

Pleasant Valley

Minutes

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

SALINE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

PINE HILL CHURCH

Lincoln County, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 3-4-5, 1954

Next Session will be held with

SARDIUS CHURCH

Oak Grove, Louisiana

Eld. Cecil Sanders, Moderator _____ **New Edinburg, Ark.**
Eld. J. C. Rawls, Clerk _____ **Warren, Ark.**

EXAMINING BOARD

Eld. J. C. Moring _____ **England, Ark.**
Eld. R. M. Moore _____ **Star City, Ark.**
Eld. Lewis Barker _____ **New Edinburg, Ark.**
Eld. H. E. Taylor _____ **Sherrill, Ark.**
Eld. J. E. White _____ **New Edinburg, Ark.**

PROCEEDINGS

The 58th annual session of the Saline Association met with Pine Hill Church September 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1954.

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

9:30 House called to order by the Moderator Eld. Lewis Barker.

Opening song No. 273, "Near the Cross," Roy Moore.

Prayer, Bro. J. G. Brewster.

Song 133, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Scripture reading by Moderator Eld. Lewis Barker, First John, 4th chapter, 1st - 7th verse.

Prayer Eld. J. E. White.

Appointment of the Statistics committee, Obituary committee, Sunday School committee.

Reading of letters and seating of delegates.

Dismissed for recess, Eld. J. W. Moore.

Song 126, "The Glory Land Way," Eld. Stanton White.

Song 316, "Jesus Saves," Eld. Ralph Doggett.

Prayer, Eld. O. T. Dixon.

Song 231, "When I Read My Title Clear," Eld. Stanton White.

11 o'clock Introduction sermon, Eld. Cecil Sanders.

Scripture reading, 6th Chapter of Proverbs, 1st - 19th verse.

Subject, "The Seven Things God Hates."

Prayer, Eld. Cecil Sanders.

Song 281, "Nothing But the Blood," Eld. Stanton White.

Dismissed by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 o'clock House called to order by Moderator Eld. Lewis Barker.

Song 60, "What a Singing," Eld. Stanton White.

Song 94, "I Can't Be Still," Eld. Roy Moore.

Prayer, Eld. Herman Greenwood.

Finished reading of letters and seating of delegates.

Motion and second to receive letters of all Churches and seat delegates except Pleasant Grove Church which is not in harmony.

Motion and second to receive the letter from Pleasant Grove Church and appoint a committee to investigate the matter.

Call for letters from newly organized Churches.

Call for letters from corresponding Association. Antioch Association represented.

Motion and second to receive Bro. O. T. Dixon and Bro. Harrison as Advisory members.

Song No. 70, "A New Born Soul." And hand shake.

Song No. 97, "Amazing Grace," Eld. Ralph Doggett.

Election of officers for the coming year:

Moderator—Eld. Cecil Sanders.

Assistant Moderator—Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Clerk—Eld. J. C. Rawls.

Assistant Clerk—Stanton White.

Song Leader—Eld. Ralph Doggett.

Assistant Song Leader—Eld. Oris Doggett.

A talk on the State Association by Eld. O. T. Dixon, the State Moderator.

Motion and second to seat Alt. Delegates as Delegates.

Reading of Rules of Order by Clerk, Eld. J. C. Rawls.

Appointment of Committees.

Motion and second to appoint a committee to investigate delegates from Pleasant Grove Church through the remainder of this session of Saline Association.

The committee appointed was Eld. J. W. Moore, Eld. Lewis Barker, and Bro. Dallas Jones.

Dismissed for recess, Eld. Herman Greenwood.

Song 179, "I'll Fly Away," Eld. Oris Doggett.

Report of Home Mission Board Paid Eld. H. E. Taylor \$1200.00. Have in treasury \$17.00.

Motion and second that Sardius Free Will Baptist Church get next Association.

Eld. J. E. White elected to bring Introductory Sermon next year. Eld. J. C. Rawls is his assistant.

Eld. Lewis Barker was elected to bring Memorial Sermon next year. Eld. H. E. Taylor is his assistant.

Motion and second to go back home and each Church raise \$5.00 to help in State Association which will be at Willoughby Church.

Delegates elected to the State Association:

Sister Bertha Chappel

Sister Hazel Moore

Sister Leo West

Bro. William Dyer

Bro. Oris Doggett

Alternate Delegates:

Sister Mae Dell Doggett

Sister Sally White

Sister Frank Reviver

Next Rally day will go to the Macedonia Church.

Election of Rally Day officers:

President—Eld. Lewis Barker.

Assistant President—Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Secretary—Sister Geraldine Sanders.

Assistant Secretary—Sister Aileen Thompson

Song Leader—Sister Sue White.

Assistant Song Leader—Bro. Leonard Doggett.

Motion and second to adjourn business until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Sister Geraldine Sanders.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song No. 116, Eld. Roy Moore.

Song No. 102, Eld. Ralph Dogget.

Song No. 94, Eld. Roy Moore.

Prayer, Eld. D. Smith.

Song No. 115, Eld. Oris Doggett.

Song No. 60, Bro. Doyle Cook.

Devotional led by Eld. Herman Greenwood, reading Eph. 6th chapter, 1st verse, 11th verse.

Song 83, Eld. Herman Greenwood.

Number testified 51.

Song No. 324, Eld. Roy Moore.

Sermon, Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Scripture reading, 12th Chapter Romans, 17th, 21st verse.
Prayer, Eld. H. E. Taylor.
Subject, "Man's Vengeance."
Song No. 255, Eld. Ralph Doggett.
Altar Invitation.
Dismissed, Eld. J. E. White.

SATURDAY MORNING

Song No. 116, Eld. Roy Moore
Song No. 90, Eld. Oris Doggett.
Prayer, Eld. Lewis Barker.
Motion and second to receive Ministers report.
Motion and second that Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk
provoke Eld. Vernice Hunter Credentials at Pine Bluff.
Motion and second that Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk
provoke Bro. D. A. Bryan's Credentials.
Motion and second to receive Obituary report and discharge the
committee.
Motion and second to receive churches that were late and seat dele-
gates.
Motion and second to receive report of District Evangelist.
Dismissed for Recess, Eld. Elbert McCellan.
Song No. 88, Eld. Oris Doggett.
Song No. 138, Eld. Ralph Doggett.
Song No. 146, Eld. Stanton White.
Song No. 174, Bro. J. E. McMahon.
Memorial Sermon, Eld. J. E. White.
Reading of Obituary list, by Eld. J. E. White.
Scripture reading, 5th Chapter of Genesis, 24th and 25th verse.
Prayer, Eld. Roy Moore.
Subject, "Life's Last Battle."
Song No. 123, "Precious Memories," Eld. Ralph Doggett.
Hand Shake.
Dismissed, Eld. J. C. Rawls.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, Eld. Ralph Doggett, No. 203
Prayer, Eld. Oris Doggett.
The committee appointed to investigate Pleasant Grove Delegates,
reports there should be a committee appointed to go and investi-
gate the church. Motion and second to drop the committee that
was appointed for this session, and appoint a committee to in-
vestigate the church.
Motion and second to give the church at Mer Rouge \$100.00.
Motion and second for all churches to mail their \$5.00 to clerk of
Association.
Motion and second to elect a Home Mission contact man. Bro. Ottis
Cook was elected.
Motion and second that each church in Louisiana report to the As-
sociation by letter.
Motion and second to discharge Pulpit Committee.
Dismissed for Recess, Eld. Cecil Sanders.
Song No. 132, "I'm Going That Way," Sister Joyce White.
Prayer, Eld. Lewis Barker.
Motion and second to receive report on Ministers that were exam-
ined, Eld. Herman Greenwood and Eld. Ralph Doggett.

Motion and second to reorganize the Ministers and Deacons meeting. Officers for the Ministers-Deacons Alliance is as following:

Moderator—Eld. J. E. White.

Assistant Moderator—Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Clerk—Donald Brown.

Assistant Clerk—Eld. Cecil Sanders.

Motion and second to elect District League officers:

President—Eld. Roy Moore

Vice President—Eld. Oris Doggett.

Secretary—Sister Joyce White.

Assistant Secretary—Sister Dorothy Doggett.

Motion and second to receive Resolution committee report and discharge the committee.

Motion and second to receive Finance report and discharge the committee.

Motion and second to receive Temperance committee report and discharge the committee.

Motion and second to receive Non-Represented Churches committee report and discharge the committee.

Dismissed by Eld. J. E. White.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Song No. 78, Eld. Ralph Doggett.

Prayer, Eld. Oris Doggett.

Ordination Service.

Eld. Herman Greenwood, and Eld. Ralph Doggett of the Pleasant Valley Church were ordained as Ministers.

Eld. Roy Moore read the Charge to the Ministers.

Prayer, Bro. W. Y. Mann.

Laying on of hands by the Presbyters, on the candidates for ordination.

Special Song by Pace Sisters.

Devotional led by Eld. R. M. Moore.

Number testified 43.

Special Song, Doggett Quartet.

Special, Pace Sisters.

Prayer, Eld. Cecil Sanders.

Sermon, Eld. Lewis Barker.

Scripture reading, St. Luke 16:9-62.

Subject, "Looking Back."

Song, Altar Invitation.

Dismissed, Eld. J. C. Rawls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your Committee on Credentials, wish to report that all of our Ministers are in good standing except one, Bro. V. T. Hunter, which the Association called for his Credentials.

R. C. Chappel

M. Austin

Mrs. Harry Hogue

We, the Committee for Sunday School, find all of our churches represented with good Sunday School. We find they have 1,396 enrolled with 982 regular attendants, 56 officers and 79 teachers. We recommend that our Sunday Schools be careful always to select teachers that live a consistent Christian life, who are willing to put much time to the study of the lesson, making it more interesting.

Aline Thompson

Janie Barker

L. T. Brown

We, your Committee on Finance, have found that there is about \$25.00 needed to pay for the Minutes.

Cecil Cornett
Oris Doggett
Robert L. Rauls

We, the Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all Churches have been represented.

Chairman, Eld. John S. Hartley

We, your Committee on Temperance, recommend that our people abstain from the sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages as is stated in our Church Covenant and not only so, but we recommend as Christ has taught, to be temperate in all things.

Chairman J. W. Moore
Geraldine Sanders
Geneva Rauls

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that God in His infinite wisdom and understanding has seen fit to call from our midst 8 of our beloved Brethren and Sisters during the past year. We feel our loss was Heaven's gain.

Chairman Laurene Doggett
Mae Delle Doggett
Ollie Doggett

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 1—1954

Be it resolved that the Saline Association Reorganize the Ministers and Deacons Alliance at this session of the Association.

Chairman Eld. J. E. White
Eld. Lewis Barker
Dallas Jones
Eld. Herman Greenwood
Eld. R. M. Moore

RESOLUTION NO. 2—1954

Be it resolved that we extend to Pine Hill Church and community our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay in their homes and community.

Chairman Eld. J. E. White
Eld. Lewis Barker
Dallas Jones
Eld. Herman Greenwood
Eld. R. M. Moore

RESOLUTION NO. 1—1952

We, your Resolution Committee, recommend that Ministers and Deacons coming from another Association to our Association or any other denomination must come before the Ordaining Council of the Saline Association and that all Ministers be issued Minister Certificate Cards annually.

RESOLUTION NO. 1—1953

Be it resolved that the Saline Association elect a District Evangelist and put him in the field and pay him \$100.00 per month. Pay him out of the Home Mission fund. Ask each member of Free Will Baptist Churches in Saline Association to pay their 20 cents per month and 10 cents of this go for his support.

Chairman J. E. White
J. G. Brewster
J. C. Moring
W. Y. Mann
Stanton White

CLERK'S REPORT

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| Balance carried forward | \$ 12.01 |
| Paid out for postage | \$ 1.50 |
| Paid out for letter forms | \$ 2.60 |
| Paid out for business letter in Pine Bluff | \$ 1.00 |
| Received on September 3 and 4 | \$265.31 |
| Money from different Churches for the support of the State Association | \$ 98.31 |
| Clerk Hire | \$ 10.00 |
| Paid for State Minutes | \$ 66.00 |
| Paid for Saline Minutes | \$ 76.50 |
| Money in Treasury | \$21.41 |

STATISTICS FOR THIS YEAR

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| Members received this year | 163 |
| Number Baptized | 94 |
| Number Dismissed by Letter | 30 |
| Number Excluded | 30 |
| Number Deceased | 8 |
| Total Membership | 2,069 |
| Number in Sunday School | 1,346 |
| Number of Officers | 56 |
| League Membership | 425 |
| Value of Church Property | \$84,984.75 |
| Pastoral Work | 11,853.17 |
| Paid Evangelist Work | 3,089.95 |
| Building and Repairs | 6,035.86 |
| Incidentals | 477.76 |
| Foreign Missions | 511.18 |
| Home Mission | 679.08 |
| Education | 675.17 |
| Publication | 1,066.12 |
| Saline Minutes | 76.50 |
| State Minutes | 66.00 |
| Radio Work | 795.00 |
| Charity | 535.82 |
| Number of Deacons | 83 |
| Number of Licensed Ministers | 5 |
| Number of Ordained Ministers | 26 |
| Number of Churches | 22 |
| Money spent this year | \$25,861.61 |

MINISTERIAL REPORT

I beg leave to report I have preached Sermons unknown, Churches pastored 2, six months each, Revivals held 5, Profession witnessed 8, Number Baptized 3, Additions to Church 24, Churches Organized 2, Miles Traveled 20,000. Money received \$1,951.45. Pray for me.

Eld. H. E. Taylor

I beg leave to report I have preached 14 Sermons, Traveled 300 miles, received \$34.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Johnnie Hartley

I beg leave to report I have witnessed 1 Profession, Baptized 2, Additions to Church 2. Pray for me.

Eld. J. T. Ply

I beg leave to report I have preached 120 Sermons, Churches Pastored 2, Revivals Held 4, Professions Witnessed 31, Churches Organized 1, Funerals Preached 9, Miles Traveled 9,600, Money Received \$1,513.96, Weddings 5. Pray for me.

Eld. J. E. White

I beg leave to report I have preached 15 Sermons, Traveled 700 Miles, Received \$53.78. Prayer for me.

Eld. Elbert McCellan

I beg leave to report I have preached 22 Sermons, Funerals Preached 4, Miles Traveled 400, Weddings 2, Money received \$104.72. Pray for me.

Eld. J. C. Rawls

I beg leave to report I have preached 90 Sermons, Churches pastored 1, Helped in 2 Revivals, Professions Witnessed 5, Number Baptized 4, Additions to Church 7, Money Received \$227.35, Weddings 1. Pray for me.

Eld. Cecil Cornett

I beg leave to report I have Preached 90 Sermons, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Held 1, Professions Witnessed 8, Number Baptized 6, Additions to Church 9, Miles Traveled 2,300, Money received \$621.25. Pray for me.

Eld. Cecil Sanders

I beg leave to report I have Preached 188 Sermons, Pastored 3 Churches, Held 5 Revivals, Professions Witnessed 35, Number Baptized 24, Additions to Church 33, Funerals Preached 2, Weddings 4, Miles traveled 3,848, Money received \$1,332.84. Pray for me.

Eld. Lewis Barker

I beg leave to report I have Preached 65 Sermons, Churches Pastored 1, Revivals Held 2, Professions Witnessed 3, Number Baptized 2, Additions to Church 3, Weddings 3, Money received \$327.00. Pray for me.

Eld. D. Smith

I beg leave to report I have Preached 50 Sermons, Pastored 1 Church, Helped in 1 Revival, Professions Witnessed 6, Number Baptized 6, Additions to Church 7, Funerals Preached 1, Miles traveled 5,000, Money received \$755.00. Pray for me.

Eld. J. W. Moore

I beg leave to report I have Preached 35 Sermons, Pastored 1 Church, Held 2 Revivals, Professions Witnessed 19, Number Baptized 10, Miles traveled 700, Money received \$451.00. Pray for me.
Eld. Stanton White

I beg leave to report I have Preached 6 Sermons, Professions Witnessed 1, Miles traveled 900, Money received \$11.00. Pray for me.
Eld. L. W. Wheeler

I beg leave to report I have preached Sermons unknown, Churches Pastored 2, Revivals Held 2, Money received \$1,650.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Roy Moore

I beg leave to report I have Preached 126 Sermons, Pastored 2 Churches, Revivals held 5, Professions Witnessed 44, Number Baptized 3, Additions to Church 6, Funerals Preached 2, Miles traveled 15,000. Pray for me.

Eld. Bob King

I beg leave to report I have Preached 72 Sermons, Traveled 3,300 miles, Witnessed 17 Professions, Addition to Church 18, Number Baptized 14, Money Received \$640.00. Pray for me.

Eld. W. F. McGee

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in Divine essence, purpose, power and glory. St. John 1:1; 1 Cor. 8:6; 1 John 5:7; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-16; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and is 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 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 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 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

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 and 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, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; Rom. 5:18.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION**—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial and resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22.

7. **CONDITION 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 an ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ. John 3rd chapter; Matt. 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 whomsoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the gospel. 1 Peter 1:9-13; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

9. **BAPTISM**—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, 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. Matt. 3:14, 15, 16; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. **COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING**—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord 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; Matt. 26:27, 28, 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 2:11; Exodus 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 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 scriptures 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. John 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 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 Able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 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 good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the gospel. 2nd Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in Divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. 2nd Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 1 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the Great Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; 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. 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. 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 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 possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:42; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

19. **THE RESURRECTION**—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of 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. Matt. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

20. **JUDGMENT**—We believe that there will be a general, 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 eternal happiness. 2 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13.

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 opened 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. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

6. No person or persons shall speak twice on same subject without special leave from the Moderator.

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) Arrangement of Preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath School, (f) Obituaries, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Church, (j) Credentials, (k) Statistics.
10. Report of Committee appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new Committee.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

Your Clerk,

J. C. Rawls,

Warren, Arkansas

Rt. No. 2

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