

1966
73
1896

MINUTES

60th ANNUAL SESSION

12
53

OF THE

SALINE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

PINE BLUFF F. W. B. CHURCH

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

12
63

Next Session To Be Held With

MACEDONIA F. W. B. CHURCH

New Edinburg, Arkansas

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

MINUTES
60th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALINE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
PINE BLUFF F. W. B. CHURCH
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 31 and SEPTEMBER 1, 1956

Next Session To Be Held With
MACEDONIA F. W. B. CHURCH
New Edinburg, Arkansas

Eld. Lewis Barker, Moderator New Edinburg, Ark.
Eld. Donald T. Brown, Clerk Fordyce, 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 60th annual session of the Saline Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Ark., August 31 and Sept. 1, 1956.

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

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00 House called to order by the clerk, Eld. Donald T. Brown, and Moderator introduced.

Song No. 269 by Eld. John Rich.

Moderator's Message by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Scripture reading Philippians 2:1-11.

Prayer by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.

Welcome address by Eld. Elro Driggers.

Appointment of Chairman for the following committees:

Sunday School-Sis. Lela Cook.

Statistics-Sis. Hazel Mann.

Obituary-Eld. Herman Greenwood.

Call for letters from Churches.

Reading of letters by Reading Clerk, Eld. J. C. Rawls.

Song No. 289 by Eld. John Rich.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Scripture reading Hebrews 3:12-19.

Prayer by Eld. H. E. Taylor.

Text: Hebrews 3:12.

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by Moderator Eld. Lewis Barker.

Songs Nos. 168, 143, 371 by Eld. John Rich.

Prayer by Eld. John Lindsey.

Continue reading church letters.

Motion and second that we receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Song No. 131 by Eld. John Rich.

Handshake.

Call for letters from newly organized churches.

Appointment of the following committees:

Finance - Bro. Fay Mann, Chairman
Eld. Elbert McClellan
Bro. R. F. Ingram

Pulpit - Sis. Leo West, Chairman
Bro. W. Y. Mann
Sis. J. W. Halley

Temperance - Eld. John Rich, Chairman
 Eld. Hershel Sharpton
 Sis. Louise Galloway
 Sunday School - Sis. Lela Cook, Chairman
 Sis. Willie Loyd
 Sis. Bobbie Gean Hogan
 Obituary - Eld. Herman Greenwood, Chairman
 Sis. Gladys Taylor
 Sis. Eva Tucker
 Non-Represented Churches - Bro. William Dyer, Chairman
 Bro Rastus McMahon.
 Sis. Rainwater
 Credentials - Bro. Tom Wolf, Chairman
 Bro. Rommie Smith
 Bro. Waldo Wynn
 Sis. Barbra Freer
 Sis. Bessie Moore
 Statistics - Sis. Hazel Mann, Chairman
 Sis. Faye Smith
 Sis. Georgia Hamaker
 Sis. Pauline Harton

Motion and second that the committees be accepted as were appointed by the Moderator.

Election of Officers:

Moderator -- Eld. Lewis Barker
 Asst. Moderator -- Eld J. E. White.
 Clerk -- Eld. Donald T. Brown
 Asst. Clerk -- Eld. J. C. Rawls
 Song Director -- Eld John Rich
 Asst. Song Director -- Eld. D. Smith

Dismissed for recess by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Song "Rock of Ages" by Eld. John Rich

Song No. 159 by Eld. John Rich

Finding a home for the next Saline Association.

The Body voted that the next Association go to Macedonia Church. Eld. John Lindsey was elected to bring the Introductory Message next year. Eld. J. E. White is his Assistant. Eld. J. E. White was elected to bring the Memorial Sermon next year. Eld. Elro Driggers is his Assistant Report from Pulpit Committee. They selected Eld. John Lindsey to preach tonight and Eld. D. Smith conduct Devotional Service. Motion and second that we receive the report.

Election of delegates to go to the State Association.

They were as Follows: 1. Sis. Ida McClellan
 2. Sis. Wilma Nichloson
 3. Sis. John Lindsey
 4. Sis. Hazel Mann
 5. Sis. Izbell McMahon

Alternates were as follows: 1. Sis. Harry Bradshaw.

2. Bro. Harry Bradshaw

3. Bro. Manso Austin

Song No. 235 by Eld. John Rich

Dismissed until Friday night session by Eld. Johnie Hartley.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00 Song Service directed by Eld. John Rich

Prayer by Eld. Cecil Cornett

Song No. 352 "Love Lifted Me" by Eld. John Rich

Prayer by Bro. Otist Cook.

Song No. 161 "Amazing Grace" by Eld. D. Smith.

7:30 Devotional led by Eld. D. Smith.

There were 39 that testified.

Song No. 325 "Sweeter than the Day Before" by Eld. John Rich.

Songs No. 317 and 318 by Eld. John Rich.

8:00 Sermon by Eld. John Lindsey.

Scripture reading I John 1st Chapter.

Song and alter call.

Dismissed by Eld. J. C. Rawls.

SATURDAY MORNING

House called to order by Moderator.

Songs No. 276, 71, 61, 60 by Eld. John Rich.

Scripture reading by the Moderator I Cor. 13th Chapter.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Moore.

Reading of tardy letters.

Motion and second that we receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Request from the East Side Church was read.

Motion and second that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the reason for the request of the East Side Church to want a letter from this Association and go and join the New Hope Association.

The committee was as follows: Eld. J. W. Moore

Eld. H. E. Taylor

Eld. Ed Mozingo

Replacement of committee members.

Eld. John Rich was elected as Christian Education Contact man in Saline Association. Eld. Elro Driggers is his assistant.

Dismissed for recess by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Songs No. 134 and 344 by Eld. John Rich.

Special by the Willoughby Girl's Duet.

They sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells".

Memorial Sermon by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.

Prayer by Eld. Loyd Williams.

Scripture reading I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Reading of Obituary list by Eld. Hershel Sharpton.

Song and hand shake.

A word of thanks from Eld. Roy Moore.

Dismissed for lunch by Eld. Roy Moore.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song No. 31 by Eld. John Rich.

Prayer by Eld. Oris Doggett.

Motion and second that the moderator appoint a committee to find a home for the Rally Day and report their findings to the Quarterly Meeting at Macedonia.

The committee is as follows: Eld. J. C. Rawls, Eld. Loyd Williams, and Eld. Oris Doggett. The Committee gave a report on the East Side Church as why they wanted to move to the New Hope Association. The committee recommended not to give the East Side Church a letter of Recommendation to move to the New Hope Association.

Motion and second that we receive the report.

Motion and second that the Clerk write the East Side Church that, upon questioning some of their members, their Conference was illegal, and that we do have ministers capable of pastoring their Church.

Report from the Examining Board. They examined Eld. John Lindsey and found him worthy in Faith and recommend that Saline Association back him up.

Report from Saline Home Mission Board by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Motion and second that we receive the report.

Motion and second that we organize a Mission Board and let them select their own Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board is as follows: Eld. Lewis Barker 3 years

Eld. D. Smith 2 years

Eld. H. E. Taylor 1 year

Committee reports

The Pulpit committee recommended that Eld. John Rich bring the evening message. Report accepted and committee discharged.

Election of Resolution committee.

Motion and second that we retain the same Resolution Committee which is as follows:

Eld. J. E. White

Eld. J. W. Moore

Eld. Elro Driggers

Eld. H. E. Taylor

Eld. Cecil Cornett

Motion and second that each Church send a special offering to the Student Loan Fund. That the officers of the Association control this Loan Fund.

Motion and second that we adjourn until we meet again next year at Macedonia Church.

Dismissed by Bro. Murry Funderburg.

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:00 Song service directed by Bro. Russell Puckett.

Prayer by Bro. Charlie Lane.

Song No. 193 by Eld. Ed Mozingo.

Special by Pine Bluff Church Trio
Sermon by Eld. John Rich.
Scripture Reading Luke 24:31
Prayer by Eld. John Rich
Song and alter call.
Dismissed by Eld. Donald Brown

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on Credentials, wish to report that all ministers in Saline Association are in good standing.

Bro. Tom Wolf, Chairman
Bro. W. W. Wynn
Sis. J. W. Moore
Sis. Van Thompson
Sis. Sue Freer

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all of the Non-Represented Churches are in good standing with the exception of the Church at England Arkansas, which has disbanded.

Bro. William Dyer, Chairman
Bro. J. E. McMahon
Sis. June Rainwater

We, your committee on Obituary, find that God has called 15 of our Brethren and Sisters from our midst during the past year. We know it was our loss but Heaven's gain.

Eld. Herman Greenwood, Chairman
Sis. Mary Ellen Bryant
Sis. Eva Turker

We, the committee for Sunday School, find all the churches we have contacted have good Sunday Schools. We find the overall total to be as follows: Enrolment 1498

Regular attendance 993
Number of teachers 112
Officers 75

We recommend that Officers and Teachers study the Bible to prove themselves worthy of their position in this part of God's work.

Sis. Lela Cook, Chairman
Sis. Willie Loyd
Sis. Jean Hogan

We, your committee on Finance, find that there was \$58.00 received for Saline Minutes and \$7.00 for State Minutes, \$11.47 for co-operative fund, a total of \$76.47. There is \$100.00 already in Saline Quarterly Meeting Treasurer for minutes, making a total of \$165.00 for State and Saline minutes and Clerk hire.

Bro. Fay Mann, Chairman
Eld. Elbert McClellan
Bro. R. F. Ingram

We; your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Since this world of ours has grown so wicked, especially through the use of strong drink, we are urging each of you to speak against this terrible evil in our land each chance you have.

In World War I the drinking of alcoholic beverages was not only discouraged, but it was specifically forbidden and outlawed. In World War II it was promoted and encouraged. The chief concern was not the good of the boys, their families, or the safety of our nation; but it was the future of the brewing industry. Breweries and distilleries are built, beer joints and package stores are operated, liquor is sold not to benefit or help humanity; but to make money. "A sordid business for the accumulation of money", in that gambling, vice, prostitution, booze and the class that is associated with these is without character or merit.

Strong drink has paved the way for many attacks and defeats. The legal ized liquor traffic will not pay the U. S. Government enough revenue in a thousand years to make up for its treacherous, undermining work. The repeal of the 18th Amendment has been a great hinderance to our Nation. May God help us as Chistians to discourage all intoxication beverages while we still have the opportunity. It has been the cause of the down-fall of many nations. What about America?

The following are some Scripture reference:

Gen. 9:20-26	Gen. 19:30-38	Gen. 27:25	Lev. 10:9	Deut. 21:20
Deut. 29:2-6	I Sam. 1:14-15	Job 1:13-19	Prov. 23:30	Prov. 23:32
Prov. 23:35	Prov. 31:6-7	Eccl. 10:17	Dan. 5:1	Dan. 5:2,23
Dan. 5:5-9, 26-29	Hab. 2:5	Hab. 2:15	Rom. 14:21	I Tim. 3:8
				Deut. 22:5

Eld. John Rich, Chairman

Eld. Hershel Sharpton

Sis. Louise Galloway

REPORT OF HOME MISSION:

RECEIPTS:

Received at Quarterly Meeting in Oct. 1955.....	\$300.24
Received from Bro. Ottis Cook, retiring Treasurer	745.96
Received at Quarterly Meeting in Jan.....	34.87
Received in April	8.80
Received at Quarterly Meeting in July.....	75.12
Received from Quarterely Meeting in La. by Arthur Chappell.....	11.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,175.99

PAID OUT

Travel expenses to England and Camden	\$ 20.00
Rev. Homer Parker work at England	100.00
3 months rent on building at England	150.00
Rev. Homer Parker work in Greater Little Rock.....	100.00
TOTAL	\$ 370.00

Balance in Treasurer Sept. 1, 1956.....	\$ 805.99
---	-----------

Eld. Lewis Barker. Treasurer
Saline Home Mission Board

We your committee on Statistics, submit the following report:

Members received this year	143
Number baptized	91
Number dismissed by letter	45
Number excluded	7
Number deceased	14
Total membership	2020
Enrolment in Sunday School	1498
Number of officers	76
Average number of pupils	993
Number of teachers	112
League membership	560
Auxiliary membership	112
Value of Church property	\$162,500.00
Pastoral work	\$16,328.12
Paid Evangelist	\$3,210.04
Building and repairs	\$15,334.91
Incidentals	\$2,531.58
Foreign Missions	\$524.53
Home Missions	\$334.91
Education	\$176.08
Superannuation	\$15.12
Orphanage	\$33.00
Publications	\$1,597.28
Minutes	\$65.00
Radio work	\$359.50
Charity	\$302.79
Youth Camp	\$92.93
Co-operative Fund	\$1,495.37
Number of tithers	59
Number of deacons	78
Number of ordained ministers	29
Money spent this year	\$42,401.16

Sis. Hazel Mann, Chairman
 Sis. Pauline Harton
 Sis. Faye Smith
 Sis. Georgia Hamaker

RESOLUTIONS

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 Ministers 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.

J. E. White, Chairman
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.

J. E. White, Chairman
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 it is listed in Order of Business in back.

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. 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - 1956

Be it resolved that this Association go on record as opposing any form of Legalized gambling, dog racing, car racing, or horse racing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - 1956

Be it resolved that any person affiliated with any Church in the Saline Association that drinks intoxicating beverages of any kind or has to do with the sale of the same, or votes to legalize strong drink, shall be subject to his or her discipline.

Furthermore, that any church which fails to discipline its members for the same, shall be subject to withdrawal of fellowship with the association.

Eld. John M. Rich

Eld. Hershel Sharpton

Sis. Louise Galloway

Motion and second that this Resolution was sponsored by the Temperance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - 1956

Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to this church for their kind hospitality shown to us during this session.

Eld. H. E. Taylor, Chairman

Eld. J. W. Moore

Eld. Cecil Cornett

Eld. Elro Driggers

Eld. J. E. White

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

I beg leave to report I have preached 30 sermons, professions witnessed 2, Money received \$33.79. Pray for me.

Eld. Oris Doggett

I beg leave to report I have preached 49 sermons, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 997, money received \$186.57, 2 weddings. Pray for me.

Eld. Elbert McClellan

I beg leave to report that I have preached 7 sermons, miles traveled 496, money received \$21.45. Pray for me.

Eld. Donald T. Brown

I beg leave to report that I have preached 110 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 18, number baptized 14, additions to church 22, funerals preached 3, money received \$2,220.00. Pray for me.

Eld. J. W. Moore

I beg leave to report that I have pastored 2 churches, received \$1926.65 Pray for me.

Eld. R. M. Moore

I beg leave to report that I have preached 55 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 1, additions to church 1, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 740, money received \$392.15. Pray for me.

Eld. J. C. Rawls

I beg leave to report that I have preached 109 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 9, number baptized 8, additions to church 12, miles traveled 5200, money received \$1,397.00, married 4 couples. Pray for me.

Eld. Lewis Barker

I beg leave to report that I have preached 25 sermons, miles traveled 100, money received \$32.25. Pray for me.

Eld. Johnnie Hartley

I beg leave to report that I have preached 77 sermons, pastored 1 church 5½ months, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 4, additions to church 4, funerals preached 1, miles traveled 2,500, money received \$960.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Cecil Cornett

I beg leave to report that I have pastored 2 churches, revivals held 2, professions 4, number baptized 2, funerals preached 4, money received \$1,650.00. Pray for me.

Eld. H. E. Taylor

I beg leave to report that I have preached 127 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 36, additions to church 3, funerals preached 7, miles traveled 5,000, money received \$400.00. Pray for me.

Eld. D. Smith

I beg leave to report that I have preached 135 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 20, number baptized 15, additions to church 20, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 1,400, money received approximately \$600.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Hershel Sharpton

I beg leave to report I have preached 126 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 10, number baptized 12, additions to church 12, miles traveled 4,487, money received \$831.05. Pray for me.

Eld. Herman Greenwood

I beg leave to report that I have preached 200 sermons, pastored 1 church revivals held 3, professions witnessed 52, number baptized 15, additions to church 22, miles traveled 1,400, money received. \$2,405.00. Pray for me.

Eld. John M. Rich

I beg leave to report that I have pastored 1 church, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 15, number baptized 5, additions to church 8. Pray for me.

Eld. J. T. Ply

I beg leave to report that I have preached 130 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 30, number baptized 30, additions to church 36, funerals preached 3, miles traveled 10,000, money received \$3,295.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Elro Driggers

I beg leave to report that I have preached 140 sermons, pastored 2 churches, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 15, funerals preached 9, miles traveled 10,200, money received \$1,350.00; weddings 8. Pray for me.

Eld. J. E. White

I beg leave to report that I have preached 75 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 1, miles traveled 2,000, money received \$500.50. Pray for me.

Eld. Loyd Williams

I beg leave to report that I have preached 17 sermons, miles traveled 200, money received \$12.00. Pray for me.

Eld. H. L. Myers

I beg leave to report that I have preached 95 sermons, pastored 1 church, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 7, additions to church 5, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 3,500, money received \$350.00. Pray for me.

Eld. Ed Mozingo

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 together 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. 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. II 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; II 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 emmersion 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 presbtery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Matt. 3:14, 15, 16; I 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; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matt. 26:27-29

11. THE SABBATH-We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worahip of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 2:11; Exodus 31:11-18; 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; I 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. II 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. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; I 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. I Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II 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; I 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. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Acts 17:31; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II 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 the 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: Finance, Arrangement of preaching, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, Condition of Non-Represented Churches, Credentials, and 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.

Your Clerk,
Donald T. Brown
Rt. 2, Box 50-A
Fordyce, Arkansas