

MINUTES



FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS



HELD WITH

CORBIN-FERRY CHURCH

LAKE PROVIDENCE, LOUISIANA

September 1-2-3, 1950

Next session will be held with

Pleasant Grove Church, Drew County, Ark.

ELD. LEWIS BARKER, Moderator New Edinburg, Ark.

BRO. OTTIS COOK, Clerk Star City, 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. Brian Warren, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

The 54th Annual Session of Saline Association met with Corbin-Ferry Church September 1, 2, and 3, 1950.

Composed of ministers, deacons, delegates and church clerks, commonly known as Freewill Baptists. The welcome hospitality, comfort, and good eats were enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

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

Song No. 8—"I Am Thine O Lord," by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Scripture Reading by Moderator,—Psalms, 8th chapter.

Prayer by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Letters read and delegates seated.

Dismissed for Recess by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 203—"Jesus Hold My Hand," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song No. 82—"I'm Not Ashamed," by Doyle Cook.

Prayer by Eld. D. Smith.

Song No. 156—"I'll Be A Friend To Jesus," by Eld. Stanton White.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Scripture—Mark, 3:13-14; Luke, 6: 12-13; Matthews, 7:7.

Prayer by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Song No. 221—"Ready," by Eld. Stanton White. Altar Call.

Dismissed for noon by Eld. W. P. White.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song by Doyle Cook.

Song by Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. H. L. Myers.

Received Fairview Church into the Association.

Song No. 151—"When The Saints Go Marching In," by Eld. R. M. Moore. Hand Shake.

Election of Officers for coming year—Moderator, Eld. Lewis Barker; Assistant, Eld. Stanton White; Clerk, Ottis Cook; assistant Clerk, Bro. Dallas Jones; Song Leader, Bro Leonard Dogget; assistant, Bro. J. E. McMahon.

Reading Rules of Order by Moderator.

Appointment off Committee.

Dismissed for Recess by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

House Called to Order by Moderator.

Song No. 15—"I'll Live On," By Bro. J. E. McMahon.

Prayer by Eld. Bill Smith.

Report on Home Mission by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Motion and Second that Moderator and Clerk serve on Ordaining Council in absence of any members.

Eld. H. E. Taylor placed on Ordaining Council this session.

The next Sunday School Rally goes to Pleasant Valley Church.

Elect Officers for Rally: President, Bro. Dallas Jones; Vice-President, Eld. Lewis Barker; Secretary, Sister Eva Tucker; Assistant, Sister Leo West.

Song Director—Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Song No. 88—"Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," by Bro. J. E. McMahon.

Dismissed until night service by Bro. Dallas Jones.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 132—"I'm Going That Way," by Eld. D. Smith.

Proceed with Ordination Service to ordain four to the Ministry—Eld. Charlie Collins, Eld. Bill Smith, Eld. J. O. Ates, Eld. R. M. Merrit, and one Deacon, Bro. Hogue.

Ordination Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Song and Hand Shake with the newly Ordained Ministers and Deacon.

Prayer by Sister Eva Tucker.

Devotional Service by Bro. Murry Funderburg with 56 testimonies.

Song No. 7—"You Never Mentioned Him To Me," by Eld. Stanton White.

Divine Service by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Prayer by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Song No. 173—"I'll Make It My Home," by Eld. D. Smith.

Dismissed by Bro. J. C. Rauls.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 14—"Power In The Blood," by Eld. A. J. Worley.

Scripture Reading by Moderator — Scripture, St. John --15:1-7.

Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Report of Temperance Committee, Read, Received and Discharged Committee.

Eld. Bill Smith elected to preach the Memorial Service at 11:00 o'clock in absence of Eld. J. C. Moring. The next Session of the Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church.

Eld. Lewis Barker elected to preach the introductory Sermon—Alternate, Eld. D. Smith; Memorial, Eld. R. M. Moore; Alternate, Eld. J. E. White.

Report on Obituary read and received. Motion and second to divide the Mission money—\$2.00 for Home Mission and \$1.00 for Foreign Mission. Recess.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song—"The Glory Land Way," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song—"Farther Along." Quartet, "That's Why I Love My Jesus."

Prayer by Sister Hazel Moore. — Quarter, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

11:00 A. M.—Memorial Service by Eld. Bill Smith — St. John, 11:5 — Followed by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Dismissed for Noon by Bro. Rufus Doggett.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by Moderator.

Song—"I'll Live in Glory," by Bro. Jess Boles and "Want It Be Wonderful There."

Prayer by Bro. Thedford Hollis.

Committee on Non-Represented Churches, Eld. Stanton White, Bro. J. C. Rauls, Bro. Thedford Hollis.

Report on Home Mission Board by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Total in Treasure--\$440.27.

Motion and Second to receive report — Voted to give Fairview \$100.00 to help build a Church House.

Song by Doyle Cook.

Report on Credential--read and accepted.

Report on Statistics read and excepted.

Report on non-represented churches, read and accepted.

Report on Sunday School, read and accepted.

Committee on Divine Service — Recommended Bro. Yarberry to fill the stand Saturday night and Bro. D. Smith to conduct devotional service.

Bro. Worley to preach Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Committee discharged, Chairman, Bro. James Frith.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION: Sister Stanton White, Sister Eva Tucker, Sister Lela Cook, Bro. Morris West, Bro. J. C. Rauls. ALTERNATES: Sister J. E. White, Sister Leo West.

Song—"If I Could Hear My Mother Jray Again."

Minister's Report read and accepted.

Resolution of thanks to the good people at Corbin-Ferry for the splendid way they took care of the Association.

Motion and second to carry resolution No. 2—Each member pay 10c per month for home mission.

Motion and second to carry resolution No.1 in this minute.

Money, Motion and Second to adjourn the business session until the next regular session to be held with Pleasant Grove Church.

Dismissed by Bro. Austin Driver.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

House called to order by Eld. D. Smith.

Song service by Eld. D. Smith.

Devotional Service by Eld. D. Smith.

Preaching by Eld. Yarberry—Scripture, Luke 24:13-20.

Dismissed by Bro. Jess Boles.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Eld. D. Smith. Song Service by Bro. Smith.

Sunday School taught by Bro. Boles.

11:00 A. M.—Preaching by Bro. Worley—John 4:14-17.

Dismissed by Eld. D. Smith.

We, your committee on statistics gave the following report:

Members Received this Year	230
Number Baptized	149
Dismissed by Letter	43
Number Excluded	None
Number Deceased	5
Total Membership	1,757
Number In Sunday School	779
Number of Officers	85
League Membership	55
Value of Church Property	\$40,670.51
Pastoral Work	\$5,399.33

Paid Evangelists	\$2,498.37
Buildings and Repairs	\$12,026.07
Incidentals	\$246.36
Foreign Mission	\$99.97
Home Mission	\$204.06
Education	\$201.00
Publication	\$385.83
Saline Minutes	\$64.00
State Minutes	\$29.00
Number of Deacons	66
Number of Ministers	22
Money Spent This Year	\$58,834.50

LEO WEST, Chairman

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on divine service recommend Eld. R. M. Moore to Preach Friday at 11:00 o'clock, and Eld. H. E. Taylor Friday night, Eld Bill Smith and Eld. R. M. Moore Saturday at 11:00 o'clock. Saturday night preaching by Eld. A. Yarberry. Sunday morning preaching - 11:00 o'clock by Eld. A. J. Worley.

JAMES FRIETH, Chairman

We, your committee on Temperance, pledge our support to the nation-wide group of Free Will Baptist against all Sanction of the use and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages. We pray our people will some day be educated to the same chairman.

SISTER EVA TUCKER

We, your committee on Sunday School. We find all churches present except one have a Sunday School. We recommend this church organization a Sunday School. We recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist Literature.

ELD. H. E. TAYLOR, Chairman

We, your committee on non-represented churches find all the churches present, but one - Harmony Church. We find this church in good standing.

J. T. HOLLIS , Chairman

We, your committee on Credentials, find all Ministers in good standing for as we can find out we ask each Minister to have a card endorsed by the Association, and that he be present at the Association in person or by letter. Committee—

W. T. Woodruff, J. E. Williams, Duncan McClellan

We, your committee on Obituary find the following members deceased: Olivedell—One Brother, John W. Smith; Corbet-Ferry, One Sister, S. S. Cook; Willoughby, Two— Brother Clyde Cornett, Sister Richard Calvert; Pleasant Grove, One Brother, Roy Brown.

T. A. DRIVER, Chairman

We, your committee on Resolution, recommend that Resolution No. 1 and No. 3 in 1948 be carried in this Minute.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the churches of the Saline Association take this privilege to thank the people of this Church and community for their kindness shown us while here. You did a splendid job in taking care of this Association and it will always leave a warm place in our hearts and a desire to come this way again. We pray God's richest blessings upon this Church and invite you all to visit our churches.

CLERKS REPORT

Carried Over From 1949	\$26.40
Old Ministers Tombstone Fund	15.90
Paid in — In 1950	42.30
Saline Association	64.00
State Minutes	14.50
Expense of State Meeting	14.50
TOTAL	135.30
For Printing Minutes	54.00
For State Minutes	14.50
For Expense of State Meeting	14.50
Clerk, Hire	10.00
Money in Treasure	42.30

OTIS COOK, Clerk

MINISTERS REPORT

I have pastored 2 churches, received \$1029.42, miles travel - unknown, total Baptized in my Ministry 924. Please pray for me.

Eld. W. P. White, Warren, Ark.

Pastored one church, preached at one Mission Point, helped in four revivals, helped to organize one church, Fairview; received 21 members, Baptized 8, received \$528.83. Pray for me.

Eld. Lewis Barker

I have had full time work—a very pleasant year, received \$1,275.00. Pray for me.

Eld. R. M. Moore

Preached 5 times, received \$8.00. Pray for me.

John S. Hartley, Rison, Ark.

I have pastored one church, helped in two revivals, 12 conversions, Baptized 2, received \$210.30. Pray for me.

Eld. H. E. Taylor, Sherril, Ark.

Ministerial Report 1949-1950 To The Saline Association, September 1, 2, and 3, 1950

SPRING HILL CHURCH REPORT ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

Sermons preached, 32; Miles travelled, 2223; Cash received, \$238.86; Produce received, \$44.10; Gifts received, \$14.00. Re-dedications, 22; For prayer, 10; Pastoral visits, 46; Funerals, 1; Donations to this Sunday School, \$6.25.

PINE BLUFF FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermons preached, 72. Miles travelled, 3,067. Cash received, none. Gifts received, \$48.75. Members received into the church, 13. Number Baptized, 6. Number of converts, 2. For prayer, 3. Pastoral visits, 54. Donations to this church, \$146.50. Donations to this Sunday School, \$24.35.

OTHER WORK NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE REPORT

Funerals, 2. Marriage ceremonies, 8. Various cash Gifts received in support of the cause, \$150.00. Cash received for marriages, \$38.00. Donations to charity, \$12.95. Collected, \$146.00 on petition for our building fund.

GRAND TOTAL FOR THE YEAR, ALL PHASES

Sermons preached, 104. Miles travelled, 5,290. Members received, 13. For prayer, 13. Re-dedications, 22. Converts, 2. Number Baptized, 6. Pastoral visits, 100. Cash received, \$426.86. Produce received \$44.10. Gifts received valued at \$62.75. Total money collected for church building fund, \$146.00. Total personal donations to all phases of our work, \$190.05.

Pray for us, that we may be able to do more for the cause of

our Saviour, and for our Saline Association. May God richly bless this session.

Yours in His Service,
Homer Parker

I have pastored one church. Baptized 4. Received \$175.00. Pray for me.

Eld. D. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 436, Lake Providence, La.

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES

WILLOUGHBY—Bro. Dee White, Sister Virginia Lee Doggett, Sister Rufus Doggett and Sister Helen White. MT. PLEASANT—Bro. and Sister Herman Norrell, Sister Rush Estelle. MACEDONIA—Bro. Duncan McClellan, Bro. Elbert McClellan, Bro. Dewey Brown, Sister Rosa Dyer, Sister Barker. SPRINGHILL—Sister Woodruff, Sister Will Williams, Bro. Nobles Scroggins, Bro. Jo Bolin. OAK GROVE—Bro. Roe Brewster, Bro. Alvin McMahan, Sister McMahan. FREE HILL—Sister Rosa Ashcraft, Bro. John Hartley. PINE HILL—Bro. Earnest Williams, Bro. Waldo Wynn, Bro. Morris West, Sister Lela Cook. YORKTOWN—Bro. Ollie Wilson, Sister Hazel Moore, Sister Ola Mae Moore, Sister Eva Tucker. PINE BLUFF—Bro. Harvey Moore, Bro. and Sister Chapel. GOOD HOPE—Sister N. E. Traxler, Sister E. E. Smith, Sister R. M. Smith. NORTH CROSSETT—Bro. Marion Hollis, Bro. Thedford, Bro. and Sister Glen Hollis. FAIR VIEW—Sister Pricella Hogue, Sister Bertha Norris, Sister Pauline Harton. PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH—Sister Hazel Mann, Sister Mable Doggett, Bro. Grady Howsen. ROSE HILL—Bro. Onis Barnett, Sister Onis Barnett, Bro. Earnest Nowlen, Bro. Levenston Nowlen. UNION CHAPEL CHURCH—Bro. Taylor. OLIVEDALE—Bro. Thad Travis, Bro. B. W. Monks. SARDIS—Bro. Grady Breed, Sister Grady Breed, Bro. J. L. Bailey. PLEASANT GROVE—Bro. and Sister Naron, Bro. Murry Funderburg. CORBIN-FERRY—Bro. William Bridges, Bro. Jess Boles, Bro. Oscar Driver.

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. 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. It is then deemend advisable by this body, a tent may be purchased.

Committee: Eld J. E. White
Eld. Homer Parker
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 curcified, 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 37:23-25.

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 humanity 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; 12-13; 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. Perservance—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 overcome all the obstacles of life; that all the combined forces of the great enemy of the souls on earth, in Hell (or 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. 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 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 reflection 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 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.