Minutes

Seventy-First Annual Session Of The

SALINE ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With Pine Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Star City, Arkansas AUGUST 4th and 5th, 1967

Next Session To Be Held With CROSSETT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Crossett, Arkansas

Rev. H. E. Taylor, Moderator ______Hamburg, Arkansas

Rev. Larry Russell, Clerk ______Star City, Arkansas

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. H. E. Taylor Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jack Dodson Clerk, Rev. Larry Russell Assistant Clerk, Rev. Cecil Sanders Music Director, Rev. Ralph Doggett Assistant Director, Rev. Stanton White Statistician, Mr. Buddy Cook Parliamentarian, Rev. Carl Cheshier	Crossett, ArkStar City, ArkNew Edinburg, ArkWarren, ArkWarren, ArkStar City, Ark.					
HOME MISSION BOARD						
Oris Doggett	4 Year Term 3 Year Term 2 Year Term					
EXECUTIVE BOARD						
Johnny Foy Lathan Thompson H. E. Taylor Jack Dodson J. E. White	4 Year Term 3 Year Term					
EXAMINING BOARD						
D. Smith	4 Year Term 2 Year Term 2 Year Term					
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD						
Billy Buckner Stanton White Cecil Williams H. C. Dyer Carl Cheshier	3 Year Term 2 Year Term					
RESOLUTIONS BOARD						
G. R. Grice Jack Dodson J. E. White Roy Williams Edd Mozingo	1 Year Term 1 Year Term 1 Year Term 1 Year Term					

PROCEEDINGS

The 71st Annual Session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the Pine Bluff Church, near Star City, Arkansas, on August 4th and 5th of 1967.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song: "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," led by Sis. Ollie Doggett

Prayer: Rev. Larry Russell

Song: "There is a Name I Love to Hear," led by Sis. Ollie Doggett

M. S. C. Rev. Elbert McClellan serve as Moderator, until either the moderator or Assistant Moderator arrives

Moderator's Message: Romans 12:1, 2

Prayer: Rev. Edd Mozingo

M. S. C. That Rev. Larry Russell serve as clerk Pro-tem Song: "Brough Me Out", led by Sis. Ollie Doggett

Reading of letter by Assistant Clerk, Rev. Cecil Sanders

M. S. C. Read only the Delegates in the Letters

M. S. C. That letter be received as read and delegates seated

The Welcome Address given by Rev. Larry Russell

Response given by Rev. D. Smith

M. S. C. That the Credential Committee be appointed by the Moderator (Jimmy Brown, Larry Russell, D. Smith)

M. S. C. That tardy letter from Yorktown be read and delegates seated

Reading of Rules and Order by the Moderator

M. S. C. That Moderator appoint following Committees:

Pulpit Committee—Sis. Ollie Moring, Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. J. T. Bradley Statistics Committee—Calvin McClellan, Sis. Thomas Bradley, Sis. Linda Harvey

Finance Committee—Bill Wheeler, Billy Buckner, Sis. Larlyn McClellan Temperance Committee—Sis. Rober Morgan, Waldo Wynne, Sis. Sarah White

Sunday School Committee—Sis. Emmie Roberts, Sis. Kathaleen Willis, Sis Marylin Spurlock

Obituary Committee—Sis. Elbert McClellan, Sis. Elsi Doss, Sid Horn M. S. C. That we adjourn until after recess

Prayer: Rev. H. E. Taylor

Recess

WORSHIP SERVICE

Song: "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Prayer by Bro. Johnny Floyd

Song: "I'm Bound for that City," by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Special Music by Macedonia girls, "Lord Will Stand by Me"

Special song by Sis. Linda Harvey, Sis. Roy Williams, "Thy Will Be Done"

Song: "A Crown of Thorns," by Rev. H. E. Taylor INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE by Rev. Edd Mozingo

Text: Matthew 16:24-26

Theme: "What Is a Soul Worth?"

Prayer by Rev. Edd Mozingo

Dismissed in prayer and blessing on meal by Rev. H. E. Taylor

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "Living by Faith," led by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Prayer: Rev. Cecil Sanders

Song: "Come Unto Me," led by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Report of the Pulpit Committee

M. S. C. To receive the pulpit report

Resolutions Committee—Rev. Carl Cheshier, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. Elbert McClellan

Election of a Clerk for this session: Rev. Cecil Sanders; Assistant, Rev. Larry Russell

Clerk for the coming year: Rev. Larry Russell; Assistant, Rev. Cecil Sanders

- M. S. C. That Rev. Oris Doggett serve as 5 year man on the Home Mission Board
- M. S. C. That Bro. Johnny Foy become a 5 year man on the Executive Board
- M. S. C. That Rev. Billy Buckner become a 5 year man on the Sunday School Board
- M. S. C. For these men to serve on the Resolution Board for the coming year: Rev. Junior Grice, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. Jack Dodson, Rev. Rcy Williams, Rev. Edd Mozingo.

M. S. C. Delegates to the State Association:

Sis. Morris West, Bro. Bill Wheeler, Sis. Ollie Moring, Bro. Calvin McClellan, Sis. Marylin Spurlock

Placement Committee:

Sis. Nelson Dobbs, Sis. Geraldine Hendon, Sis. McClellan Pennington

Solo by Rev. Stanton White, "Sweet is the Rose of Sharon"

M. S. C. To accept the partial report of the Obituary Committee

Prayer: Edd Mozingo

Devotional by Johnny Foy—Scripture Revelation 3:15-21

Prayer: Bro. Johnny Foy

M. S. C. To adjourn until 9:00 A. M. Saturday

Benediction: Rev. Stanton White

FRIDAY EVENING

Song: "Standing on the Promise," by Stanton White

Song: "I Want to be Ready to Meet," led by Rev. Stanton White

Song: "Follow Me", led by Rev. Stanton White

The Assistant Moderator's Address: Rev. Carl Cheshier

Prayer: Rev. Larry Russell

Song: "I Love to Tell the Story," led by Rev. Stanton White

Song: "He Included Me," led by Rev. Stanton White Special Song: How Great Thou Art," by Sis. Roberts

Devotion by Rev. Johnny Hartley—John 14:1-9

Prayer: Carl Cheshier

Song: "Cleanse Me," by Rev. Stanton White

Special Music: "Breathe on Me," Sis. Marnell Wynne

Evening Message: Rev. Billy Buckner

Text: Isaiah 59:7,17; 60:18

Subject: "The Inquite of This World"

Benediction: Rev. J. C. Raul

SATURDAY MORNING

Song: "Victory in Jesus," led by Rev. Edd Mozingo

Song: "Come and Dine," led by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Devotion: Rev. Stanton White—Revelation 4:1

Song: "Heaven's Jubilee," led by Rev. Stanton White

M. S. C. for Mrs. Lathan Thompson to serve as Assistant Clerk

M. S. C. to receive the Sunday School Committee

M. S. C. to receive the Temperance Committee

Election of Speaker for the coming session

Memorial Message: Rev. Jack Dodson

Alternate: Rev. Elbert McClellan

Introductory Speaker: Rev. Carl Cheshier

Alternate: Rev. J. E. White

M. S. C. To receive the Credentials Committee report

Reading of Rules of Order

Prayer: Rev. H. E. Taylor

M. S. C. To receive the report of the Statistics Committee

M. S. C. To receive the report from C. T. S.

M. S. C. to receive the report of Home Mission Board M S. C. To receive the report of Finance Committee M. S. C. To receive the report of Resolution Committee

Resolution No. 1 passed by the body

M. S. C. To dismiss until 11:00 o'clock

Prayer of Dismissal WORSHIP SERVICE

Song: "Nothing Can Compare," led by Rev. Stanton White

Prayer: Rev. Lloyd Williams

Song: "That Glad Reunion Day," led by Rev. Stanton White Song: "I Will Not Be a Stranger," led by Rev. Stanton White

Special Song: King Family, "Lord, I Need You Again"

Special Music: "Take Time," Rev. H. E. Taylor, Sis. Carolyn McClellan

Memorial Message:

By Rev. H. E. Taylor

Text: Joshua 4:6

Title: "What Mean Ye by These Stones?" Song: "Just As I Am," led by Rev. Stanton White

Song: "I'll Meet You in the Morning," led by Rev. Stanton White Dismissed and the Blessing on the Meal, Rev. Elbert McClellan

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song: "Is He Satisfied," led by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Prayer: Rev. John Hartley

Special Music: King Family, "Born To Serve the Lord"

Song: "Way Down Deep in My Soul," led by Rev. H. E. Taylor

Special Song: Sis. Sue Grubles, "Satisfied with Jesus" M. S. C. To receive report of Placement Committee

Body elected that the next session be at Crossett

M. S. C. To change the Welcome and Response to the following the seating of the Delegates

M. S. C. That the Home Mission Board go and see if the Mt. Zion No. 2 Church has gone into the La. Assn. and if they have to bring a letter to the Saline Assn.

Election of Officers

M. S. C. To give host church a vote of thanks

Announcements

Prayer of Dismissal: Bro. Pennington

COMMITEE REPORTS PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the placement committee, find through checking of all letters, no church has asked for the Saline Association for the next session. We recommend that it be brought back to the body to select a home for the 72nd session of the Saline Association.

> Chairman, Gearldine Hendon Mrs. Nelson Dobbs Mrs. McClellan Pennington

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary committee, find twenty-seven of our beloved members have deceased from the walk of life since our last Saline Association.

> Chairman, Ida McClellan Elyie Doss Sid Horn

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee find seventeen churches represented and all maintained a Sunday School with 1,256 enrollment, spending for literature \$3,491.22. We thank God for this record and pray that souls will be won to Christ through our Sunday School program. Psalms 119:99 reads, "I have more understanding than all my teachers for thy testimonies are my meditation." Is our life a living testimony to our children?

Chairman, Emmie Roberts Katherine Willis Marylin Spurlock

CREDENTIALS COMMITEEE

We, your Committee, find all the ministers in the Association to be in good standing. There are twenty-eight ordained ministers and nine licensed ministers in the Saline Association. The committee asks that each minister realize his responsibility and go forward in the work of Christ.

Chairman, Rev. D. Smith Bro. James Brown Bro. Larry Russell

STATISTICS

We, the Committee on Statistics, submit the following repo	ort:
Church Membership	1,999
Resident Members	,
Non-Resident Members	
Members Received This Year	133
By Baptsim	64
By Letter	38
By Statement of Faith	31
Members Dismissed	57
By Letter	33
By Excluded	6
Deceased	
Sunday School Enrollment	1,257
Church Training Service	
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	
Number of Ordained Deacons	
Number of Ordained Ministers	28
Number of Licensed Ministers	
Total Offerings Received	
General Offerings	
Building Fund	5,288.09
Total Local Expense	59,608.00
Pastors' Salary	29,334.28
Evangelistic Work	3,458.75
Building and Repairs	9,936.83
Literature	3,500.64
Advertisement	62.96
Miscellaneous	2,562.58
Other Gifts	,
Utility	•
Cooperative Plan	
Foreign Mission	-
Home Mission	
Bible College	428.54
Associational Project	329.60
Outside Expense	3,943.63
Value of Church Property	\$143,600.00

Rev. J. C. Rauls Bro. Calvin McClellan Sis. Linda Harvey

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, wish to make this statement: We as Free Will Baptists ask God to be our helper. We strive to do our best to discourage the use of alcoholic beverages to the youth of our land, as well as older ones. That each with a clear, clean mind can praise God for all His goodness. May each of us live, that non-Chrisitians will see that only through Jesus Christ they can have peace.

Chairman, Sis. Juanita Morgan Bro. Waldo Wynne Sis. Sarah White

HOME MISSION BOARD

Amount in Treasury August 4, 1967	\$1,242.38
Paid Out	509.00
Received	484.30
Amount in Treasury August 5, 1967	1,215.68

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee of Finance, find \$766.88 in treasury, and \$129.00 received at this session, making a total of \$895.88. Thirteen churches represented paid cooperatively, making \$65.00. The remaining 5 churches at \$8.00 would be \$40.00, a sum total of \$105.00 for the state representation fee. Of the \$129.00 paid at this session, \$24.00 will remain in the treasury for minutes, expenses, etc.

We have examined the books and bank statement of the association

and find them corresponding and correct.

Bro. Bill Wheeler Sis. Carolyn McClellan Bro. Billy Buckner

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 . . . Creater, 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; Pvo. 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. 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 descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:16; 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. 1:8; 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; 28:2J; 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 Pete 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 obdience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction 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 2:2; 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; IICor. 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 intellent 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 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; Psa. 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 word 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; Psa. 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psa. 32:3,5; Ezek. 36:31; Psa. 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 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 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 1:5; 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 Saints' 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 5:28,29; 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; 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 Saviour 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 composed 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.

Section 1. Be it resolved that Article VII of the constitution be amended to make the following change: That if any member elected to any board of the Association shall miss every board meeting, for the Associational Year, that member shall automatically be dismissed from that board, and a new member elected, unless said member has missed meeting with his board because of a providential hinderance.

Section 2. 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 adjurnments 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.

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Churches	Membership		S. S.	C. T. S.	Women's	Total	
		Received	Enrol.	Enrol.	Aux.	Offering	
Corbin Ferry	91	8	67	****		1,417.97	
Fairview	81	4	32			678.33	
Free Hill	47	3	35	35		1,065.39	
Harmony	178	18	89	40	B4-B	3,575.96	
Macedonia	275	23	198		-	4,300.91	
Mt. Pleasant	169	1	100	50		3,855.46	
North Crossett	221	12	225	65	19	9,888.60	
Oak Grove No. 1	-7 5		48	FT-7		1,361.36	
Pine Hill	100	16	134	65	15	12,408.23	
Pleasant Grove	71	. .	40	20	•	651.87	
Pleasant Valley	108	3	36	30	8	2,719.94	
Rose Hill		5	08	24	12	5,013.65	
Spring Hill	53	1	25			742.14	
Warren	49	14	50			2,770.98	
Willoughby	167	3	105	52	12	5,271.32	
Yorktown	07	6	66	25	7	4,644.81	
Ralfe Chapel	16	16	16	**			
Oak Grove No. 2							
Sherrill							
Churches	Pastor		Co-op	Home	Foreign	Bible	Value
	Salary	Literature	Program	Mission	Mission	College	Church Prop.
Corbin Ferry	575 .2 5	54.57	22.00				10,000
Fairview	E00.00	36.00	26.35	5.00	10.00		5,000
Free Hill	COO EO	80.40	15.00				3,000
Harmony	1 500 50	175.43	265.88		38.00		1,600
Mt. Pleasant	•	197.29		160.00		40.00	•
Macedonia		235.35	261.69		25.00		13,000
North Crossett		692.52	192.42			143.89	25,000
Oak Grove No. 1		76.30	148.74	***-*	170.00		6,000
Pine Hill		696.62	454.54	52.7 7	425.95	192.99	30,000
Pleasant Grove		117.88	63,79			_	•
Pleasant Valley		137.27	140.60	16.00	22.00		15,000
Rose Hill		224.98	114.00	73.55	126.85	53.54	10,000
		24.47	114.00	12.00	8.00	00.01	10,000
Spring Hill	1 000 00	122.70	121.00	12.00	17.00		6,000
	,	308.70	60.00		131.00		17,000
WilloughbyYorktown	2 945 AA		50.00		20.00		11,000
	•	320.78			20.00		2,000
Ralfe Chapel			5.00				۵,000