

Minutes



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OF THE
SALINE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

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337 **Free Will Baptist Church**

NEW EDINBURG, ARKANSAS

September 2 and 3, 1960



**NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH
HILLVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bastrop, Louisiana



REV. J. E. WHITE **Moderator**

Star City, Arkansas

REV. LEWIS BARKER **Clerk**

513 W. Trotter, Monticello, Arkansas

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SALINE ASSOCIATION

Moderator.....	Rev. J. E. White, Star City, Arkansas
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Cecil Sanders, Crossett, Arkansas
Clerk.....	Rev. Lewis Barker, Monticello, Arkansas
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Edward Chappell, Bastrop, Louisiana
Song Director	Rev. Hershel Sharpton, Bastrop, Louisiana
Assistant Song Director.....	Sister Ollie Doggett, Warren, Arkansas

HOME MISSION BOARD

W. H. Bostic	5-Year Term
Cecil Cornett	4-Year Term
J. C. Rawls	3-Year Term
Loyd Williams	2-Year Term
Elbert McClellan	1-Year Term

EXECUTIVE BOARD

H. E. Taylor	5-Year Term
Hershel Sharpton	4-Year Term
J. E. White	3-Year Term
Oris Doggett	2-Year Term
Cecil Sanders	1-Year Term

EXAMINING BOARD

Lawnie Coffman	5-Year Term
J. C. Moring	4-Year Term
Herman Greenwood	3-Year Term
Lewis Barker	2-Year Term
Cliff Dyer	1-Year Term

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Billy Mack White	5-Year Term
Lecnard Doggett	3-Year Term
Elbert McClellan	2-Year Term
Herman Greenwood	1-Year Term

PROCEEDINGS

The 64th Annual Session of the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church of New Edinburg, Arkansas, September 2 and 3, 1960. It was composed of ministers, deacons, delegates, and church officers.

FRIDAY MORNING

Singing directed by Rev. Hershel Sharpton, Rev. Oris Doggett, Bro. J. E. McMahon, and Sis. Ollie Doggett.

The house was called to order by the clerk, Lewis Barker; introduced the Moderator, Rev. J. E. White.

Scripture Reading by Moderator: Psalms 116:1-16; Romans 15:11-13.

Prayer by Rev. Elbert McClellan

Song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus", by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

Welcome Address by Rev. Elbert McClellan

Appointment of Committee Chairmen by the Moderator:

Sunday School: Mrs. Hazel Mann

Statistics: Rev. Donald Brown

Obituary: Rev. Billy Mack White

Election of a Reading Clerk, pro tem. Bro. Edward Chappell.

Reading of church letters by the Reading Clerk.

Dismissed for 10 minute recess; Prayer by Rev. D. Smith.

The house was called to order by the Moderator.

Song, "Just a Little While", by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

Song, "The Pearly White City", by Sis. Ollie Doggett.

Prayer by Rev. H. E. Taylor.

Introductory Message by Rev. William Mishler:

Scripture: I Chronicles 27:28b;

Subject: "Where do you work?"

Text: "And over the cellars of oil was Joash."

Dismissed for lunch; prayer by Rev. Cecil Sanders.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

House called to order by the Moderator.

Song, "I'm Going to Take a Trip," by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

Song, "Joy Unspeakable", by Rev. Stanton White.

Song, "O, I Want To See Him", by Jimmie Sharpton.

Devotion by Rev. Jackie Williams; Scripture, Psalms 23.

Prayer by Rev. Cecil Sanders.

Song, "Amazing Grace", by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

Reading of letters continued.

MSC* to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Letters from newly organized churches: none received.

* Motion made, Seconded, and Carried

Appointment of Committees:

Finance: Rev. Jackie Williams, Bro. G. W. Doggett, Sis. Helen Meeks.

Pulpit: Sis. Willie Lloyd, Sis. Jean Rechien, Bro. Oscar Driver, Bro. W. Y. Mann, Bro. Cliff Dyer.

Temperance: Bro. J. C. Morning, Sis. Arthur Chappell, Bro. Johnny Hartley.

Sunday School: Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Ruby White, Sis. Martha Jean Ervin.

Obituary: Rev. Billy Mack White, Bro. A. L. Hunt, Bro. J. A. McMahon.

Non-Represented Churches: Rev. Herman Greenwood, Rev. Cecil Sanders, Sis. Janie Barker.

Credentials: Bro. Fay Mann, Sis. Geneva Rawls, Bro. James Frith.

Statistics: Rev. Donald Brown, Sis. Elbert McClellan, Sis. Thelma Estelle.

Resolutions: Rev. Hershel Sharpton, Rev. W. H. Bostic, Rev. H. E. Taylor.

Special Songs: Sharpton Family — "He's The Best Friend I Ever Had", "A Wedding In The Sky"; The Bostics — "We Should Thank The Lord."

Report of Executive Committee concerning adoption of the Association Constitution (tabled for 24 hours).

Election of Board Members:

Home Mission Board—Rev. W. H. Bostic (5 year term)

Executive Board—Rev. Cecil Sanders (1 year term)

Rev. J. E. White (3 year term)

Rev. H. E. Taylor (5 year term)

Examining Board—Rev. Lawnie Coffman (5 year term)

Bro. Cliff Dyer (1 year term)

Sunday School Board—Rev. Billy Mack White (5 year term)

MSC that no one be elected to more than one board.

MSC that each church be responsible for sending a delegate to the State Association.

Adjourned until 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Songs: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", "Master the Temptest Is Raging", "Oh, Come Angel Band".

Ordination Service of Billy Mack White:

Presentation of Bible: Rev. Lewis Barker;

Charge given by: Rev. J. E. White;

Prayer of Consecration: Rev. Gene White;

Laying on of hands by ministers and deacons.

Songs: "Near The Cross", "I Need Thee Every Hour", "Take The Name of Jesus With You".

Devotion by Bro. Lathan Thompson:

Scripture: I Samuel 12:24;

Testimony Service.

Evening Message by Rev. W. H. Bostic.

Scripture: Genesis 6:1-8.

Title: The ark, a type of the church.

Invitation song: "Who Is That".

Dismissed by Rev. Hershel Sharpton.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order at 9:15 o'clock by the Moderator.

Songs: "I Am Thine, O Lord"—Bro. Hershel Sharpton; "I Love My Savior, Too" — Jimmy Sharpton; "Love Lifted Me" — Bro. Oris Doggett.

Scripture, Luke 18:18, and remarks by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Edd Mozingo.

Song: "He's a Wonderful Savior To Me" — Sis. Ollie Doggett.

The Spring Hill and Sherrill letters were turned in, read, accepted, and the delegates were seated.

Song: "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to all.

MSC that the Saline Association of 1961 meet with the Hillview Free Will Baptist Church of Bastrop, Louisiana. Bro. Lewis Barker was elected to bring the introductory message with Bro. Edd Mozingo as alternate. Bro. Gene White was elected to bring the Memorial message with Bro. Hershel Sharpton as alternate.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Assn. meeting at the Youth Camp, Conway, Arkansas: Sisters Audie Halley, Martha Grice, Hazel Mann, Maxine Bostic, and Bro. Edward Chappell. Alternates: Sisters Ollie Bryant and Bertha Chappell.

MSC that the Saline Association lend its public address system to the State Association for its 1960 session.

Song: "Wonderful Story of Love" — Bro. Hershel Sharpton.

Song: "What a Day" — Eldsberry Children.

Report of the Examining Board by Bro. H. E. Taylor.*

Report of the Home Missions Board by Bro. Elbert McClellan.*

Report of the Finance Committee by Bro. Jackie Williams.*

Dismissed for Recess.

11:00 O'clock Service:

Song: "Shall We Gather at the River" — Bro. Hershel Sharpton.

Prayer by Sis. Marie Gibson.

Obituary list read.

Song: "The Home Over There" — Sis. Ollie Doggett.

Memorial Message by Rev. J. E. White; Scripture: Hebrews 11:14-16; Text: The new abode that awaits God's people.

Song: "Precious Memories" and hand shake with ministers.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. J. E. White.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "I'm Getting Ready to Go Home" — Bro. Hershel Sharpton.

Song: "Hallelujah, We Shall Rise" — Bro. J. E. McMahon.

Song: "The Son Hath Made Me Free" — Jimmy Sharpton.

Song: "The Lily of the Valley" — Bro. Hershel Sharpton.

Prayer by Bro. Lawnie Coffman.

Report of Committee on Non-Represented Churches by Bro. Cecil Sanders.*

Report of Obituary Committee by Bro. Billy Mack White.*

Report of Sunday School Committee by Sis. Hazel Mann.*

Report of Statistics Committee by Bro. Donald Brown.*

Report of Temperance Committee by Sis. Bertha Chappell.*

MSC that Home Mission Board be instructed to investigate the request for the organization of a church at Forest, Louisiana.

MSC that Home Mission Board be instructed to pay for the roof on Warren Free Will Baptist Church when the building is ready.

Report of Examining Board concerning the licensing of Bro. Roy Grice, Jr. to preach the Gospel.

Report of Credentials Committee.*

MSC that Ministers' reports be accepted.

MSC that Sunday School Rally meet with the Spring Hill Church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the coming year:

Moderator: Rev. J. E. White; Assist: Rev. Cecil Sanders.

Clerk: Rev. Lewis Barker; Assist: Bro. Edward Chappell.

Song Director: Rev. Hershel Sharpton; Assist: Sis Ollie Doggett.

MSC that Saline Association give Rev. Earnie Deeds a letter of recommendation to the New Hope Association.

Standing vote of thanks given to the Host Church and to the florist.

Song: "God Be With You."

MSC to adjourn

Dismissed by Bro. Paul Harton.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Song Service.

Prayer by Bro. L. W. Wheeler.

Special by the Eldsberry Children.

Prayer by Bro. Charlie Collins.

Special by Ronnie and Betty King.

Devotion led by Bro. Gene White (44 testified)

Message by Rev. H. E. Taylor; Scripture: II Peter 12:13-16. Text: Some things hard to understand.

Dismissed by Bro. Lathan Thompson.

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* Report appeals in back of Minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Obituary, find we have lost eight from our midst. But our loss is heaven's gain.

Bro. E. C. Parker, Bro. Henry Fox, Bro. Bob Barnett, Rev. H. L. Meyers, Bro. John Taylor, Bro. Dowell Clark, Bro. W. M. Nicholson, Sis. Betty Bready

Rev. Billy Mack White, Chairman

Bro. J. A. McMahon

Bro. A. L. Hunt

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Temperance wish to make the following report. We urge that all Christians:

1. abstain from the use and sale of all alcoholic beverages and the patronizing of places where such is sold;
2. avoid jealousy and envy of our fellow man;
3. be more consecrated to God's cause. We believe that so many professors and not enough possessors is the main cause of so many not surrendering to the Lord. We also believe that drinking and dancing are the most destructive things to our young people today;
4. consider Hebrews 12:1 and Galatians 6:7-8 concerning the cigarette habit since Medical Science has warned that a large percent of throat and lung cancer is caused from smoking.

Rev. J. C. Morning, Chairman
Sis. Bertha Chappell
Rev. Johnny Hartley

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on credentials, find all in good standing as far as we know, but find we have several who do not have appointments. We recommend that each church use our young ministers as much as possible.

We also recommend that no church call a pastor or evangelist who has been excluded from this or another association for disorderly conduct as given on page two, article 4, and section 3 of the Constitution.

Bro. Fay Mann, Chairman
Bro. James Frith
Sis. Geneva Rawls

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, find that 21 out of the 22 churches represented have Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 1528. They spent \$2,293.15 for literature.

We recommend: that all churches in the association maintain a Sunday School; that each church in the association have at least (1) one Sunday School Worker's Institute per year, for the purpose of training the present teachers and officers and potential workers; that the churches furnish their Sunday Schools with new materials such as visual aids, flannel-graph, etc.

Sis. Hazel Mann, Chairman
Sis. Ruby White
Sis. Martha Jean Erwin

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, the committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all the churches have reported except Immanuel Church, Park Dale, Arkansas, which has disbanded.

Rev. Herman Greenwood, Chairman

Rev. Cecil Sanders

Sis. Janie Barker

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committees on Finances, find \$319.41 in the treasury. At this session of the Saline Association, we received \$140, making a total of \$459.41 in the treasury. Of this amount \$15 goes to the Youth Camp at Conway, \$23 goes for State Minutes, and \$102 goes for State entertainment fees, leaving a balance of \$319.41 in the treasury.

Rev. Jackie Williams, Chairman

Sis. Helen Meeks

Bro. G. W. Doggett

HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in treasury September 6, 1959.....	\$1,067.89
Received from the Cooperative Plan.....	320.10
Received from the Louisiana Quarterly Meeting.....	5.00
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	\$1,382.99
 Paid out for Home Missions in New Mexico....	 \$220.00
Exchange Fee	1.01
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	\$221.01
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	\$1,171.98
 Refund from work in New Mexico	 220.00
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Amount in treasury September 3, 1960	\$1,391.98

Rev. Elbert McClellan, Treasurer

STATISTICS

We, your committee on Statistics, submit the following report:

Church Membership	2,363
Resident Members	1,640
Non-Resident Members	723
Members Received this year	143
By Baptism	75
By Letter	29
By Statement of Faith	27
Members Dismissed	65
By Letter	53
Excluded	7
Deceased	6
Sunday School Enrollment	1,475
League Enrollment	609
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	98
Number of Ordained Ministers	35
Number of Ordained Deacons	82
Number of Licensed Ministers	3
Total Offerings Received	\$ 42,136.56
General Offerings	25,718.47
Building Fund	5,670.41
Pastor's Salary	26,672.77
Evangelistic Work	3,327.95
Building and Repairs	8,610.09
Literature	2,284.15
Advertisement	279.45
Miscellaneous	2,881.52
Other Expense	4,128.07
Total (Local) Expenses	41,452.49
Cooperative Plan	1,998.12
Foreign Missions	944.45
Home Missions	293.86
Education	443.76
Associational Projects	26.00
State and National Projects	187.11
Other	411.67
Superannuation	5.00
Total Outside Expense	4,301.18
Value of Church Property	153,800.00
Value of Parsonage Property	46,000.00
Minutes and Fees	125.00

Rev. Donald Brown, Chairman
 Sis. Elbert McClellan
 Sis. Thelma Estelle

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**—These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16, 17; Ex. 4:15; Psalms 32:8; Hebrews 1:1-2.

2. **BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD**—The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful; the . . . Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite things cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence. Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; II Cor. 1:19; I John 5:20; I Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; II Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psalms 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psalms 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; I Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; James 1:17; I Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:24; Psalms 139:7-10; Acts 17:24; Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Psalms 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27; Eph. 4:6; Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psalms 119:68; Psalms 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 16:27; Dan. 2:20; I Tim. 1:17; Jude 25; Lev. 19:2; Job 6:10; Deut. 32:4; Psalms 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5; Eph. 2:4; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psalms 100:5; Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Psalms 33:6-9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3; Neh. 9:6; Job 7:20; Heb. 1:3; Psalms 47:7; II Chron. 20:6; Psalms 95:3; Isa. 47:4; Psalms 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20; Jer. 50:34; Isa. 45:21; 43:3-11; 49:26; Ex. 31:13; I Thes. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psalms 50:6; II Tim. 4:8; Ex. 34:14; Ex. 20:4-5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; Job 11:7; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33; Job 26:14; Ex. 9:14; 8:10; I Chron. 17:20; Psalms 19:1-2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; I Chron. 28:9; Psalms 94:9, 10; Acts. 1:24.

3. **DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE** — (a) God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

(b) God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

(c) All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur, Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Psalms 104:13, 14, Job. 14:6; Eph. 1:11; Psalms 22:28; Psalms 97:2; Isa. 33:22; Ex. 34:6; Job 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14, 15; Prov. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; I Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25, 31; Jer. 44:4.

4. **CREATION**—(a) **Of the World.** God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the employment of His creatures. (b) **Of the Angels.** The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate he employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world. (c) **Of man.** God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psalms

103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; I Cor. 6:20.

5. PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not the righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendent of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14; John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; John 3:5; 1:13; Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

6. OF CHRIST—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

(a) **His Titles.** The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God and the everlasting Father.

(b) **His Attributes.** He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

(c) **His Works.** By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it: He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10, 11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13, 14; I Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; I Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; I John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28, 29; I John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24-25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8, 10; John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16, 17; I Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; I Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9; II Tim. 4:1; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature, was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of Man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine

Being. John 1:14; Phil. 2:6, 7; II Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33, 35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; I Peter 2:21; John 13:15; I John 2:6; Isa. 42:21; Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16, 18.

8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST—(a) The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without sanctification for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be in effect, removed.

(b) **Mediation of Christ.** Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to Heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, he makes intercession for us until He comes again.

(c) We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God. I John 22; Isa 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; I Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6, 8; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; I Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; II Peter 3:9; II Cor. 5:14, 15; I Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25, 26; 5:9, 18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18; 8:1; 2:14, 15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17; Acts 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24 Rom. 8:34; I Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark. 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

9. THE HOLY SPIRIT—(a) The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproveth, and can be sinned against.

(b) The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

(c) The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

(d) The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship. John 16:13; I Cor. 2:11; Gen. 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; I Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51 Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Ps. 104:30; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8, 9; Acts 28:25, 26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

10. **THE GOSPEL CALL**—The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the world and strivings of the Spirit so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own. Mark 16:15; Isa. 45:22; Prov. 8:4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Joel 2:28; John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10; I Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34; Ezek. 33:11; II Peter 3:9; Hosea 13:9; Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12; Jer. 7:13, 14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37.

11. **REPENTANCE**—The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally. II Cor. 7:10; Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psalm 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31; Psalm 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; 3:19.

12. **FAITH**—Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, and acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield to obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; John 5:46, 47; Rom. 10:9; 10:10; Gal. 5:22; I Cor. 12:8, 9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; I Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; II Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Mark 16:16; John 8:21, 24; Heb. 11:6; John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

13. **REGENERATION**—As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again — born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature. John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21; John 3:5; 1:3; Ezek. 36:26, 27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; II Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19, 20; I Peter 2:5; John 3:6; 3:7, 8; I John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psalm 119:50, 93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; John 5:24; I John 3:14; II Peter 1:4; Heb. 3:14.

14. **JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION**—(a) **Justification**. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

(b) **Sanctification** in the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1; 5:16; Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Acts 3:19; Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31, 32; Acts 13:38, 39; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Peter 3:18; Heb. 6:1; I John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; I John 1:7, 9; I Peter 1:16.

15. **PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS**—There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch

and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost. Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:38, 39; I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6; II Chron. 15:2; II Peter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; I Tim. 1:19; II Peter 2:20, 21; I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

16. THE SABBATH—This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6; 33-36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1; 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psa. 118:22-24; Isa. 50:13-14; 56:2; Ex. 20:8-11.

17. THE CHURCH—A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members. I Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41, 47; 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4; Eph. 5:25, 27; 1:22, 23; I Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; I Peter 2:5; John 18:36; 15:2, 6; Acts 2:41; 8:12 Gal. 3:27.

18. TITHING—Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:8-10; I Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; II Cor. 9:6-8.

19. THE GOSPEL MINISTRY — (a) **Qualification of Ministers.** They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

(b) **Duties of Ministers.** These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers. II Tim. 2:15; 4:13-15; Titus 1:9; 2:7-8; II Tim. 1:7; 2:2; I Tim. 3:2-7; Psa. 50:16; II Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; I Cor. 2:12-16; Acts 20:28; Heb. 5:4; I Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2; I Tim. 1:6; Acts 13:3; Mark 16:15; II Tim. 4:2; II Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 20:11; 27:35; I Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16; Heb. 13:17; I Peter 5:2; Jer. 3:15.

20. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL—(a) **Christian Baptism.** This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 3:15; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2:41; Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3-5; Gal. 3:27; I Cor. 15:29.

(b) **The Lord's Supper.** This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him,

and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity. I Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; I Cor. 10:16, 21; 11: 27-29; 10:17; Rom. 14:1, 10; I Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.

(c) **Washing the Saint's Feet.** This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8; I Tim. 5:1-10.

21. **DEATH**—As a result of sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27; I Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8; 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; II Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

22. **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**—The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world. Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31; I Cor. 15:24-28; I Thess. 4:15-17; II Thess. 1:7-10; II Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

23. **THE RESURRECTION**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 19; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22, 23; II Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2.

24. **THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION** — (a) **The Judgment.** There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; Rev. 22:11; II Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10; II Peter 3:12; II Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

(b) **Retribution.** Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment. Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; II Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43-44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7, 8, 27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10.

CONSTITUTION FOR THE SALINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon a profession of our faith in Christ as Savior and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches; do, for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, ordain this Constitution for the betterment of our Associational Government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be called the "Saline Association of Free Will Baptists," affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of its various boards and churches composing this association. And to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries

and churches, or those that may hereafter be represented therein.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. This association shall be composed of quarterly meetings which in turn are composed of well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches, maintaining Gospel order, subscribing (agreeing) with the Denomination in doctrine and practice, favoring the various enterprises that have been endorsed by this association and the Denomination proper.

Section 2. The acting members of this association shall be regularly ordained Ministers, Deacons and Church Clerks who are in good standing with their local churches. Also each church shall be represented by delegates elected as follows: Two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) resident members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) resident members or fraction thereof. A letter from said churches shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 3. In event only part of the elected delegation is present from a church, they, together may in conciliation with their Pastor fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegation to be approved by this body.

Section 4. Ministers and Deacons coming from another State, Association or Denomination shall be received after complying with the rules as stipulated in the by-laws of the Examining Board of this body.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE: Section 1. This Association has the same right to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, as the Quarterly Meetings have to discipline the churches of which they are composed.

Section 2. When a Quarterly Meeting neglects to report itself, or when it becomes heretical or corrupt in practice, this Association may pursue the same course with it that a Quarterly Meeting does with a disorderly church.

Section 3. Churches which compose the Quarterly Meetings, which in turn compose the Association, are admonished not to call a pastor or an evangelist that has been excluded (dismissed) from another church or association for disorderly conduct, etc.

ARTICLE V

FINANCE: This Association shall receive its support from twenty-five percent (25%) of the cooperative receipts that come from the churches composing said body. This association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one-tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to this body for the support of the State and National Programs.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS: Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually, on the last day of the Association, at the close of the business period.

ARTICLE VII

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: The Standing Boards of this Association shall be the Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and the Examining Board. The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the District League Convention shall be considered Auxiliaries of this Association. Each are requested to re-

port yearly to this body. The Credential Committee, as well as other committees deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, or by the body if it so desires.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All Boards and Committees are to organize when elected or appointed, also, at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer when funds are entrusted to a Board. Each Board or Committee shall keep a written report of each meeting, the receiving and disbursement of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to this body of its work done during the year, or as requested by the body. Each standing Board shall have its own by-laws which shall govern its activities, only when stated by this Constitution. All by-laws are to conform to the Principle and tenets of this Association.

Section 1. The Executive Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Saline Association or its Quarterly Meetings, when either of these bodies is not in session. It shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur on any of the Standing Boards or office of the Association or Quarterly Meetings. This Board shall be responsible for all legal matters that might claim the attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to or has been purchased by said body, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Section 2. **Home Missions Board:** It shall be the duty of this Board to work in conjunction with the State and National Home Mission Board in arranging an active Missionary Program. The activities of this Board shall be governed by its by-laws as approved by this body, and shall be answerable to this body for all of its activities.

Section 3. The Sunday School Board shall work in cooperation with the State Sunday School Board. It shall assist the churches of this association in teaching and training programs, work shops, and in recommending methods and materials for the betterment of the Sunday School. It shall also be responsible for a yearly Sunday School Rally.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Examining Board to examine all candidates (Ministters and Deacons) at the request of the local church. Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church. (Having been a Christian long enough to show Christian maturity,) (2) All licensed ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination. (Questionnaire to be furnished by this Board.) Ministers coming from other States, Associations or Denominations shall be examined by this Board, at the request of the local church. These shall also be given the questionnaire furnished by this Board. Deacons shall be examined according to the Scripture and Practice of Free Will Baptists. (See Treatise).

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS: This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by said body.

ARTICLE X

RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS: Either Robert's Rules of Order or Hall & Sturgis Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usages, etc.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments: This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular (yearly) session of the Saline Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendments or alterations be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

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 Chairmen 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 Board Members.
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 new Officers.
16. Adjournment.

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