

# *Minutes*



**Sixty-fifth Annual Session  
OF THE  
SALINE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Held With

**HILLVIEW**

**Free Will Baptist Church**

**BASTROP, LOUISIANA**

**September 1 and 2, 1961**



**Next Session To Be Held With  
PINE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Star City, Arkansas**



**REV. H. E. TAYLOR . . . . . Moderator**

**Hamburg, Arkansas**

**REV. LAWNIE COFFMAN . . . . . Clerk**

**Star City, Arkansas**

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SALINE ASSOCIATION

Moderator .....	Rev. H. E. Taylor, Hamburg, Arkansas
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Herman Greenwood, Warren, Arkansas
Clerk .....	Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Star City, Arkansas
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Lewis Barker, Monticello, Arkansas
Music Director .....	Rev. Nolan Brown, New Edinburg, Arkansas
Assistant Music Director .....	Henry Butler, Oak Grove, Louisiana

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Elbert McClellan .....	5 Year Term
Gene White .....	4 Year Term
Cecil Cornett .....	3 Year Term
J. C. Rawls .....	2 Year Term
Loyd Williams .....	1 Year Term

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Cecil Sanders .....	5 Year Term
H. E. Taylor .....	4 Year Term
Hershel Sharpton .....	3 Year Term
J. E. White .....	2 Year Term
Nolan Brown .....	1 Year Term

### EXAMINING BOARD

Lathan Thompson .....	5 Year Term
Lawnie Coffman .....	4 Year Term
Ed Mozingo .....	3 Year Term
Herman Greenwood .....	2 Year Term
Lewis Barker .....	1 Year Term

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Junior Grice .....	5 Year Term
Billy Mack White .....	4 Year Term
Stanton White .....	3 Year Term
Leonard Doggett .....	2 Year Term
Elbert McClellan .....	1 Year Term

# PROCEEDINGS

The 65th Annual Session of the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Hillview Free Will Baptist Church of Bastrop, Louisiana, September 1 and 2, 1961. It was composed of ministers, deacons, delegates, and church officers. Song leaders for the convention were Bros. Gene White, Ed Pedigo of Fort Worth, Texas, and D. Smith.

## FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:38 Song, No. 123, Precious Memories  
Song, No. 195, He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me
- 9:45 House Called to Order by Clerk, Bro. Lewis Barker  
Moderator's address — Psalms 39, Bro. J. E. White  
Prayer by Bro. Elbert McClellan  
Song, No. 308, Amazing Grace  
Welcome Address by Bro. J. C. Rawls  
Appointment of Committee chairmen:  
    Sunday School Committee—Sis. Hazel Mann  
    Statistics Committee—Robert Barker  
    Obituary Committee—Sis. Erma Sharp  
Call for letters and began reading by Bro. Edward Chappel  
    Song, No. 281, Nothing But the Blood  
M.S.C.\* that we elect song leader, pro temp.  
    Gene White—song leader, D. Smith—Assistant  
Song, No. 26, I'm In The Glory Land Way
- 10:50 Recess; dismissed by Bro. H. E. Taylor
- 11:00 Song, No. 126, To The work  
Song, No. 202, Anywhere Is Home  
Prayer by Bro. Lawnie Coffman  
Song, No. 195, He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me.  
Introductory Message by Bro. Lewis Barker  
Scripture Reading Revelation 1:4-8; Text: Hebrews 13.8  
Prayer  
Subject "A Changeless Christ in a Changing World"  
Dismissed for noon by Bro. Cecil Cornett

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00 Song, No. 205, Just a Little While  
Song, No. 179, I'll Fly Away  
House Called to order by the Moderator  
Devotion and prayer by Bro. Junior Grice—Psalms 15  
Concluded reading of letters  
M.S.C.\* that letters be received and delegates seated  
M.S.C.\* that the report of Jackson F. W. B. Church be received  
Church and delegates are as following:  
    Harmony—Sister Avis Harreison, Sister Bessie Curry, Sis. Irene Rodgers  
    York Town—Bro. Jack Owens, Sis. J. E. White, Sis. Maxine Pyle  
    Willoughby—Bro. Dee White, Bro. Junior Adams, Sis. L. W. Wheeler, Sis. Idamar Adams  
    North Crossett—Bro. Kermit Murphy, Sis. Mascel Rodgers, Sis. Louis Huffman, Sis. Pat Arnold, Sis. Erma Sharp  
    Olivedell—Bro. Britton, Sis. Rosie Aaron

\* Motion made, Seconded, and Carried

- Rose Hill—Sis. Janie Barker, Robert Barker  
 Sardis—Sis. Melba Butler, Sis. Barbara Butler  
 Corbin Ferry—Sis. Julia Mae Driver, Sis. Louis Jones, Sis. Roslee Frith  
 Sherrill—Bro. Dave Rupe, Bro. Elon E. Smith, Sis. Elon E. Smith  
 Pine Hill—Bro. Waldo Wynn, Sis. Iris Morgan, Mandy Johnson, Lee Wynn, Sis. Lawnie Coffman  
 Mount Pleasant—Bro. A. J. Hughes, Cecil Floyd Cornette, Janice Holland, Vicki Craig, Shelia Meeks, Linda Meeks  
 Good Hope—Sis. Lilly Gaings, Sis. Eula Freeman  
 Spring Hill—Bro. Junior Grice, Sis. Junior Grice, Sis. Cora Vail, Sis. Mary Lois Scroggins, Bro. Noble Scroggins  
 Free Hill—Sis. Geneva Rawls, Sis. Herman Hyatt, Sis. Mae Dean Ashcraft  
 Oak Grove—Sis. J. E. McMahon, Sis. Bea McMahon, Sis. Manso Austin  
 Macedonia—Bro. William Dyer, Bro. James Brown, Sis. Agnes McClellan, Sis. Syble Brown, Charles Wayne Martin, Linda Faye Brown, Floyd Brown  
 Fairview—Sis. Ida McClellan, Sis. Robie White, Sis. Princella Hogue, Sis. Minnielee Ashcraft  
 Pleasant Grove—Bro. Tom Wolfe, Sis. Tom Wolfe, Bro. Otis Lloyd  
 Pleasant Valley—Sis. Ruthie Mae Greenwood, Sis. Lena Williams, Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. W. Y. Mann, Sis. Dorothy Doggett  
 Hillview—Sis. Barbara Defee, Sis. Carla Korgan  
 Hickson—Janette McCullough, Nora Dye  
 Song, No. 140, Just over in the Glory Land—Christian Hand Shake  
 Song, No. 160, The Pearly White City  
 Special by Hillview Girls' Quartet—Living and Giving For Jesus  
 Appointment of Committees:  
 Finance—Sis. Sallie White and Janie Barker, Bro. Herman Greenwood  
 Pulpit—Bro. McCollough, Bro. William Dyer, Bro. Jim Brown  
 Temperance—Bro. Oscar Driver, Bro. Nolan Brown, Sis. Agnes McClellan  
 Sunday School—Bro. Wayne Martin, Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Maxine Pyle
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- Obituary—Sis. Erma Sharp, Sis. Ida Mae McClellan, Bro. Ernest Williams  
 Non-Represented Churches—Bro. Fay Mann, Bro. H. E. Taylor, Bro. R. M. Butler  
 Credentials—Sis. Lawnie Coffman, Sis. Cora Vail, Sis. Ailene Harton  
 Statistics—Robert Barker, Jennette McCollough, Sis. Herman Greenwood  
 Resolutions—Bro. Lawnie Coffman, Bro. D. Smith, Bro. Cecil Cornett  
 M.S.C.\* to seat Bro. & Sis. Ed Pedigo as honorary delegates  
 Rules of Order read by Clerk  
 Election to fill vacancies on boards:

- Bro. Gene White elected by acclamation to fill Bro. W. H. Bostic's 4 year term, on Home Mission Board.
- Bro. Elbert McClellan elected to five year term on Home Mission Board.
- Bro. Nolan Brown elected to fill Bro. Oris Doggett's 1 year term on Executive Board
- Bro. Cecil Sanders elected by acclamation to five year term on Executive Board.
- Bro. Nathan Thompson elected to 5 year term on Examining Board
- M.S.C.\* to replace Bro. J. C. Moring on Examining Board but give him a life time term as honorary member.
- Bro. Ed Mozingo elected to fill his place
- Bro. Junior Grice elected by acclamation to 5 year term on Sunday School Board
- Body selected Pine Hill F. W. B. Church of Star City, Ark. as host for 66th session of Saline Association.
- Body selected Bro. Elbert McClellan to bring Introductory Message at 66th session with Bro. Cecil Sanders as Assist.
- Body selected Bro. H. E. Taylor to bring the Memorial Message at 66th session with Bro. J. E. White as Assist.
- Pulpit Committee recommended Bro. Junior Grice for devotion and Bro. Lawnie Coffman for message Friday Night. Were accepted.
- Delegates elected to State Association by acclamation:  
Sis. Robbie White, Bro. William Dyer, Sis. Grace Raney, Sis. J. E. McMahon, Sis. Lawnie Coffman
- M.S.C.\* that Saline Association comply with Resolution No. I of State Association
- M.S.C.\* that henceforth only names of delegates will be read from church letters. Credentials and Statistics Committees will make compiled reports on rest of letters. Church statistics will be listed in the minutes.
- M.S.C.\* to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. R. M. Butler

### FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:30 Song, To Near Home, led by Sis. Helen Ann Moore
- Song, No 208, I'll Meet You In the Morning
- This song dedicated to Bro. Loyd Kendricks (deceased)
- Prayer by Bro. Frith in memory of Bro. Loyd Kendricks
- Song, No. 201, I Know Somebody's Listening
- Moderator recognized Bro. Worley of Fort Worth, Texas
- M.S.C.\* that report of Examining Board on Bro. Junior Grice be received and the same ordained to the full gospel ministry.
- Special song, I Need No Mansion Here, by Bro. Gene White, Bro. and Sis. Nolan Brown, and Bro. Ed Pedigo
- Ordination Service for Bro. Junior Grice:
- Bible presented by Bro. Herman Greenwood
- Charge delivered by Bro. J. E. White
- Prayer led by Bro. Gene White
- Laying on of hands by the ordained.
- Song, No. 113, Be A Light For Jesus
- Song, No. 126, To The Work
- Song, No. 307, Amazing Grace
- Song, No. 30, (New) Amazing Grace by Sis. Melba Kendricks
- Special Song, Farther Along, by Roy Ray
- Devotion by Bro. Junior Grice—I Thessalonians 5:8-10.



- Bro. Grice delivered a very inspirational message at this time.  
 Special altar prayer for Sis. Ida Vay McCabe's parents  
 Forty-one testified for the Lord.  
 Song, I'll Not Be A Stranger, by Bro. and Sis. Nolan Brown,  
 Bro. Gene White, and Robert Barker.  
 Special Song by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman—I Dreamed I Searched  
 Heaven For You.  
 Message by Bro. Lawnie Coffman  
 Leviticus 11:29; Exodus 19:7; Isaiah 66:17,18  
 Text: Mouse Eaters  
 Song, No. 283, Softly And Tenderly-Invitation was extended  
 to the lost  
 Song, No. 255, O, Why Not Tonight  
 Six re-dedicated their lives and one was saved  
 Confession and prayer by Sis. Hale  
 Song, No. 331, The Old Time Religion  
 10:15 M.S.C.\* to Dismiss. Prayer by Bro. Elbert McClellan

### SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:15 Song, No. 49, I'll Go Where He Sendeth Me  
 Song, No. 168, A Soul Winner For Jesus  
 Moderator's Address—Luke 18:18-30  
 Prayer by Bro. Lathan Thompson  
 Call for tardy letters; received Harmony's  
 Letter read and delegates seated making full representation  
 of churches.  
 Body voted to continue use of ministerial report cards.  
 M.S.C.\* Report of Credentials Committee accepted and commit-  
 tee discharged.  
 M.S.C.\* Report of Temperance Committee accepted and com-  
 mittee discharged.  
 M.S.C.\* Report of Home Mission Board accepted.  
 M.S.C.\* Report of Sunday School Committee accepted and com-  
 mittee discharged.  
 Song, No. 203, Jesus Hold My Hand  
 M.S.C.\* that Saline Association will buy supply of letter forms if  
 the State Association does not. If State Association does  
 buy, then Saline Association will pay its share for printing.  
 Song, No. 146, led by Henry Butler, I'd Rather Have Jesus  
 M.S.C.\* Report of Obituary Committee accepted and committee  
 discharged.  
 Song, No. 206, Master, The Tempest Is Raging led by Bro. Stan-  
 ton White.  
 Song, No. 205, Just a Little While, led by Bro. Jessie Bowles.  
 Song, No. 98, It Won't Be Very Long, led by Bro. Jessie Bowles.  
 Song, The Lord Is My Shepherd, by Hillview Girls' Quartet.  
 Song, No. 137, Hallelujah! We Shall Rise  
 Song, No. 32, In The Shadow Of The Cross, by Bro. Ed Pedigo,  
 Bro. Stanton White, Bro. D. Smith, and Bro. Jessie Bowles.  
 Song, Way Down Deep In My Soul Bro. Gene White, Bro.  
 Lathan Thompson, Sis. Linda Brown, and Robert Barker.  
 10:50 Recess; prayer by Bro. Sam Butler  
 11:00 Song, No. 88, Everybody Will be Happy Over There  
 Song, No. 156, I'll Be A Friend  
 Song, I'm Happy In Jesus, by Bro. Stanton White, Bro. Jessie  
 Bowles, Bro. H. E. Taylor, and Bro. Poole.  
 Song, The Stone, special by Bro. and Sis Lawnie Coffman.

Song, I Am A Pilgrim, by Bro. and Sis. Nolan Brown, Bro. Lathan Thompson, and Robert Barker.

Memorial Message by Bro. Gene White:

Revelation 7:9-17

Song, No. 312, Just As I Am—Invitation extended to the lost.

Song, No. 208, I'll Meet You In The Morning; Handshake

12:00 Dismissed for noon by Bro. H. E. Taylor in prayer.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 Song, No. 33, An Empty Mansion

Song, No. 5, Look For Me At The Gate.

Devotion by Bro. Elbert McClellan —Colossians 2.2.

M.S.C.\* Report of Statistics Committee accepted and committee discharged.

M.S.C.\* Pledge to roof First F. W. B. Church of Warren reaffirmed.

M.S.C.\* Report of Committee on Non-represented Churches accepted and committee discharged.

M.S.C.\* Report of Finance Committee accepted and committee discharged.

M.S.C.\* that Saline Association send 37 dollars extra for entertainment of State Association in compliance with recommendation of Finance Committee.

Pulpit Committee recommended Bro. Lathan Thompson for devotion and Bro. D. Smith for evening message. Approved.

Body selected Oak Grove Church, Wilmar, Arkansas as host for Sunday School Rally.

Election of Officers for coming year:

Bro. H. E. Taylor elected Moderator with Bro. Herman Greenwood as Assistant.

Bro. Lawnie Coffman elected Clerk with Bro. Lewis Barker as Assistant.

Bro. Nolan Brown elected Music Director with Bro. Henry Butler as Assistant.

M.S.C.\* that we give host a rising vote of thanks and adjourn.

Song, No. 290, God Be With You

Dismissed by Moderator with prayer.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

6:30 Song, My God Is Real.

Song, He Knows Just What I Need.

Song, Looking For A City.

Song, No. 159, When The Redeemed Are Gathering In.

Song, No. 22, Since Jesus Came Into My Heart.

Song, No. 138, When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Song, No. 201, I Know Somebody's Listening.

Special Song, I'm A Pilgrim by Bro. Lathan Thompson, Elizabeth Musgrove, and Naoma Dye.

Song, No. 192, Some Glad Day.

Song, No. 195, He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me.

Song, No. 146, I'd Rather Have Jesus.

Devotion given by Bro. Lathan Thompson.

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1.

Twenty-five testified for the Lord.

Prayer by Bro. Ed Pedigo.

Song, No. 82, I'm Not Ashamed.

Evening Message by Bro. D. Smith

Text: Proverbs 16:25.

Theme: A Way That Seemest Right Unto A Man.

Invitation Song, No. 255, O, Why Not Tonight.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Lloyd Williams.

## C O M M I T T E E R E P O R T S

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in his great love, has seen fit to call 12 of our beloved from our midst to be with Him. "We are confident, I say and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Sis. Eloise Foy, Bro. Jim Zachery, Bro. L. W. Wheeler, Bro. Oscar Forrest, Sis. Ollie Whitehead, Sis. Vergia Barnett, Sis. Sara Doss, Bro. Bill Ethridge, Sis. Lona Curry, Sis. Ophelia Russell, Sis. Lucy Taylor. and one from Sherrill whose name was not available.

Mrs. Erma Sharp, Chairman

Mrs. Ida Mae McClellan

Mr. Ernest Williams

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

1. To condemn all ungodly things,
2. To abstain from all alcoholic beverage,
3. And to study our Bible more to be able to realize winds of doctrine that are contrary to that which Jesus preached.

Nolan Brown, Chairman

W. O. Driver

Sis. Agnes McClellan

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Credentials, find all ministers that are listed in good standing and active. We have several young ministers and we recommend that the churches use them as much as possible.

We find that three ministers have moved from our association into other fields of service; also one deceased.

Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman

Mrs. Curtis Harton

Mrs. Cora Vail

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find that all our churches are represented and maintain a Sunday School with a total enrollment of 1340, spending \$2,100.85 for literature.

Since our churches of tomorrow depend on the youth of today, we urge each church to do all they can toward the teaching of our young people and that each teacher realize his responsibility and recognize his opportunities of witnessing to lead each member of his class to the Lord. Also that much prayer be made in selection of teachers and officers.

Hazel Mann, Chairman

Maxine Pyle

Wayne Martin

### NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all the churches have reported except the First Church of Warren. They have not disbanded but they are not meeting.

We believe that there is good possibility of this work moving forward since Bro. Elbert McClellan plans to devote his time to it in the



coming year.

Fay Mann, Chairman  
Rev. H. E. Taylor  
R. M. Butler

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finances, find \$316.70 in the treasury and \$118.00 received at this session making a total of \$434.70 of which \$63.00 goes for entertainment of the State Association, \$24.00 goes for printing of State minutes, \$12.00 goes for representation fee, \$4.00 goes for Home Missions, \$1.50 goes for foreign missions.

We recommend that this association send an additional \$37.00 for State entertainment.

Herman Greenwood, Chairman  
Janie Barker  
Sallie White

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in treasury September 3, 1960 .....	\$1,391.79
10-29-60 — Quarterly Meeting .....	40.19
2 - 8-61 — Quarterly Meeting .....	55.79
4-29-61 — Quarterly Meeting .....	60.04
8 - 4-61 — Quarterly Meeting .....	54.63
5 - 5-61 — Offering at Harmony .....	63.50
Paid Out	
1-28-61 — Bro. Stanton White .....	\$30.00
2-22-61 — Bro. Stanton White .....	30.00
3-25-61 — Bro. Stanton White .....	30.00
4-29-61 — Bro. Jackie Williams .....	20.00
5 - 5-61 — Rev. W. C. Day .....	50.00
5 - 5-61 — Rev. William Mishler .....	50.00
Total Paid Outs .....	\$210.00

Amount in treasury September 1, 1961.....\$1,455.94

Rev. Elbert McClellan, Treasurer

### STATISTICS

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

Church Membership .....	2,514
Resident Members .....	1,355
Non-Resident Members .....	1,159
Members Received This Year .....	103
By Baptism .....	51
By Letter .....	58
By Statement of Faith .....	30
Members Dismissed .....	70
By Letter .....	58
Excluded .....	8
Deceased .....	12
Sunday School Enrollment .....	1,340
League Enrollment .....	625
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment .....	102
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	32
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	73
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	7
Total Offerings Received .....	\$ 39,542.31
General Offerings .....	22,084.29
Building Fund .....	9,887.01
Total Local Expense .....	40,945.77

Pastor's Salary .....	26,057.89
Evangelistic Work .....	2,583.03
Building and Repairs .....	7,822.08
Literature .....	2,155.57
Advertisement .....	424.05
Miscellaneous .....	3,132.43
Other Expense .....	1,372.37
Total Outside Expense .....	2,199.84
Cooperative Plan .....	1,038.59
Foreign Missions .....	536.36
Home Missions .....	244.96
Education .....	89.47
Orphanage .....	12.00
Superannuation .....	24.82
Associational Projects .....	10.00
State and National Projects .....	72.76
Other .....	296.77
Value of Church Property .....	119,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property .....	48,000.00
Minutes and Fees .....	112.50

Robert Barker, Chairman

Jeanette McCullough

Ruthie Mae Greenwood

#### 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; Psa. 32:8; Heb. 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; Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psa. 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; Psa. 139:7-10; Acts 17:24; Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Psa. 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; Psa. 119:68; Psa. 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; Psa. 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5; Eph. 2:4; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 100:5; Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Psa. 33:6-9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3; Neh. 9:6; Job 7:20; Heb. 1:3; Psa. 47:7; II Chron. 20:6; Psa. 95:3; Isa. 47:4; Psa. 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; Psa. 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; Psa. 19:1-2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; I Chron. 28:9; Psa. 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; Psa. 104:13, 14, Job 14:6; Eph. 1:11; Psa. 22:28; Psa. 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; Psa. 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 15:1; 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, reproves, 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 perfection. 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; Psal. 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; Psal. 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psal. 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31; Psal. 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; Psa. 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. 58:13, 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 Minister.** 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 per cent (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 report 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 have 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 (Ministers 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 Baptist. (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 Credentials Committee.
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.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Below is a list of the Ordained Ministers reporting to the Saline Association:

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Route 2  
Warren, Arkansas

Elbert McClellan  
Route 1  
New Edinburg, Arkansas

Johnnie Hartley  
Rison, Arkansas

D. Smith  
Lake Providence, La.

Nolan Brown  
Route 1  
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Gene White  
Warren, Arkansas

J. E. White  
Star City, Arkansas

Lewis Barker  
513 W. Trotter  
Monticello, Arkansas

Ralph Doggett  
Warren, Arkansas

Stanton White  
Warren, Arkansas

Lathan Thompson  
Route 1  
New Edinburg, Arkansas

H. E. Taylor  
Hamburg, Arkansas

Lawnie Coffman  
Star City, Arkansas

Cecil Sanders  
Crossett, Arkansas

Cecil L. Williams  
Warren, Arkansas

Roy Williams  
Warren, Arkansas

Loyd Williams  
Warren, Arkansas

Cecil Cornett  
Hamburg, Arkansas

Charlie Collins  
Monticello, Arkansas

J. C. Rawls  
East Bolling  
Monticello, Arkansas

Mason Hartley  
Warren, Arkansas