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Time 9:30 a.m.

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OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS of the SALINE ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator, Bro. Roy L. Thompson	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Moderator, Bro. James Bullock	Pioneer, La. 71266
Clerk, Bro. S. L. Woodard	Warren, Ark. 71671
Assistant Clerk, Bro. Billy Joe Aulds	Downsville, La. 71234
Statistician, Bro. Ottis Cook	Star City, Ark. 71667
Parliamentarian, Bro. Jack R. Dodson	Crossett, Ark. 71635
Assistant Parliamentarian, Bro. Oris Doggett	Warren, Ark. 71671
Song Director, Bro. Charlie Collins	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Director, Bro. Bob Followill	Crossett, Ark. 71635

HOME MISSION BOARD

Billy Joe Aulds	.5 year term
Gary Thomas	.4 year term
Bob Followill	.3 year term
Roy Williams	.2 year term
Elvin Funderburg	.1 year term

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Johnny S Foy III	.5 year term
Lloyd Williams	.4 year term
Ed Mozingo	.3 year term
Jack R. Dodson	.2 year term
Cecil Sanders	.1 year term

EXAMINING BOARD

Stanton White	.5 year term
J. E. White	.4 year term
Ottis Cook	.3 year term
Charlie Collins	.2 year term
Bill T. Whiteaker	.1 year term

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Raymond Coffey	.5 year term
Jim Baker	.4 year term
Johnny Bolin	.3 year term
Bill Wheeler	.2 year term
James Bullock	.1 year term

PROCEEDINGS

The 81st annual session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the Hillview Free Will Baptist Church in Bastrop, Louisiana on August 5, 6, 1977.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 5, 1977

(Bro. Charlie Collins and Bro. James Bullock served as song directors for the entire Saline Associational meeting.)

The Eighty-first Saline Association was called to order by Bro. Roy L. Thompson, moderator.

Scripture reading—Ephesians 5:25-27.

Prayer—Bro. J. E. White.

Congregational singing “Amazing Grace.”

All ministers and deacons were recognized by standing.

The rules of order were read by the moderator. Song “Nail Scarred Hands.”

Bro. Cecil Sanders was elected Clerk Pro-Tem.

Bro. Billy Joe Aulds was elected Assistant Clerk Pro-Tem. All church letters were read and corrected. Motion and second to receive all church letters with the corrections and all delegates be seated as so ordered.

The Clerk, S. L. Woodard, read his yearly report. Motion and second that this report be accepted as read. Carried.

Appointment of committees. Bro. Roy L. Thompson, the moderator, and Bro. James Bullock, the assistant moderator, appointed the following committees:

FINANCE—Bro. Elvin Funderburg and Bro. Kenneth Chappel, and Sister Lena Williams.

TEMPERANCE—Sister Sallie White, Sister Francis Coffey, and Sister Hazel Mann.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—Bro. Lloyd Williams, Sister Bernice Wynn, and Sister Ethel Foy.

OBITUARY—Sister Betty Thompson, Sister Sherie Kellem, and Sister Willie Lloyd.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES—Sister Vera Waitts, Sister Bernadean Jones, and Sister Erma Peters.

CREDENTIALS—Sister Debbie Bullock, Bro. Johnny Foy III, and Sister Kathy Williams.

STATISTICIAN—Bro. Ottis Cook, Bro. Cecil Sanders, and Bro. Oris Doggett.

PLACEMENT—Bro. J. E. White, Bro. Bill Wheeler, and Bro. David Bryant.

RESOLUTIONS—Bro. Jack R. Dodson, Bro. Fay Mann, and Bro. Stanton White.

Bro. Billy Joe Aulds resolution.

Resolution to Saline Association Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists:

(1) Where the provisions set forth in chapter 3 and 4 of the Free Will Baptists Treatise is for the benefit of those associations which are made up of two or more quarterly meetings.

(2) Whereas the Saline Association has been made up of only one quarterly meeting for many years.

(3) Whereas there is no need for the Saline Quarterly Meeting and Saline Association to be divided into two organizations.

(4) Therefore be it resolved that the Saline Quarterly Meeting and Saline Association be into one organization known as the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting four times a year with the one meeting on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in August, will be the yearly meeting.

(5) Be it also resolved that this resolution be placed on the table until the yearly meeting and a copy of it be sent to each church for them to study and pray over until the yearly meeting.

This resolution was read. A motion and second to table the resolution until the next day August 6, 1977. Carried.

Saturday, August 6, 1977 it was removed from the table by a motion and second to remove it from the table. Carried.

The resolution was discussed by the body. A motion and second to accept the resolution and make the changes it suggested. Carried.

Prayer—Bro. Jack R. Dodson.

RECESS

11:00 a.m.

Song—"Follow On."

Special Music: Solo "Sheltered In His Arms," Sister Ethel Foy; Quartet "Let Me Be Worthy," Bro. Oris and Sister Ollie Doggett, Bro. Bob Followill, and Bro. Johnny Foy III.

Introduction—Bro. Oris Doggett by Bro. James Bullock.

Text: God's Way of Bringing His Children to Heaven. Scripture—Genesis 15:7-18; 1 Peter 1:3, 4; Colossians 1:12. Invitation to come to the altar for prayer.

Song "Only Trust Him." Benediction and blessing on the food. Bro. Johnny Foy III.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 p.m.

Singing by the congregation. Prayer Bro. James Bullock.

Special Music: Solo "My Wonderful Lord," Sister Kathy Williams.

Bro. Louis Campbell's report on the Bookstore.

Bro. Johnny Foy III gave the Credential Report on the appointment of Bro. Bob Followill for 4 year on the Executive Board. He is in the place of Bro. Albert Halbrook, who moved out of the state. Motion and second that the report be accepted. Carried.

Bro. Roy Williams gave the Home Mission Yearly Report. Motion and second that this report be accepted. Carried.

Motion and seconded the interest \$770.00 and the principal be in the Home Missions Fund. Carried.

Motion: The interest of \$770.00 together with the principal paid for the bonds be held in escrow for future use in the establishing of new churches or as the Saline Association directs. Motion and second that this motion be accepted. as so ordered.

Bro. Oris Doggett gave a verbal report on his work at Fordyce as a full time ministry. He resigned July 31, 1977 from this ministry. He had no recommendation as to what could be done in Fordyce toward establishing a Free Will Baptist church in Fordyce.

Prayer—Bro. Bill Haynes.

Motion and second that the evening service begin at 7:00 p.m.

Carried.

Benediction—Bro. Wiley White.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

7:00 p.m.

Song "O How I Love Jesus," Bro. James Bullock.

Song "Lilly of the Valley," Bro. James Bullock.

Congregational singing "I'll Live O," "Love Lifted Me," and other numbers.

Special Music: Solo "I Should Have Been a Christian," Bro. James Bullock.

Message by Bro. Roy L. Thompson, Scripture—Luke 13:25; 23:13; Matthew 27:36; Hebrews 6:6; and 1 Peter 3:2-6.

Meditation—Breathe a breath of prayer. How thankful we ought to be to the person who took our place. Jesus, Jesus paid it all.

Benediction—Bro. J. E. White.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

August 6, 1977 9:00 a.m.

Song "Hallelujah Thine the Glory"

Prayer—Bro. Johnny L. Jones

Song "Bare the Cross Alone."

Bro. Lowell Graham gave a verbal report on his work in Eldorado, Arkansas.

Devotion—Scripture, Deuteronomy 5:22.

Motion and second that all delegates that were not present Friday August 5, 1977 be seated. as so ordered.

Bro. Johnny Bolin gave a report on Master Men's work. Motion and second to accept his report. Carried.

Bro. Louis Cambell gave a verbal report on the charismatic movement. He pointed out different points we need to study and be well informed.

Five delegates at large were elected to go to the National Association in July 1978. Bro. Bob Followill, Bro. Johnny Bolin, Sister Betty Thompson, Bro. Raymond Coffey, and Sister Ollie Doggett. No alternates were elected. Motion and second the moderator appoint them, if the need comes up. Carried.

Motion and second to elect a place and the different speakers in the fourth Saline Association meeting on Saturday before the first Sunday in April 1978.

The place and speaker for October 1, 1977 will be the ones selected in the April 2, 1977 meeting.

Place: Yorktown FWB Church

Speaker—Bro. Larry Cook

Alternate—Bro. Bill Haynes

Song—Solo “I’ll Take Jesus,” Bro. James Bullock; Solo “Something You Can Feel,” Bro. Johnny Bolin.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

HOME MISSION BOARD:

Bro. Billy Joe Aulds5 year term

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Bro. Johnny Foy III5 year term

EXAMINING BOARD:

Bro. Stanton White5 year term

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Bro. Raymond Coffey5 year term

The Scholarship Committee were retained. Bro. S. L. Woodward, chairman; Bro. Gary Thomas; and Bro. Larry Cook.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Moderator	Bro. Roy L. Thompson
Assistant Moderator	Bro. James Bullock
Clerk	S. L. Woodard
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Song Director	Bro. Charlie Collins
Alternate	Bro. Bob Followill

Benediction—Bro. Roy Williams.

RECESS

11:00 a.m.

Song “Lilly of the Valley”

Special Music: Solo “Fill My Cup Lord,” Bro. Bill Haynes; Quartet “I’ll Meet You in the Morning,” Bro. & Sister Oris Doggett, Bro. Bob Followill, and Bro. Stanton White; Quartet “I Bowed on my Knees,” by the same group of singers.

Song “When the Reformed are Gathering In.”

Memorial Service:

Solo “O Here They Come,” Bro. James Bullock. Speaker, Bro. Gary Thomas.

Scripture—John 3:14. Prayer by Bro. Gary Thomas.

Moses saw God and served him. Text—Christ must be lifted up. Prayer by Bro. Gary Thomas.

A standing vote of thanks to the host church, Hillview, for their fine hospitality and fellowship in taking care of the Saline Association.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Benediction and blessing on the food, Bro. Charlie Collins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

We, your Finance Committee, after checking the records and consulting with the clerk find the total income for the year July 31, 1976 to August 5, 6, 1977 to be \$24,423.33.

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Elvin Funderburg, Chairman
Bro. Kenneth Chapple
Sister Lena Williams

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES:

We, the Non-Represented Churches Committee, find 24 churches and two missions represented by letter or by delegates. There is only one church not represented. All churches are in good standing.

Sister Vera Waits, Chairman
Sister Bernadine Jones
Sister Erma Peters

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We, the Sunday School Committee, find twenty-four churches and two missions have Sunday school with a total enrollment of 1,950.

We, the committee recommend each church put an all-out effort to promote their Sunday school.

Bro. Lloyd Williams, Chairman
Sister Vernice Wynn
Sister Ethel Foy

OBITUARY:

We, your Obituary Committee, find through checking each church's yearly report, that twenty of our loved ones and friends have departed from our fellowship. They are as follows:

Sister Grace Rainey, Bro. Horace Parnell, Sister Margie Borscheck, Bro. John Dyer, Bro. Jewell McClellon, Bro. Emmett Bounds, Bro. Alfred Martin, Bro. Elzie Doss, Sister Clarice Hyatt, Bro. Boyd Holland, Sister Melverta Blake, Sister Hazel Huff, Sister Bessie West, Bro. A. A. Hollis, Bro. Kenneth Duckworth, Sister Ruby Ruff, Sister Bessie Thomas, Sister Grace Moon, Sister Stella Woodruff, and Sister Ruth O'Neal.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

We, the Credential Committee, find twenty-five churches and two missions in the Saline Association with licensed and ordained ministers and seventy-seven ordained deacons.

We want to thank each church for their report given with their letter.

Sister Debbie Bullock, Chairman
Bro. Johnny S. Foy III
Sister Katheryn Williams

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

No Report.

Bro. J. E. White, Chairman
Bro. Bill Wheeler
Bro. David Bryant

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Realizing that temperance basically means self-control, we, the Temperance Committee, desire a return to the full understanding of the biblical concept. Where in times past the concept has been narrowed to the specific abuse of alcohol, we feel this limits the rich dimensions of the scriptural meaning of the term. Self-control must be returned to the total person in all of life's experience.

Therefore we make the following recommendations:

(1) That our people abstain from the use of alcohol beverages and narcotics including nicotine.

(2) Also in an age of hunger and starvation world-wide, we urge believers not to be guilty of gluttony and obesity, but rather to identify with the hungry as Christ did.

(3) In our personal attitude, we desire that Christians learn self-control in respect to anger. The losing of one's temper and the use of malicious language that characterize such dispositions.

(4) Above all we desire that the fruit of the spirit, including temperance, be manifest in our lives in order to preserve the unity of the body and glorify our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Sallie White, Chairman
Sister Frances Coffey
Sister Hazel Mann

SALINE ASSOCIATION LAYMAN'S REPORT:

I am happy to report to Saline Association the following:

Our annual Layman's Convention will be held at Conway—Holiday Inn at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with Keith Kenemer as the guest speaker. We will meet right after the close of the Wednesday night session of the State Convention to adopt a state project. The meeting will be in the Youth Camp Kitchen.

I wish to inform you that we as layman have narrowed operation to \$4,600.00 toward the paving project. I also would like to state that in the very near future we will be able to get the road paved. The Saline Association was the top through June. You are to be commended and thank you.

Bro. Johnny Bolin, President
of the Arkansas Layman's Association

THE EXAMINING BOARD AT WORK:

We, the Examining Board, met with Bro. Greg Doster and examined him and recommend him to be ordained as a deacon.

Bro. J. E. White, Bro. Stanton White,
Bro. Charlie Collins, and Bro. Ottis Cook

We, the Examining Board, met with Bro. Lowell Graham. We recommend and welcome Bro. Lowell Graham into our Saline Association.

Bro. J. E. White, Bro. Stanton White
Bro. Charlie Collins, and Bro. Ottis Cook

We, your Examining Board, met with Bro. Raymond Coffey since his father is going to ordain him we recommend him to his association, then meet with us next time.

Bro. Stanton White, Bro. J. E. White
Bro. Charlie Collins, and Bro. Ottis Cook

SALINE HOME MISSION YEARLY REPORT

Money received:

Bro. Elbert McClellon	\$1,544.30
Cooperative Plan	7,168.24
Willoughby's Woman's Auxiliary	100.00
Sale of old Fordyce Church Property	1,500.00
Ark. FWB Woman's Auxiliary	112.17
Saline Association General Fund	4,650.00
Sheridan Youth	110.00
Sheridan FWB Church	200.00
Rolf Chapel	10.00
Macedonia	149.15
Fairview	44.50
Rose Hill	129.00
Hillview	15.00
Pleasant Valley	256.28
Pine Hill	100.00
Interest on bonds	770.00
Grand Total	\$16,858.64

DISBURSEMENT:

Bro. Oris Doggett's salary & house rent	\$8,700.00
Payment on land	2,088.63
ElDorado Mission	900.00
Cost of printing checks	4.89
Cost of printing and making deed	15.00
Bro. David Joshlin one week revival at Fordyce	125.00
Bro. Albert Halbrook's phone calls	7.00
Insurance on trailer	130.00
Cost of printing reports	5.00
Total expenditure	\$11,975.52
July 31, 1977 Balance	\$4,883.12

Bro. Roy Williams, Sec. & Treas.

SALINE ASSOCIATION CLERKS YEARLY REPORT

July 30, 31, 1978—August 5, 6, 1977

The cooperative plan	\$18,963.79
Designated money	4,969.54
Sub total	23,933.33
Interest	490.00
Grand Total	\$24,423.33

DISBURSEMENT:

Ark. Cooperative Plan Money	\$5,476.18
Saline Association Home Mission	7,168.24
General Fund	3,584.13
CTS Fund	358.42
Christian Education Fund	896.02

Sunday School Board	537.61
Operating Expense	943.19
Total disbursement	<u>\$18,963.79</u>
Designated money	4,969.54
Sub total	23,933.33
Interest	490.00
Grand total	\$24,423.33

Money on hand in each department:

General Fund	\$9,026.73
CTS Fund	2,279.86
Christian Education Fund	1,267.74
Scholarship Reserve Fund	510.05
Operating Expense	635.44
Sub total	\$13,719.82

Amount invested in Church Bonds:

General Fund	\$4,000.00
CTS Fund	1,500.00
Christian Education Fund	1,000.00
Total	6,500.00
Grand Total	\$20,219.82

The amount on hand out of general fund paid to the Fordyce full time ministry \$4,650.00.

S. L. Woodard, Clerk

CHURCH YEARLY REPORT

Name of Church	Members	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School	CTS	Woman's Auxiliary	Master Men	Deacon	Minister
Harmony	189	1	1	121	99			4	1
Free Hill	45			38	20			2	2
Pine Hill	150	20	5	103	50	15		3	1
Corbin Ferry	147	8	5	105					
Macedonia	238	9	9	103		17		4	3
Oak Grove	115	18	4	48	40	12		5	1
Warren, First	100	24	3	94		10			1
Pleasant Grove	40			25	15			1	1
Gordon Avenue	71								1
Fairview	73	3	1	40				2	3
Willoughby	187	6	6	65	34				
Rose Hill	209	8		184	70	23			3
Yorktown	163	25		156	45	8		4	2
Pleasant Valley	106	14		48	40	12		3	3
Mt. Pleasant	143	9	39	65	50			6	1
North Crossett	435	21	1	300	200	30	15	6	1
Sherrill	106	15		46		15	7	4	2
Spring Hill	66		1	35				5	2
Rolfe Chapel	100	13	2	50	30	10			1
Antioch	52								
Fordyce	20			6				1	
El Dorado Mission	8	4	2	12					1
Sheridan	35	1		34				4	1
Hillview	56	7	2	50	15			4	1
Star City	76	15		110	65	24		9	1
Bastrop	40	5	2	20				1	1
Trinity	56	56		56	40	16		5	1
Total	3,026	282	83	1,914	823	192	22	73	33

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	\$7,325.58	\$12,722.87	\$550.00	\$5,570.80	\$45,000.00		\$475.22		\$45,000.00
Free Hill	20.00	1,840.00		1,188.00	3,000.00	53.00	78.16		
Pine Hill	2,314.06	24,010.67	775.00	8,190.00	75,000.00	5,674.23	1,541.41		20,000.00
Corbin Ferry	75.00	7,759.87	565.00	3,275.00	25,000.00	265.87	492.93		
Macedonia	793.69	13,478.34	500.00	3,600.00	41,000.00	984.38	494.51	117.00	
Oak Grove	296.00	8,534.00	230.00	3,057.00	20,000.00	2,703.00	1,422.00		5,000.00
Warren, First				5,880.00	50,000.00				
Pleasant Grove	328.00	2,093.19	205.00	1,715.00	8,000.00	550.09	270.71		
Gordon Avenue		5,226.24	377.00	2,350.00	50,000.00	1,855.00	605.17	27.57	
Fairview	154.13	2,368.67	7,020.00	12,000.00	312.00	37.77			
Willoughby	909.25	10,245.00		6,156.00	25,000.00		635.95		10,000.00
Rose Hill	2,506.95	40,267.47	666.75	7,800.00	50,000.00	9,807.84	2,010.05		12,500.00
Yorktown	1,900.00	20,338.83	2,350.00	8,910.00	40,000.00	3,423.00	1,879.56	100.00	12,000.00
Pleasant Valley	797.69	10,067.63	375.00	3,316.75	25,780.00	2,642.28	791.72	106.00	
Mt. Pleasant	100.00	18,924.66	265.00	8,052.30	30,000.00	7,581.31	387.96		30,000.00
North Crossett	4,334.98	57,270.70	1,894.60	13,323.24	225,000.00	14,241.45	3,568.03	290.00	15,000.00
Sherrill	30.00	1,037.22	150.00	2,715.87	10,000.00	18.29	547.65		
Spring Hill	40.00	2,569.71	203.55	966.00	18,000.00	370.40	137.97		
Rolfe Chapel			400.00	2,600.00	30,000.00	3,568.03			3,000.00
Antioch									
Fordyce	41.00	1,479.03	76.63		24,000.00	301.93			
El Dorado Mission	367.89	3,670.13			50,000.00	2,272.17	357.89		
Sheridan	377.00	10,094.23		2,700.00	60,000.00		1,017.93		35,000.00
Hillview		13,482.32	175.00	7,129.00	50,000.00	1,807.10	1,398.26		
Star City	1,885.07	41,386.07	581.57	8,287.00	100,000.00	24,673.24	791.68	250.00	50,000.00
Bastrop									
Trinity	105.44		185.00	1,425.00	Renting		125.00		Renting
Total	\$23,700.73	\$315,864.85	\$9,814.77	\$99,226.96	\$1,066,000.00	\$83,104.61	\$19,067.33	\$890.57	\$237,500.00

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Name of Church	Literature	Miscellaneous	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Church Lib. or Education	Association Project	State Project	Bus Ministry
Harmony	\$872.37	\$777.92						
Free Hill	183.05	32.50						
Pine Hill	1,939.45	1,823.34	702.66	175.51		100.00	123.00	
Corbin Ferry	248.41	529.04						
Macedonia	494.30	1,074.08	116.10	149.05		25.00		
Oak Grove	433.00					28.00	35.00	400.00
Warren, First								
Pleasant Grove	98.06	48.97					28.00	
Gordon Avenue	79.01	92.76						
Fairview	156.64	57.70		79.59				
Willoughby	350.00		55.00	169.00				
Rose Hill	1,581.20	3,817.64	577.00	448.70	100.00	93.00	20.00	
Yorktown	774.98	1,256.65	56.00	25.00		70.00	20.00	416.37
Pleasant Valley	557.37	242.05	357.15	1,108.78		28.00	200.00	
Mt. Pleasant	134.26	339.45		100.00				
North Crossett	3,538.72	3,321.74	106.50	311.75	154.10	36.00		
Sherrill	183.14	231.10						
Spring Hill	124.64	209.63						
Rolfe Chapel								
Antioch								
Fordyce	40.66							
El Dorado Mission	82.60	88.51		347.83				
Sheridan	247.43	68.40						
Hillview	504.94	1,698.43	250.00	255.00		140.00	20.00	
Star City	1,515.01	833.66	65.00	114.05				
Bastrop								
Trinity	192.22	150.00						
Total	\$14,426.44	\$16,593.57	\$2,785.41	\$3,284.26	\$254.10	\$520.00	\$446.00	\$816.37

DESIGNATED MONIES

Name of Church	Bobby and Sue Aycock	Ernie Deed	Larry Russell	Patsy Vanhook	El Dorado Mission or Property	Orphanage	Insurance	Pat Dickins	Trailer Rent	Charlie Haris	Bob Francis	Fred Hersey	Lonnie Palmer	Local Donation
Harmony				\$30.74			\$200.00							
Free Hill														
Pine Hill		175.51		175.57						175.57		175.57	175.57	
Corbin Ferry														
Macedonia		66.10					460.00							
Oak Grove	30.00						342.00							
Warren, First														
Pleasant Grove							69.00							
Gordon Avenue							291.00							
Fairview							132.00							
Willoughby	55.00						280.00							
Rose Hill		360.00	60.00		18.00	200.00	2,360.68	195.00		175.57	22.00	188.00		
Yorktown	45.00													
Pleasant Valley	128.45	193.28					81.00		36.92					
Mt. Pleasant							108.00		15.76					
North Crossett	7.00	30.00	30.00				1,782.00			45.00				
Sherrill														
Spring Hill							121.00							
Rolfe Chapel														
Antioch														
Fordyce														
El Dorado Mission							168.24							
Sheridan							773.00							
Hillview	250.00		255.00			16.00								
Star City						150.00	764.00		1,560.00	94.00	209.88			865.57
Bastrop														
Trinity							140.00							
Total	\$515.45	\$824.89	\$345.00	\$206.31	\$18.00	\$366.00	\$7,871.98	\$195.00	\$1,612.14	\$490.27	\$231.88	\$175.57	\$175.57	\$865.57

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. 2 Peter 1:18-21; 2 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; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psalms 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psalms 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isaiah 57:15; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; Job 42:2; Psalms 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27; Eph. 4:6; Job 9:12; Isaiah 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psalms 119:68; Psalms 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 11:6:27; Dan. 2:20; 1 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; 2 Chron. 20:6; Psalms 95:3; Isaiah 47:4; Psalms 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isaiah 41:14; 59:20; Jer. 50:34; Isaiah 45:21; 43:3-11; 49:26; Ex. 31:13; 1 Thes. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psalms 50:6; 2 Tim. 4:8; Ex. 34:14; Ex. 20:4-5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; Job 11:7; Isaiah 40:28; Rom. 11:33; Job 26:14; Ex. 9:14; 8:10; 1 Chron. 17:20; Psalms 19:1-2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; 1 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; Isaiah 33:22; Ex. 34:6; Job 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isaiah 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14, 15; Prov. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; 1 Sam. 2:20; 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; 1 Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psalms 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; 2 Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; 1 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; Psalms 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; 1 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; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psalms 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; 1 John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:29; 1 John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8, 10; John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16, 17; 1 Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9; 2 Tim. 4:1; Matthew 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; 2

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; 1 Peter 2:21; John 13:15; 1 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 that 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. 1 John 2:2; Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; 1 Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6, 8; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; 1 Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25, 26; 5:9, 18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; 1 Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18; 8:1; 2:14, 15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:17; Acts 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; 1 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; 1 Cor. 2:11; Gen 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; 1 Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Psal. 104:30; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; 1 Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8, 9; Acts

28:25, 26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 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; 1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34; Ezek. 33:11; 2 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. 2 Cor. 7:10; Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psalms 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31; Psalms 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; 1 Cor. 12:8, 9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; 2 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; 2 Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19, 20; 1 Peter 2:5; John 3:6; 3:7, 8; 1 John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psalms 119:50, 93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; John 5:24; 1 John 3:14; 2 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; 1 Thess. 5:23; 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:18; Heb. 6:1; 1 John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; 1 John 1:7, 9; 1 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; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6; 2 Chron. 15:2; 2 Peter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; 1 Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Peter 2:20, 21; 1 Cor. 9:27; Matthew 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; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psalms 118:22-24; Isaiah 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. 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41, 47; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4; Eph. 5:25, 27; 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 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; 1 Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; 2 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. 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:13-15; Titus 1:9; 2:7, 8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2:2; 1 Tim. 3:2-7; Psalms 50:16; 2 Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Cor. 2:12-16; Acts 20:28; Heb. 5:4; 1 Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2; 1 Tim. 1:6; Acts 13:3; Mark 16:15; 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 20:11; 27:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16; Heb. 13:17; 1 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; 1 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. 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16, 21; 11:27-29; 10:17; Rom.

14:1, 10; 1 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; 1 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; 1 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; 2 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; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 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; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 2 Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 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; 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; 2 Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10; 2 Peter 3:12; 2 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; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; 2 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%, CTS 2%, Sunday school ~~2~~³%, 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 CTS 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 itinerate 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 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, workshops, 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 introduced 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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