

# MINUTES

One Hundred Twenty Third Annual Session

of the

SALINE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

held with

First Free Will Baptist Church

Warren, Arkansas

April 13, 2019

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## of the Saline Association

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5 year term .....Brother Adam Abel  
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3 year term .....Brother Tim McDaniel  
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1 year term .....Brother Dwayne Roper

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5 year term .....Brother Tim Forman  
4 year term .....Brother Charlie Baggett  
3 year term .....Brother Greg Bradley  
2 year term .....Brother Bruce Culp  
1 year term .....Brother Ronnie Garrett

### Scholarship Board

5 year term .....Brother Trapper Denton  
4 year term .....Brother Albert Beaty  
3 year term .....Sister Diana Barley  
2 year term .....Sister Heather Gonzalez  
1 year term .....Sister Marnell Parker

### CTS Directors

Sister Sandy Forman & Sister Shamby Donaldson

### Resolution Committee

Brother Justin Hawkins  
Brother Tim McDaniel  
Brother Danny Adair



**Saline Association Quarterly Minutes**  
**Rolfe Chapel Free Will Baptist Church**  
**June 23, 2018**

*The Saline Association held its quarterly meeting June 23, 2018 at Rolfe Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Hamburg, Arkansas. The meeting opened with a congregation song "I'll fly away" led by Sister Becky White. Brother BJ Duvall led in prayer.*

*Assistant Moderator, Brother BJ Duvall called the meeting to order.*

*Brother BJ Duvall gave the moderator's message from Jeremiah 23:29. Brother BJ Duvall led in prayer.*

*Brother Dale Doss gave the host church welcome.*

*The church letters were read. A motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates was made. Motion carried.*

*The minutes from the April 21, 2018 quarterly meeting were read. A motion and second to accept the minutes was made. Motion carried.*

*The treasurer's report as of June 23, 2018 was read. A motion and second to accept the financial report was made. Motion carried.*

**Guest Speakers:**

- *Brother Kenneth Winningham spoke about FWB Family Ministries*
- *Brother Charles Barnard spoke about FWB Harvest Ministries*
- *Sister Sandy Forman spoke about Saline District WAC, Arkansas WAC, Camp Beaverfork, National CTS Competition, and Saline Youth Rally*
- *Sister Marion Baggett gave appreciation for Camp Beaverfork summer meals expense*
- *Brother Richard Barley spoke about Camp Beaverfork*
- *Brother BJ Duvall spoke on behalf of Brother David Taylor about Camp Beaverfork, the National Convention, Journey Retreat, Pillars Conference, and Minister's Retreat.*
- *Brother BJ Duvall spoke on behalf of Brother Brian Kesterson about Arkansas Student Ministry*

**Executive Board Report:**

- *The next quarterly meeting will be October 20, 2018 at First FWB Church of Star City. We, Executive Board, recommend Brother Carlton White as the speaker and Brother Dwayne Roper as the alternate signed by Brother Richard Barley and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *As a result of Free Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Rison, being closed, we, Executive Board, recommend dismissing Free Hill FWB Church from the Saline Association signed by Brother Richard Barley and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *As a result of Crossroads Community Church of Green Bay, WI and Mt Horeb Free Will Baptist Church of Monroe, LA not being active, with each church in agreement of dismissal, we, the Executive Board, recommend dismissing Crossroads Community Church and Mt Horeb FWB Church from the Saline Association signed by Brother Richard Barley and Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*



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**Examining Board Report:**

- *We, the Examining Board, recommend granting a letter of Good Standing for Brother Jerry Hopper to the Central Texas Association signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett, and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, the Examining Board, recommend Brother Adam Abel of Macedonia FWB Church for the ratification of credentials upon a receipt of a Letter of Good Standing from the Progressive Association in Oklahoma signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett, and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

**Scholarship Board Report:**

- *We, the Scholarship Board, recommends Mary Elizabeth Brown of Pleasant Valley FWB Church be granted a scholarship of \$2,500 to Welch College at Nashville, Tennessee for the Fall 2018 semester signed by Brother Danny Adair, Brother Robert Murphy, Sister Heather Gonzalez, Sister Diana Barley, and Sister Marnell Parker. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*Brother BJ Duvall appointed Brother Jimmy Williams to serve on the Resolution Committee in place of Brother Shelton Adams. The body was dismissed for break. Brother BJ Duvall led in prayer.*

*Sister Becky White led the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus".*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

*Be it resolved that we give a love offering of \$500 each to the FWB Family Ministry and FWB Harvest Ministry signed Brother Bob Young, Brother Alan Doss, and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*Sister Becky White led the congregation singing "What a Day that will be" and "Amazing Grace".*

*The special music was by Sister Sheila Herron singing "I choose" and by Sister Becky White and Sister Kay Lum singing "Judgment".*

*Brother Ricky Rauls gave the message from 1 Kings 18:30-39 "Churches get involved in the Lord's work".*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

*Be it resolved that we give our host church, Rolfe Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Hamburg, a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality, the great food, and wonderful fellowship signed by Brother Bob Young, Brother Alan Doss, and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*The meeting was dismissed with prayer and blessing on the food led by Brother Jonathan McEntire.*

*Lunch was served.*

*Signed: Tracy Nichols, clerk*



**Saline Association Quarterly Minutes**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City**  
**October 20, 2018**

*The Saline Association held its quarterly meeting October 20, 2018 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, Arkansas. The meeting opened with a congregation song "He Set Me Free" led by Brother Tim Forman.*

*Moderator, Brother Ricky Rauls called the meeting to order. Brother Richard Barley led in prayer.*

*Brother Ricky Rauls gave the moderator's message from I John 2:1 – 17 "walk the talk". Brother Ricky Rauls led in prayer.*

*Brother Tim Forman gave the host church welcome.*

*The body was dismissed for break. Brother Ricky Rauls appointed a temporary Resolution Committee with Brother Carlton White, Brother BJ Duvall, and Brother Richard Barley.*

*Brother Justin Hawkins led the congregation singing "Down at the Cross".*

*Brother Roy Williams was recognized in celebration of 60 years in the ministry with a plaque, resolution, a wooden plaque gift and a monetary gift. Brother David Taylor led in prayer. Brother David Taylor recognized all ministers and minister's wives for their service to the Lord.*

*The church letters were read. A motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates was made. Motion carried.*

*The minutes from the June 23, 2018 quarterly meeting were read. A motion and second to accept the minutes was made. Motion carried.*

*The treasurer's report as of October 20, 2018 was read. A motion and second to accept the financial report was made. Motion carried.*

**Guest Speakers:**

- *Brother Charles Barnard spoke about FWB Harvest Ministries*
- *Brother David Taylor spoke of appreciation, Camp Beverfork, Acts 1:8 plan; Minister's Retreat, Youth Teen and Minister's wives retreats, College Welcome Day; Randall University 60 years anniversary; FWB Retirement*
- *Sister Sandy Forman spoke about Saline District WAC, Arkansas WAC, District CTS Competition, and Saline Youth Rally*
- *Brother Tim Forman spoke about Arkansas Missions; Master's Men*
- *Brother Micael and Sister Heather Gonzalez spoke about Star City's Hispanic Ministry*

**Scholarship Board Report:**

- *We, the Scholarship Board, recommend to the Executive Board to set a minister's on-line class scholarship amount to \$70 per semester hour signed by Brother Danny Adair, Brother Robert Murphy, Sister Heather Gonzalez, Sister Diana Barley, and Sister Marnell Parker.*



**Saline Association Quarterly Minutes**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City**  
**October 20, 2018**

**Executive Board Report:**

- *The next quarterly meeting will be January 26, 2019 at Rose Hill FWB Church of Monticello. We, Executive Board, recommend Brother Dwayne Roper as the speaker and Brother Jimmy Williams as the alternate signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother BJ Duvall, Brother Ricky Rauls, and Brother Carlton White. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, Executive Board, recommend accepting the Scholarship Board's recommendation to set a minister's on-line class scholarship amount to \$70 per semester hour signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother BJ Duvall, Brother Ricky Rauls, and Brother Carlton White. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

**Examining Board Report:**

- *We, the Examining Board, recommend Brother Trapper Denton of Pleasant Valley FWB Church for ordination as deacon signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett, Brother Bruce Culp, Brother Ronnie Garrett and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, the Examining Board, recommend that we accept the Letter of Good Standing from the Progressive Association on behalf of Brother Adam Abel of Macedonia FWB Church signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett, Brother Bruce Culp, Brother Ronnie Garrett and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

**Scholarship Board Report:**

- *We, the Scholarship Board, recommends Mary Elizabeth Brown of Pleasant Valley FWB Church be granted a scholarship of \$2,500 to Welch College at Nashville, Tennessee for the Spring 2019 semester signed by Brother Danny Adair, Brother Robert Murphy, Sister Heather Gonzalez, Sister Diana Barley, and Sister Marnell Parker. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, the Scholarship Board, recommends Brother Adam Abel of Macedonia FWB Church be granted a minister's scholarship of \$70 per semester hour to Randall University of OK for the Spring 2019 semester signed by Brother Danny Adair, Brother Robert Murphy, Sister Heather Gonzalez, Sister Diana Barley, and Sister Marnell Parker. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

- *Be it resolved that we give a love FWB Harvest Ministry a love offering of \$500 signed Brother BJ Duvall, Brother Carlton White and Brother Richard Barley. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*The special music was by Brother Tim and Sister Sandy Forman singing "Your cries have awakened the Master".*



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*Brother Carlton White gave the message from Luke 15:11 - 24 "Let the Holy Ghost live in your life".*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

*Be it resolved that we give our host church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality, the great food, and wonderful fellowship signed by Brother BJ Duvall, Brother Carlton White and Brother Richard Barley. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*The meeting was dismissed with prayer and blessing on the food led by Brother Robert Murphy.*

*Lunch was served.*

*Signed: Tracy Nichols, clerk*



**Saline Association Quarterly Minutes**  
**Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church**  
**January 26, 2019**

*The Saline Association held its quarterly meeting January 26, 2019 at Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Monticello, Arkansas. The meeting opened with a congregation song "To God be the Glory" led by Brother Chris Barrett and Sister Ann Johnson. Brother Chris Barrett led in prayer.*

*Assistant moderator, Brother BJ Duvall called the meeting and gave the Moderator's message from John 15:1-5 and Psalm 133 "the importance of unity. Brother BJ Duvall led in prayer.*

*Brother Dwayne Roper gave the host church welcome.*

*The church letters were read. A motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates was made. Motion carried.*

*The minutes from the October 20, 2018 quarterly meeting were read. A motion and second to accept the minutes were made. Motion carried.*

*The treasurer's report as of January 23, 2019 was read. A motion and second to accept the financial report were made. Motion carried.*

*The body was dismissed for break. Brother Ricky Rauls temporary appointed Brother Richard Barley to serve on the Resolution Committee. Brother Justin Hawkins led in prayer.*

*Brother Chris Barrett and Sister Ann Johnson led the congregation signing "How Great Thou Art".*

**Guest Speakers:**

- *Sister Sandy Forman spoke about the Arkansas pastors' wives retreat, Arkansas WAC President's luncheon, Camp Beaverfork retreats; Saline District WAC, Saline District Competition, Saline Youth Rally, and Arkansas Youth Competition*
- *Brother Justin Hawkins spoke about Camp Beaverfork cleanup with Master's Men*

**New Business**

- *Brother Jimmy Williams representing the Examining Board presented By-Laws of the Examining Board. The By-Laws were read to the body and signed by Brother Bruce Culp, Brother Charlie Baggett, Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Jimmy Williams, Brother Ronnie Garrett, Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, Brother Tim Forman, Brother Ricky Rauls, and Brother BJ Duvall. A motion and second was made to table the By-Law addition to the yearly meeting in April. Motion carried.*
- *Brother Tim Forman representing the Executive Board presented By-Law changes. The changes were read to the body and signed by Brother Bruce Culp, Brother Charlie Baggett, Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Jimmy Williams, Brother Ronnie Garrett, Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, Brother Tim Forman, Brother Ricky Rauls, and Brother BJ Duvall. A motion and second was made to table the By-Law changes to the yearly meeting in April. Motion carried.*



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Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church  
January 26, 2019

**Executive Board Report:**

- *Due to a deadline change with the Arkansas FWB state office with the yearly information: We, the Executive Board, recommends moving our yearly meeting from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup> for this year only signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *The next quarterly meeting will be April 13, 2019 at First FWB Church of Warren. We, Executive Board, recommend Brother Jimmy Williams as the speaker and Brother Roy Williams as the alternate signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*A motion and second was made to begin worship service. Motion carried.*

*Brother Chris Barrett and Sister Ann Johnson led the congregation signing "Oh, what a Savior", and "Oh, How I Love Jesus".*

*The special music was by Sister Becky Phillips singing "Shout to the Lord" and by Sister Juanda Craig signing "I am a poor way fairing Stranger".*

*Brother Dwayne Roper the message from Ecclesiastes 5:8 - 16 "The Universal Problem".*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

*Be it resolved that we give our host church, Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality, the great food, and wonderful fellowship signed by Brother Alan Doss, Brother Bob Young, and Brother Richard Barley. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*The meeting was dismissed with prayer and blessing on the food led by Brother Charlie Baggett.*

*Lunch was served.*

*Signed: Tracy Nichols, clerk*

**Saline Association Quarterly Minutes**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren**  
**April 13, 2019**

*The Saline Association held its yearly meeting on April 13, 2019 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren, Arkansas. The meeting opened with a congregation song "Have you been to Jesus" led by Brother Ricky Rauls and Sister Mallory Forrest. Brother Ricky Rauls led in prayer.*

*Moderator, Brother Ricky Rauls called the meeting to order and gave the Moderator's message from Ecclesiastes 3 "there is a season...it's time to sow". Brother Ricky Rauls led in prayer.*

*Brother Ricky Rauls gave the host church welcome.*

*The church letters were read. A motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates was made. Motion carried.*

*The minutes from the January 26, 2019 quarterly meeting were read. A motion and second to accept the minutes were made. Motion carried.*

*The treasurer's report as of April 13, 2019 was read. A motion and second to accept the financial report were made. Motion carried.*

*The body was dismissed for break. Brother Ricky Rauls temporary appointed Brother Greg Bradley to serve on the Resolution Committee. Brother Tim McDaniel led in prayer.*

*Brother Ricky Rauls and Sister Mallory Forrest led the congregation singing "There is Power in the Blood".*

**Old Business:**

- *A motion and second was made to un-table the addition of the Examining Board By-Laws and the Saline By-Law amendments with the addition of not ordaining divorced and remarried individuals or homosexual individuals. Motion carried*
- *Secret ballots were given to all voting members. The Examining Board By-Laws addition carried with 83% of the 55 votes. The Saline By-Law amendments carried with 96% of the 55 votes. And the Saline By-Law addition of not ordaining divorced and remarried individuals or homosexual individuals carried with 93% of the 55 votes.*
- *Brother Ricky Rauls and Sister Mallory Forrest led the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and "Victory in Jesus".*

**Guest Speakers:**

- *Brother Kenneth Winningham spoke about FWB Family Ministries.*
- *Sister Sandy Forman spoke about the Saline District WAC, State WAC; National WAC, Camp Beaverfork, Saline Youth CTS Competition, State CTS Competition, Saline Youth Rally, and First FWB Church of Star City Easter Egg*

**New Business:**

*The five volunteers to serve as Arkansas State meeting delegates are Sister Sandy Forman, Sister Carolyn Rauls, Brother Charlie Baggett, Sister Marion Baggett, and Brother Justin Hawkins. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*



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First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren  
April 13, 2019

**Executive Board Report:**

- *The next quarterly meeting will be June 29, 2019 at Harmony FWB Church. We, Executive Board, recommend Brother Roy Williams as the speaker and Brother Adam Abel as the alternate signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, Brother BJ Duvall and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, the Executive Board, recommend to given the Welch College interest money to Camp Beaverfork summer meal signed by Brother Richard Barley, Brother Carlton White, Brother BJ Duvall and Brother Tim Forman. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

**Examining Board Report:**

- *We, the Examining Board, recommend that Brother Joey Johnson be licensed for one year signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*
- *We, the Examining Board, recommend that Brother Robert Murphy be licensed for three months signed by Brother Jonathan McEntire, Brother Charlie Baggett and Brother Jimmy Williams. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried. Brother Ronnie Garrett led in prayer.*

**Obituary Board Report:**

*We, the Obituary Committee, find that 25 loved ones have gone on to be with the Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain signed Brother Richard Barley, Brother Tim Forman, Brother Carlton White, and Brother BJ Duvall. Brother Robert Murphy led in prayer.*

*The special music was by First FWB Church quartet singing "Gotta Get to Jesus" and "There is Power in the name of Jesus".*

*Brother Jimmy Williams gave the message from II Samuel 5 "The Lord goes before thee". Brother Jimmy Williams led in prayer.*

**Nomination Committee Report:** *the new officers for the 2019 – 2020 year are:*

*Moderator: .....Brother Ricky Rauls*  
*Assistant Moderator: .....Brother BJ Duvall*  
*Clerk: .....Brother Tracy Nichols*  
*Assistant Clerk: .....Sister Marian Baggett*  
*Parliamentarian: .....Brother Bruce Culp*  
*Assistant Parliamentarian: .....Brother Robert Murphy*  
*Home Missions Board – 5 year: .....Brother Robert Murphy*  
*Home Missions Board – 4 year: .....Brother Danny Adair*  
*Executive Board – 5 year: .....Brother Adam Abel*  
*Examining Board – 5 year: .....Brother Tim Forman*

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*Examining Board – 3 year:.....Brother Greg Bradley*  
*Scholarship Board – 5 year: .....Brother Trapper Denton*  
*Scholarship Board – 4 year:.....Brother Albert Beaty*

*The nominations were recommended by Brother Richard Barley, Tim Forman, Brother BJ Duvall, and Brother Carlton White. Motion and second was made to accept all at once. Motion carried.*

*Brother Ricky Rauls appointed the New Year Resolution Committee: Brother Justin Hawkins, Brother Tim McDaniel, and Brother Danny Adair.*

**Resolution Committee Report:**

*We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that be it resolved that we give FWB Family Ministries a love offering of \$500 signed Brother Greg Bradley, Brother Bob Young, and Brother Alan Doss. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*Be it resolved that we give our host church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren, a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality, the great food, and wonderful fellowship signed Brother Greg Bradley, Brother Bob Young, and Brother Alan Doss. A motion and second was made to accept. Motion carried.*

*The meeting was dismissed with prayer and blessing on the food led by Brother Dwayne Roper.*

*Lunch was served.*

*Signed: Tracy Nichols, Clerk*



**Saline Association of Free Will Baptist  
Obituary List**

April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

**First Free Will Baptist Church of Crossett**

*Charlotte Johnson, Bob Pill Sr, Kay Parker, Virginia Hearn, Shirley Lowry*

**Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church**

*Marshall Parker (Deacon), Bobbie Jean Saunders, Gene Briant, Norma Thompson*

**Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church**

*Juanita Morgan*

**Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church**

*Lea Ila Dawkins*

**Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church**

*Vicki Moore, Lawrence Hopkins, Stella Judkins, Nellie Jo Bostian, Opal Wright*

**First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City**

*Susan Moore, Cora Moore, Catherine Robinson, Bobby Roberts*

**First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren**

*Annette Rauls, Jim Wiggins Jr, Donna McDougald*

**Willoughby Free Will Baptist Church**

*Walice White*

**Yorktown Free Will Baptist Church**

*John Reed (Deacon)*

## Continuous Resolutions

- A motion was made to pay the Association Clerk \$150.00 per month. Motion carried.
- It appeared periodically that the Association pay the expenses for the State Delegates.
- In a special report of the Finance Committee-(Sale of the El Dorado property). We further recommend that the remainder of this money be placed in a special projects fund to draw interest. The interest from this fund would be dispersed at each yearly meeting for special needs, missionary or a local, state or national project as directed by the Association.
- Motion and second that the actual miles and phone calls of the Executive Board member be paid out of the general fund. The mileage would be twenty cents per mile, as so ordered.
- Motion and second that the actual miles and phone calls of the Moderator be paid out of the general fund. The amount paid per mile at twenty cents, as so ordered.
- Be it resolved that we elect a speaker and an alternate who has not preached at a quarterly or yearly meeting within the past year.
- That the Clerk furnish every church pastor with a list of preachers (licensed or ordained), then amended to place list in yearly minutes.
- We recommend that our association pay the first \$520.00 for any retired or disabled minister for Saline Association who doesn't have adequate insurance for hospital entrance.
- We recommend that representation fees to the State Association for churches who didn't pay, be paid from the general fund.
- A Board Member (serving 5 full years) cannot be re-elected for one year.
- Continue Associational Youth Revival yearly.

## Scholarship Regulations

1. First Time Applicant: A. Fill out and turn in to the scholarship committee a written form requesting a scholarship, a school student transcript, and a brief description of their desire to be rewarded a scholarship. B. In addition to the written application stated above, the student must also present a sponsor sheet signed by their pastor and at least one other non-family member of their home church (if no pastor, then 2 non-family members). C. The student must be a member of a Free Will Baptist church in the Saline Association, in good standing, and present this information to the scholarship committee on or before the first business meeting of the Saline Association prior to the semester in which the student plans to attend.
2. Continuation of scholarships: A. Any student having been awarded a scholarship by the Saline Association must send a transcript of their college grades and request a continuing scholarship for each semester. Students will not automatically receive continuing scholarships for each semester unless they request it prior to each semester. (This will allow the association to keep track of their progress as well as aid in the organization of what funds we have need of). This written request will be sent to the Association Clerk.
3. Records: A. The Saline Association Clerk will keep a continuing record of all students receiving both first time, and continuing scholarships. These records will be available to the scholarship committee at each meeting, as well as the general assembly at each quarterly meeting.



# FROM THE EXAMINING BOARD OF THE SALINE ASSOCIATION

## The Ordination of the Divorced

Preface: Recently it has been brought to the attention of the Examining Board that some of our practices in the ordination of ministers, and possibly deacons, were in conflict with a Resolution passed by the State Association of Arkansas in the year 1972 which forbids the ordination of divorced people. In the year 1979 this resolution was amended to include men married to women who had been divorced. In 1983 the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists refused membership to the River Valley Association for their violation of these resolutions.

It is not the desire or intent of the Examining Board, or any others that we are aware of to make any attempt to undo anything that has been done in ordaining any minister or deacon: this we would oppose. It is our hope that those who have been divorced and are ordained will not be further disturbed, nor the churches in which they labor. However, we feel strongly that we must be guided by the regulations of our State Association in all future deliberations involving the ordination of divorced men. For these reasons we offer the following resolution to the Saline Association.

RESOLVED THAT: From this day forward, April 1, 2000, the Saline Association of Free Will Baptist, while meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, Arkansas, officially adopt the resolutions passed by the State Association of Arkansas in 1972 and 1979 and no longer recommend for ordination those who have been divorced or whose wife has been divorced.

We recommend that this resolution be carried in the minutes from year to year.

### **Examining Board's Resolution:**

*WHEREAS, not accepting the credentials of an ordained divorced minister from another association into the Saline Association has been our practice since the body addressed this matter on April 1, 2000; AND,*

*WHEREAS, this was the intent and understanding when the original resolution was adopted; AND,*

*WHEREAS, we have discovered that this matter was addressed on April 1, 2000, but it was not covered in the original resolution (1 Corinthians 7:10 – 11, 1 Timothy 3:2 & 12, Titus 1:5 – 16, Hebrews 13:4; AND,*

*WHEREAS, in 1983 the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist refused membership to the River Valley Association for their violation of this resolution; NOW THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, from this day forward, April 4, 2009, the Saline Association of Free Will Baptist will not accept the credentials from an ordained divorced Minister or from an ordained Minister married to a divorced woman of another association.*

*This resolution was signed by: Brother Marshall Parker, Brother Russell Hensley, and Brother Bruce Culp. A motion and second was made to accept the resolution. Motion carried.*

**Examining Board's Resolution:**

*WHEREAS, not accepting an individual who professes to practice being a homosexual as an Ordained or Licensed Minister or Deacon has always been the Saline Association of Free Will Baptist's belief and practice; AND,*

*WHEREAS, we believe that someone who practices this act, is an abomination to our Lord and Savior as stated in Leviticus 18:22; AND,*

*WHEREAS, homosexuality is being accepted in the world at an accelerated rate, even inside the church; AND,*

*WHEREAS, the following scripture condemns homosexual practice: Genesis 18:20 - 21, Romans 1:24 - 27, 1 Timothy 1:9 - 10, 1 Corinthians 6:9 -11; NOW THEREFORE,*

*BE IT RESOLVED, from this day forward, April 4, 2009, the Saline Association of Free Will Baptist officially adopt this resolution and will never ordain, license, accept or condone an individual who proclaims homosexuality for the office of a Minister or a Deacon.*

*This resolution was signed by: Brother Marshall Parker, Brother Russell Hensley, and Brother Bruce Culp. A motion and second was made to accept the resolution. Motion carried.*

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# Saline Association of Free Will Baptist Church and Leaders

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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 Tim. 3:16, 17; Ex. 4:15; Psalms 32:8; Hebrews 1:1, 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

B. HIS ATTRIBUTES- He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

C. HIS WORKS-By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa. 45:21; 43:10-11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 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. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; 1 Peter 1:18,19; Rev. 5:9; 2 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; 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; 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 than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

B. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to Heaven, where, as the 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 the 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 16:19; 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 intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned Against.

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

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

D. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God. From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God-on 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, 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 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; Psalms 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- Serving 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; 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; 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 or. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19,20; 1 Peter 2:5; John 3:6-8; 1 John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psalms 119:50; 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 is 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. 5:1,16; 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. PERSERVERENCE 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 John 1:7,9; 1 Peter 1:16.

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; Isaiah 58:13,14; 56:2; Ex. 20:8-11.

17. THE CHURCH – A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who 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 the 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 right 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. 7:3; 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; Mat. 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 Scripture 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 the 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 had 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 is to send the required yearly fees as directed by the Arkansas State Office of Free Will Baptist. Each church in the Saline Association is to pay the host church fee to help with the expenses of hosting the meeting. In the event any church within the Saline Association fails to pay the above mentioned fees, the delegates, deacons, church clerk, and ministers of that church shall not be seated in the State Association and the District Association.

### ARTICLE V

FINANCE: the cooperate Plan income shall be distributed in the following manner: State Cooperative Plan- 70%, Acts 1:8 Plan- 10%, Scholarship Fund- 8%, Randall University- 2%, and General Fund- 10 %. 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 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, Parliamentarian and Assistant Parliamentarian. These officers shall be elected annually at the yearly meeting.

### 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 hindrance.



Section 2 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The standing boards of this association shall be the Executive Board, Home Missions Board, Examining Board, and the Scholarship 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 Credentials 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. The Chairman of each board will be the one year term member. 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 of 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 - MISSIONS 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 Boards in the arranging of missionary conferences, missionary itinerant and assist in the raising of the state quota for the national missions program.

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 - (Removed)

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. (1) Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church (having been a Christian long enough to show Christian maturity), and (2) All licensed ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination (questionnaire to be furnished by the clerk). 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 the clerk. Deacons shall be examined according to the Scripture and practice of Free Will Baptist. (See Treatise)

The Saline Association will adhere to the resolution passed by the Arkansas State Association in the year 1972, which forbids the ordination of divorced and remarried people; plus the amendment passed in 1979 which forbids the ordination of men married to a divorced woman. The Saline Association will not accept the credentials of a remarried divorced minister or of an ordained minister married to a divorced woman from another association. The Saline Association will protect the autonomy of all sister churches within the Saline Association. All divorced and remarried ministers and divorced and remarried deacons that were in service for the Lord within the Saline Association prior to April 1, 2000 were grandfathered in. If a sister church ordains a remarried divorced man or a man married to a divorced



woman, that individual will forfeit the privilege to be a standing delegate, however the church may select them as a regular voting delegate from their church.

The Saline Association of Free Will Baptist will never license, ordain, accept or condone any individual who proclaims homosexuality for the office of a minister or a deacon.

Section 5 - Scholarship Board: It shall be the duty of the Scholarship Board to examine all prospective students desiring financial assistance while attending any of our Free Will Baptist College. Furthermore, it will be the duty of this board to determine academic requirements for continued scholarships, and to make exceptions if it so chooses.

#### 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 and 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 in the following manner.

1. Amendments may be presented at any quarterly meeting in writing, but no later than 11:00 at the quarterly meeting preceding the annual meeting.
2. They will be read and laid on the table until the annual meeting.
3. They may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting.

#### By-Laws of the Examining Board

While it is recognized that each church in the association is autonomous in nature, (each owning its own properties and electing its own officers). The association recommends careful consideration of those who will preach to and govern the church and lead it in its spiritual endeavors.

#### Section 1 – The Board

- 1) This association shall maintain a board, composed of five, proposed by the Nominating Committee and approved by the body.
- 2) The term of service on this board is five years, with one member rotating off each year. If a vacancy occurs (during the year) it is to be filled by the Executive Board and a new member will be recommended to be approved by the body.
- 3) No one should serve on this board, unless they fully agree with the plan of this work and the directives of the Saline Association.
- 4) The purpose of the board is to:
  - a. Examine each minister to be ordained or licensed in this association, at the request of the local church.
  - b. Examine each minister coming into the association to pastor a church (at any level Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Music, Youth, etc) at the request of the local church.
  - c. Examine each deacon to be ordained in this association, at the request of the local church.
  - d. Examine each request from another association for a letter of good standing for a minister who has belonged to the Saline Association, and be diligent in our recommendations (checking with the church he has belonged to prior to making a recommendation).
- 5) Meet with any church desiring to unite with the Saline Association along with all ordained and licensed ministers and deacons of that church, make sure that their belief and practices are in line with Saline Association's, and make a recommendation to the Executive Board and/or to the body to report their findings.



- 6) Investigate any report of misconduct or disregard of any rules or ordinance of the Saline Association, and report its findings to the Executive Board.

#### Section 2 – The Minister Candidate

- 1) Must be a member in good standing of a church within the Saline Association.
- 2) Must have completed and turned in (to the clerk) a questionnaire provided by this association.
- 3) Must be either single, married, or divorced and not remarried.
  - a. This board per the resolutions passed on April 1, 2000 and on April 4, 2009 by the Saline Association will not consider for ordination, or for ratification of credentials, anyone who has been married before, divorced and remarried or whose wife has been married before, divorced and remarried. This is in line with both the Arkansas State Association and the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
  - b. Those ordained being divorced and remarried belonging to the Saline Association, prior to these resolutions being passed were grandfathered into the Association.
  - c. Any new member desiring to come into this association (even those who once belonged, but left for a while) will fall under the requirements of these resolutions.
- 4) In the event the minister is coming from another association of Free Will Baptist, his acceptance into the association will not be effective until the receipt of a letter of good standing and recommendation from his previous association.
- 5) In the event the minister is coming from another denomination, he can expect to be carefully examined as to his beliefs.
- 6) We look to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 for the bases of the qualifications for a minister (bishop) and each candidate can expect to be closely scrutinized, in his doctrine, his association with the church and his association with the world.
- 7) A pastor's wife must be an established and grounded believer in support of the doctrine and faith of Free Will Baptist.

#### Section 3 – The Deacon Candidate

- 1) Must be a member in good standing and of good report from the local church
- 2) Must not be a novice (having been a Christian and a member of the church, long enough to know his beliefs and doctrines) and to understand the functions of the church.
- 3) Must come with a majority recommendation of the church body.
- 4) This is a very important office in the operation of the church and any candidate should be carefully evaluated per the scriptures (1 Timothy 3:8-13), meeting all the qualifications outlined therein.

### 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 reported in 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 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 chair announce just before adjournments who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
10. Alterations may be made in those 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, Statistics, Resolutions, Placement, and Nominating.
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.



### Church Yearly Report

Church	Members	Received	Dismissed	Sunday School	CTS	Deacons	Ministers
Corbin Ferry	99	0	0	40	0	2	1
Crossett First	232	3	7	65	0	4	1
Fairview	138	0	8	41	0	3	1
Faith	17	0	0	15	0	4	1
Harmony	243	6	0	130	0	6	2
Hillview	72	2	0	0	0	3	1
Macedonia	219	3	5	50	0	5	2
Monticello First	100	14	0	0	0	1	1
Mt. Pleasant	91	2	0	0	0	1	0
Oak Grove	47	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pine Hill	52	0	0	11	0	0	1
Pleasant Grove	19	0	0	16	0	0	1
Pleasant Valley	123	0	0	45	0	3	1
Rolfe Chapel	60	0	0	30	0	0	2
Rose Hill	140	2	2	75	0	3	1
Springhill	90	1	0	30	0	2	0
Star City First	248	4	4	132	0	5	3
Trinity	70	1	4	0	0	1	1
Warren First	284	2	3	60	0	3	1
Willoughby	35	6	1	12	0	0	0
York Town	265	3	2	45	0	3	1
Total	2644	49	36	797	0	50	23

# Saline Association General Fund

## Annual Financial Statement

2018 - 2019

Beginning Balance

\$12,576.31

### Deposits

Church	COOP	Acts 1:8	College	Missions	Saline	Yearly Dues	Host Church	Total
Corbin Ferry	\$450.00						\$45.00	\$495.00
Crossett First	\$200.00	\$400.00		\$400.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$1,240.00
Fairview	\$125.00			\$2,200.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$2,565.00
Faith	\$557.16			\$1,700.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$2,497.16
Harmony	\$18,247.90	\$5,793.00		\$1,348.82		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$25,629.72
Hillview	\$4,267.18					\$180.00	\$60.00	\$4,507.18
Macedonia	\$3,600.00	\$480.00	\$400.00			\$180.00	\$60.00	\$4,720.00
Monticello First		\$1,245.24		\$90.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$1,575.24
Mt. Pleasant	\$100.00					\$180.00	\$60.00	\$340.00
Oak Grove	\$1,182.19					\$180.00	\$60.00	\$1,422.19
Pine Hill	\$1,373.59					\$180.00	\$60.00	\$1,613.59
Pleasant Grove						\$180.00	\$60.00	\$240.00
Pleasant Valley	\$8,808.72	\$6,519.63				\$180.00	\$60.00	\$15,568.35
Rolfe Chapel							\$45.00	\$45.00
Rose Hill	\$6,682.49	\$1,918.33		\$200.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$9,040.82
Spring Hill	\$400.00					\$180.00	\$60.00	\$640.00
Star City First	\$20,319.00	\$26,528.00	\$240.00	\$13,056.00		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$60,383.00
Trinity						\$180.00	\$60.00	\$240.00
Warren First	\$11,960.24	\$1,000.00		\$599.40		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$13,799.64
Willoughby	\$240.00	\$240.00				\$180.00	\$60.00	\$720.00
Yorktown	\$1,536.53	\$1,536.51		\$1,536.51		\$180.00	\$60.00	\$4,849.55
FWB Foundation Interest					\$687.56			\$687.56
Checking Interest					\$114.24			\$114.24
Total Deposits	\$80,050.00	\$45,660.71	\$640.00	\$21,130.73	\$801.80	\$3,420.00	\$1,230.00	\$152,933.24

### Expenses

	Budget	Designated	Saline	Total
State Cooperative Plan	\$56,035.00			\$56,035.00
Acts 1:8 Plan	\$8,005.00	\$45,660.71		\$53,665.71
Scholarship	\$6,404.00			\$6,404.00
Randall University	\$1,601.00	\$640.00		\$2,241.00
Camp Beaverfork		\$8,389.82	\$709.61	\$9,099.43
FWB Home Missions		\$2,746.00		\$2,746.00
FWB Family Ministries			\$500.00	\$500.00
FWBFM (Florence Crittenton Home)		\$2,685.91		\$2,685.91
FWBFM (Maggie House)		\$240.00		\$240.00
Harvest FWB Ministries (Mexico)		\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,150.00
International Missions		\$1,859.00		\$1,859.00
Missionary Tom Jones		\$2,350.00		\$2,350.00
Missionary McDonald		\$60.00		\$60.00
Missionary David Reeves		\$200.00		\$200.00
Missionary Jamie Lee		\$200.00		\$200.00
Missionary Steve Schmidt		\$90.00		\$90.00
North American Ministry		\$800.00		\$800.00
Welch College		\$360.00		\$360.00
Host Church		\$1,200.00	\$60.00	\$1,260.00
Yearly Dues (National \$150, Association \$25, State Minutes \$5)		\$3,420.00	\$360.00	\$3,780.00
Saline's Expenses: Clerk's Salary and IRS Withholdings (Tracy Nichols)			\$2,590.72	\$2,590.72
Minute books			\$300.00	\$300.00
CTS Competition			\$519.80	\$519.80
Youth Rally			\$718.86	\$718.86
Camp Beaverfork meals			\$681.49	\$681.49
Rev Roy Williams 60 years celebration			\$264.46	\$264.46
All Boards Meeting mileage			\$818.29	\$818.29
Total Expenses	\$72,045.00	\$72,051.44	\$8,523.23	\$152,619.67
Ending Balance				\$12,889.88



# Saline Association Scholarship Fund

## Annual Financial Statement

### 2018 to 2019

Beginning Balance	\$28,886.31
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#### Deposits

Church	Total
Saline Association (Budget)	\$6,404.00
Interest	\$148.33
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$6,552.33</b>

#### Expenses

	Total
Scholarship for Elizabeth Brown	\$2,500.00
Scholarship for Rev Adam Abel	\$1,540.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,040.00</b>

Ending Balance	\$31,398.64
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