

# *Minutes*

**Fifty-Ninth Annual Session**

**OF THE**

**SALINE ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**HELD WITH**

**SARDIUS CHURCH**

**Oak Grove, Louisiana**

**SEPTEMBER 2-3-4, 1955**

**Next Session Will Be Held With**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Pine Bluff, Arkansas**

Eld. Lewis Barker, Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ New Edinburg, Ark.  
Eld. Donald T. Brown, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ New Edinburg, Ark.

## **EXAMINING BOARD**

Eld. J. C. Moring \_\_\_\_\_ England, Arkansas  
Eld. Roy Moore \_\_\_\_\_ Star City, Arkansas  
Eld. Lewis Barker \_\_\_\_\_ New Edinburg, Arkansas  
Eld. J. E. White \_\_\_\_\_ New Edinburg, Arkansas  
Eld. H. E. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ Sherrill, Arkansas



## PROCEEDINGS

The 59th annual session of the Saline Association met with Sardius Church September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1955.

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

### FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 House called to order by Clerk, Elder J. C. Rawls.

Song No. 180, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," by Eld. H. Reedy Saverance.

Song No. 88, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," by Eld. Charlie Collins.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Call for letters.

Scripture reading by Moderator, Eld. H. E. Taylor, Psalms 141.

Prayer by Eld. Elro Driggers.

Song No. 145, Eld. Stanton White.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Moore.

11 o'clock Introductory Sermon by Eld. J. E. White.

Two songs by Barnett Sisters, Joyce and Rachel.

Subject: "Kingdom Prophecies Fulfilled" Men Deny Kingdom Now. I Dan. 2:44

Dismissed for lunch by Eld. Cecil Cornett.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by Moderator.

Song No. 15 by Eld. Oris Doggett.

Prayer by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.

Song No. 159 by Bro. Rastus McMahon.

Continue reading of letters.

Delegates were seated.

Song No. 137, Eld. Oris Doggett, and Hand Shake.

Motion and second to receive new Church in Pine Bluff into the Saline Association.

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

Election of officers:

Eld. Lewis Barker—Moderator.

Eld. J. E. White—Assistant Moderator.

Eld. Donald T. Brown—Clerk.

Eld. J. C. Rawls—Assistant Clerk

Eld. Stanton White—Song Leader.

Eld. H. Reedy Saverance—Assistant Song Leader

Reading of rules of order by Moderator, Eld. Lewis Barker.

Appointment of Committees.

Report from Eld. H. E. Taylor on securing the Credentials of V. T. Hunter. They were secured and turned over to the clerk to keep with records.

Motion and second that the report be received and discharge the committee.

Reading of a letter from a newly organized Woman's Auxiliary at Fairview.

Motion and second that we receive the report.

Song Special, "More Precious Than Gold" by Barnett Sisters.

Dismissed for recess by Eld. Elbert McClellan.

Song No. 133 by Elder H. Reedy Saverance.  
 Prayer by Eld. Elro Driggers.  
 Report from Pulpit Committee. They selected Eld. Elro Driggers to bring the evening message and Devotional Services led by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.  
 The body voted for the next Saline Association meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Bluff.  
 Eld. H. E. Taylor was elected, by the body, to bring the Introductory Message next year.  
 Eld. H. Reedy Saverance is his Alternate.  
 Eld. Hershel Sharpton was elected to bring the Memorial Sermon next year. Eld. H. Reedy Saverance is his Alternate.  
 Delegates elected to the State Association were as follows:  
 Sis. J. W. Moore  
 Sis. J. E. McMahon  
 Sis. Ida McClellan  
 Sis. Loyd Overton  
 Sis. Harry Bradshaw  
 Alternates were:  
 Sis. Sally White  
 Sis. Fern Rawls  
 Sis. Helen White  
 Special song, Quartet composed of Eld. and Mrs. Oris Doggett, Eld. Stanton White and daughter, Sue. They sang "I'm Redeemed."  
 Dismissed until Friday Night session by Eld. Charlie Collins.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Special songs by a Trio composed of Sis. Willie Gean Barker, Sis. Sue White, and Sis. Sylvia Watley. They sang "I'm Bound for the Kingdom."  
 Song No. 261, Eld. Stanton White.  
 Song No. 98, Eld. H. Reedy Saverance.  
 Prayer by Eld. Loyd Williams.  
 Song 202, Eld. Stanton White.  
 Song No. 180, Sis. Ruthie Kulbrith.  
 Song No. 207, Sis. Ollie Doggett.  
 Song No. 63, Bro. J. E. McMahon.  
 Special by Trio, "Jesus and Me."  
 Special by Eld. Stanton White and daughter, Sue, "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"  
 Devotional Service led by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.  
 There were 86 that testified.  
 Song No. 83, Eld. Stanton White.  
 Prayer Eld. Lewis Barker.  
 Brief talk on Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tennessee by Sis. Willie Gene Barker.  
 Special song by Eld. H. Reedy Saverance, "The Love of God."  
 Sermon, Eld. Elro Driggers.  
 Scripture reading, Proverbs 22:28-29.  
 Subject: "Remove Not The Ancient Land Mark."  
 Song No. 306. Invitation given, "There Was I Saved."  
 Song No. 312, Christian challenge given.  
 There were five that came and offered their life for Christian service.  
 Song No. 46, Eld. Stanton White. Hand Shake.  
 Song No. 144, Eld. Stanton White.  
 Song No. 88, Bro. Bowles.  
 Finding a home for the Delegates by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.  
 Dismissed by Eld. H. Reedy Saverance.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Song No. 126, Eld. H. Reedy Saverance.  
Song No. 78, Eld. H. Reedy Saverance.  
Scripture reading by Moderator, Psalms 31.  
Prayer by Eld. Charlie Collins.  
Seating of delegates that came in late.  
Reading of rules of order by Moderator.  
The body voted for the next Rally Day to be at Pleasant Valley.  
Election of Rally Day officers:  
    President—Eld. Charlie Collins.  
    Assistant—Eld. Lewis Barker.  
    Secretary—Sis. Hazel Manns.  
    Assistant—Sis. Gracie Cornett.  
    Song Director—Bro. Leonard Doggett.  
Assistant—Eld. Stanton White.  
Motion and second that business adjourn until 1:00.  
Dismissed for recess by Eld. Elbert McClellan.  
Songs No. 37, 60, 78, by Eld. Stanton White.  
Song No. 93, Eld. Oris Doggett.  
Special, Quartet: Eld. and Sis. Oris Doggett, Eld. Stanton White, and  
    Eld. Charlie Collins. They sang, "Why Did Jesus Have To Die?"  
Prayer by Eld. Hershal Sharpton.  
Memorial Sermon by Eld. Lewis Barker.  
Reading of Obituary list by Moderator.  
Scripture reading, Rev. 7:9-17.  
Prayer by Eld. Lewis Barker.  
Song No. 123, "When I Make My Last Move," by Eld. Stanton White.  
Song No. 10, Eld. Stanton White.  
Song No. 118, "Precious Memories" by Eld. Stanton White. Hand  
    Shake.  
Song No. 181, "Jesus Is Calling," by Eld. Stanton White. Invitation  
    given.  
Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Sam Butler.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song No. 285, "Blessed Assurance" by Eld. Elro Driggers.  
Song No. 6, "Love Lifted Me" by Eld. Elro Driggers.  
Prayer by Eld. J. C. Rawls.  
Report from the Examining Board, Eld. H. E. Taylor, chairman, re-  
    ported that both men, Bro. Oris Doggett and Bro. Donald T.  
    Brown, were found Sound in The Faith and suitable for Ordina-  
    tion.  
Motion and second that this report be accepted.  
The body voted that they be ordained.  
Motion and second that we receive the reports from the committees  
    and discharge the committees.  
Eld. H. Reedy Saverance was elected as Christian Education Con-  
    tact man for Saline Association.  
Song No. 26 by Eld. Stanton White.  
Prayer by Eld. Lewis Barker.  
Talk by Eld. L. W. Wheeler.  
Ministers reports read and accepted.  
Report from Pulpit Committee.  
Eld. Herman Greenwood preach Saturday night.  
Bro. Barney Aultman conduct Devotional Services.  
Eld. Hershel Sharpton preach Sunday at 11:00.



Election of a Resolutions Committee to serve for the next year, and through the next session of Saline Association. They were:

Eld. J. E. White  
Eld. J. W. Moore  
Eld. Elro Driggers  
Eld. H. E. Taylor  
Eld. Cecil Cornett

Election of a "Contact Men" for Home Mission work in Saline Association for next year.

Eld. Lewis Barker, chairman  
Eld. H. Reedy Saverance  
Eld. D. Smith

Motion and second that Eld. Lewis Barker act as Treasurer of this Home Mission Board.

Motion and second that business adjourn until we meet next year at Pine Bluff Church on Friday before the first Sunday in September at 9:30.

Dismissed by Bro. Austin Driver.

## **SATURDAY NIGHT**

7:00 Song Service conducted by Bro. Barney Altman.  
Special Song by Bro. Oris Doggett and Wife.  
7:30 Devotional led by Bro. Oris Doggett.  
8:00 Sermon by Eld. Herman Greenwood.

## **SUNDAY MORNING**

10:00 Sunday School.  
Songs 261, 23, 122 by Bro. Barney Altman.  
Songs 204, 205, 13, and 132 by Bro. Jess Boles.  
Prayer by Bro. Sam Butler.  
11:00 Sermon by Eld. Hershal Sharpton.  
11:45 Dismissed by Bro. Henry Fairchild.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

We, your committee on Credentials, wish to report that all of our ministers of the Saline Association are in good standing, except Eld. R. M. Merritt. We recommend that a committee go and talk to him.

Chairman Bro. J. E. McMahon  
Bro. B. A. Aultman  
Bro. R. C. Chappell

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that the Emmanuel Church is in good standing, as far as we know. Their pastor is in the hospital. Sunday School is good—48 enrolled and 30 average pupils. They have called Bro. Loyd Williams as pastor for the coming year.

Chairman Eld. Cecil Cornett  
Eld. Charlie Collins  
Eld. Loyd Williams

We, the committee for Sunday School, find all of our churches represented with good Sunday Schools. We find they have a total of 1811 enrolled with 1331 regular attendants, 68 officers, and 131 teachers. We recommend that Sunday School officers and teachers be willing to use new methods to increase Sunday School attendance.

Chairman Sis. Ollie Doggett  
Sis. Hattie Bell Bridgers  
Sis. Maxie Lee Overton

We, your committee on Temperance, recommend that our people abstain from the use or sale of intoxicating beverages as is stated in our Church Covenant. We also recommend that our people, as near as possible, refuse to patronize any store or concern that sells intoxicating beverages. We also encourage each Christian to consistently point out the evils of alcoholic beverages.

We recommend that our people, especially our ministers, be temperate in their approach toward the world. May we all strive to line up the teachings of Jesus and be temperate in all things.

Chairman Eld. Elro Driggers  
Eld. Oris Doggett  
Eld. Hershel Sharpton

We, your committee on Obituary, find that God has called five of our Brethren and Sisters from our midst during the past year. We know it was our loss but Heaven's gain.

Sis. Pauline Harton, Chairman

## STATISTICS

Members received this year .....	206
Number Baptized .....	123
Number dismissed by letter .....	54
Number excluded .....	2
Number deceased .....	5
Total membership .....	2121
Number in Sunday School .....	1617
Number of officers .....	68
Average number of pupils .....	1174
Number of teachers .....	103
League membership .....	554
Auxiliary membership .....	71
Value of church property .....	\$103,100
Pastorial Work .....	\$16,176.81
Paid Evangelist .....	\$3,546.06
Building and repairs .....	\$14,876.81
Incidentals .....	\$1,748.76
Foreign Missions .....	\$647.99
Home Missions .....	\$568.97
Education .....	\$401.95
Superannuation .....	\$44.69
Publication .....	\$1560.19
Minutes .....	\$102.65
Number of Deacons .....	73
Number of ordained Ministers .....	30
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	3
Radio Work .....	\$550.00
Charity .....	\$498.86

Youth camp .....	\$5.00
Number of tithers .....	28
National Sunday School Fund .....	\$15.50
Co-operative Fund .....	\$122.75
Money spent this year .....	\$40,866.18

## CLERK'S REPORT

Balance in Bank Sept. 1, 1955 .....	\$ 78.94
Received Sept. 2 and 3, 1955 .....	113.31
Total Receipts .....	192.25
Paid out:	
Home Missions .....	15.50
Foreign Missions .....	1.00
Clerk Hire .....	10.00
Paid out for State Minutes .....	69.00
Paid out for Saline Minutes .....	79.05
Postage .....	1.50
Balance in Bank Nov. 1, 1955 .....	16.20

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION NO. 1—1952

We, your Resolutions 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

### RESOLUTION NO. 1—1954

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

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 1—1955

Be it resolved that seats for delegates be reserved and all delegates asked to sit in these reserved seats.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2—1955

Be it resolved that the order of business be changed to read as follows:



1. Association called to order by the clerk and introduce the Moderator.
2. Moderator's Message.
3. Welcome address.
4. Appointing of Chairman for Sunday School, Statistics, and Obituary Committees.
5. Call for letters from the Churches, seating of delegates, and right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Introductory Message.
8. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Finance, (b) Arrangement of preaching, (c) Temperance, (d) Sunday School, (e) Obituary, (f) Condition of Non-Represented Churches, (g) Credentials, (h) Statistics.
9. Recognition of Corresponding Associations.
10. Election of Permanent Officers.
11. Reading of Rules of Order by chairman or clerk.
12. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
13. New Business.
14. Report of New Committees.
15. Election of Resolution Committee.
16. Adjournment.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3—1955**

Be it resolved that a Resolution Committee be elected by the body at one session of the Saline Association to serve through the next session of the Saline Association.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4—1955**

Be it resolved that we extend to Sardius, Olive Dale, Corbin Ferry, Good Hope, and Hill View Churches and community our heartfelt thanks for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay in their homes and community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5—1955**

Be it resolved that a Christian Education Contact man be elected annually to contact our Churches in the Saline Association and present the cause of Christian Education to our people.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6—1955**

Be it resolved that we ask the ministers of Saline Association to refrain from teaching or preaching that the wicked will have a chance of Salvation at the Second Coming of Christ.

Chairman Eld. H. E. Taylor  
Eld. J. C. Moring  
Eld. Loyd Williams  
Eld. J. W. Moore  
Eld. H. Reedy Saverance

### **MINISTERIAL REPORTS**

I beg leave to report I have preached 3 sermons, traveled 150 miles, money received none. Pray for me.

Eld. L. W. Wheeler

I beg leave to report I have preached 41 sermons, held 2 revivals, professions witnessed 10, miles traveled 715, money received \$41.50. Pray for me.

Eld. Ralph Doggett

I beg leave to report I have pastored 2 churches, sermons preached (unknown), revivals held 2, money received \$1,650.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Roy Moore

I beg leave to report I have preached 140 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 13, number baptized 15, additions to church 17, funerals preached 3, weddings 3, miles traveled 20,000, money received \$3,578.31. Pray for me.

Eld. H. Reedy Saverance

I beg leave to report I have preached 122 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 10, number baptized 8, additions to church 13, funerals preached 2, weddings 1, miles traveled 10,000, money received \$800.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Hershel Sharpton

I beg leave to report I have preached 42 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 7, number baptized 5, additions to church 8, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 12,000, money received \$121.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Bill Smith

I beg leave to report I have preached 95 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held, assisted in 1, professions witnessed 6, number baptized 7, additions to church 10, money received \$1,905.00. Pray for me.

Eld. J. W. Moore

I beg leave to report I have preached 20 sermons, miles traveled 100, money received \$25.00. Pray for me.

Eld. H. L. Myers

I beg leave to report I have preached 34 sermons, revivals held 1, funerals preached 1, weddings 2, miles traveled 900, money received \$119.01. Pray for me.

Eld. Elbert McClellan

I beg leave to report I have preached 150 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 14, number baptized 8, additions to church 13, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 9,520, money received \$1,340.35. Pray for me.

Eld. J. E. White

I beg leave to report I have preached 115 sermons, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 38, number baptized 32, additions to church 54, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 20,000, money received \$2,473.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Elro Driggers

I beg leave to report I have preached 18 sermons, miles traveled 100, money received \$31.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Johnnie Hartley

I beg leave to report I have preached 48 sermons, churches pastored, assisted 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 9, additions to church 9, miles traveled 300, money received \$360.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Charlie Collins

I beg leave to report I have preached 213 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 6, professions witnessed 13, number baptized 9, additions to church 12, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 6,009, money received \$1,264.19. Pray for me.

Eld. Lewis Barker

I beg leave to report I have preached 54 sermons, pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, miles traveled 895, weddings 2, money received \$439.85. Pray for me.

Eld. J. C. Rawls

I beg leave to report I have preached 89 sermons, pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, professions witnessed 4, number baptized 4, additions to church 5, funerals preached (assisted in 1), miles traveled 2271, money received \$495.40. Pray for me.

Eld. Herman Greenwood

I beg leave to report I have preached 36 sermons, professions witnessed 10, miles traveled 1200, money received \$275.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Stanton White

I beg leave to report I have preached 100 sermons, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 4, number baptized 3, additions to church 5, miles traveled 2,000, money received \$332.05. Pray for me.

Eld. Cecil Cornett

I beg leave to report I have preached 75 sermons, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 10, additions to church 1, funerals preached 5, weddings 4, miles traveled 6,000, money received \$506.35. Pray for me.

Eld. J. C. Moring

I beg leave to report I have preached sermons (unknown), churches pastored 2, revivals held 4, professions witnessed 5, additions to church 5, miles traveled (unknown), money received \$1,482.00. Pray for me.

Eld. H. E. Taylor

I beg leave to report I have preached 65 sermons, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 60, number baptized 16, additions to church 33, funerals preached 5, weddings 5, miles traveled 6,000, money received \$300.00. Pray for me.

Eld. D. Smith

I beg leave to report I have preached 102 sermons, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 10, number baptized 10, additions to church 20, miles traveled 978, money received \$428.15. Pray for me.

Eld. Loyd Williams

## 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 an 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. I 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; Duet. 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. PERSERVANCE—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; 2nd 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 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. Association called to order by the clerk and introduce the Moderator.

2. Moderator's message.

3. Welcome address.

4. Appointment of Chairman for Sunday School, Statistics, and Obituary Committees.

5. Call for letters from the Churches, seating of delegates, and right hand of fellowship.

6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.

7. Introductory Message.

8. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Finance, (b) Arrangement of preaching, (c) Temperance, (d) Sunday School, (e) Obituary, (f) Condition of Non-Represented Churches, (g) Credentials, (h) Statistics.

9. Recognition of Corresponding Associations.

10. Election of Permanent Officers.

11. Reading of Rules of Order by Chairman or Clerk.

12. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

13. New business.

14. Report of New Committees.

15. Election of Resolution Committee.

16. Adjournment.

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