**Eighty-Seventh Annual Session** Of The SALINE ASSOCIATION Nf FREE WILL BAPTISTS HELD WITH **ROSE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** 

MINUTES

Warren, Arkansas 71671 July 30, 1983

> Next Session July 28, 1984 Time-9:00 A.M.

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## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS of the SALINE ASSOCIATION

#### **OFFICERS**

Moderator, Bro. Roy L. Thompson Warren, Ark. 71671
Assistant Moderator, Bro. Jack R. Dodson Crossett, Ark. 71365
Clerk, Bro. Jerry Sadler
Assistant Clerk, Bro. James Bullock Cottingston, La. 71229
Statistician, Bro. Ottis Cook Star City, Ark. 71667
Parliamentarian, Bro. J.E. White New Edinburg, Ark. 71660
Assistant Parliamentarian, Bro. Randy Scott Star City, Ark. 71667
Song Director, Bro. Charlie Collins Monticello, Ark. 71655
Assistant Director, Bro. Jimmy Sharpton Bastrop, La. 71220

#### HOME MISSION BOARD

Lewis Barker	•	 •	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	5 year term
James Doggett																						
Tommy Tims																						
Bobby Ray Williams																						

Charlie Nichols	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	٠	٠	•	٠	•	٠	٠	•	1 year term
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#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

J.E. White	5 year term
Herman Greenwood	4 year term
Oris Doggett	3 year term
Randy Scott.	2 year term
Elbert McClellan	1 year term

#### **EXAMINING BOARD**

Jim Mutchler	5 year term
Jack Dodson	4 year term
Marshell Parker	3 year term
Johnny Jones	2 year term
Charlie Collins	1 year term

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Lavelle Reaves	5 year term
Ronnie Blanks	4 year term
Lonnie Palmer	3 year term
Clyde Beard	2 year term
Bill Wheeler	1 year term

## PROCEEDINGS

The 87th annual session of the Saline Association of the Free Will Baptist Churches met with the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Monticello on July 30, 1983.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1983**

The meeting began with the congregation singing "Come and Dine" and "At Calvary" led by Bro. Charlie Collins. Bro. J. E. White led the opening prayer.

The assistant clerk, Bro. James Bullock introduced the moderator, Bro. Roy Thompson.

The moderator called the meeting to order and read scripture from Psalms 133, verse 1. The host church pastor, Bro. Tommy Tims, welcomed the congregation.

The minutes and a brief quarterly financial report were read. They were accepted.

The church letters were read and corrected. A motion and second was made to accept the church letters with their corrections and all delegates be seated. The motion carried.

The moderator welcomed Bro. Terry Forrest, Bro. Cecil Sanders, and Bro. David Joslin. A motion and second was made that they be seated as advisory delegates. Bro. David Joslin gave a financial report, mission report and other various projects in the state association.

The following committees were appointed:

FINANCE: Bro. Randy Scott, Chairman; Bro. Elbert McClellan; Bro. Elvin Funderburg.

SCHOLARSHIP: Bro. Ronnie Blanks, Chairman; Bro. Lonnie Palmer; Bro. Tommy Tims.

PUBLIC MORALS: Sis. Leo West, Chairman; Sis. Sharon Beard; Sis. Verna Mae Hunter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sis. Betty Mutchler, Chairman; Sis. Ruby Brown; Sis. Marnell Parker.

OBITUARY: Sis. Murlene Gates; Sis. Ollie Moring, Chairman; Sis. Rachael Jones.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES: Sis. Hazel Mann, Chairman; Sis. Effie Lou Huffman; Sis. Mildred Brown.

STATISTICS: Bro. Otis Cook, Chairman; Bro. Jerry Smith; Bro. Roy Gates. RESOLUTION: Bro. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman; Bro. Jim Mutchler; Bro. Clyde Beard.

CREDENTIALS: Bro. Oris Doggett, Chairman; Bro. Roy Williams; Bro. Lewis Barker.

The Home Mission Board Report was given by Bro. Elvin Funderburg as follows:

#### RECEIPTS

Coupons on Bond	
Coop Plan	
Designated	
Sale of El Dorado Bonds (9 at \$500 plus Int.) 4,578.75	

### TOTAL RECEIPTS

## 7,141.18

## TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD9,118.34

#### **EXPENDITURES**

Brother Baker	2,175.00
Fordyce Bank	
Brother Pearcy	360.00
Brother Stanton White	370.00
Brother Mike Mutchler	165.00
Brother Boyce Williams	180.00

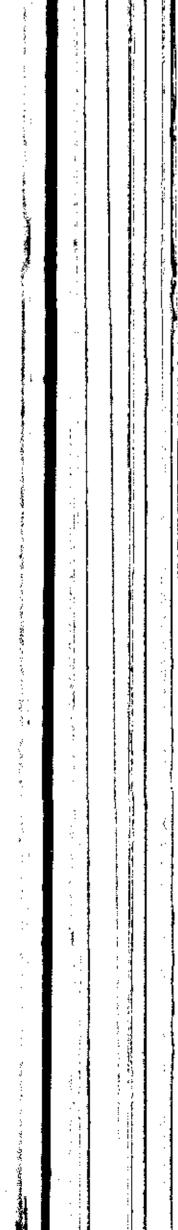
## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

3,693.16

5,425.18

SALINE HOME MISSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT AUGUST 1, 1982 -AUGUST 1, 1983

BALANCE OF RECEIPTS AND BALANCE LESS EXPEND.



## BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD479.47

**RECEIPTS:** 

Designated Money
Coop Plan
Coupons on Bond
Saline Sunday School Board
Saline Assn. General Fund
Sale of El Dorado Bonds (9 at \$500 + Int.) . 4,578.75
Transfer from Savings Account

## TOTAL RECEIPTS EXPENDITURES

19,319.19 Receipts Plus Balance 19,798.66

Fordyce Land Notes (9 at 147.72)	•	•	1,329.48
Brother Jim Baker's Salary	•	•	11,700.00
Insurance	•	•	269.00
Brother Darrell Pearcy (fill-in 2 times).	•	•	360.00
Brother Mike Mutchler	•	•	165.00
Brother Boyce Williams	•	•	180.00
Brother Stanton White (4 trips)	•	•	370.00
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## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

14,373.48

TOTAL BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AND RECEIPTS LESS EXPENDITURES 5,425.18

A motion and second was made to accept this report. The motion carried.
The Saline Association Clerk's Yearly Report - (AUGUST 1, 1982 - JUNE
30, 1983)

SALINE ASSOCIATION YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT - PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1983

GENERAL FUND (includes operating account)

Beginning Balance 8-1-82

**INCOME:** 

Cooperative Plan \$	22,960.11
Designated Monies	
State Minutes	130.00
Association Fee	480.00
Host Church	404.00
CTS Fund	474.09
National Dues	220.00
Special National Association	630.00
Interest	167.10
Bonds	2,543.75
First F.W.B. Church - Warren	400.00
Christian Education Correct Error	35.00

TOTAL INCOME

39,656,88 \$ 42,982.26

\$ 3,325.38

### **EXPENSES:**

Designated Monies	40.90
Minutes (State)	30.00
	20.00
	32.00
	60.00
	310.00
	50.00
Executive Board Expense	97.89
	514.49
	84.04
	888.01
CTS Fund	97.04
	588.80
	48.01
Miscellaneous (postage, tele., sup.) 3	860.52
	)00.00
Hillsdale	862.16
Group Competition 6	500.00
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State Delegate Expense	99.05

#### **TOTAL EXPENSE**

Balance on Hand

\$ 39,982.91

2,999.35



	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,953.56
	Beginning Balance 8-1-82 INCOME: Cooperative Plan\$ 1,148.01 Interest174.68 Bonds1,000.00	1,933.30
		2,322.69
	TOTAL INCOME	4,276.25
	EXPENSES: Earnest	1,085.00
	BALANCE ON HAND	\$ 3,191.25
	CTS FUND	
	Beginning Balance 8-1-82	\$ 3,248.88
	INCOME: Cooperative Plan \$ 97.04 Interest	173.35
	TOTAL INCOME	3,422.23
	EXPENSES: CTS Rally	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,422.23
and a second	BALANCE ON HAND:	\$.00
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	TOTAL CASH ON HAND ALL ACCOUNTS 7-1-8	3 \$-6,995.14
	TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS ON HAND	\$ 1,000.00
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REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TREASU SALINE YEARLY ASSOCIATION June 30, 1983 Balance brought forward	
INCOME:         8-5-82 from Association         10-4-82 from Association         1-10-83 from Association         4-7-83 from Association	
TOTAL INCOME \$686.73	686.73 \$ 2,404.21
EXPENSES: 8-27-82 Board meeting in Monticello mileage and meals	
TOTAL EXPENSES BALANCE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,039.94 \$ 1,364.27

There was a motion and second that the Sunday School Report made by the Board be accepted.

The following Woman's Auxiliary Report was given:

The Saline District Woman's Auxiliary meets quarterly at one of the following churches in our association: (Pine Hill, North Crossett, Rose Hill, York Town, Pleasant Valley, 1st Church Star City, Trinity, Mt. Pleasant, 1st Church Warren). We have a present enrollment of 135 members.

The district took the Children's Home of Greenville, Tennessee, as a project for 1 year. Each auxiliary participated by giving linens, small appliances, socks, silverware, etc., for this project. In  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years our combined gifts to the Children's Home and Provision Closet valued over \$2,000.00.

The state project for the Deeds & Richards was supported by the district churches. The ladies also helped purchase flannel graph packets for Sis. Bessie Richards to take back to the mission field.

The Saline district will have a retreat every other year. October 8th, the retreat will be held at North Crossett.

Thanks to the Vision for an opportunity to keep our ladies informed on the work of the auxiliaries.

The new officers for 1983-1985 are as follows: President, Debbie Scott; Vice President, Leo West; Secretary, Pam Culp; Treasurer, Vernice Wynn; Mission Action, Pauline Reeves; Mission Prayer, Betty Mutchler; Mission Study, Virginia Morgan; Field Work, Ollie Doggett; Song Director, Jane Lowry; Pianist, Phyllis Cathey.

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The next meeting will be August 13th, at the First Church Warren. Guest Speaker will be Linda Harvey, State President.

We extend an invitation to the ladies to attend this meeting. Motion and Second was made to accept this report. The motion carried.



A motion and second was made that the next quarterly meeting be held at Gordan Avenue Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, September 30, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 1983, at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried.

Bro. Tommy Tims was elected speaker at the next meeting by acclamation. Bro. James Bullock was elected alternate speaker.

Bro. Johnny Jones led the benediction prayer for recess.

#### RECESS

The second morning session began with the congregation singing "Where The Soul Never Dies", led by Bro. Charlie Collins. Rev. Jack Dodson brought the memorial message from God's Word. The congregation sang "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There". Bro. David Joslin dismissed the morning session and asked The Lord's blessing on the noon meal.

### **NOON RECESS**

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away".

The opening prayer was led by Bro. Stanton White.

Special music was by Bro. James Bullock.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met June 10, 1983 to discuss the sale of the El Dorado property and the pay-off of the bond program. The property has been sold for \$50,000. The bonds have all been called in and paid off at a total \$8,343.50. With the transfer of the checking acct. and the transfer of the sinking fund added to the balance from the sale of the property, we have a balance as of June 30, 1983, of \$45,259.11. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman.

A motion and second was made to accept this report. The motion carried.

A motion and second was made to pay off the Fordyce Mission debt with the proceeds from the sale of the El Dorado Property.

A motion and second was made to table the previous motion until the next quarterly meeting. The motion failed.

A motion and second was made to vote on the motion on the floor in two parts. The motion carried.

By a unanimous vote, it was decided to pay off the Fordyce Mission debt.

By a 19 vote margin, the remainder of the funds after retiring the Fordyce Mission debt will not go into the General Fund but will remain as it is.

A motion and second was made to put the remaining funds in the National Board Trust Fund. The motion failed.

A motion and second was made to elect a committee of five men to make recommendations to the body as to what to do with the remaining funds of the El Dorado sale. The motion carried.

The following were nominated to serve on this committee: Brothers



Ronnie Blanks, J. E. White, Oris Doggett, James Doggett, Elvin Funderburg, Elbert McClellan, Lonnie Palmer, and Randy Scott.

Brothers Ronnie Blanks, J. E. White, Oris Doggett, James Doggett and Lonnie Palmer were elected to serve on this committee. A motion and second was made that Bro. J. E. White serve as chairman of this committee. The motion carried. A motion and second was made that the mileage of this committee be refundable from the general fund. The motion carried.

#### EXAMINING BOARD REPORT

We recommend that Bros. Roy Ray and Harvey Phillips, Jr. be ordained and a request for Bro. Harvey Phillips to be honored today. The request is for Bro. Harvey Phillips to be ordained here at this meeting today. We recommend that Bro. Ricky Rauls be ordained as a deacon.

A motion and second was made that this request be accepted. The motion carried.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We have check the records of the Saline Association and find: Balance Brought Fwd. 8-1-82 . . . . . . \$ 9,313.60 Balance on Hand 7-1-83 . . . . . . . . . \$ 6,995.14

The amount of money in each fund is as follows:

General Fund	2,999.35
Christian Education \$	3,191.25
CTS	.00
Scholarship Reserve Fund \$	804.54

Also, the General Fund has a \$1,000.00 church bond issued by the Gordan Ave. F.W.B. Church of Monroe, La.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We have received two requests for scholarships this quarter: Rhonda Hurington, "Hillsdale" and Allison Jones, "Hillsdale".

Their requests were granted.

We also recommend that the Scholarship be raised from \$150.00 per semester to \$200.00 per semester.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

#### PUBLIC MORAL COMMITTEE

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We feel that our standards of morals are decreasing all the time. If we

are the christians that God is pleased with, we must have high moral standards. We encourage our pastors and teachers to instill in the minds of our people to practice in their everyday living, in their conduct and dress. Remember, James 1:27 tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from this world.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The following Sunday School Committee report was given:

We find 25 churches represented with 1,885 enrollment. This number was taken from church letters presented to the association this day in 1983.

This report for 83 shows a decrease of 11 members. We challenge everyone to work and pray more that we would have an increase next year.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We, your obituary committee, find in checking through the material given us fourteen of our loved ones and friends have departed from our fellowship.

Brother Hershel Sharpton; Macedonia - Bro. Curtis Sanders, Sis. Myrtle McClellan; Willoughby - Bro. Wiley White; Gordan Ave. - Bro. Henry Futch, Sis. Mary L. Estelle; Antioch - Bro. Edgar Rauls; First Star City -Sis. Mae Wynn, Bro. Ellis Fulbright; North Crossett - Bro. Johnny Henderson, Bro. Norman Stanley; Corbin Ferry - Bro. R. F. Ingram, Sis. Katy Ingram, Bro. Clyde Thrasher; Pine Hill - Sis. Ida Williams, Sis. Ludy Morgan, Sis. Imma Pickens.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES**

We find all churches were represented by letter except one, Roth Chapel.

Bastrop Free Will Baptist Church withdrew from the association.

All Churches were represented by delegates except Sherrill, Spring Hill and Mount Pleasant.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

Be it resolved that we give the Host Church a vote of thanks for the good meal.

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.



## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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

A motion and second was made that this report be accepted. The motion carried.

A letter dated 7-18-83, was written to the Saline Association from Reverend Louis Couch, pastor of the Bastrop Free Will Baptist Church. This letter stated that this church has withdrawn from the Saline Association.

A motion and second was made that this report be granted. The motion carried.

The following Board Members were elected: Home Mission Board:

Bro. Lewis Barker . :	•
Executive Board: Bro. J. E. White	•
Examining Board: Bro. Jim Mutchler	5 year term
Sunday School Board: Bro. Lavelle Reaves	•

The following nominations were made for delegates to the state convention: Sis. Ollie Doggett, Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Debbie Scott, Sis. Ollie Moring, Sis. Brenda Chism. Nominations were ceased and they were elected by acclamation.

The following officers were nominated and elected by acclamation: Moderator, Bro. Roy L. Thompson; Assistant Moderator, Bro. Jack L. Dodson; Clerk, Bro. Jerry Sadler; Assistant Clerk, Bro. James Bullock; Statistician, Bro. Otis Cook; Parliamentarian, Bro. J. E. White; Assistant Parliamentarian, Bro. Randy Scott; Song Director, Bro. Charlie Collins; Assistant Song Director, Bro. Jimmy Sharpton.

A motion and second was made that the following letter be entered as an item of information.

To the Saline Association:

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us to go to the National Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Without your help and support it would have been hard for us to make the trip.

We give God and glory in our receiving number one ratings for both the choir and our girls' duet. Again, thank you.

In Christ,

The Rose Hill Choir Pam Chisom and Darla Clemons

The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.



CHURCH YEARLY REPORT	Members	Members
Harmony	212	0
Free Hill	77	4
Pine Hill	40	2
Corbin Ferry	147	6
Macedonia	240	2
Oak Grove	120	9
Warren First	119	4
Pleasant Grove	42	2
Gordon Avenue	46	14
Fairview	76	3
Willoughby	207	4
Rose Hill	184	26
Yorktown	232	19
Pleasant Valley	124	6
Mt. Pleasant	167	3
North Crossett	531	4
Sherrill	75	
Spring Hill	80	17
Rolfe Chapel		
Antioch	25	4
Fordyce	14	2
Sheridan	16	2
Hillview	63	12
Star City	115	7
Trinity	108	3
Maplewood		20
Total		175

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Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School	C.T.S.	Women's Auxiliary	Master Men	Deacon	Minister
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2	2	40		6		1	1
6		56				2	1
2	6	138		30		7	4
9		55				4	2
4	3	48 40 56 138 55 78		13		3	1
2		30	30			2	2
4		41	12	8		1	1
3	3	44				1	3
4	6	100				5	3
6	20	150	48	19	10	0	3
9	6	100	70	14	12	5	2
6	1	73	50	15		2	3
3	3	60	40	6		5	1
4		360	125	21		7	1
	3	35				2	1
7		45				4	2
4	1	30				1	
2	0	10					
2	2	10				2	1
2	1	25				2	1
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	Cooperative Plan	Total Offering	Evangelist Work	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Building Repair	Utilities	Bible College	Value of Parsonage
Harmony	1998.33	30256.21	1045.60	11,700.00	65,000.00	463.51	1296.99		
Free Hill	40.00	68.00	450.00	3500.00	3500.00		265.00		
Pine Hill		16,277.00		13482.00	85,000.00		943.50		35,000.00
Corbin Ferry	375.00	9254.09		3,900.00			1040.34		
Macedonia	989.03	23837.37	751.16	14,300.00	120,000.00	633.75	1634.66	500.00	
Oak Grove	1012.45	9470.33	606.00	3880.00	75,000.00	3185.37	850.61		25,000.00
Warren First		25808.80	250.00	9491.00	88,000.00	3353.00	2365.00	750.00	38,500.00
Pleasant Grove	112.00	3902.97	275.00	2160.00	9,000.00		541.53		·
Gordon Avenue	1341.10	15031.59	510.00	4175.50	65,000.00	3030.71	2098.86		
Fairview	888.38	9136.08	400.00	2600.00	25,000.00	796.00	420.10		
Willoughby	2579.58	21765.84	220.50	13343.60	50,000.00		1732.56	74.30	30,000.00
Rose Hill	3879.59	50,600.00	1317.10	13251.00	300,000.00	5030.42	3214.03		30,000.00
Yorktown	2451.00	26989.41	600.00	15,900.00	80,000.00	726.27	3683.38		40,000.00
Pleasant Valley	2067.99	31218.36	700.00	8,200.00	45,000.00		3289.49	100.00	12,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	75.00	17152.96	425.00	12,240.00	75,000.00	1091.57	1366.16	150.00	40,000.00
North Crossett		70374.33	1356.43	17,987.00	275,000	9128.33	5176.23	100.00	
Sherrill				1350.00	10,000.00	300.00	62.00		
Spring Hill	40.00	4,133.00	314.00	1,300.00	20,000.00	1,598.00	358.00		
Rolfe Chapel									
Antioch	50.00	5046.00		800.00	65,000.00	43.50	555.00		
Fordyce	200.00	2776.00	300.00		75,000.00		1440.00		
Sheridan						527.47	1047.06		
Hillview				2,400.00	65,000.00	4978.07	1122.84		
Star City	1926.73	19,110.71	550.00		110,000.00	500.00	2582.03	485.00	50,000.00
Trinity	3707.82	42641.52		11555.00	185,000.00	250.00	2187.00		60,000.00
Maplewood	513.00	32022	429.99	,	15,732.00	2768.40	939.67		
Total	24278	483429.99	10874.79	195497.10	2,340,500	38404.37	40212.04	2159.30	360,500.00

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## STATISTICAL INFORMATION

CHURCH ACTIVITIES	Literature	Miscellaneous
Harmony		6460.62
Free Hill		748.00
Pine Hill	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Corbin Ferry		806.57
Macedonia		426.30
Oak Grove		637.46
Warren First	. 1064.00	
Pleasant Grove	. 157.97	663.73
Gordon Avenue	296.29	697.55
Fairview	. 465.88	646.08
Willoughby	1312.39	
Rose Hill		8801.74
Yorktown	. 1121.76	433.17
Pleasant Valley	. 1240.64	3665.85
Mt. Pleasant	616.42	811.66
North Crossett	3763.04	6717.35
Sherrill	160.00	300.00
Spring Hill	388.00	440.00
Rolfe Chapel	• •	
Antioch	207.50	
Fordyce	150.00	100.00
Sheridan	83.22	
Hillview	630.90	1860.67
Star Citv	• • 1753.64	
Trinity	1116.00	3427.00
Maplewood		169.45
Total.	21898.20	37813.20

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731.00	540.00				
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1058.35	759.82				
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147.00	45.00	829.27	160.86	645.40	40.00
752.94	683.25	500.00			
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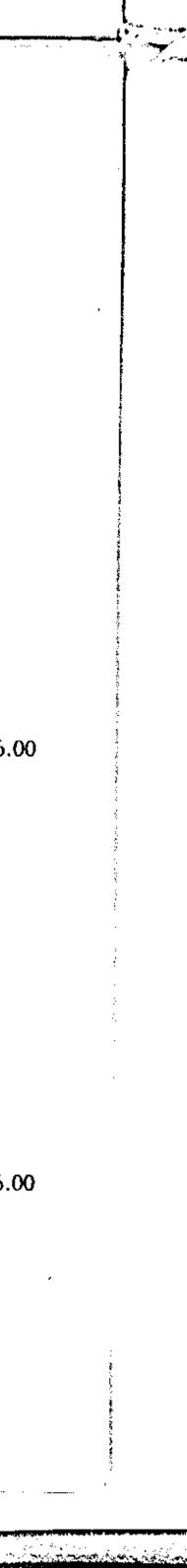
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#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16, 17; Ex. 4:15; Psa. 32:8; Heb. 1:1, 2.

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

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man-finite things cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence. Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; II Cor. 1:19; I John 5:20; I Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; II Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psa. 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; I Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; James 1:17; I Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:24; Psa. 139:7-10; Acts 17:24; Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Psa. 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27; Eph. 4:6; Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psa. 119:68; Psa. 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 16:27; Dan. 2:20; I Tim. 1:17; Jude 25; Lev. 19:2; Job 6:10; Deut. 32:4; Psa. 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5; Eph. 2:4; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 100:5; Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Psa. 33:6-9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3; Neh. 9:6; Job 7:20; Heb. 1:3; Psa. 47:7; II Chron. 20:6; Psa. 95:3; Isa. 47:4; Psa. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20; Jer. 50:34; Isa. 45:21; 43:3-11; 49:26; Ex. 31:13; I Thes. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6; II Tim. 4:8; Ex. 34:14; Ex. 20:4-5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; Job 11:7; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33; Job 26:14; Ex. 9:14; 8:10; I Chron. 17:20; Psa. 19:1-2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; I Chron. 28:9; Psa. 94: 9, 10; Acts 1:24. 3. DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE-A. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all His creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word. B. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility. C. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur. Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Psa. 104:13,14; Job 14:6; Eph. 1:11; Psa. 22:28; Psa. 97:2; Isa. 33:22; Ex. 34:6; J. b 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14,15; Pvo. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; I Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25,31; Jer. 44:4. 4. CREATION—A. Of the World. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the employment of His creatures. B. Of the Angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world. C. Of man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psa. 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7: 1:27; I Cor. 6:20. 5. PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness.



In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not the righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation-upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14; John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; John 3:5; 1:13; Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

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

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

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

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

C. His Works. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10,11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13,14; I Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; I Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; I John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28,29; I John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8; 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24,25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18. Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10,11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8,10; John 1:3,10; Col. 1:16,17; I Pete 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6. I Peter 1:18,19; Rev. 5:9; II Tim. 4:1; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22. 7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of Man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being, John 1:14; Phil. 2:6,7; II Cor. 8:9 Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33,35: 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44: Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; I Peter 2:21: John 13:15; I John 2:6: Isa 42:21: Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18,20: Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16.18. 8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST-A. The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for a'l men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God. that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was



necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obdience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

B. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to Heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, he makes intercession for us until He comes again.

C. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God. I John 2:2; Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom: 4:25; Matt. 20:28; I Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6,8; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; I Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; II Peter 3:9; IICor. 5:14, 15; I Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25,26; 5:9,18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18: 8:1; 2:14,15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22! Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17; Acts 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I Cor. 15:32; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36,37; Matt. 19:14.

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

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

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

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

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

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship. John 16:13; I Cor. 2:11; Gen. 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; I Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Psa. 104:30; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8,9; Acts 28:25,26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

10. THE GOSPEL CALL—The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own. Mark 16:15; Isa. 45:22; Prov. 8.4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Joel 2:28; John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10; I Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34; Ezek. 33:11; II Peter 3:9; Hosea 13:9; Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12: Jer. 7:13,14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37.

11. REPENTANCE—The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred. and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally. II Cor. 7:10: Psa. 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psa. 32:3,5; Ezek. 36:31; Psa. 51:3,4; Ezek. 18:30: Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; 3:19

12. FAITH-Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, and acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation All men are



required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; John 5:46,47; Rom. 10:9; 10:10; Gal. 5:22; I Cor. 12:8,9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; I Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; U Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Mark 16:16; John 8:21,24; Heb. 11:6; John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

13. REGENERATION—As Man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature. John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21; John 3:5; 1:3; Ezek. 36:26,27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16! John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; II Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19,20; I Peter 2:5; John 3:6; 3:7,8; I John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psa. 119:50,93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; John 5:24; I John 3:14; II Peter 1:4; Heb. 3:14.

14. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION—A. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

B. Sanctification in the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1; 5:16; Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Acts 3:19; Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31,32; Acts 13:38,39; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Peter 3:18; Heb. 6:1; I John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; I John 1:7,9; I Peter 1:16.

15. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS—There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling: and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and pe 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 reter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; I Tim. 1:19; II Peter 2:20,21; I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

16. THE SABBATH—This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6,33-36; John 20:19,26: Acts 2:1; 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psa. 118:22-24; Isa. 58:13,14; 56:2; Ex. 20:8-11.

17. THE CHURCH—A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members. I Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41,47; 20:7; I Cor. 16:1,2; Rev. 1:4;



Eph. 5:25,27; 1:22,23; I Cor. 12:27,28; Col. 1:18,24; I Peter 2:5; John 18:36; 15:2,6; Acts 2:41; 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

18. TITHING—Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:8-10; I Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; II Cor. 9:6-8.

19. THE GOSPEL MINISTRY—A. Qualification of Ministers. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the Taying on of hands.

B. Duties of Ministers. These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers. II Tim. 2:15; 4:13-15; Titus 1:9; 2:7,8; II Tim. 1:7; 2:2; I Tim. 3:2-7; Psa. 50:16; II Tim. 1:8-11,14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; I Cor. 2:12-16; Acts 20:28; Heb. 5:4; I Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2; I Tim. 1:6; Acts 13:3; Mark 16:15; II Tim. 4:2; II Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19,20; Acts 20:11; 27:35; I Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16; Heb. 13:17; I Peter 5:2; Jer. 3:15.

20. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL—A. Christian Baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts. 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2.41; Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; I Cor. 15:29.

B. The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity. I Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; I Cor. 10:16,21; 11:27-29; 10:17; Rom. 14:1,10; I Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7. C. Washing the Saints' Feet. This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8: I Tim. 5:1-10. 21. DEATH—As a result of sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27; I Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8: 12:7: Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; II Cor. 5:8: Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9. 22. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST-The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world. Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31: I Cor. 15:24-28; I Thess. 4:15-17; II Thess. 1:7-10; II Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44. 23. THE RESURRECTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come iorth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22,23; II Tim. 2:18: Phil. 3:21: I Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2. 24. THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION-A. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31: I Cor. 15:24: Rev. 10:6; 22:11; II Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10: II Peter 3:12; II Cor. 5:10: Eccl. 12:14: Matt. 12:36: Rev. 20:12: Rom. 2:16. **B.** Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.



# Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; II Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43,44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7,8,27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10.

#### **CONSTITUTION FOR THE**

#### SALINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon a profession of our faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches: do, for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, ordain this Constitution for the betterment of our Associational Government.

#### ARTICLE I.

NAME: This organization shall be called the "Saline Association of Free Will Baptists," affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of its various boards and churches composing this association. And to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries and churches, or those that may hereafter be represented therein.

#### ARTICLE III.

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. This association shall be composed of quarterly meetings which in turn are composed of well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches, maintaining Gospel order, subscribing (agreeing) with the Denomination in doctrine and practice, favoring the various enterprises that have been endorsed by this association and the Denomination proper.

Section 2. The acting members of this association shall be regularly ordained Ministers, Deacons and Church Clerks who are in good standing with their local churches. Also each church shall be represented by delegates elected as follows: Two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) resident members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) resident members or fraction thereof. A letter from said churches shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body. Section 3. In event only part of the elected delegation is present from a church, they, together may in conciliation with their Pastor fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegation to be approved by this body. Section 4. Ministers and Deacons coming from another State, Association or Denomination shall be received after complying with the rules as stipulated in the by-laws of the Examining Board of this body.

ARTICLE IV.

DISCIPLINE: Section 1. This Association has the same right to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, as the Quarterly Meetings have to discipline the churches of which they are composed.

Section 2. When a Quarterly Meeting neglects to report itself, or when it becomes heretical or corrupt in practice, this Association may pursue the same course with it that a Quarterly Meeting does with a disorderly church.

Section 3. Churches which compose the Quarterly Meetings, which in turn composed the Association, are admonished not to call a pastor or an evangelist that has been excluded (dismissed) from another church or association for disorderly conduct, etc.

Section 4. Each church in the Saline Association send \$20.00 to the District Association to be sent to help take care of the State Association and also send \$5.00 from each church in this association to help pay for printing State minutes and general expenses. Each church in the Saline Association is to send \$10.00 each year to help take care of the National Association and also send \$4.00 each quarter to help the host church of each quarterly meeting with the expenses of hosting the meeting. In the event any church within the Saline 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%, Hillsdale 2%, Sunday School 3%, Christian Education 5%. This association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one tenth )1;%) 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. Se officers shall be elected annually, on the last day of the Association, 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.

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All Boards and Committees are to organize when elected or appointed, also, at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a Chairman. Assistant Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer when funds are entrusted to a Board. Each Board or Committee shall keep a written report of each meeting, the receiving and disbursement of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to this body of its work done during the year, or as requested by the body. Each standing Board shall have its own by-laws which shall govern its activities, only when stated by this Constitution. All by-laws are to conform to the Principle and tenets of this Association.

Section 1. The Executive Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Saline Association or its Quarterly Meetings, when either of these bodies is not in session. (It shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur on any of the Standing Boards or office of the Association or Quarterly Meetings.) This Board shall be responsible for all legal matters that might claim the attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to or have been purchased by said body, unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Section 2. MISSION BOARD: It shall be the duty of this board to promote an active missions program within the State. It shall work in conjunction with the National Home and Foreign Missions Board in the arranging of Missionary conferences, Missionary itinerarie and assist in the raising of the state quota for the National Missions Programs.

This board shall investigate, and assist, in the establishing of new churches and missions, particularly where there is no Free Will Baptist work. This board shall nct participate in the organization of any church or mission that is located within common boundaries of a district association that has no such board, then this board, upon cousultation with officials of said district association, shall assist in such work.



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

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

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Examining Board to examine all candidates (Ministers and Deacons) at the request of the local church. Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church. (Having been a Christian long enough to show Christian maturity,) (2) All licensed ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination. (Questionnaire to be furnished by this Board.) Ministers coming from other States, Associations or Denominations shall be examined by this Board, at the request of the local church. These shall also be given the questionnaire furnished by this Board. Deacons shall be examined according to the Scripture and Practice of Free Will Baptist. (See Treatise).

#### ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS: This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by said body.

#### ARTICLE X.

RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS: Either Robert's Rules of Order or Hall & Sturgis Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usages, etc.

#### ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular (yearly) session of the Saline Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendments or alterations be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

#### RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflection shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be opened for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

5. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless so ordered at the time.

6. No person or persons shall speak twice on the same subject without special leave from the Moderator.

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

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

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

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



## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Association called to order by the clerk and 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, 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.



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