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# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS of the SALINE ASSOCIATION

## OFFICERS

Moderator, Bro. Stephen Earl Trail .....	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Moderator, Bro. Roy L. Thompson .....	Warren, Ark. 71671
Clerk, Bro. S. L. Woodard .....	Warren, Ark. 71671
Assistant Clerk, Bro. James Bullock .....	Pioneer, La. 71266
Statistician, Bro. Ottis Cook .....	Star City, Ark. 71667
Parliamentarian, Bro. Jack R. Dodson .....	Crossett, Ark. 71625
Assistant Parliamentarian, Bro. Lewis Barker .....	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Song Director, Bro. Charlie Collins .....	Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Director, Bro. Charles Doggett .....	Warren, Ark. 71671

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Bobby Ray Williams .....	5 year term
Charlie Nichols .....	4 year term
Elvin Funderburg .....	3 year term
James Doggett .....	2 year term
James Barlock .....	1 year term

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lawnie Coffman .....	5 year term
Ronnie Ivey .....	4 year term
Randy Scott .....	3 year term
Fay Mann .....	2 year term
Lloyd Williams .....	1 year term

## EXAMINING BOARD

Cecil Sanders .....	5 year term
Charlie Collins .....	4 year term
Oris Doggett .....	3 year term
Stanton White .....	2 year term
J. E. White .....	1 year term

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Jim Doherty .....	5 year term
Bill Wheeler .....	4 year term
Lewis Barker .....	3 year term
Ronnie Blanks .....	2 year term
Ronnie Ryburn .....	1 year term

## PROCEEDINGS

The 84th annual session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Monticello on August 2, 1980.

### SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1980

The meeting was called to order by congregational singing directed by Bro. Charlie Collins.

Prayer—Bro. Oris Doggett.

Motion and seconded to accept Bro. Ronnie Ivey as Moderator and Bro. Jack R. Dodson, Assistant Moderator Pro Tem.

These men as so ordered were chosen by the Executive Board in advance of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk, S. L. Woodard, introduced Bro. Ronnie Ivey to the congregation.

Bro. Ronnie Ivey took over and read the rules of order. He gave a short Scripture reading and preliminary remarks.

Bro. Stephen Earl Trail gave some instruction in regards to the order of business and its importance.

Bro. Jack R. Dodson gave some purposes and values of the meeting.

Reading of the church letters, correcting of letters, and seating of delegates was next.

A motion was made and seconded to accept all letters after their corrections were made. It was approved. All delegates were accepted.

Appointment of Committees:

FINANCE: Bro. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman, Bro. Charles Doggett, Bro. Elbert McClellon.

PUBLIC MORALS: Bro. Stephen Earl Trail, Chairman, Bro. Ray Sanders, Sis. Ollie Doggett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. Oris Doggett, Chairman, Bro. Johnny L. Jones, Bro. Charlie Nichols.

OBITUARY: Sis. Joyce Sivil, Sis. Vera Wagnon, Bro. J. O. Wallace.

CONDITION OF NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES: Sis. Betty Thompson, Chairman, Sis. Nancy Nichols, Sis. Margaret Tucker.

CREDENTIALS: Bro. Bill Wheeler, Chairman, Sis. Linda Blanks, Bro. Ottis Cook.

RESOLUTION: Bro. Ronnie Blanks, Chairman, Sis. H. A. Parnell, Sis. Dorothy Estelle.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Bro. S. L. Woodard, Chairman, Bro. Elbert McClellon, Bro. Roy L. Thompson.

The Clerk, S. L. Woodard, read his yearly report and moved that his report be approved. It was seconded.

Motion and second that the report be approved. So ordered.

Bro. Elvin Funderburg gave the Home Mission Board's yearly report and moved that the report be approved. It was seconded.

Motion and second that the Home Mission Board's report be approved. It was accepted.

Prayer—Bro. Ronnie Ivey.

## RECESS

11:00 A.M.

Service

Congregational singing.

"Watching You"

"I'm Going This Way"

Directed by Bro. Charlie Collins

Prayer—Bro. Bobby Aycock.

Memorial service—Bro. James Bullock.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 26:6-13.

Prayer—Bro. James Bullock.

Benediction and blessing on food—Bro. Stephen Earl Trail.

## NOON

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 2, 1980

1:00 P.M.

Song—"I'll Fly Away" Bro. Charlie Collins.

Quartet—Bro. Charlie Collins, Bro. Roy L. Thompson, Sis. Roy Thompson, and Sis. Elvin Funderburg.

Bro. Bobby Aycock gave the devotional.

Place for the next quarterly meeting, October 4, 1980, will be the Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church near Warren, Arkansas.

Speaker—Bro. Randy Scott.

Alternate—Bro. Ronnie Ivey.

Election of five State delegates at large.

Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Stanton White, Sis. Lawnie Coffman, Sis. Rosie Wheeler, and Sis. Linda Blanks.

## BOARD MEMBERS

### HOME MISSION BOARD:

Bro. Bobby Ray Williams ..... 5 year term

Bro. Charlie Nichols ..... 4 year term

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Bro. Lawnie Coffman ..... 5 year term

Bro. Randy Scott ..... 3 year term

### EXAMINING BOARD:

Bro. Cecil Sanders ..... 5 year term

Bro. Oris Doggett ..... 3 year term

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

Bro. Jim Doherty ..... 5 year term

Bro. Bill Wheeler ..... 4 year term



Brother Bill Wheeler resigned from the Home Mission Board because he was preaching at Fordyce Mission in Fordyce, Arkansas.

Motion and second to accept Bro. Wheeler's resignation from the Home Mission Board was accepted.

Bro. Cecil Sanders resigned from the Executive Board in order to serve on the Examining Board.

Motion and second to accept Bro. Sander's resignation was carried.

Brother Wilbur Stevens' license and credentials to be a Free Will Baptist Minister were given to S. L. Woodard, the clerk of the Saline Association, by Bro. Stephen Earl Trail, August 2, 1980.

This was done during the Yearly Meeting at Rose Hill F.W.B. Church.

Motion was made and seconded that the Saline Association pay the fine state delegates elected at large gas, food, and night lodging expense to the State Association at Conway, Arkansas, August 12-14, 1980.

Motion and second that this expense be taken care of by the General Fund was so ordered.

Statistical report was given by Bro. Ottis Cook. He so ordered that it be approved.

Motion and second to approve this report was carried.

Bro. Lawnie Coffman gave the high lights of his trip to the National Association. He also stated the National Association would be in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1984.

Motion and second that \$500.00 from the C.T.S. Fund be turned over to the Minister's Retreat in February, 1981 to help pay the expense was carried.

Motion and second to give \$1,000.00 to Bro. Bobby Aycock, a missionary to Brazil, out of the General Fund was so ordered.

These made application for scholarship grant. They were Timothy Ebarb, from North Crossett; Deborah Gordaner, from Warren First; and Mrs. Mark Elliott. These three met with the Scholarship Committee and all three were approved.

S. L. Woodard, Chairman, Roy L. Thompson, and Elbert McClellon.

Ray M. Sanders transferred from The Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma. He has over "C" average for the last semester of school year 1979-80.

We, your Examining Board, met with Bro. Randy Scott and we recommend and welcome him to our association.

Motion and second that he be accepted into Saline Association was carried.

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

We, The Examining Board, met with Bro. Glenn Newnum and examined him for license for one year. He is to be licensed by his home church, Hillview Free Will Baptist near Bastrop, Louisiana.

Motion and second for Bro. Glenn Newnum have this request was carried.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE:

We, your Committee on Finance, have checked the records of the associational treasurer and find:

Balance brought forward 4-1-79 .....	\$30,359.57
Received during the year .....	<u>36,225.49</u>
Grand Total .....	\$66,585.06
Paid out during the year .....	<u>\$42,360.06</u>
Cash on hand 4-1-80 .....	<u>\$24,225.00</u>

Bro. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman, Bro. Elbert McClellon, and Bro. Charles Doggett.

### OBITUARY:

We, The Obituary Committee, find through checking each church letter twenty-one of our loved ones and friends have departed from our fellowship: Macedonia, Bro. H. C. Dyer, Bro. W. L. Payne, and Sis. Alma Dyer; Pleasant Valley, Sis. Nettie Adair; Pine Hill, Bro. Jimmy Best; Willoughby, Bro. Dan Wheeler, and Sis. Etta Tenbarger; Yorktown, Bro. Walter Gracie and Bro. Kte Leonard Jerell; Harmony, Sis. Forest McKinney and Sis. Vera Teague; Star City First, Classford Muckelroy; Free Hill, Bro. W. R. Crutchfield; North Crossett, Sis. Green Jordan, Bro. Iven Barrett, Sis. Pinkie Corlock, and Bro. Jake Johnson; Mt. Pleasant, Sis. Beuna Lloyd; Trinity, Bro. Lewis Huffman; Rose Hill, Sis. Velma Mitchel; Fordyce, Bro. Carton Dedman.

Sis. Joyce Sivils, Chairman, Sis. Vera Wagnon, and Bro. J. O. (Buck) Wallace.

### NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES:

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that of our twenty-five churches and two missions, three of these did not present letters and two were not represented by delegates.

Sis. Betty Thompson, Chairman, Sis. Nancy Nichols, and Sis. Margaret Tucker.

### PUBLIC MORALS:

We, your Public Morals Committee, desire to emphasize to the church of God that we need to take a stand for scriptural moral principles and Godly standards. The decline in spirituality can be directly traced to an increasing worldliness. John tells us in 1 John 2:15 to love not the world neither the things that are in the world.

Bro. Stephen Trail, Chairman, Sis. Ollie Doggett, and Bro. Ray M. Sanders.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, The Credentials Committee, find all ministers of our association in good standing.

Bro. Lewis Barker, Chairman, Bro. Herman B. Johnson, and Bro. Roy A. Gates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

We, The Sunday School Committee, find 21 churches and one mission having Sunday school with a 1,920 enrollment. This number was taken from the church letters presented to the association in the 1980 yearly meeting.

We, the committee, admonish all churches to promote Sunday school and keep good records for an accurate report.

Bro. Oris Doggett, Chairman, Bro. Johnny L. Jones, and Bro. Charles Nichols.

Motion was made to change Article V of the Constitution. Whereas, Free Will Baptist College is supported by the Cooperative Plan, but Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is not, and whereas, this seems unfair to Hillsdale supporters; I therefore move that Article V of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

Home Missions 38%, State Cooperative Plan 30%, Saline Association General Fund 20%, Christian Education Fund 5%, Sunday School Board 3%, C.T.S. Fund 2%, and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College 2%.

Bro. J. E. White

Tabled until October 4, 1980 because there has to be one session after the reading of the resolution before any action can be legally done. This resolution was read Saturday afternoon, August 2, 1980.

This motion was accepted October 4, 1980

THE SALINE DISTRICT LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT:

Seven local auxiliaries with a membership of 104. Each of these groups has been active throughout the year in many different projects, such as Bible study, book reading classes, nursing homes, and hospital ministries.

As a district, we have sent the following monies:

State Projects .....	\$175.00
W.N.A.C. ....	\$103.55
Youth Camp .....	275.00
(This amount was for mixer, covering for mattresses, and painting.)	
Student loan .....	15.00
State missions .....	149.75
Other mission work .....	315.00
	<u>\$1,033.10</u>

We, as a group, would like to encourage the other churches of the district to join with us in this phase of the Lord's work.

District President, Sis. Betty Thompson



## YEARLY REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SALINE ASSOCIATION

The Saline Sunday School Board hosted a Sunday school Workshop, sponsored by the Sunday School Board of the State Association. The workshop was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren and the Willoughby F.W.B. Church. The instructor for the workshop was Bro. Lewis Campbell. The date of the workshop was May 9-10, 1980.

Sunday School Board Financial Report:

### INCOME

Balance brought forward .....	\$1,723.79
10-10-79 .....	\$189.79
1-10-80 .....	201.28
4-21-80 .....	<u>177.20</u>
Total .....	\$565.27
Grand Total .....	<u>\$2,289.06</u>

### Expense:

10-10-79 Fordyce Mission .....	\$1,000.00
5-10-80 Expense of workshop .....	<u>54.08</u>
Total .....	\$1,054.08
7-31-80 Balance .....	<u>\$1,234.97</u>

Bro. Ronnie Blanks

## HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT August, 1979-August, 1980

### Received:

Cooperative Giving .....	\$10,625.46
Designated Giving .....	778.40
Balance transferred from Fordyce Building Fund .....	257.87
Refund on insurance and deposit .....	144.49
Balance as of August 4, 1979 .....	<u>66.07</u>
Total .....	\$13,472.29

### Expense

Bro. Alvin McMahon fill-in-and incidentals .....	\$8,111.90
Land note, Fordyce Bank .....	<u>1,772.64</u>
Total .....	\$9,884.54

Balance in Treasury .....	\$3,587.75
Savings account .....	<u>2,623.89</u>
Total on hand .....	\$6,211.64

#### Fordyce Building Fund:

Saline Association .....	\$12,000.00
Rose Hill Church Ladies Aux.....	152.00
Collection, Harmony Quarterly Conference .....	310.85
Pastors 5 @ \$30.00 each.....	150.00
Antioch Church .....	27.00
Corbin Ferry Church .....	117.40
Saline Sunday School Board .....	1,000.00
Mr. McMahon.....	20.00
North Little Rock Church.....	200.00
Oak Grove Church .....	101.00
Hillview Church .....	50.00
Willoughby Church .....	44.25
Sale of trailer .....	\$4,000.00
Refund on brick and material .....	<u>180.17</u>
Balance .....	\$18,352.67
Transferred to regular fund .....	1,257.87
Cost of Fordyce Church .....	<u>17,094.80</u>
Balance .....	.00

Balance of Fordyce Building Fund August 1, 1980, Balance in Treasury,  
and in savings account

Bro. Elvin Funderburg

### SALINE ASSOCIATION CLERK'S YEARLY REPORT August, 1979-August 2, 1980

Cooperative Plan Money .....	\$27,922.52
Designated Money .....	<u>5,333.11</u>
Sub Total .....	\$33,255.63

One Church bond.....	\$500.00
Interest on Church bonds .....	250.00
Interest on savings account .....	<u>1,024.86</u>
Total \$1,874.86	

#### Fees collected:

State Association .....	\$405.00
State Minutes .....	135.00
Host Church .....	540.00
National Association .....	<u>15.00</u>
Total.....	\$1,095.00

\$36,225.49

Disbursements of Cooperative Plan:

Arkansas Cooperative Plan .....	\$7,957.91
Saline Home Missions .....	10,610.57
General Fund .....	5,305.27
C.T.S. Fund .....	530.53
Christian Education Fund .....	1,326.33
Sunday School Board .....	795.79
Operating Expense .....	1,396.12

Sub Total.....\$27,922.52

Grand total.....\$36,225.49

General Fund.....\$24,181.68

Disbursement:

Turned over to the Home Mission Board September 4, 1979 to help build a church in Fordyce, Arkansas.....\$12,000.00

Bro. Ray M. Sanders' expense to the State Association at Fort Smith, Ark., August 14-16, 1980. This was paid August 23, 1979.....\$69.48

Bro. Elvin Funderburg's expense to the State Association at Fort Smith, Ark., August 14-16, 1980. This was paid October 8, 1979.....\$59.74

Paid Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, 1-7-80.....443.53

Paid The Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1-7-80.....443.53

Paid The Youth Camp for mattress covers, 4-7-80.....700.00

Total.....\$13,716.28

General Fund Balance.....\$24,181.68

Disbursements.....13,716.28

Balance 8-2-1980.....\$10,465.40

C.T.S. Fund.....\$4,500.19

Disbursement:

Competitive Act. Rule Books.....\$16.20

In bank drawing 5¼% interest—Balance.....\$4,483.99

Christian Education Fund.....\$4,454.65

Disbursement:

Ray M. Sanders.....\$300.00

Sharon White.....\$300.00

Becky Francis.....\$150.00

Mark Elliott.....\$150.00

Total.....\$900.00

In bank drawing 5¼% interest—Balance.....\$3,554.65

Money on hand in each Department:

General Fund .....	\$10,465.40
C.T.S. Fund .....	4,483.99
Christian Education Fund .....	3,554.65
Scholarship Reserve Fund .....	519.08
Operating expense .....	\$671.88
	<u>\$19,755.00</u>

Amount invested in Church Bonds:

General Funds .....	\$2,000.00
C.T.S. Funds .....	1,500.00
Christian Education Fund .....	1,000.00
Total .....	<u>4,500.00</u>

Grand total on Hand .....	\$24,225.00
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S. L. Woodard, Clerk

Each of the three above reports were given. A motion and second that they be received was so ordered.

Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Rose Hill Church for their fine hospitality and providing the fine meal.

Bro. Ronnie Blanks, Chairman, Sis. H. A. Parnell, and Sis. Julian Estelle.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Benediction—Bro. J. E. White.

S. L. Woodard, Clerk



CHURCH YEARLY REPORT	Members	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School	C.T.S.	Women's Auxiliary	Master Men	Deacon	Minister
Harmony .....	198	12	2	121	68			4	1
Free Hill .....	77	14		53	38	12		3	2
Pine Hill .....	161	1	5	103	50	15		3	1
Corbin Ferry .....	155	5	2	55				2	1
Macedonia .....	251	28	7	140		25		5	6
Oak Grove .....	120	16	8	45	25			5	2
Warren First .....	117	12		101				4	1
Pleasant Grove .....	44	15		44	44			2	1
Gordon Avenue .....	38	12	3	30					
Fairview .....	73	1	1	41					3
Willoughby .....	189	6	7	90				6	3
Rose Hill .....	243	37	5	134	61	28			1
Yorktown .....	190	10	3	100	50	10		4	1
Pleasant Valley .....	87	2	18	38	24	10		5	2
Mt. Pleasant .....	165	14	13	65	40	12		5	1
North Crossett .....	495	9	4	300	200	35	20	6	1
Sherrill .....	74	4						4	
Spring Hill .....	65			35				4	2
Rolfe Chapel .....	71								
Antioch .....	48	1		25	20			2	1
Fordyce .....	12	3		14				1	
El Dorado Mission .....	15								
Sheridan .....	56	2	28	30				3	1
Hillview .....	52	13	18	20				4	2
Star City .....	98	6	5	140	70	18		9	1
Bastrop .....	55								
Trinity .....	93	22	11	93	83	7		5	2
Total .....	3,242	246	140	1833	773	172	20	83	36

Saline Association, October 13, 1980, S. L. Woodard, Clerk

# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	Cooperative Plan	Total Offering	Evangelist Work	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Building Repair	Utilities	Bible College	Value of Parsonage
Harmony.....	\$176.53	21,206.78	450.00	9,015.00	60,000.00		867.42		
Free Hill.....	20.00	4,687.00	102.00	1,708.00	6,000.00	233.00	274.00		
Pine Hill.....	869.47	22,720.69	347.10	14,125.00	75,000.00	2,237.40	1,952.37		35,000.00
Corbin Ferry.....	100.00	11,764.18	510.00	6,650.00	40,000.00		872.64		
Macedonia.....	1,336.13	21,928.86	681.86	5,200.00	77,100.00	7,107.99	868.72	249.50	
Oak Grove.....	1,164.78	13,706.39	780.00	4,320.00	45,000.00	5,601.88	919.79	50.00	5,000.00
Warren First.....	1,636.61	26,527.74	756.00	10,515.80	85,000.00	1,141.20	1,165.39	115.00	35,000.00
Pleasant Grove.....	438.00	4,292.00	187.89	2,400.00	8,500.00	389.87	485.95	25.00	
Gordon Avenue.....	265.33								
Fairview									
Willoughby.....	1,884.27	22,923.17	461.18	12,153.73	50,000.00	4,549.16	793.00	262.50	30,000.00
Rose Hill.....	3,179.94	39,165.61		11,316.30	120,000.00	2,531.81	1,545.40		30,000.00
Yorktown.....	2,294.00	24,983.82	1,015.00	11,275.00	65,000.00	3,864.72	2,118.28	90.00	15,000.00
Pleasant Valley.....	1,321.58	14,722.82	486.60	5,250.20	30,000.00	1,751.44	779.17	50.00	12,000.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	196.08	19,009.68	300.00	9,818.00	30,000.00	4,199.22	1,180.30		30,000.00
North Crossett.....	4,891.10	60,538.94	1,671.25	18,134.45	250,000.00	9,808.35	5,083.43	43.00	2,500.00
Sherrill.....	97.97	3,041.08	290.00	1,815.04	6,000.00	241.02	385.75		
Spring Hill.....	40.00	3,815.00	225.00	975.00	15,000.00	449.00	225.00		
Rolfe Chapel.....									
Antioch.....	385.74	3,158.80	125.00	1,040.00	20,000.00		606.16		
Fordyce.....									
El Dorado Mission.....	124.96								
Sheridan.....					60,000.00				40,000.00
Hillview.....	107.00	12,478.46	375.00	5,446.81	100,000.00	3,908.95	1,249.32	80.00	
Star City.....	3,675.78	47,421.97	1,716.45	10,135.00	180,000.00	11,535.18	1,792.59	555.00	50,000.00
Bastrop.....									
Trinity.....	1,050.27	17,837.12	350.00	7,714.00	150,000.00	13.71	799.19		
Total.....	\$25,245.54	\$393,928.10	\$10,830.33	\$149,167.33	\$1,472,500.00	\$59,564.90	\$24,663.85	\$1,519.58	\$319,000.00

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Literature	Miscellaneous	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Church Lib. or Education	Association Project	State Project	Bus Ministry
Harmony .....	\$1,193.03	\$708.67	\$600.00	\$600.00				
Free Hill.....	475.00	194.00						
Pine Hill .....	1,425.52	5,120.55	86.50	96.50		869.47	20.00	
Corbin Ferry.....	396.72	485.00						
Macedonia .....	818.01	3,948.31	50.00	117.00		4.00	20.00	
Oak Grove .....	582.63	508.12	30.00	101.00		4.00	20.00	
Warren First.....	937.13	301.01	95.00	151.00				
Pleasant Grove .....	162.93	433.69					20.00	
Gordon Avenue.....								
Fairview.....								
Willoughby .....	920.63	2,341.42	816.00	373.04		4.00	20.00	
Rose Hill.....	2,463.07	8,540.41	390.00	330.40		70.00	550.00	
Yorktown .....	982.62	778.14		240.00		45.00	24.00	3,720.90
Pleasant Valley .....	450.58	922.74	1,085.09	30.00		4.00	20.00	
Mt. Pleasant .....	343.20	1,055.94						
North Crossett .....	3,707.48	5,044.41	55.00	79.00	1,084.35	71.00	20.00	
Sherrill .....	109.44	318.05					20.00	
Spring Hill .....	151.66	185.00					20.00	
Rolfe Chapel .....								
Antioch .....	167.80			88.00			20.00	
Fordyce.....								
El Dorado Mission.....								
Sheridan.....	453.27							
Hillview .....	560.39	1,796.82						
Star City.....	2,687.78	9,220.73		1,227.80			20.00	300.00
Bastrop .....								
Trinity.....	738.86	1,834.58					30.00	
Total	\$19,727.75	\$42,737.59	\$3,207.59	3,433.74	1,084.35	1,071.47	824.00	4,020.90

Saline Association—October 13, 1980—S. L. Woodard, Clerk

## DESIGNATED MONIES

	Bobby and Sue Aycock	Ernie Deed	Larry Russell	Patsy Vanhook	El Dorado Mission or Property	Orphanage	Insurance	Pension	Other	Fordyce Mission	Gary Thomas	Norman Richard	Lonnie Sparks	Horne Mission
Harmony .....				\$45.86			482.80				80.00			
Free Hill .....														
Pine Hill .....						35.00	892.00		1,226.36					
Corbin Ferry .....														
Macedonia.....														
Oak Grove.....					58.50		597.00			58.50				
Warren First .....							706.90		118.00					
Pleasant Grove .....				10.00			509.00							
Gordon Avenue .....							109.00							
Fairview .....														
Willoughby.....	627.00		97.99		28.30		604.00	Dale Bishop			Rebecca Aycock			
Rose Hill .....			25.00			300.00	1,470.05	26.00	106.50	44.25	40.00	106.00	57.00	56.00
Yorktown .....	30.00		250.00				1,256.00			24.00	30.00	35.00		25.00
Pleasant Valley .....	302.33	781.76					320.00							
Mt. Pleasant.....							451.00		30.00					
North Crossett .....			4.00	35.00										
Sherrill .....									35.00	Charlie Harris				
Spring Hill .....							145.00							
Rolfe Chapel.....							145.00							
Antioch .....			20.00				350.00							
Fordyce .....														
El Dorado Mission .....														
Sheridan .....														
Hillview .....						25.00	463.00							
Star City .....			264.92				2,526.23		196.88		766.00			
Bastrop .....														
Trinity .....							1,049.14	400.00						
Total .....	\$959.33	\$782.76	\$661.91	\$90.55	\$86.80	\$360.00	\$12,076.12	\$400.26	\$1,982.74	\$126.75	\$916.00	\$141.00	\$57.00	\$81.00

Saline Association—October, 13, 1980—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; Isaiah 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; Isaiah 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psalms 119:68; Psalm 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; 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; 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; Isaiah 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; Isaiah 33:22; Ex. 34:6; Job 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isaiah 1:18-20; John 5:10; Rom. 2:14, 15; Pro. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; I 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; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psa. 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; I Cor. 6:20.

5. PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not the righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can be the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14; John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; John 3:5; 1:13; Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

6. OF CHRIST—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin expected.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

A. His Titles. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour, Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

B. His Attributes. He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

C. His Works. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10, 11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13, 14; I Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; I Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; I John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28, 29; I John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8, 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8, 10; John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16, 17; I 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 to 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; 20:21; 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 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; 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; Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

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

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

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

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

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship. John 16:13; I Cor. 2:11; Gen. 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; I Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Psa. 104:30; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8, 9; Acts 28:25, 26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; II Co. 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 many 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 in 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, 83; 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, on 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, obtained 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 was 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 compose the Association, are admonished not to call a pastor or an evangelist that has been excluded (dismissed) from another church or association for disorderly conduct, etc.

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 38%, State Cooperative Plan 30%, Saline Association General Fund 20%, C.T.S. Fund 2%, Sunday School Board 3%, Christian Education 5%, and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College 2%. The 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 out of fellowship with an established church.

Section 3. The Sunday School Board shall work in cooperation with the State Sunday School Board. It shall assist the churches of this association in teaching and training programs, work shops, and in recommending methods and materials for the betterment of the Sunday School.

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 Baptists. (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 session 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 ordered 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 sermons, or other devotional exercises, which shall be equivalent thereto, 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 shall be 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. Message.

8. Appointment of the following committees: Finance, Public Morals, Sunday School, Obituary, Condition of Non-Represented Churches, Credentials, Statistics, Resolutions, and Placement.

9. Recognition of Corresponding Association.

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.

## NAME OF CHURCH

## PASTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Corbin Ferry ..... Rev. James Bullock, Rt. 2, Pioneer, La.  
 Fairview ..... Bro. Maxwell Williams, Rt. 2, Box 466, Warren, Ark. 71671  
 Free Hill ..... Bro. Sonny Sandredge, Lake Village, Ark.  
 Gordan Avenue ..... No Pastor  
 Harmony ..... Bro. Johnny L. Jones, Rt. 1, Box 87A, Warren, Ark. 71671  
 Macedonia ..... Bro. Cecil Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 504, New Edinburg, Ark.  
 71660  
 Mt. Pleasant ..... Bro. Lawnie Coffman, Rt. 1, Box 279A, Hamburg, Ark.  
 71646  
 North Crossett ... Rev. Jack R. Dodson, Rt. 2, Box 106, Crossett, Ark. 71635  
 Oak Grove ..... Bro. Roy Williams, Rt. 2, Box 472A, Warren, Ark. 71671  
 Pine Hill ..... No Pastor  
 Pleasant Grove ..... Bro. Lewis Barker, 426E Oakland St., Monticello, Ark.  
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 Rolfe Chapel ..... No Pastor  
 Rose Hill ... Bro. Stephen E. Trail, Rt. 2, Box 134A, Monticello, Ark. 71655  
 Sherrill ..... No Pastor  
 Spring Hill ..... Rev. Junior Grice, Star Route, Banks, Ark. 71631  
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## CHURCH CLERK'S NAME AND ADDRESS

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