sister Worthley,
Bro. Lester Frith.

YORKTOWN: Sister Hazel Moore, Sister Ola May Moore, Sister Ethel
Moore.

FREE HILL: Eld. John S. Hartley, Bro. Bob Rawls.

PLEASANT GROVE: Bro. Sid Horn, Bro. Virgil Maron, Bro. Ottis Lloyd, Sister Marie Maron, Bro. George Maron.

WILLOUGHBY: Bro. George Wheeler, Bro. Clyde Cornett, Sister L. W. Wheeler, Bro. Dee White.

MACEDONIA: Bro. Van Thompson, Bro. T. H. Brown, Bro. Elbert Parker, Bro. J. C. Rawls, Bro. Duncan McClellan, Sister Elma Lee Barker, Sister Lyda Barker, Sister Sally Trammell.

PLEASANT VALLEY: Bro. Ray Mann, Bro. G. W. Doggett, Sister Ollie Doggett, Bro. Sherman Jones.

OAK GROVE: Bro. Monroe McMahon, Sister Frank Revire, Sister Jewell Martin.

OLIVEDALE: Bro. Cecil Taylor, Bro. Thad Travis.

UNION CHAPEL: Bro. F. M. Craig, Sister Lula Taylor, Sister J. C. Moring.

SARDUS CHURCH: W. D. Johnson.

HARMONY: Sister Ethel Taylor, Sister Jewell Rhodes, Sister Marie Gibson, Sister Betty Jean Brown, Sister Edna Fay Rodgers, Sister Dora Clark.

ROSE HILL: Sister Hattie Clemons, Sister Ernest Nowlen, Bro. Unice Barnett, Bro. Ernest Nowlen, Sister Nettie Judkins.

SPRINGHILL: Bro. Romie Smith, Sister Christine Jones, Sister Patsy Hooks, Sister Willie Mac Belin, Sister Noble Scroggins.

PINE HILL: Sister Alma West, Bro. O. C. Cook, Bro. Bobby Morgan, Sister Iris Morgan, Sister Betty Jean Dorsey.

NORTH CROSSETT: Sister Louis Huffman, Bro. A. A. Hollis, Bro. Nolin Jeffress.

GOOD HOPE: Bro. E. E. Smith, Bro. Hilton Freeman, Bro. R. M. Merritt, Sister E. E. Smith.

MT. PLEASANT: Bro. Levie Pennington, Sister Gertrude Walton, Sister Billy Ann Ray.

Report of Ordaining Council: We, the Ordaining Council, find it best under Circumstances and Evidence Not to Ordain Bro. A. B. Cummings.

ELD. W. P. WHITE,

ELD. J. E. WHITE,

ELD. J. C. MORING,

ELD. D. A. BRIAN,

ELD. R. M. MOORE,

Ordaining Council.

Motion and Second to Adjourn business session until we meet with Corbet Ferry Church on Friday Morning at 9 o'clock before the first Sunday in September, 1950.

Dismissed by Eld. J. E. White.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

House Called to Order by Assistant Moderator, Elder D. A. Brian.

Song, No. 120, "There Is a Change," by Sister Sue White.

SONG, No. 90, "Mansion In The Skies," by Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Song, No. 7, "What a Wonderful Savior," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song, No. 92, "We Will Sing Up Yonder," by Bro. Erby Teel.

Song, No. 92, "I Love My Lord," by Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Devotional Service Conducted by Sister Homer Parker,
with 66 testimonies.

Quartet, "Lord I Feel Unworthy."

Prayer by Sister Homer Parker.

Song, No. 70, "Alone In The Garden," by Eld. Stanton White.

Preaching Service by Eld. Homer Parker.

Scripture — Romans 8:1-5, II Cor. 5:1, Peter 4:17-19.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Teel.

Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," by Bro. Erby Teel.

Dismissed by Bro. Ottis Cook.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

House Called to Order by Assistant Mod. Eld. D. A. Brian.

Scripture Reading, Acts -20-28-35.

Song by Eld. D. A. Brian.

Song by Bro. Slift Dyer.

Prayer by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Song by Bro. Pool.

League talk by Eld. D. A. Brian and Eld. Stanton White.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Song by Bro. Dyer.

Recess

Called back for the 11:00 o'Clock Service.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Song by Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Prayer by Eld. D. A. Brian.

Sermon by Eld. Lloyd Williams.

Text: Matthew 13. Subject—"The Kingdom."

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Dismissed by Bro. Cliff Dyer for Noon.

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song by Bro. L. Doggett.

Song by Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Prayer by Eld. Homer Myers.

Afternoon spent in Song Service.

Dismissed by Eld. D. A. Brian.

Ministers' Report

I have pastored two churches,

Preached (102) sermons.

Baptized (7), Reclaimed One,

Miles traveled, 1258.

MONEY received, \$511.15

Tithes received, \$264.00

Tithes paid out, \$215.26. This went into the service of God.

Tithes on hand, \$49.00

This year has been a very pleasant year in the services of God for me, and I ask that you pray our Lord that next year may be greater, as there are so many that are in need of Him,

ELDER DAVID A. BRIAN.

Pastored 1 Church.

Preached 60 Sermons.

Traveled 500 Miles

Married 2 couples

Held 1 Revival with 6 conversions

Baptized 2.

Received 80 Dollars.

Pray for me that I may do more this coming year.

ELD. CLARENCE TILLMAN, Sherrill, Ark.

I have pastored one church, Corbert Ferry. They paid me \$500.00. Preached at three Mission Points, received in all \$800.00. I am chaplain of the Prison farm. Baptized 20. Organized 1 church with 22 members near Oak Grove, La.—ELD. W. P. White, Warren, Ark.

I have pastored 4 churches, preached 164 sermons, received in cash \$875.91, produce \$65.00. Rec. for Baptism 25, Additions to the Church 31, funerals 5, Pray for me.—ELD. J. C. MORING, England, Ark.

I have pastored 2 churches, held 3 revivals, 6 conversions, rec. 16 members, 1 funeral, traveled 11,000 miles, rec. \$176.00.—ELD. A. J. WORLEY, Oak Grove, La., R. 1, B. 65.

I have had a fair year in the Lord. 1 revival, rec. \$150.30, Pray for me.—ELD. LOYD WILLIAMS, Warren, Ark.

To the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists, in session with the Pleasant Valley Church, September 2, 3, & 4th, 1949.

GREETINGS.

I beg to submit my report of Church work Activities for the Associational year just ended.

I have pastored 1 church full time, The First Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, preaching 98 sermons with 3 conversions, I reclaimed, received 8 members into the Church with 3 awaiting Baptism. We have made 53 pastoral visits, traveled 632 miles for above Church, donating all above work to this Church and the great cause of our Lord Jesus.

EVANGELISTIC WORK AS FOLLOWS.

I have preached 7 Evangelistic sermons with 2 confessions, baptized 5 for Spring Hill Church and traveled 700 miles in this work. Received for these services, \$59.76. Other money received for Evangelistic services, \$50.00.

Total sermons preached 105. Conversions 5. Members received 8. Reclaimed One. Baptized 5. Pastoral visits 53. Miles traveled 1332. Money received \$109.76. Personal donations back into the Great Cause \$149.50.

Pray for wife and me, that we may remain humble, and in the service for the Master.

Yours in Christ,

HOMER PARKER

Pastored one Church, helped in 2 revivals, baptized 11, rec. \$219.85, traveled 800 miles. Pray for me.—ELD. STANTON WHITE, Warren, Ark.

I have preached 3 sermons, rec. \$21.35.—ELD. JOHN HARTLEY.

Preached 15 sermons, rec. \$16.50. I am ready for every good work.
—ELD. L. W. WHEELER.

I have had full time work, a very pleasant year, rec. \$1,510.00. Pray for me.—ELD. R. M. MOORE.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carried over from 1948 \$19.90 Minute Money, \$15.90 Old Ministers Tomb Stone Money. Paid in for 1949 \$66.50 for Minute Money. State Assoc. Minutes Money \$19.00. Expense of State Association \$19.00.

OTTIS COOK, Clerk.

Committee Reports

STATISTICS

We your Committee on Statistics give the following Report:

Members Received this year	179
No. Baptized	103
Dismissed by letter	36
No. Excluded	8
No. Deceased	13
Total Membership	1,570
No. in Sunday School	549
No. of Officers	62
League Membership	60
Value of Church property	\$28,193.25
Pastoral Work	\$ 4,240.76
Evangelists	\$ 1,701.65
Building and Repairs	\$ 4,649.82
Incidentals	\$ 598.91
Foreign Mission	\$ 122.98
Home Mission	\$ 379.13
Education	\$ 74.36
Publication	\$ 242.95
Saline Minutes	\$ 66.50
State Minutes	\$ 19.00
Expense of Satta Meeting	\$ 19.00
No. of Deacons	60
No. of Ministers	23

SISTER LEWIS BARKER, Chairman.

OBITUARY—We, your Committee on Obituary find that God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst 13 of our Brothers and Sisters. We feel our loss is heaven's gain, and pray God's Blessings upon the bereaved.

Names: Sister Annie Bell Shelton, Bro. Alonse Brewster, Sister Lucy Lowe, Bro. Homer Dodds, Bro. G. C. Jones, Sister Reviere, Bro. Rufus Gorden, Bro. Everett Nolen, Bro. Alonzo Funderburg, Bro. John Adair, Sister Liza Malloy, Bro. J. P. Hollis, Bro. Lee Hubbary.

ELD. STANTON WHITE, Chairman.

RESOLUTION—We recommend that the Home Mission Board buy 25 copies of the book, "Hell Over Hollywood," to be distributed over our Association.

We recommend that the Association send a preacher into La. to help Eld. W. P. White in the home mission work.

—ELD. J. C. MORING, Chairman.

DIVINE COMMITTEE—We, the Committee on Divine Service, recommend Sister J. E. White to lead the Devotional Service and Eld. D. Smith to fill the stand Friday night. Saturday night Sister Homer Parker conduct devotional service. Eld. Homer Parker fill the stand. Eld. Loyd Williams to fill the stand Sunday at 11:00 o'clock.—BRO. FAY MANN, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance believe that the evils caused through the use of strong drink is one of the greatest harms that can come to a person. It Destroys his Body, It Damns his Soul, It Breaks hearts and Breaks family ties, the innocent are made to suffer, and the guilty lost from God's Grace. Let us ever be prayerful and keep this sin from our loved ones.—SISTER HOMER PARKER, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your Committee on Sunday School, find that all churches, except 4, have Sunday School. We recommend these 4 churches organize a Sunday School. We believe a greater effort should be made to increase the enrollment of our Sunday Schools in all churches. To the Sunday School workers, remember, train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it.—Sister Hazel Moore, Sister Alma West, Sister Willie Lloyd.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, the Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find all churches represented, except Snow Chapel. We understand that they have no building to hold church services in, hoping that they soon will have a church building.—BRO. T. H. BROWN, Chairman.

CREDENTIALS—We, your Committee on Credentials, find that all our ministers are in good standing as far as we can find out.—BRO. W. T. WOODRUFF, Chairman.

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. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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;

14. The Visible Church—We believe that a visible Church of 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.

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.