

Minutes

Seventy-Ninth Annual Session

Of The

SALINE ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

Macedonia

Free Will Baptist Church

New Edinburg, Arkansas 71660

AUGUST 1, 2, 1975

Next Session To Be Held With

**WILLOUGHBY FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Warren, Arkansas 71671

July 30, 31, 1976

Time — 9:30 A. M.

Rev. Roy L. Thompson. Moderator ----- Monticello, Arkansas 71655

Bro. S. L. Woodard. Clerk ----- Warren, Arkansas 71671

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Roy L. Thompson	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Roy Williams	Warren, Ark. 71671
Clerk, Bro. S. L. Woodard	Warren, Ark. 71671
Assistant Clerk, Billy Joe Aulds <i>Johnny Bolin</i>	Downsville, La. 71234
Statistician, Bro. Buddy Cook	Star City, Ark. 71667
Parliamentarian, Rev. Jack R. Dodson	Crossett, Ark. 71635

HOME MISSION BOARD

Albert Halbrook	5 Year Term
Roy Williams	4 Year Term
Elvis Funderburg	3 Year Term
Oris Doggett	2 Year Term
Elbert McClellan	1 Year Term

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Edd Mozingo	5 Year Term
Jack R. Dodson	4 Year Term
J. E. White	3 Year Term
Johnny Foy III	2 Year Term
Lloyd Williams	1 Year Term

EXAMINING BOARD

Ottis Cook	5 Year Term
Johnny Bullard	4 Year Term
Roy L. Thompson	3 Year Term
Johnny L. Jones	2 Year Term
Cecil Sanders	1 Year Term

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Johnny Bolin	5 Year Term
Bill Wheeler	4 Year Term
James Bullock	3 Year Term
Kenneth Faison	2 Year Term
Rev. Lester G. Waggoner	1 Year Term

PROCEEDINGS

The 79th Annual Session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in New Edinburg, Arkansas on August 1, 2, 1975.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 1, 1975

Bro. Charlie Collins served as song leader.
The Saline Association and Quarterly meeting was called to order by the Clerk, S. L. Woodard.
Congregational singing, "We'll Never Grow Old."
Prayer, Bro. Albert Halbbrook
S. L. Woodard, the clerk, introduced the Moderator, Rev. Roy L. Thompson.
The Moderator's greeting and preliminaries
Scripture, Psalm, 23rd Chapter
Prayer, Rev. J. E. White
Song, "O the Glory Did Roll"
The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator, Rev. Roy L. Thompson.
All church letters were read and corrected.
Motion and second to receive all church letters as read and to seat the delegates. Carried
Appointment of Committees. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator appointed the following committees:
FINANCE—Rev. Maxwell, chairman, Sis. Albert Halbbrook, and Sis. Hazel Mann
TEMPERANCE—Bro. Johnny Bolin, chairman, Sis. Stella Judkin, and Sis. Betty Kelleim.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. Johnny Foy, chairman, Sis. Nadine McMahan, and Sis. Vera Freer.
OBITUARY—Sis. Mary E. Bryant, chairman, Sis. Dorothy Doggett, and Sis. Edna Baker
NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—Sis. Janis Huffman, chairman, Sis. Marie Wallace, and Sis. J. E. White
CREDENTIAL—Sis. Mildred Brown, chairman, Sis. Morris West, and Sis. Kathalien Willis
STATISTICAL—Bro. Ottis Cook, chairman, Bro. L. T. Brown and Bro. Alvin McMahan
PLACEMENT—Sis. Cora Vail, chairman, Sis. Janis Doggett, and Sis. Ruthie Mae Greenwood
RESOLUTION—Rev. Kenneth Faison, chairman, Sis. Marie Gibson, and Rev. Oris Doggett
Rev. Lester G. Waggoner gave a verbal report on the El Dorado Mission and stated it is near completion.
Motion and second to accept Rev. Lester G. Wagner's report. As so ordered.
Prayer, Rev. Elbert McClellan.

RECESS

11:00 A. M. Message
Congregational Singing, "Victory in Jesus."
Special Music, Quartet, "I'm Bound for That City," Rev. Charlie Collins, Rev. Roy L. Thompson, and Rev. and Sis. Oris Doggett.
Congregational Singing, "I Want to be Ready to Meet Him"
Prayer, Rev. Herman Greenwood.
11:00 A. M. Service
The Moderator introduced the Speaker, Rev. Lonnie Wages
Scripture, Revelation, second chapter, beginning with the first verse.
Prayer, Rev. Lonnie Wages
Singing, "Only Trust Him"
An outstretched hand to the unsaved to repent
Welcome, Rev. Cecil Sanders
Benediction and blessing on the refreshments, Rev. Elbert McClellan.

NOON

Friday Afternoon Session, August 1, 1975, 1:30 P. M.

Group Singing, "I'll Make It My Home"

Duet, Rev. and Sis. Jim Baker from Sheridan Free Will Baptist Church

Song, "I Can Tell You the Time"

Prayer, Bro. Dunkin McClellan.

Bro. Johnny Bolin gave a verbal report on Master Men's Work. It was enjoyed by all.

The Clerk, S. L. Woodard, gave his yearly financial report.

Motion and second to accept the report. As so ordered.

A motion and second to elect a committee of three each year to administer the Scholarship Fund. This committee is to be elected during the annual District Meeting. Carried.

Home Mission Yearly Report given by Rev. Elbert McClellan.

Motion and second to accept this report. Carried.

Election of Board Members, August 1, 1975

Home Mission Board—Rev. Hermon Greenwood, 5 year term

Executive Board—Rev. Edd Mozingo, 5 year term

Examining Board—Bro. Ottis Cook, 5 year term

Sunday School Board, Bro. Johnnie Bolin, 5 year term.

Friday Introduction Message, July 30, 1976

Time, 11:00 A. M. Rev. Kenneth Faison. Alternate, Rev. Roy L. Thompson

Friday Evening, Evangelist Service, July 30, 1976

Time, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Jim Baker. Alternate, Rev. Cecil Sanders.

Saturday. Memorial Service, July 31, 1976

Time, 11:00 A. M.

Rev. Johnny Bullard. Alternate, Rev. J. E. White.

Motion and second that a member on any Board missing all four quarterly meeting in one year be replaced by the Examining Board or the District meeting. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Benediction, Bro. Johnnie Bolin.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, AUGUST 1, 1975

Time, 7:30 P. M.

Congregational Singing, "He Keeps Me Singing," Bro. Stanton White.

Song, "Nothing Can Compare," Bro. Stanton White.

A good devotional service with testimonies all over the congregation.

Duet, Bro. and Sister Oris Doggett.

Song, "Living Where the Healing Waters Flow," Bro. Stanton White.

Prayer, Bro. Leroy Thompson.

Evening Message, Bro. James Bullock

Song, "I Feel Like Traveling Home," Bro. James Bullock

Scripture, Psalm, chapter one

Song, "Whiter Than Snow," Bro. Stanton White.

Prayer, Bro. James Bullock

Benediction, Bro. Curtis Sanders.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 2, 1975

9:00 A. M.

Song, "Let Me Be Worthy," Bro. Charlie Collins

Prayer, Bro. Ralph Doggett.

Special Music:

Solo, "After All," Bro. James Bullock

Prayer—Bro. James Bullock

Song, "There is Power in the Blood," Bro. James Bullock.

Prayer, Bro. Jack R. Dodson

Devotional, Psalm 103.

Motion and second to seat the delegates that were not present Friday but came Saturday. Carried.

Bro. David Joslin was seated as an advisory member.

Bro. Ottis Cook gave his Statistical report. It was approved.

Bro. David Joslin, the Promotional Director for the State of Arkansas, gave a verbal report.

Scripture, Exodus 4:2.

Bro. Lonnie Wages spoke to the group on his call to the Evangelist work.

Motion and second to divide the C. T. S. 5 per cent that they get from the Saline Association into two parts. 3 per cent for the Sunday School Board and the 2 per cent left for the C. T. S. Fund. Carried.

The Sunday School Board—Bro. Kenneth Faison, chairman, Bro. Lester G. Waggoner, assistant chairman, Bro. James Bullock, secretary-treasurer. The other two members are Bro. Johnny Bolin and Bro. Bill Wheeler.

Election of State Delegates:

Sis. Sally White, Sis. Leo West, Sis. Janie Barker, Sis. Lizzie Funderburg, and Sis. Betty Bolin. Alternates—Sis. Martha Berry, Sis. Marie Gibson, and Sis. Ollie Moring.

Election of Officers:

Moderator—Bro. Roy L. Thompson.

Assistant Moderator—Bro. James Bullock

Clerk—Bro. S. L. Woodard.

Assistant Clerk—Bro. Johnny Bolin

Statistician—Bro. Ottis Cook

Song Director—Bro. Charlie Collins.

Assistant Director—Bro. James Bullock

Parliamentarian—Bro. J. E. White

Assistant Parliamentarian—Bro. Jack R. Dodson

Motion and second to adjourn the business session. Carried.

Prayer—Bro. Johnny Foy III.

RECESS

Congregational Singing, "Heep Keeps Me Singing," Bro. James Bullock.

Special Music: Duet—"Sometime a Mountain," Bro. and Sis. James Bullock

Duet—"Broken Pieces," Sis. Johnny Jones and daughter.

The Memorial Service, 11:00 A. M. Speaker, Rev. J. E. White

Song, "Whispering Hope," Bro. James Bullock.

Like a Christian Hope.

Text—The Fine Art of being saved.

Scripture—II Peter 1:34, I Corinthians, Chapter 15. Lord, Thy Will Be Done.

Song, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," Bro. James Bullock.

Benediction, Bro. Clyde Beard.

NOON

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 2, 1975

1:15 P. M.

Song, "Come and Dine," Bro. Charlie Collins.

Special music:

Solo—"Peace in the Valley," Bro. Lonnie Wages

Solo—"One Day at a Time," Sis. Johnny Foy III.

Prayer—Bro. Oris Doggett.

Four students were granted \$150.00 each Scholarship to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Benediction, Bro. David Johnson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE—We, the Finance Committee, find after consulting with the clerk a total of \$22,111.29 income for the year August 3, 4, 1974—August 1, 2, 1975.

Bro. Maxwell Williams, Chairman, Sis. Christine Halbrook, and Sis. Hazel Mann.

PLACEMENT—We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the Saline Association go to the Willoughby Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31, 1976.

Sis. Cora Vail, chairman, Sis. Janis Doggett and Sis. Ruthie Mae Greenwood

OBITUARY—We, your Obituary Committee, find through our church yearly report that twenty-four of our members have been called home from this earth's service, since our last Association met one year ago. We miss them, but feel that our lives were made richer by having known them and feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

A list of the deceased: James H. Holley, Dwight Carlock, Sis. Maude Lacy, J. E. Moore, Woodrow Pace, Onis Barnette, Lud Shelton, Joe Brown, Joseph McKenzie, Ben Curry, Sis. Mable Gates, James O. Dye, Sis. Rosa Dyer, Sis. Dora Harvelle, Floyd Herron, Sis. Annie Martin, Ernest Sanders, Sis. Maggie Trammell, Elmer Temple, M. C. Pennington, Sis. Sam Butler, J. W. Cooper, Wallace Murry, and Leonard Doggett.

Sis. Mary E. Bryant, Chairman, Sis. Edna Baker, and Sis. Dorothy Doggett.

CREDENTIAL—We, the Credential Committee, find all twenty-three and one mission represented by letter. We recommend that the Home Mission Board check into the status of the Fordyce Free Will Baptist Church.

Sis. Mildred Brown, Chairman, Sis. Morris West, and Sis. Kathaleen Willis.

TEMPERANCE—We, the Temperance Committee, feel that there has been a great falling away of our adults, partly causing; therefore, we recommend a return to the scripture in the training of a child.

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend these scriptures: Eph. 6:4; Jer. 6:16, and Prov. 22:6.

Johnny Bolin, chairman, Sis. Bettye Kellum, and Sis. Stella Judkins.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—We, your Non-Represented Church Committee, find all churches represented but one. Fordyce was represented by letter. These churches are in good standing.

Sis. Effie Lou Huffman, chairman, Sis. Marie Wallace, and Sis. J. E. White.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, your Sunday School Committee, find twenty-three churches and one mission reported a total enrollment of 1891 in Sunday School. Literature in the amount of \$9,473.16 was bought the past year. We find an increase of 154 in Sunday School enrollment, though we praise the Lord for this increase, ours are burdened for the lack of growth within our Association. We encourage the prayers of everyone in behalf of our Sunday School efforts.

Johnny Foy III, chairman, Sis. Vera Freer, and Sis. Nadine McMahan.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE—The statistician's report was given by Bro. Ottis Cook.

Bro. Ottis Cook, chairman, L. T. Brown, and Alvin McMahan, Sr.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—No. 1: Whereas discussion concerning scholarship Fund Committee involved the constitution; and whereas our

constitution in Article VII, Section II states that this body name this committee as it so deserves, be it resolved this scholarship committee be elected annually.

Motion and second this resolution be adopted. Carried.

No. 2—Whereas there be any laxness concerning ministers coming from outside Saline Association, reappearing before the Examining Board; be it resolved that each church notify the Examining Board and that the Examining Board act accordingly.

Motion and second to adopt this number two resolution. Carried.

No. 3—Be it resolved that Article V of the constitution be changed from the present status to read thus: C. T. S. % and the Sunday School board 3%, beginning with the money from the first quarter of the year, August 1, 2, 1975-1976.

Motion and second to adopt No. 3 resolution. Carried.

No. 4—Be it resolved that we extend a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation to the host church for their wonderful hospitality in taking care of this seventy-ninth session of the Saline Association.

Motion and second to adopt the No. 4 resolution. As so ordered.

Bro. Lewis Barker's letter of recommendation was read and approved. 8-2, 1975.

Bro. Johnny Bullard's letter of recommendation was read and approved. 8-2, 1975.

The Examining Board examined Bro. Hurley Ashcraft and recommend that he be ordained to preach according to the wishes of his church, Fairview. Motion and second that this recommendation be accepted. As so ordered.

The Examining Board examined Bro. Neil LaBranch and recommend that he be licensed to preach for one year. Motion and second that this recommendation be accepted. As so ordered.

The Examining Board met with E. W. Bellot from North Crossett. We recommend that he be ordained as a deacon in that church as soon as possible. Motion and second that this recommendation be accepted. As so ordered.

The Examining Board examined Bro. Andrew Taylor and recommend that he be licensed to preach. He has promised to be faithful to God and the Free Will Baptist Church. Motion and second that this recommendation be accepted. As so ordered.

The Examining Board for all of these that were examined were Rev. Cecil Sanders, Rev. Charlie Collins, Rev. Johnny L. Jones, and Bro. Ottis Cook.

Four \$150.00 scholarships were granted to Billy Joe Aulds, Alvin McMahan, Jr., Dixie Waggoner, and Teresa Aulds for the first semester at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma.

The scholarship committee examined three new applications and all three were approved. Bro. Andrew Taylor could not attend the first semester.

HOME MISSION REPORT of the Saline Association:

Balance August 2, 1975		\$1,937.98
Income:		
Quarterly Meeting	\$6,287.82	
Interest	140.00	
Total	\$6,427.82	

Grand Total		\$8,365.80
Disbursement:		
Sheridan Church	\$ 300.00	
Loaned Sheridan Church	\$1,000.00	
Antioch Church	\$ 150.00	
El Dorado Mission for Labor	\$2,400.00	
Total	\$3,850.00	

August 2, 1975 Balance		\$4,515.80
CLERK'S YEARLY REPORT August 2, 3, 1974 - Aug. 1, 2, 1975:		
Total Income		\$22,111.29
Disbursement:		
Cooperative Plan \$4,472.88 - \$1,201.29 Designated Monies	\$ 3,271.59	
Home Mission \$5,963.82 - \$30.00 Designated Monies	\$ 5,933.82	
General Fund brought forward	\$ 3,614.01	
Income	\$ 2,981.91	
Interest	\$ 280.00	

Grand Total	\$ 6,875.92
Expense	\$ 1,422.16
Balance	\$ 5,453.76
C. T. S. brought forward	\$ 544.06
Income	\$ 745.48
Interest	\$ 105.00

Balance	\$1,394.54
Christian Education brought forward	\$ 569.00
Income	\$ 745.51
Interest	\$ 105.00
	\$ 1,419.51

Disbursement:	
Two \$150.00 Scholarships \$300.00	
Balance	\$ 1,119.51
Operating Expense, brought forward	\$ 419.57
Income	\$ 784.69

Grand Total	\$ 1,204.26
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Disbursement:

Designated Monies	\$	335.00
Mileage	\$	63.50
Stamps	\$	49.08
Stationery	\$	14.96
Miscellaneous	\$	9.34
Service	\$	170.00
Script for Minutes	\$	69.00
Forms	\$	14.43
Postage	\$	25.18

Total	\$	750.49
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Balance	\$	453.77
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S. L. Woodard, Clerk

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Name of Church	Literature	Miscellaneous	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Church Lib. or Education	El Dorado Church Bond Association Project	State Project	Bus Ministry
Harmony -----	766.45			180.00			20.00	
Free Hill -----	121.55	25.00					20.00	
Pine Hill -----	1,205.03	503.38	265.53	710.00	314.86	100.00	200.00	72.04
Corbin Ferry -----	216.77	286.92					20.00	
Macedonia -----	527.77	384.70					20.00	
Oak Grove -----	745.61	500.80	184.00	43.00		5.00	20.00	202.64
Warren First -----	268.58	308.50		330.00			20.00	17.39
Pleasant Grove -----	76.58	224.81		50.00		15.00	20.00	
Gordon Avenue -----	216.75	505.71		50.00		5.00	20.00	
Fairview -----	142.74	362.14					20.00	
Willoughby -----	383.00	50.00	116.00				20.00	
Rose Hill -----	1,381.97	753.83	345.00	394.50	334.40		20.00	
Yorktown -----	402.48	186.22	1,500.00	333.33	69.00	20.00	20.00	695.41
Pleasant Valley -----	432.88	150.00	244.00	120.00			20.00	
Mt. Pleasant -----	306.44	831.51		25.00		20.00	20.00	
North Crossett -----	2,795.84	1,887.09	304.00	273.65	1,013.88	54.00	20.00	
Sherrill -----	147.19	165.64				63.00	20.00	
Spring Hill -----	85.76	156.34					20.00	
Rolfe Chapel -----	80.00						20.00	
Antioch -----							20.00	
Fordyce -----	9.00							
El Dorado Mission -----	83.00			346.00			20.00	
Sheridan -----	60.00						20.00	
Hillsvew -----	132.92			25.00			20.00	
Total -----	10,487.73	7,432.68	3,458.53	2,880.43	1,732.14	282.00	680.00	987.48

Saline Association, October 21, 1975, S. L. Woodard, Clerk

DESIGNATED MONIES

Name of Church	Bobby and Sue Aycock	Ernie Deed	Larry Russell	Patsy Vanhook	El Dorado Mission or Property	Orphanage	Insurance	Pension	Other
Harmony -----					60.00		200.00		
Free Hill -----									
Pine Hill -----		12.00	460.00		150.00	70.90	438.15	400.00	2,188.47
Corbin Ferry -----									
Macedonia -----							193.00		12.00
Oak Grove -----							189.80		184.00
Warren First -----	38.00		80.00			McKown Account 100.00	228.48	50.00	40.00
Pleasant Grove -----							69.00		
Gordon Avenue -----							224.00		
Fairview -----									
Willoughby -----	96.00						147.00		20.00
Rose Hill -----		345.00	65.00		50.00		254.81		Leland Horton 10.00
Yorktown -----	18.00		19.00		239.19				
Pleasant Valley -----	186.00	76.00					81.00		113.70
Mt. Pleasant -----							210.75		
North Crossett -----			16.00	673.00			961.95		
Sherrill -----									
Spring Hill -----							105.00		
Rolfe Chapel -----									
Antioch -----									
Fordyce -----								175.00	199.00
El Dorado Mission -----							86.00		
Sheridan -----									
Hillsvew -----			25.00						
Total -----	338.00	433.00	665.00	673.00	499.19	70.90	3,288.34	680.50	578.70

Saline Association, October 28, 1975, S. L. Woodard, Clerk

CHURCH YEARLY REPORT

Name of Church	Members	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School	C. T. S.	Women's Auxiliary	Master Men	Deacon	Minister
Harmony	165	3	3	115	45	0	0	4	1
Free Hill	55	2	0	38	20	0	0	1	2
Pine Hill	196	13	4	171	60	17	0	6	1
Corbin Ferry	145	2	1	50	0	0	10	2	2
Macedonia	236	8	15	103	0	17	0	4	3
Oak Grove	100	5	1	58	35	17	0	4	2
Warren First	76	9	19	54	0	9	0	2	1
Pleasant Grove	40	2	0	25	25	0	0	1	1
Gordon Avenue	88	4	4	43	0	0	0	1	2
Fairview	80	0	3	53		0	0	2	1
Willoughby	200	5	7	90	34	15	0	5	5
Rose Hill	176	10	0	120	65	21	0	0	2
Yorktown	111	9	4	85	35	7	0	4	1
Pleasant Valley	95	4	1	36	25	11	0	3	2
Mt. Pleasant	182	7	0	75	40	0	0	4	1
North Crossett	483	18	3	300	175	28	25	7	1
Sherrill	140	11	0	41	0	20	0	3	1
Spring Hill	58	1	0	35	0	0	0	4	1
Rolfe Chapel	75	8	0	40	30	10	0	1	1
Antioch	16	4	28	16	0	0	0	0	1
Fordyce	20	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado Mission	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	1
Sheridan	19	0	2	19	0	0	0	1	1
Hillsvievw	112	4	1	50	20	0	0	4	2
Total	2886	120	96	1671	609	172	35	63	36

Saline Association, October 21, 1975, S. L. Woodard, Clerk

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Name of Church	Cooperative Plan	Total Offering	Evangelist Work	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Building Repair	Utilities	Bible College	Value of Parsonage
Harmony -----	673.55	6,587.32	460.66	3,120.00	30,000.00		313.54		
Free Hill -----	20.00	1,160.00		966.00	2,500.00		53.93		
Pine Hill -----	2,535.38	29,487.40	187.50	8,320.00	66,000.00	5,939.50	1,630.95	1,130.14	
Corbin Ferry -----	100.00	4,716.35	302.50	2,579.62	15,000.00	316.40	177.00		25,000.00
Macedonia -----	618.00	10,245.23	400.00	3,637.50	27,000.00	649.11	292.32		
Oak Grove -----	130.00	7,326.00	160.00	1,892.50	30,000.00	2,646.17	301.16		
Warren First -----	787.10	7,871.00	299.39	5,200.00	45,000.00	190.74	1,536.12	308.50	10,000.00
Pleasant Grove -----	265.00	2,744.80	175.00	1,250.00	7,500.00	37.95	131.98		
Gordon Avenue -----	527.71	5,820.01	475.00	2,275.00	50,000.00	1,781.41	708.39		
Fairview -----	146.49	4,530.94	175.00	923.75	10,000.00	1,000.00	92.43		
Willoughby -----	387.00	13,874.00	186.10	4,640.00	25,000.00	1,132.61	698.00		12,000.00
Rose Hill -----	1,254.00	20,077.32	611.14	7,665.00	40,000.00	315.00	1,641.19		8,000.00
Yorktown -----	1,617.00	12,772.62	1,415.00	3,175.00	46,000.00	1,371.68	1,296.13		20,000.00
Pleasant Valley -----	563.64	5,723.01	565.82	1,200.00	25,780.00		209.96		
Mt. Pleasant -----	30.00	13,010.10	225.00	5,550.00	10,000.00	4,793.73	472.73		15,000.00
North Crossett -----	3,533.04	43,253.96	943.68	10,036.00	200,000.00	9,594.54	1,854.70	182.50	15,000.00
Sherrill -----	63.00	1,986.23	248.18	1,260.96	10,000.00		244.66		
Spring Hill -----	40.00	2,338.43	300.00	422.00	15,000.00	786.19			
Rolfe Chapel -----	40.00		150.00	720.00			120.00		
Antioch -----									
Fordyce -----	40.00	265.00			1,850.00	5.00	150.00		
El Dorado Mission -----	346.00	3,469.00	350.00	520.00	45,000.00	4,753.00	433.00		
Sheridan -----	114.09			20.00	2,400.00				
Hillsvievw -----	45.00	5,473.40		1,800.00	35,000.00	123.03	655.50		
Total -----	13,876.50	202,732.02	7,632.97	67,174.40	739,030.00	35,263.36	12,911.09	1,621.14	105,000.00

Saline Association, October 21, 1975, 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; Psalms 32:8; Hebrews 1:1, 2.

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

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

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

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

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

4. **CREATION**—A. Of the World. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the employment of His creatures. B. Of the Angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world. C. Of man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psalms 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; I Cor. 6:20.

5. **PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL**—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness.

In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not the righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psalm 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; Psalm 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 Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; I Peter 1:18,19; Rev. 5:9; II Tim. 4:1; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of Man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten. He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being. John 1:14; Phil. 2:6,7; II Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33,35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; I Peter 2:21; John 13:15; I John 2:6; Isa. 42:21; Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18,20; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16,18.

8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST—A. The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was

necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without 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; II Cor. 5:14, 15; I Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25,26; 5:9,18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18; 8:1; 2:14,15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17; Acts 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36,37; Matt. 19:14.

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

B. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

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

D. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine 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.

Section 4. Each church in Saline Association send \$15.00 to the District Association to be sent to help take care of the State Association and also send \$5.00 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, deacons, church clerk and ministers of that church shall not be

seated in the State Association.

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 itineraries 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 consultation 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 cut 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.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. At the future sessions of this Association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises, which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce just before adjournments who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the Clerk and introduce the Moderator.
2. Moderator's message.
3. Welcome address.
4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
5. Call for letters from the churches, seating of delegates, and right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Introductory message.
8. Appointment of the following committees: Finance, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, Condition of Non - Represented Churches, Credentials, Statistics, Resolutions, 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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