Minutes

Seventy-Sixth Annual Session Of The SALINE ASSOCIATION Of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With North Crossett Free Will Baptist Church

Crossett, Arkansas AUGUST 4, 5, 1972

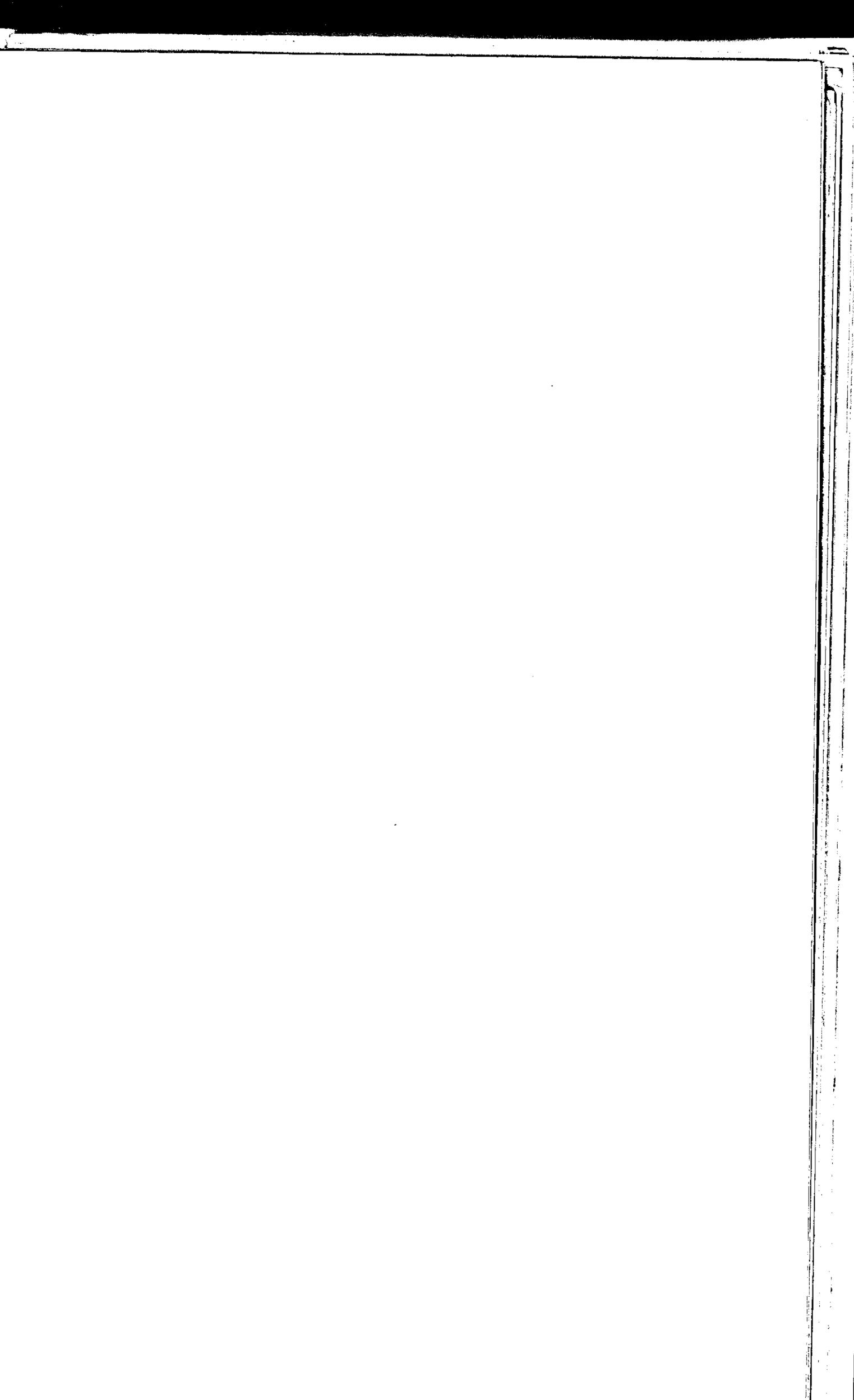
Next Session To Be Held With ROSE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Monticello, Arkansas 71655

August 3, 4, 1973

Time — 9:30 A. M.

Rev. Jack R. Dodson, Moderator _____Crossett, Arkansas
Bro. S. L. Woodard, Clerk ______Warren, Arkansas



OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

| Moderator, Rev. Jack R. Dodson | Crossett, Ark. |
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| Assistant Moderator, Rev. Herman Greenwood | • |
| Clerk, Bro. S. L. Woodard | Warren, Ark. |
| Assistant Clerk, Billy Joe Aulds | _Downsville, La. |
| Statistician, Bro. Buddy Cook | _Star City, Ark. |
| Parliamentarian, Rev. Lester Waggoner | _Star City, Ark. |
| Assistant Parliamentarian, Rev. Ronnie Blanks | Warren, Ark. |
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HOME MISSION BOARD

| Oris Doggett | 5 Year Term |
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| Elbert McClellan | |
| Charlie Collins | 3 Year Term |
| Billy Aulds | 2 Year Term |
| Herman Greenwood | |

EXECUTIVE BOARD

| Johnny Foy III | 5 Year | Term |
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| Rev. Čecil Sanders | l Year | Term |
| Louis Barker | 3 Year | Term |
| Jack Dodson | 2 Year | Term |
| J. E. White | 1 Year | Term |

EXAMINING BOARD

| Rev. R. H. McCuin | 5 Year Term |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Rev. Cecil Sanders | 4 Year Term |
| Otis Cook | _3 Year Term |
| Bill Wheeler | 2 Year Term |
| Gene White | 1 Year Term |

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

| Rev. Raymond Chronister | 5 Year Term |
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| Rev. Lester G. Waggoner | 4 Year Term |
| Rev. Mack Williams | |
| Robert Keen | 2-Year Term |
| Kenneth Johnson | 1 Year Term |

PROCEEDINGS

The 76th Annual Session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the North Crossett Free Will Baptist Church near Crossett, Arkansas on August 4-5, 1972.

FRIDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jack R. Dodson. Song—"Christ Receives Sinful Men." Director, Rev. R. H. McCuin. He was elected by the Association.

Prayer—Rev. J. E. White.

Rev. Jack R. Dodson gave a short history in regard to the 76 years it has been going on.

He read the rules of order and the order of business.

Song-"He Keeps Me Singing," Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Scripture Reading—I Corinthians, Chapter 13. At first I speak as a child, now I speak as a man.

Prayer—A special prayer for Rev. Lester G. Waggoner's daughter. A prayer of hope and faith in God that she will soon be over her operation if it is God's will.

The letters were read and the delegates seated.

Introduction Message—Rev. Raymond Chronister was elected, since neither of the elected ones were present.

Two new ministers were introduced to the body.

Rev. Boyd Ray Allen from Yorktown

Rev. Robert Hidde from Rose Hill

Appointing of Committees:

FINANCE-Rev. Elbert McClellan, Sister J. E. White, Bro. Johnny Bolin.

TEMPERANCE—Sister Arthur Chaple, Bro. Kermit Murphy, Sister Ollie Moring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sister Leo West, Sister Annie Lou Pennington, Sister Eva Tucker.

OBITUARY—Rev. Bill Wheeler, Bro. Lamar McMahon, Sister Elbert Mc-Clellan.

CREDENTIALS—Rev. R. H. McCuin, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. Charlie Collins.

STATISTICS—Sister Minnie Lee Ashcraft, Sister Bertha Fairchild, Sister Bessie Curry.

PLACEMENT—Sister Mildred Matheny, Sister Wilmar Tate, Bro. Billy Joe Aulds, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. Raymond Chronister, Bro. Fay Mann, Rev. Oris Doggett.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—Sister Odessa Mackelroy, Sister Marie Gibson, Sister Stella Judkins.

Prayer—Rev. R. H. McCuin

Song—"Wonderful Grace of God", Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Prayer—Rev. Boyd Ray Allen.

Song—"Count Your Blessings," Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Special Music: Duet—"Grace is Greater Than Our Sins" Rev. and Sister Boyd Allen.

Rev. Herman Greenwood introduced Rev. Raymond Chronister, the 11:00 A. M. speaker.

Scripture—Exodus 33:12.

Prayer—Rev. Raymond Chronister.

Song-"Just As I Am", Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Prayer—Rev. Reymand Chronister, for those that came for prayer and many came.

Benediction—Rev. Oris Doggett.

NOON

Friday afternoon session 1:00 P. M.

Song—"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story," Rev. Charlie Collins.

Song—"At Calvary", Rev. Charlie Collins.

Special Music: Quartet—"Home of the Soul." Rev. and Sister Oris Doggett, Rev. Bill Wheeler, Rev. Charlie Collins, and Sister Myrtie Barnett.

Prayer—Rev. Elbert McClellan.

Devotional-Rev. Robert Hidde.

Prayer—Rev. Robert Hidde.

Home Mission report read and approved.

Saline Association Clerk and Treasurer's report read and approved.

A committee of five was appointed or elected by the body to investigate while at the Youth Camp during the State Meeting to see what is needed that they can spend \$363.85 to help the Youth Camp.

Sister Ollie Doggett Sister Leo West Rev. J. E. White Sister Hazel Mann Rev. R. H. McCuin

ARTICLE V—Finance: The Cooperative Plan income shall be distributed in the following manner: 40% Home Mission, 30% State Cooperative plan, 20% Saline Association General Fund, 5% C. T. S., 5% Christian Education.

This Association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Plan of Support for the support of District, State, and National program.

Motion and second to make this change. Carried.

ARTICLE VII—Section 2. District League Convention be replaced with C. T. S. Convention.

The Saline Association will meet at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Monticello, Arkansas in Drew County, Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1973.

The State Delegates elected at large were: Sister Elbert McClellan, Sister Billy Joe Aulds, Sister J. E. White, Sister Boyd R. Allen, Bro. Johnny Bolin.

Alternates: Sister Jack R. Dodson, Sister Odessa Mackelroy, Sister Leo West.

Rev. Nolen Brown's credentials were received by the body, since he no longer belongs to the Saline Association.

Motion and second that the clerk send him a letter of recommendation. The letter has been mailed to him.

His credentials have been removed from the records in Cleveland County, Arkansas.

Friday speaker—Rev. Boyd R. Allen.

Alternate—Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Friday night speaker—Rev. Oris Doggett.

Alternate—Rev. Bill Wheeler.

Memorial Service—Rev. Jack R. Dodson. Alternate—Rev. Raymond Chronister.

Benediction—Bro. Johnny Bolin.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION-7:30 P. M.

Song—"Calvary", Rev. Charlie Collins.

Prayer-Bro. Ottis Cook.

Song—"Whosoever Will", "Take the Name of Jesus With You," Bro. Thad Hollis.

Special Music—"Have You Thought What the Master Will Say?" Rev. and Sister Oris Doggett.

Prayer-Rev. Bill Wheeler.

Quartet—"I'm Free Again," Thad Hollis, Johnny Foy, Odell Oden, and Odelia Foy.

Message—Rev. J. E. White. Scripture: Luke 13:6, John 15:1-4.

A United Prayer—The ladies on one side and the gentlemen on the opposite side. The ladies began the prayer and the gentlemen ended the prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—9:30 A. M.

Singing—"Lily of the Valley", "Send the Light", Rev. Charles Collins.

Prayer—Bro. Johnny Foy

Devotion-Bro. Johnny Foy

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 20:9.

Prayer-Bro. Johnny Foy III.

Quarter—"This Is What Heaven Means to Me," Gordon Avenue Free Will Baptist Church: Kenneth Johnson, Lonnie Wages, Bertha Wages, and Eloyce Aulds.

A silent prayer by the congregation in memory of those that are deceased. Rev. Stanton White closed the prayer.

The Statistical report was read and approved.

Rev. Lester G. Waggoner made a verbal report on the El Dorado project. He also stated they had a place to meet.

Bro. Ottis Cook was elected Statistician of Saline Association.

Parliamentarian, Rev. Lester G. Waggoner.

Song Director—Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Alternate—Rev. Charlie Collins.

Quartet—"Beautiful City in God", "Is That the Light of Home?," Gordon Avenue Church.

Prayer—Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Song—"I Wont Have To Cross Jordan Alone," Rev. Charlie Collins and Sister Ollie Doggett.

Quartet—"Beautiful Aisles," Gordon Avenue Church.

Song—"I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You," Gordon Avenue Church.

Prayer—Rev. J. E. White.

Song—"Lord I Need You", Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Memorial Message—Rev. Cecil Sanders.

Scripture Reading—II Corinthians 5:1-9.

Prayer—Rev. Cecil Sanders.

Song--"When We All Get To Heaven," Rev. Charlie Collins.

A good will and fellowship handshake with all present.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal, Rev. Lester G. Waggoner.

SATURDAY NOON

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION-1:00 P. M.

Singing-"The Home Over There," Rev. Charlie Collins.

Prayer—Rev. Lewis Barker.

Song—"Face to Face," Rev. Charlie Collins and Rev. Stanton White.

A public offering by Saline Association for Rev. Lester G. Waggoner to use in buying Sunday School tables in the El Dorado project. Amount, \$52.78.

Motion made by Rev. Oris Doggett to do away with the Resolutions Board.

The motion and second to abolish the board carried.

Election of Constitutional Officers:

Moderator—Rev. Jack R. Dodson.

Alternate—Rev. Herman Greenwood.

Clerk—S. L. Woodard.

Alternate—Rev. Billy Joe Aulds.

Motion and second to adjourn carried

Benediction—Rev. Oris Doggett.

—— COMMITTEE REPORTS ——

FINANCE

We, your Finance Committee, find \$2,360.16 in treasury, received \$2,860.67 this session. We find all 20 churches paid the \$13.00 required by the State Association.

Rev. Elbert McClellan Sister J. E. White Bro. Johnny Bolin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Committee would like to report that twenty churches and one mission represented, and that they have a Sunday School with 1399 enrollment. We have increased in our enrollment, which we give God the praise.

The amount spent for literature was \$4,936.48.

We feel like our Sunday Schools are our most important auxilizary of the church, and we recommend that each church elect spirit-filled teachers. Proverb 22:6: Train up a child in the way he or she should go and when he or she is old they will not depart from it.

Sister Leo West Sister Annie Lou Pennington Sister Erma Tucker

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your Non-Represented Churches Committee, find all churches represented. Sherill had no delegates.

Sister Odessa Mackelroy Sister Stella Judkins Sister Marie Gibson

TEMPERANCE

We, your Temperance Committee, find that a Christian should be temperant in all things. "Be sober, just, holy, and meek, following after righte-

ousness. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Ephesian 5:20, 21.

We also recommend that you read and follow after the following scriptures: I Timothy 2:9. That women adorn themselves in modest apparel; Colessians 3:20, Children obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

Finally fellow laborers in Christ, "Study to show theyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

Sister Bertha Chapel Sister Ollie Moring Bro. Kermit Murphy

PLACEMENT

We, your Placement Committee, find only one church requested the Saline Association to meet at Rose Hill Free Will Baptist near Monticello, Arkansas in Drew County. We, your Placement Committee, recommend that we go to Rose Hill.

Bro. Billy Joe Aulds Sister Mildred Matheny Sister Wilmar Tate

OBITUARY

We, your Obituary Committee, find through our church records 27 of our beloved members have deceased from this walk of life since our last Saline Association. We pray our loss will be Heaven's gain.

> Rev. Bill Wheeler Sister Ida Mae McClellan Bro. Alvin McMahan

A list of the deceased are as follows: Sister Mary Burns, Bro. W. L. Estell, Bro. Robert Meeks, Sister Frances Brewer, Bro. J. B. White, Bro. Homer Adams, Bro. P. C. Person, Bro. Henry Doggett, Bro. C. A. Cooper, Bro. G. W. Doggett, Bro. W. H. Howsen, Bro. Earl Osborne, Sister Lula Craig, Sister Eloise Nichols, Sister Lula Wooten, Bro. John Seymore, Sister Sarah Bryant, Sister Lois Harvell, Sister Minnie McIntire, Sister Lonny Brewster, Bro. Floyd Teague, Bro. Steve Wilson, Sister T. L. McLnu, Sister Claude Green, Bro. William Knoblock, Sister Rose Ann Pody, Bro. Vance High, Bro. Jesse Hairston, and Sister Kudie Adair.

EXAMINING BOARD

We, your Examining Board, met with Rev. Boyd Allen and Robert Hidde and we recommend to our Association.

Rev. J. E. White Rev. Bill Wheeler Rev. Oris Doggett Rev. Elbert McClellan Bro. Ottis Cook We, your Examining Board, met with Bro. W. A. Kimbrell. We recommend him to the Association, to be ordained as deacon. He is referred back to the church to be ordained.

Rev. Cecil Sanders

Rev. Lester G. Waggoner

Rev. Bill Wheeler Rev. Elbert McClellan

Bro. Ottis Cook

The Association is waiting on a letter of recommendation from each one's Association.

Rev. Boyd R. Allen Rev. Robert Hidde

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, find that all of our churches and ministers are in good standing, so far as we know. We also find that all churches are properly represented in this Saline Association.

Rev. R. H. McCuin Rev. J. E. White Rev. Charlie Collins

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

No. 1—Resolved that Section Two (2) of Article Eight of the Constitution of Saline Association be changed to read just like Section Three in Article Eight of the State Constitution.

No. 2—Be it resolved that our letter to the State Association ask for the State Minutes be printed and mailed out to the District earlier if possible.

Motion and second that this resolution be adopted. Carried.

No. 3—Resolve that we extend to the North Crossett Free Will Baptist Church a vote of special thanks for their gracious hospitality and ample provisions that were made for this meeting.

Rev. Raymond Chronister Rev. Oris Doggett Bro. Fay Mann

HOME MISSION REPORT

| In the bank July 30, 1971Received from Quarterly MeetingsReceived on payment on bondsReceived from Rev. and Sister J. E. White | 3,140.63 140.00 |
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| Received from Rev. and Sister J. E. white | |
| \$25.00 ear marked Fordyce MissionPaid Out: | \$3,445.63 |
| Arkadelphia Project | \$ 600.00 |
| Rev. Oris Doggett | |
| State Mission Board to help the El Dorado Project | 1,000.00 |
| Fordyce Mission | 25.00 |
| | \$1,650.00 |
| Balance August 4, 1972 | . , |
| Rev. Elbert McCle | ellan |

CHURCH YEARLY REPORT

| Church | Members | Members Received | Members Dismissed | Sunday School | C. T. S. | Women's Auxiliary | Offering | Pastor's Salary | Evangelist Work | Building Repair | Deacon | Ministers |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-----------|
| Harmony | . 165 | 2 | 6 | 96 | 40 | | 4,011.19 | 2,060.00 | 280.00 | 3,000.00 | 6 | 0 |
| Free Hill | _ 48 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 20 | | • | 692.00 | 160.00 | • | 2 | 1 |
| Pine Hill | _ 188 | $1\overline{2}$ | 3 | 146 | 55 | 10 | 18,075.36 | 2,790.00 | 150.00 | 3,664.59 | 7 | 1 |
| Corbin Ferry | _ 103 | 11 | 1 | 60 | | 6 | 2,425.92 | 1,040.00 | 200.00 | 911.16 | 3 | 2 |
| Macedonia | 255 | 8 | 10 | 103 | | | 5,838.84 | 2,400.00 | 300.00 | 250.00 | 4 | 3 |
| Oak Grove | _ 100 | 16 | | 60 | 35 | | 2,836.14 | 1,455.00 | 200.00 | 48.00 | 5 | 1 |
| Warren First | | 2 | | 5 0 | 20 | | 5,462.00 | 2,600.00 | 260.00 | 1,281.73 | 3 | 1 |
| Pleasant Grove | | 3 | 0 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 1,724.78 | 905.00 | 135.00 | 524.74 | 1 | 0 |
| Gordon Avenue | | 23 | | 45 | 28 | | 5,038.51 | 955.00 | 160.00 | 2,174.54 | 1 | 1 |
| Fairview | _ 79 | 2 | 13 | 25 | | | 1,709.00 | 1,000.00 | 250.00 | | 2 | 2 |
| Willoughby | _ 193 | 9 | 5 | 93 | 40 | | 8,911.84 | 4,180.00 | 295.00 | 1,666.46 | 8 | 5 |
| Rose Hill | 140 | 11 | 4 | 80 | 10 | 10 | 9,426.43 | 3,415.00 | 315.00 | 2,916.72 | 0 | 1 |
| Yorktown | _ 67 | 7 | 0 | 44 | 32 | 8 | 8,313.20 | 3,497.10 | 680.73 | 687.24 | 3 | 1 |
| Pleasant Valley | _ 89 | 2 | 4 | 40 | 30 | 10 | 3,601.92 | 1,200.00 | 350.00 | 1,236.91 | 4 | 4 |
| Mt. Pleasant | | 7 | 3 | 100 | | | 5,551.79 | 2,700.00 | 821. 7 3 | | 6 | 1 |
| Fordyce | _ 26 | 12 | 1 | 24 | | | 727.76 | | | 367.80 | 0 | 1 |
| North Crossett | | 13 | 3 | 221 | 98 | 29 | 21,253.17 | 8,000.00 | 943.17 | 6,342.26 | 6 | 1 |
| Sherrill | | 2 | | 38 | 24 | | 1,465.16 | 620.00 | 221.00 | 64.27 | 5 | 1 |
| Spring Hill | _ 50 | | | 20 | | | 513.86 | 348.30 | 60.80 | 128.35 | 3 | 0 |
| Rolfe Chapel | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anitoch | _ 35 | 6 | 0 | 40 | | | 1,780.21 | 625.00 | 75.00 | 1,650.00 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | _ 2230 | 152 | 56 | 1331 | 449 | 83 | 108,667.08 | 55,917.00 | 5,857.43 | 26,914.07 | 69 | 28 |

Saline Association, August 4-5, 1972; S. L. Woodard, Clerk

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

| Church | Literature | Utilities | Miscellaneous | Cooperative Plan | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Education | Association Projects | State Projects | Value of Church | Value of Parsonage |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Harmony | 426.26 | 108.94 | 163.41 | 328.26 | | | | | 13.00 | 20,000.00 | |
| Free Hill | 60.26 | 24.12 | 15.00 | 83.72 | | | | | | 2,500.00 | |
| Pine Hill | 707.03 | 701.81 | 871.34 | 1,589.15 | 333.42 | 195.00 | 165.98 | 13.00 | 50.00 | 55,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| Corbin Ferry | 118.75 | 70.00 | 300.00 | 75.00 | | 38.00 | | | | 10,000.00 | |
| Macedonia | 308.14 | 150.12 | 366.43 | 365.44 | 101.91 | | 100.00 | 13.00 | 25.00 | 15,000.00 | |
| Oak Grove | 152.94 | 81.76 | | 205.58 | 120.00 | 135.96 | | | 13.00 | 2,500.00 | |
| Warren First | 246.84 | 461.20 | 247.51 | 444.17 | | 29.25 | | | | 30,000.00 | 8,000.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 59.25 | 79.90 | 140.79 | 202.96 | | 35.50 | | | 13.00 | 6,000.00 | |
| Gordon Avenue | 204.02 | 308.24 | 58.16 | 369.96 | 83.50 | 173.25 | | 41.00 | | 50,000.00 | |
| Fairview | 37.00 | 64.00 | | 107.88 | 37.00 | | | | | 5,000.00 | |
| Willeughby | 464.78 | 306.61 | 899.44 | 891.94 | 264.52 | 62.25 | 58.90 | | 101.57 | 15,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Rose Hill | 389.37 | 463.70 | 557.73 | 387.92 | 350.00 | 91.67 | | | 56.00 | 20,000.00 | • |
| Yorktown | 298.91 | 1,012.06 | 190.64 | 831.32 | 40.00 | 92.82 | | 3.00 | | 25,000.00 | 12,000.00 |
| Pleasant Valley | 302.71 | 104.89 | 77.40 | 303.10 | | 81.93 | | 32.07 | 13.00 | 25,000.00 | |
| Mt. Pleasant | | 274.40 | 134.26 | 20.00 | 31.15 | 20.00 | 74.28 | | | 10,000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Fordyce | 96.00 | 136.20 | | | | | | | | 1,500.00 | |
| North Crossett | 787.20 | 1,349.41 | 289.20 | 495.00 | 266.00 | 306.41 | 305.03 | 320.00 | 13.00 | 110,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Sherrill | 180.12 | 175.16 | 233.64 | 71.00 | | | | | | 10,000.00 | |
| Spring Hill | 28.09 | | 28.29 | 20.00 | | | | | | 6,000.00 | |
| Ralfe Chapel | | | | | | | | | 13.00 | | |
| Antioch | 47.14 | 41.07 | 92.50 | 30.00 | | | | | 13.00 | 5,000.00 | OH 000 00 |
| Total5 | ,111.78 | 5,912.49 | 4,665.74 | 6,822.40 | 1,637.50 | 1,262.04 | 704.19 | 422.07 | 333.57 | 457,000.00 | 85,000.00 |

Saline Association, August 4-5, 1972; S. L. Woodard, Clerk

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. 3:10; 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. 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; 28:20; 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 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 fellow-

ship.

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 lay-

ing 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.

Section 4. Each Church in Saline Association send \$10.00 to the District Association to be sent to help take care of the State Association and also send \$3.00 from each Church in Saline Association to help pay for printing State Minutes and general expense. In the event any Church within Saline Association fails to pay the above mentioned fees, the delegates, deacens, church clerk and ministers of that church shall not be

ARTICLE V.

FINANCE: The Cooperative Plan income shall be distributed in the following manner: Home Mission 40%, State Cooperative Plan 30%, Saline Association General Fund 20%, C. T. S. 5%, Christian Education 5%. This Association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Plan of support for the support of District, 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 C. T. S. 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. MISSION BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to promote an active missions program within the State. It shall work in conjunction with the National Home and Foreign Missions Board in the arranging of Missionary conferences, Missionary itinerarie and assist in the

raising of the state quota for the National Missions Programs.

This board shall investigate, and assist, in the establishing of new churches and missions, particularly where there is no Free Will Baptist work. This board shall not participate in the organization of any church or mission that is located within common boundaries of a district association that has no such board, then this board, upon cousultation with officials of said district association, shall assist in such work.

Furthermore, this board shall not participate in the organization of any church or mission in a town, city or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist Church without seeking the cooperation of said church. Neither shall this board assist in the organization of a group that is out of fellowship with an established church.

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.
 - All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
 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, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, Condition of Non Represented Churches, Credentials, Statistics, Resolutons, and Placement.
 - 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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