

# **MINUTES**

**Eighty-Ninth Annual Session**

**Of The**

**SALINE ASSOCIATION**

**Of**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held With**

**Macedonia Free Will**

**Baptist Church Of**

**New Edinburg**

**New Edinburg, Arkansas 71660**

**August 3, 1985**

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# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE SALINE ASSOCIATION

## Officers

Moderator, Bro. Roy L. Thompson .....	Warren, AR	71671
Asst. Moderator, Bro. Randy Scott .....	Star City, AR	71667
Clerk, Sis. Linda Stevens .....	Monticello, AR	71655
Asst. Clerk, Bro. James Bullock .....	Collingston, LA	71229
Statistician, Bro. Dewayne Roper .....	York Town, AR	71678
Parliamentarian, Bro. Jim Mutchler .....	Warren, AR	71671
Asst. Parliamentarian, Bro. Tommy Tims .....	Monticello, AR	71655
Song Director, Bro. W. H. Bostic .....	Star City, AR	71667
Asst. Song Director, Bro. Randy Scott .....	Star City, AR	71667

## Home Mission Board

Clyde Beard .....	5 year term
Charles Nichols .....	4 year term
Lewis Barker .....	3 year term
James Doggett .....	2 year term
Tommy Tims .....	1 year term

## Executive Board

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

## Examining Board

Henry Jones .....	5 year term
Steve Hendrix .....	4 year term
Jim Mutchler .....	3 year term
Jack Dodson .....	2 year term
Marshall Parker .....	1 year term

## Sunday School Board

Bobby Ray Williams .....	5 year term
Terry Forrest .....	4 year term
Lavelle Reaves .....	3 year term
Ronnie Blanks .....	2 year term
W. H. Bostic .....	1 year term

## PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-ninth annual meeting of the Saline Association of Free Will Baptists met August 2 & 3, 1985 with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church of New Edinburg, Arkansas.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Randy Scott.

The opening prayer was given by Bro. Lavell Reaves followed by another congregational hymn "I Feel Like Traveling On."

The moderator, Bro. Roy Thompson, was introduced by the asst. clerk Bro. James Bullock. A brief devotional was given at this time by Bro. Thompson.

The assembly was made welcome by the host church representative Bro. Ricky Sanders.

The letters were then read and corrected. There was a motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a financial report for the fourth quarter was given by the clerk. There was a motion and second to accept these reports as read. Motion carried.

There was a motion and second to grant Bro. Bill Wheeler a letter to the New Hope Association. Motion carried.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

### PUBLIC MORALS

Bro. Ray Sanders  
Sis. Betty Mutchler  
Sis. Masel Rogers

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Bobby Williams  
Sis. Debbie Bullock  
Bro. Martin Tucker

### NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

Bro. Lewis Barker  
Bro. Terry Forrest  
Bro. Dale Pitts

### RESOLUTIONS

Bro. Alton Walls  
Bro. Tommy Tims  
Sis. Maxine Bostic

### CREDENTIALS

Sis. Eva Tucker  
Sis. Ada Wynne  
Sis. Iva Ashcraft

### OBITUARY

Sis. Odessa Mucelroy  
Sis. Pat Pitts  
Sis. Charlene Linzy

### FINANCE

Bro. Dewayne Roper  
Bro. Alvin McMahon  
Sis. Mary Wall

There was a motion and second that these committees be accepted. Motion carried.

This was followed by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace".

There was a report on State business by Bro. David Juslin.

There was a report on the State Home Mission Board by Bro. Terry Forrest.

There was a report from Bro. Steve Hendrix on the Fordyce mission.

The following were elected to these boards for five year terms:

Home Mission .....	Clyde Beard
Executive .....	Randy Scott
Examining .....	Henry Jones
Sunday School .....	Bobby Ray Williams

Bro. Terry Forrest offered the benediction.

## RECESS

The second session opened with "Glory To His Name" and Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. W. H. Bostic. Opening prayer was led by Bro. Dewayne Roper. Then the congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On."

The special music was provided by a quartet who sang "What A Day That Will Be".

The obituary list was then read by the clerk. (Printed with the obituary committee report).

Before the memorial message, a special was rendered by Bro. James Bulloch, "Wedding Invitation". The message was taken from Hebrews 11:13 and was titled "I'm not looking for a city going up, but one that's coming down."

The benediction and the blessing upon the noon meal was given by Bro. Otis Cook.

## NOON RECESS

The afternoon session was called to order with the singing of "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Special music was provided by a quartet who sang "Do You Know My Jesus."

Prayer was led by Bro. J. E. White.

Bro. Ronnie Blanks brought the afternoon devotion from Psalms 1:1-6.

Bro. Cecil Sanders gave a report on the Hillsdale Bible College.

The non-represented churches report as follows:

We the committee on representation find that all our churches have reported with the exception of Gordon Avenue, Maplewood, and Sherril. Certain information regarding Maplewood and Gordon Avenue church has come to this committee stating that these two churches now have pastors who are not affiliated with Free Will Baptists. Not knowing the certainty of these things, we simply wish to forward this information to the association for your consideration.

Terry Forrest, chairman  
Dale Pitts  
Lewis Barker

There was a motion and second that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

The committee on Public Morals reported as follows:

We abhor the practice of abortion. We believe it to be purely murder. We abhor pornography and all forms of sexual immorality. We abhor the brazen use of alcohol and drugs.

We deplore the laxity and even neglect in bringing criminals to swift and decisive justice in our country, especially in cases of rape, murder, child molestation, and white collar crime.

We feel that the attitude of the Supreme Court and many government officials of our beloved country in the area of separation of church and state can only be described as grossly in error.

We describe ourselves as pro life, pro liberty, pro God, pro Bible, pro morality, and pro America.

We passionately beseech all Free Will Baptists to live holy, separated, Christ honoring lives.

Rev. Ray Sanders, chairman

Sis. Macel Rogers

Sis. Betty Mutchler

There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.  
The Finance Committee reported as follows:

We the finance committee find all accounts well in order and a word of appreciation to Bro. Sanders for all the time and work that he has put into this association is in order.

Dewayne Roper, chairman

Alvin McMahon

Mary Wall

There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.  
The Sunday School Committee reported as follows:

We find a total enrollment of 1635. This number is taken from church letters presented to the association on August 3, 1985. This report shows an increase of 110 members from the 1984 report. We challenge everyone to work and pray that we would have an increase next year. We encourage every church member to reach out and witness to others, so that the Sunday School attendance may improve, and people be won to Christ.

Bobby R. Williams, chairman

Martin Tucker

Debbie Bullock

There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.  
The Credentials Committee reported as follows:

We the credential committee find all our ministers of our association in good standing.

Eva Tucker, chairman

Ada Wynn

Iva Ashcraft

There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.



The Resolution Committee reported as follows:

We the Resolutions Committee recommend our association pay the expenses of our delegates to the State Association. Be it resolved we give the host church a vote of thanks for the good meal.

Alton Wall, chairman  
Tommy Tims  
Maxcine Bostic

There was a motion and second that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Obituary Committee reported as follows:

We your Obituary Committee find in checking through each letter that 23 of our loved ones and friends have departed from our fellowship:

Macedonia .....	Bro. Hilton King
Fairview .....	Sis. Kathy Nicholson Pope
Willoghby .....	Sis. John Divine
Pleasant Valley .....	Bro. Silas Woodard
	Sis. Ola Cooper
Yorktown .....	Bro. Granville Spurlock
	Bro. James Parker
	Sis. Gladys Parker
North Crossett .....	Bro. Jack Sharp
Springhill .....	Sis. June Williams
	Bro. Nolan Williams
Harmony .....	Bro. John Payne
	Bro. Lonnie Brown
	Sis. Ethel Taylor
Mt. Pleasant .....	Bro. Durell Bellot
	Bro. Joe Meeks
	Sis. Sallie Bolin
First Star City .....	Bro. Caril Burnett
Pleasant Grove .....	Sis. Myrtle Hayes
	Sis. Maude Keen
	Sis. Mildred Mathoney
	Bro. Exal Wells
Fordyce .....	Bro. Harold Browning

We recommend a moment of silent prayer in honor of these who have left us.

Odessa Muckleroy, chairman  
Charlene Linzy  
Pat Pitts

There was a motion and second to accept this report. Motion carried.

There was a report from Bro. Otis Cook. There was a motion and second to accept. Motion carried.

The association elected Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Eva Tucker, Sis. Joyce Tims, Sis. Natalie Roper, and Bro. Monroe McMahon to serve as delegates to the State Association in Conway.

There was a motion and second to send the interest on the special fund to the Fordyce Mission. Motion carried.

The following resolution was then submitted from the floor and read by the clerk:

Resolve that we give no recommendation to any minister unless he has a recommendation from the last church he pastored.

There was a motion and second to accept this resolution. Motion defeated. Associational officers were elected as follows:

Moderator .....	Roy Thompson
Asst. Moderator .....	Randy Scott
Clerk .....	Linda Stevens
Asst. Clerk .....	James Bullock
Parliamentarian .....	Jim Mutchler
Asst. Parliamentarian .....	Tommy Tims
Song Director .....	W. H. Bostic
Asst. Song Director .....	Randy Scott
Statistician .....	Dewayne Roper

A motion and second was made that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Prayer of benediction was given by Bro. Monroe McMahon.

# FINANCIAL REPORT - Operating and General / 1984-85

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Yearly Totals
<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....	2328.65	2735.25	3666.18	2678.01	2328.65
<b>INCOME:</b>					
Coop Plan .....	6287.81	6388.15	5410.74	6148.42	24,235.12
Designated Money .....	2190.07	2283.56	2150.04	4625.15	11,248.82
State Minutes .....	15.00	5.00		110.00	130.00
Assoc. Fee .....	60.00	20.00		440.00	520.00
Host Church .....	104.00	208.00	220.00	220.00	752.00
National Dues .....	20.00			220.00	240.00
Interest .....	15.99	22.16	14.01	10.79	62.95
Bonds and Coupons .....	535.00	17.50			552.50
Warren First (Des.) .....	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
S. S. Withholdings .....	NA	NA	34.14	34.14	68.28
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Designated Money .....	2115.07	2208.56	2075.04	4301.51	10,700.18
State Minutes .....				130.00	130.00
Assoc. Fee .....				520.00	520.00
Host Church .....	104.00	260.00	260.00	260.00	884.00
National Dues .....				260.00	260.00
Clerk's Salary .....	450.00	450.00	484.14	484.14	1868.28
Printing Minutes .....	577.45				577.45
Saline Home Mission .....	2590.14	2630.26	2239.30	2534.37	9994.07
State Coop Plan .....	1886.33	1916.45	1623.24	1844.53	7270.55
Sal. Sunday School .....	188.63	191.64	162.32	184.45	727.04
Sal. Christian Ed. ....	314.39	319.40	270.54	307.42	1211.75
Postage .....	9.20	9.37	22.39		40.96
Hillsdale College .....	125.76	127.76	108.22	122.97	484.71
Supplies & Misc. ....			20.23		20.23
S. S. From Assoc. ....	60.30	★	117.54	34.12	211.96
Special Ins. Fund .....	500.00				500.00
S. S. From Clerk .....	NA	NA	34.14	34.14	68.28
Max Williams (L/O) .....			500.00		500.00
Patsy Vanhook .....			1000.00		1000.00
Youth Camp .....				500.00	500.00
Siloam Springs .....				500.00	500.00
AFWB (cor.) .....				203.79	203.79
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> .....	<b>2735.25</b>	<b>3666.18</b>	<b>2678.01</b>	<b>2365.07</b>	<b>2365.07</b>

NA - Not Applicable

★ - This quarter's tax filed with yearly report which was not due until the next quarter.  
Next quarter contains two (2) quarter's tax.



## FINANCIAL REPORT - Home Mission Account / 1984-85

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Yearly Totals
<b>Beginning Balance</b> .....	21,407.07	20,144.99	16,829.11	12,714.36	21,407.07
<b>INCOME:</b>					
From Coop Plan .....	2515.14	2630.26	2164.30	2459.37	9769.07
Bonds .....		1000.00			1000.00
Bond Coupons .....	35.00	35.00			70.00
Designated Funds .....	75.00		75.00	75.00	225.00
Interest .....	362.78	337.86	226.06	169.14	1095.84
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
Salary (Hendrix) .....	3850.00	3850.00	2941.00	3645.00	14,286.00
Nat'l Assoc. Exp. ....	300.00			500.00	800.00
State Assoc. Exp. ....	100.00				100.00
Christmas Bonus .....		200.00			200.00
Fordyce Building .....		3000.00	3500.00	2000.00	8500.00
Insurance .....		269.00			269.00
Minister's Retreat .....			125.00		125.00
Misc. Expense .....			14.11		14.11
AFWB (cor.) .....				203.79	203.79
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b> .....	<b>20,144.99</b>	<b>16,829.11</b>	<b>12,714.36</b>	<b>9,069.08</b>	<b>9,069.08</b>

### Balances of Funds

Christian Education .....	4,235.69
Sunday School .....	2,171.99
Scholorship Reserve .....	847.34
Special Fund .....	9,467.93*

\* 685.02 to be spent at annual meeting

Total money in bank as of June 31, 1985  
including 4th quarter coop distribution: \$28,157.10

**CHURCH  
YEARLY  
REPORT**

Church	Members	Received	Dismissed	Sunday School	CTS	Women's Aux.	Master Men	Deacons	Ministers
Harmony .....	215	8	0	90	45	0	0	3	0
Free Hill .....	76	1	0	50	0	0	0	3	2
Pine Hill .....	45	0	0	45	0	0	0	1	1
Corbin Ferry .....	115	4	1	68	0	18	0	2	1
Macedonia .....	248	6	4	140	0	30	0	7	3
Oak Grove .....	124	1	7	40	0	0	0	2	1
Warren First .....	101	10	5	93	0	10	0	4	1
Pleasant Grove .....	29	0	4	20	20	0	0	1	1
Gordon Avenue .....	26	0	0	18	0	0	0	2	0
Fairview .....	86	2	5	47	0	0	0	1	2
Willoughby .....	209	0	4	90	0	0	0	5	3
Rose Hill .....	187	14	0	144	45	24	0	1	3
Yorktown .....	215	3	7	81	52	14	9	4	3
Pleasant Valley .....	134	0	2	90	60	16	0	2	3
Mt. Pleasant .....	167	1	5	65	35	8	0	5	1
North Crossett .....	543	8	0	187	115	22	0	6	1
Sherrill .....	40	0	0	12	0	0	0	2	0
Spring Hill .....	83	6	2	47	0	0	0	4	2
Antioch .....	32	2	0	25	0	0	0	1	1
Fordyce .....	0	0	0	25	0	5	0	0	1
Sheridan .....	15	2	0	12	0	0	0	2	1
Hillview .....	67	3	0	25	0	0	0	2	1
Star City First .....	124	4	1	141	65	16	0	6	1
Trinity .....	103	4	2	95	57	9	0	0	1
Maplewood .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Monticello First .....	71	12	0	75	0	20	0	0	4
TOTAL .....	3,055	91	49	1725	494	192	9	68	40

# Statistical Information

Church	Cooperative Plan	Total Offering	Evangelist Work	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Building Repair	Utilities	Bible College	Value of Parsonage
Harmony .....	1,817.75	27,802.72	700.00	13,560.00	80,000.00	520.08	1,260.50	- 0 -	- 0 -
Free Hill .....	40.00	23,746.00	400.00	3,750.00	25,000.00	19,000.00	375.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Pine Hill .....	546.03	14,324.05	- 0 -	12,480.00	85,000.00	- 0 -	1,613.41	- 0 -	35,000.00
Corbin Ferry .....	200.00	19,000.00	- 0 -	12,000.00	50,000.00	- 0 -	1,173.82	- 0 -	10,000.00
Macedonia .....	409.09	25,426.82	1,142.00	14,300.00	120,000.00	516.03	1800.92	400.00	- 0 -
Oak Grove .....	817.26	11,135.00	225.00	5,665.00	75,000.00	646.00	889.00	- 0 -	25,000.00
Warren First .....	- 0 -	33,777.39	1,790.33	13,363.96	88,000.00	2,521.34	3546.63	400.00	38,500.00
Pleasant Grove .....	123.02	4,149.83	295.00	1,890.00	10,000.00	187.85	792.57	- 0 -	- 0 -
Gordon Avenue .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Fairview .....	720.15	15,047.33	425.00	3,975.00	40,000.00	237.85	553.61	- 0 -	- 0 -
Willoughby .....	2,594.36	26,275.79	438.00	17,268.40	130,000.00	74,554.89	1,502.48	- 0 -	25,000
Rose Hill .....	3,982.74	83,847.52	- 0 -	- 0 -	300,000.00	- 0 -	3,922.57	- 0 -	50,000.00
Yorktown .....	2,855.46	33,344.86	300.00	14,817.27	75,000.00	2,506.53	4,459.79	- 0 -	50,000.00
Pleasant Valley .....	33,144.47	28,326.91	1,010.13	9,100.00	50,000.00	439.02	3,598.34	- 0 -	- 0 -
Mt. Pleasant .....	149.00	38,478.55	1,408.25	14,225.00	100,000.00	15,807.65	1,594.67	- 0 -	30,000.00
North Crossett .....	- 0 -	81,041.15	2,339.31	18,200.00	30,000.00	6,853.44	4,603.63	- 0 -	- 0 -
Sherrill .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Springhill .....	40.00	6,828.15	344.00	2,589.00	20,000.00	505.00	586.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Antioch .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	2,080.00	60,000.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Fordyce .....	373.50	4,635.70	- 0 -	1,684.00	85,000.00	50.00	1,659.00	- 0 -	- 0 -
Sheridan .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	2,880.00	60,000.00	- 0 -	1,111.16	- 0 -	- 0 -
Hillview .....	2,755.20	27,769.34	863.75	13,260.00	100,000.00	4,250.00	1,915.23	- 0 -	- 0 -
Star City .....	3,514.95	53,000.00	500.00	15,865.00	200,000.00	500.00	2,200.00	270.00	50,000.00
Trinity .....	400.00	33,785.95	1,304.00	18,290.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	1,603.73	- 0 -	- 0 -
Maplewood .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Monticello First .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	448.00	- 0 -	100,000.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	51.00	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>54,482.98</b>	<b>591,743.06</b>	<b>13,232.77</b>	<b>211,242.63</b>	<b>1,883,000.00</b>	<b>129,095.68</b>	<b>40,762.06</b>	<b>1,121.00</b>	<b>313,500.00</b>

# Church Activities

Church	Literature	Miscellaneous	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Church Lib. or Education	Association Project	State Project	Bus Ministry
Harmony .....	2,725.50	1,401.95	- 0 -	- 0 -	700.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Free Hill .....	509.98	270.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Pine Hill .....	277.21	- 0 -	- 0 -	42.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Corbin Ferry .....	514.02	3,000.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Macedonia .....	1,289.25	2,255.01	433.34	144.46	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Oak Grove .....	486.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Warren First .....	1,743.44	1,813.90	400.00	400.00	- 0 -	400.00	200.00	- 0 -
Pleasant Grove .....	179.58	351.39	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	35.00	- 0 -
I Gordon Avenue .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
II Fairview .....	703.49	2,239.39	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Willoughby .....	1,129.94	1,362.91	- 0 -	24.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Rose Hill .....	3,198.13	- 0 -	542.00	245.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
I Yorktown .....	1,610.60	1,998.15	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	2,896.04
Pleasant Valley .....	1,229.08	1,829.03	1,675.93	700.69	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	316.70
Mt. Pleasant .....	1,132.96	983.89	458.25	350.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
North Crossett .....	4,110.20	6,896.62	685.00	788.00	104.70	72.00	1,000.00	- 0 -
Sherrill .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Spring Hill .....	567.38	993.24	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Antioch .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Fordyce .....	340.00	200.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Sheridan .....	195.51	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Hillview .....	704.34	6,366.50	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Star City .....	2,000.00	- 0 -	500.00	500.00	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	400.00
Trinity .....	1,899.21	2,673.69	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Maplewood .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Monticello First .....	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	239.91	- 0 -
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>26,545.82</b>	<b>34,635.67</b>	<b>4,694.52</b>	<b>3,194.15</b>	<b>804.70</b>	<b>472.00</b>	<b>1,528.91</b>	<b>3,612.74</b>

# DESIGNATED MONIES

## Love Offerings

Yorktown .....	646.63
Harmony .....	500.00
Trinity .....	771.61
Mt. Pleasant .....	589.59
Oak Grove .....	177.00
Pleasant Valley .....	1,250.00
North Crossett .....	500.00
Hillview .....	1,064.08
Pine Hill .....	400.00
Macedonia .....	352.80

## Lonnie Palmer

Yorktown .....	573.63
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## Earnie Deeds

Rose Hill .....	215.00
Pleasant Valley .....	940.52
Willoughby .....	60.00
Fairview .....	720.15
Macedonia .....	144.45

## Pat Dickens

Rose Hill .....	30.00
Macedonia .....	38.68

## Mike Mutchler

Rose Hill .....	102.00
Trinity .....	61.00
Pleasant Valley .....	340.69
North Crossett .....	374.00

## Steve Trail

Rose Hill .....	85.00
Pleasant Valley .....	60.00
North Crossett .....	369.00
Hillview .....	200.00

## Patsy Vanhook

Rose Hill .....	20.00
Harmony .....	112.85
Mt. Pleasant .....	458.25
Warren First .....	698.03
North Crossett .....	685.00
Hillview .....	200.00
Willoughby .....	203.80
Macedonia .....	105.78

## F.M.D. Asst.

Willoughby .....	10.75
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## Youth Camp

Rose Hill .....	146.02
Harmony .....	500.00
Trinity .....	475.00
Pleasant Valley .....	75.00
Warren First .....	200.00
Willoughby .....	75.00

## Fordyce

Rose Hill .....	300.00
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## Ron Parker

Harmony .....	600.00
Warren First .....	25.00
Willoughby .....	31.00
Macedonia .....	144.46

## Norman Richard

Trinity .....	194.28
Pleasant Valley .....	446.96
Macedonia .....	144.43

## Lonnie Palmer

Trinity .....	332.10
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## Victory FWBC

Trinity .....	13.00
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## Mark Riggs

Trinity .....	250.00
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## Paul Thompson

Trinity .....	184.11
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## Derrell Nickson

Warren First .....	130.61
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## Harris

N. Crossett .....	45.00
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## Benevelant Fund

Hillview .....	148.96
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## Mike Lake

Willoughby .....	111.50
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## World Vision

Willoughby .....	129.18
Macedonia .....	106.00

## Robert Bryan

Willoughby .....	95.00
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## Siloam Springs

Willoughby .....	24.00
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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. 2 Peter 1:18-21; 2 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 . . . Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite things cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence. Deut. 6:4; 1 Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:19; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psa. 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; 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. 11:6:27; Dan. 2:20; 1 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; 2 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; 1 Thes. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6; 2 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; 1 Chron. 17:20; Psa. 19:1-2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; 1 Chron. 28:9; Psa. 94:9, 10; Acts 1:24.

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

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

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

4. CREATION—A. Of the world, God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the employment of His creatures. B. Of the angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world. C. Of man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.



Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; 1 Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psalms 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; 2 Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; 1 Cor. 6:20.

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

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

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

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

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

C. His Works. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10, 11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psalms 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; 1 John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:29; 1 John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8, 10; John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16, 17; 1 Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9; 2 Tim. 4:1; Matthew 25:31-46; John 5:22.

7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of Man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being. John 1:14; Phil. 2:6, 7; 2

Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Matt. 8:17; 4:2, 8:24; John 11:33, 35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; 1 Peter 2:21; John 13:15; 1 John 2:6; Isa. 42:21; Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16, 18.

8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST—A. The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins that past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28:25, 26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2.

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

11. REPENTANCE—The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally. 2 Cor. 7:10; Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psalms 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31; Psalms 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5; 3:19.

12. FAITH—Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, and acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; John 5:46, 47; Rom. 10:9, 10:10; Gal. 5:22; 1 Cor. 12:8, 9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; 1 Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; 2 Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Mark 16:16; John 8:21, 24; Heb. 11:6; John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

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

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

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

15. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS—There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought,



therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost. Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:38, 39; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6; 2 Chron. 15:2; 2 Peter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; 1 Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Peter 2:20, 21; 1 Cor. 9:27; Matthew 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

16. THE SABBATH—This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6, 33-36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; 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 stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members. 1 Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41, 47; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4; Eph. 5:25, 27; 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Peter 2:5; John 18:36; 15:2, 6; Acts 2:41; 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

18. TITHING—Both the Old and New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:8-10; 1 Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

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

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

20. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL—A. Christian Baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32, 34; 2:41; Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 15:29.

B. The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity. 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16, 21; 11:27-29; 10:17; Rom.

14:1, 10; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.

C. Washing the Saints' Feet. This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8; 1 Tim. 5:1-10.

21. DEATH—As a result of sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27; 1 Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8; 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

22. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST—The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world. Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

23. THE RESURRECTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 2 Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2.

24. THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION—A. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31; 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; 2 Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10; 2 Peter 3:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

B. Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment. Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; 2 Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43, 44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7, 8, 27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10.

## CONSTITUTION FOR THE SALINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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

### ARTICLE I.

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

## ARTICLE II.

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

## ARTICLE III.

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

Section 2. The acting members of this association shall be regularly ordained ministers, deacons and church clerks who are in good standing with their local churches. Also each church shall be represented by delegates elected as follows: Two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) resident members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) resident members or fraction thereof. A letter from said churches shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 3. In event only part of the elected delegation is present from a church, they, together may in conciliation with their pastor fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegation to be approved by this body.

Section 4. Ministers and deacons coming from another state, association or denomination shall be received after complying with the rules as stipulated in the by-laws of the Examining Board of this body.

## ARTICLE IV.

**DISCIPLINE:** Section 1. This association has the same right to discipline the quarterly meetings of which it is composed, as the quarterly meetings have to discipline the churches of which they are composed.

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

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

Section 4: Each church in 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 Assn. fails to pay the above mentioned fees, the delegates, deacons, church clerk and ministers of that church shall not be seated in the State Association.



## ARTICLE V

**FINANCE:** The Cooperative Plan income shall be distributed in the following manner: Home Mission 40%, State Cooperative Plan 30%, Saline Association General Fund 20%, Hillsdale 2%, Sunday School 3%, Christian Education 5%. This association recommends that each church belonging to said body give one tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Plan of support for the support of district, state, and national programs.

## ARTICLE VI.

**OFFICERS:** Section 1. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually, on the last day of the association, at the close of the business period.

## ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. Be it resolved that Article VII of the constitution be amended to make the following change: That if any member elected to any board of the association shall miss every board meeting, for the associational year, that member shall automatically be dismissed from that board, and a new member elected, unless said member has missed meeting with his board because of a providential hinderance.

Section 2. **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.** The standing boards of this association shall be the Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, and the Examining Board. The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the District CTS Convention shall be considered auxiliaries of this association. Each are requested to report yearly to this body. The Credential Committee, as well as other committees deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, or by the body if it so desires.

## ARTICLE VIII.

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

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

Section 2. **MISSION BOARD:** It shall be the duty of this board to promote an active missions program within the state. It shall work in conjunction with the National Home and Foreign Missions Board in the

arranging of missionary conferences, missionary itinerate and assist in the raising of the state quota for the national missions programs.

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

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

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

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

## ARTICLE IX.

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

## ARTICLE X.

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

## ARTICLE XI.

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

## RULES OF ORDER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the clerk and introduced the Moderator.

2. Moderator's message.

3. Welcome address.

4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.

5. Call for letters from the churches, seating of delegates, and right hand of fellowship.

6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.

7. Introductory message.

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

9. Recognition of Corresponding Associations.

10. Election of Board Members.

11. Reading of Rules of Order by Chairman or Clerk.

12. Report of Committees appointed at last association and other unfinished business.

13. New business.

14. Report of new committees.

15. Election of New officers.

16. Adjournment.

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