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ELD. J. E. WHITE, Moderator

BRO. J. O. BELIN, Clerk

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Eld. J. C. Moring

Eld. J. E. White

Eld. W. P. White

Eld. R. M. Moore

Eld. D. A. Brian

PROCEEDINGS

The 55th annual session of the Saline Association met with Pleasant Grove Church August 31 and September 1 and 2, 1951.

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. Louis Barker.

Opening Song No. 98, "It Won't Be Very Long" by Patricia White.

A Song by Annett Freer.

Scripture Reading by Moderator — Matthew 7th Chapter.

Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

Called for Letters.

Letters Read.

Dismissed for Recess by Eld. Bill Smith.

Eleven O'clock, House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 119, "Give Me Your Hand," by Lorene Bryant.

Song No. 85 by Eva Tucker.

Song No. 37 by Sue White

Eleven O'clock Preaching, introductory Sermon by Eld. Louis Barker.

Prayer Eld. J. E. White.

Scripture Reading — 2 Timothy, 4th Chapter.

Song No. 98, "It Won't Be Very Long," by Eld. J. E. White.

Hand Shake.

Dismissed for Noon by Eld. T. H. Dixon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

One O'clock, House called to order, by Moderator.

Song No. 78, "When We All Get To Heaven," by Sis. Loyd Fletcher.

Song No. 179, "I'll Fly Away," by Eld. D. Smith.

Prayer by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Proceed with reading letters and seating delegates.

Motion and second to receive letters and seat delegates.

Motion and second to receive T. H. Dixon as Advisory Member.

Song No. 82 by Eld. D. Smith.

Hand Shake.

Called for letters from Corresponding Associatoon.

Election of Officers for coming year:

Moderator — Eld. J. E. White

Ass't Moderator — Eld. Louis Barker

Clerk — Bro. J. O. Belin

Ass't Clerk — Bro. J. C. Rawls

Song Leader — Eld. D. Smith

Appointment of Committees.

Dismissed for recess by John Ed Funderburg.

House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 139, "I'm Getting Ready To Go Home," by Eld. D. Smith

Election of Sunday School Rally Officers.

Elected Eld. H. E. Taylor to bring Devotional for Friday night.

Elected Eld. J. E. White to bring Message for Friday night.

Song No. 108, "When All Of God's Singers Get Home," Eld. D. Smith.

Dismissed by Eld. J. C. Moring.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song No. 44, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Song No. 68, "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

Song No. 162, "When Our Lord Shall Come Again."

Song No. 22, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," by Eld. D. Smith.

Song No. 145, "I Love My Savior Too," by Lorene Bryant.

Song No. 119, "Give Me Your Hand," by Joyce White.

Devotional Lead by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Number Testified was 48.

Prayer — Rev. T. H. Dixon.

Song No. 327, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," by Sis. Louis Barker.

Divine Service — Eld. J. E. White.

Subject — "Salvation" — 1st Peter, 1st Chapter.

Song No. 244, "Who At My Door Is Standing," Bro. D. Smith.

Altar Invitation.

Dismissed at 9 O'clock by Sis. John Farr.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song No. 98, "It Won't Be Very Long," by Eld. D. Smith.

Song No. 90, "I'll Live In Glory," by Eld. D. Smith.

Moderator — Eld. J. E. White.

Hebrews, 12th Chapter.

Prayer — Eld. D. A. Brian.

Next Association will be held at Macadonia.

Eld. H. E. Taylor elected to conduct Introductory Sermon.

Eld. H. E. Worley is his assistant.

Eld. J. E. White will conduct Memorial Sermon.

Eld. Louis Barker is his Assistant.

Report on "Home Mission Funds," by Bro. Funderburg.

Amount in Treasury — \$320.56.

Discussion on Home Mission.

Discussion was made by the Congregation, to pay 20 cents per month, per member for "Home Mission." One-half will go for Evangelistic work and the other half will go for Building Funds.

Delegates for State Association were:

Sister Eva Tucker

Sister Hazel Loyd

Sister J. E. McMahan

Sister J. E. White

Sister Louis Barker

Alternates

Sister W. T. Woodruff

Sister D. Smith

Brother J. C. Rawls

Brother J. E. White was chosen to conduct Memorial Sermon at this meeting.

Song No. 78, "When We All Get To Heaven," by Eld. D. Smith.

Dismissed for recess by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

Song No. 90, "I'll Live In Glory," by Brother Leonard Doggett.

Song No. 85, "All Alone," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song No. 18, "Home of the Soul," by Eld. Stanton White.

Reading — Revelation — Chapter 22.

Prayer — Eld. T. H. Dixon.

Song No. 123, "Precious Memories," by Eld. D. Smith.

Obituary List read by Eld. J. E. White.

Eld. J. C. Moring assisted in Memorial Services.

Hand Shake — Song No. 231, "When I Can Read My Title Clear," by Eld. D. Smith.

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

Dismissed by Bro. J. E. McMahon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song No. 124, "He Bore It All," by Sis. Lorene Bryant.

Song No. 203, "Jesus Hold My Hand," by Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Song No. 145, "I Love My Savior, Too," by A. A. Hollis.

Moderator — Scripture Reading, Psalms 91.

Prayer — Bro. Dallas Jones.

Song No. 141, "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand," by G. C. Pool.

Song No. 202, "Anywhere is Home," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song, "One or Two Times Won't Pay," by Bro. and Sis. Jim McCurrin.

Dismissed for Recess.

After Recess, Moderator reading State Minutes.

Ordaining Council found Bro. J. O. Belin eligible to be Ordained as Deacon.

Eld. T. H. Dixon reported on what our churches need.

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

Reading of Evaluation of a Deacon by Eld. J. E. White.

Prayer by J. C. Moring.

Song No. 113, "Be A Light For Jesus," by Eld. Stanton White.

Hand Shake with Bro. J. O. Belin.

Resolutions of thanks to Pleasant Grove Church.

Song No. 290, "God Be With You Til We Meet Again."

Motion and second that we adjourn until we meet at Macadonia.

Church on Friday before the first Sunday in September of 1952.

Dismissed at 4:30 P. M. by Sister Eva Tucker.

Members received this year	138
Number Baptized	111
Number Dismissed by letter	28
Number Excluded	4
Number Deceased	10
Total Membership	1822

Number in Sunday School	873
Number of Officers	50
League Membership	UNKNOWN
Value of Church Property	\$64,500.00
Pastoral Work	4.725.55
Paid Evangelist	2,335.82
Building and Repairs	6,356.79
Incidentals	871.12
Foreign Mission	66.45
Home Mission	250.36
Education	122.03
Publication	184.55
Saline Minutes	63.41
State Minutes	50.45
Number of Deacons	44
Number of Ministers	19
Money spent this year	\$36,049.08

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

I have pastored one church on half time basis preached 200 sermons, traveled 1000 miles, baptized 7, and received \$163.82. I am pastor of Olive Dale Church half-time and we have a great work to do, pray for me.

Rev. Bill Smith

I have served as ass't pastor of Corbett Ferry Church, held one Revival, preached 75 sermons, married 3 couples, received \$58.00. Pray for me that I will be able to do more.

Rev. A. J. Worley

I have pastored two churches, helped in 8 meetings with 8 conversions, preached 69 sermons, baptized 3, received \$387.81. Pray for me.

Eld. H. E. Taylor

I have pastored one church, baptized 6, miles traveled unknown. I want to preach.

Eld. W. P. White

I have preached 28 times, funerals one, confession one, traveled 586 miles received \$24.29. Pray for me as I have a greater work to do yet. Your Brother and co-worker in Christ.

Eld. L. W. Wheeler

I have pastored 4 churches, preached 121 sermons, received into church 27, baptized 36, received \$915.29. Pray for me.

Rev. Louis Barker

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your Credential Committee, wish to report to the best of our knowledge, that all ministers of the Saline Association are in good standing with the exception of Manus. We would like for Eld. H. E. Taylor to explain why Manus is not in good standing.

H. T. Funderburg

T. M. Craig

C. H. Rodgers

J. T. Brown

James C. Craig

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We, your committee on Non-represented churches find all the churches present but one, Pine Bluff Church. As far as we know this church is in good standing.

Eld. H. E. Taylor

Chairman

CLERK'S REPORT

Received on Sept. 1, 1951.....	\$196.26
Home Mission.....	16.00
Foreign Mission.....	4.50
Received from Pleasant Grove Church	8.50
Clerk, Hire.....	10.00
Paid for State Minutes.....	50.50
Paid for Saline Minutes.....	60.00
Money in Treasury.....	63.76

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; 1st 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; 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 have 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; 2nd 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 Presidency 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; 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. 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 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 in 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 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; 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.

Your Clerk,

J. O. Belin,

Banks, Arkansas