

# MINUTES

....Of The....

## Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting

....Of The....

## Social Band Association

.....Of.....

# General Free Will Baptists

Held With

**WARM SPRINGS CHURCH,**

Randolph County, Ark., Commencing

Friday Night, September 15th, 1911.

D. M. HOLDER, Moderator

M. P. JOHNSON, Assistant Moderator

C. P. FENDER, Clerk

J. W. THARP, Assistant Clerk

## Minutes



A goodly number of ministers, deacons and messengers of the part of the Church of Christ, commonly known as Social Band Association of General Free Will Baptist, assembled with Warm Springs Church, Warm Springs, Ark., Sept. 15th, 1911.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elders G. W. Million and M. P. Johnson from Ex. 14:15. After which adjourned till 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met at 8;45. Prayer by by Bro. Niswonger.

Called to order by Assistant Moderator M. P. Johnson.

1. The letters from the several churches were called for, read and received.

2. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. Elder D. M. Holder was chosen Moderator

with ...son assistant, and C P. Fender Clerk, and J. W. Tharp assistant.

3. Next appointed several committees, viz: On Arrangement of Business—G. W. Million, Zack Minton, Newberry, Carter and D. N. King. On Divine Service—W. L. Holt, Jessie Niswonger and J. Hancock. On Finance—F. E. Rosselott, J. E. Osburn and Daniel Bates. On Obituary—W. T. Shoffit, S. A. Niswonger and Gimlin.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None.

5. Called for corresponding letters. Received one from Fairdealing Association of General Baptist. Also, Elder J. A. Leroux, as a messenger from same Association. B. F. Hood from Western Union Association was granted a seat in the body to represent same Association.

6. Called for Ministerial Report. Some reported having their hands full, very busy; others not having quite so much but doing what they could toward the advancement of the cause of Christ. The name of A. R. Sanders was ordered dropped from our ministerial list.

7. While waiting on Committee on Arrangement of Business, we had a few minutes of social meeting which was enjoyed by all.

8. A partial report of the Committee on Arrangement of Business was submitted and

resolutions were adopted. (.)  
In pursuance of adoption, a place  
was given as the place of the next  
meeting, and it was agreed that the  
place for the next quarterly meeting  
be chosen. In compliance with resolution  
No. 4, C. P. Fender, G. W. Million and J.  
R. Holt, was chosen as a committee to correct  
and revise same. Recess taken till 2:30 p. m.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE.

11 o'clock service was conducted by Bros.  
Tharp and Rosson. Text Acts 8:8.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Open by singing and prayer by Bro. Minton.

9. Moved that we have 400 minutes printed  
and the clerk superintend the work, pay for  
and distribute same among the several  
churches, and he be paid for his services.

10. The Committee on Finance and Obitu-  
ary made their reports and were discharged.  
The Committee on Finance reported \$16.65  
on hand for minute work.

See report further on of Committee on  
Obituary.

11. The Committee on Business made a  
second partial report.

An adjournment was taken till 8:30 o'clock,  
Monday morning.

Prayer by Bro. B. F. Hood.

NIGHT SERVICE

ng and prayer.

vs. W. T. Shoffit and J. A.

Le th... 9pm Rom. 12:9.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opening with singing, prayer by D. M. Holder.

Preaching by Rev. M. P. Johnson. Text, Mat. 28:20.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sermon preached by Rev. W. T. Shoffit and J. W. Tharp. Text Mat. 28;20; 1 Cor. 11:2. Administered communion and the washing of the saints feet.

All of God's people were greatly blessed by the Lord's Spirit.

MONDAY MORNING

Called to order at 8:30 by Moderator, prayer by C. P. Fender.

13. Moved that we retain the two resolutions on Sabbath schools and Temperance as laid down in our minutes at the present time.

14. Moved that the Committee on Arrangement of Business arrange a program for the next quarterly meeting, and at that meeting there be three deacons appointed to prepare a program for the second meeting.

15. In compliance with the resolution, it was agreed that each of the churches or three of its members should be engaged in raising funds for the support of the ministry, etc.

16. Moved that we have an evangelist next year, and it was further moved that he assist the several pastors of this association when necessary and then devote the remaining time where he might think best. In pursuance of same G. W. Million was selected to the evangelistic work.

17. The time of the yearly meeting of the association was retained. The introductory sermon will be preached Friday night before the third Sunday in September.

New Covenant was chosen as the next place of meeting, and D. N. King and G. W. Million were chosen to preach the introductory sermon.



## IONS

It is our Constitution, Articles of Decorum and Forms, and that instead of having them printed as a part of the minutes each year have them preserved and distributed among the churches and ministers as seen fit by the association. And further that we have 1,500 copies printed.

*Resolved,* That we continue our Quarterly meeting the insuing year, beginning Friday night before each fifth Sunday in the year.

*Resovled,* That we strike out that part of the associational letter that states the amout given the pastor.

*Resolved.* That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to revise and correct the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith and Forms of Church Letters if such be needed.

*Resolved,* That each church be requested to appoint two or three of its members to assist the deacons in raising funds for the support of the ministry, etc.

We, the Committee on Sabbath Schools, on seeing the need of the maintenance of the same, do urge upon the brethren and sisters of this body to do all they can for the establishment and maintenance of the Sabbath



schools in all the country. The ministers be especially diligent for same and aid the churches in securing good literature.

We, the Committee on Temperance, recognizing the fact that the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is the greatest evil of the age, and knowing it to be contrary to the teaching of the Bible to handle the same as a beverage; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we use our influence as Christians and patriots in the cause, that we, as individuals, may deem the most successful in destroying this great evil. We also recommend that our churches bring to trial any of their members found engaged in the manufacture, importation, sale or use of intoxicants as a beverage, or knowingly be found voting directly or indirectly for same.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that our kind and generous Heavenly Father has seen fit in His divine wisdom to remove by death from our midst six of our membership, located as follows:

New Hope, 1; Grandview, 1; Eureka, 1; New Covenant, 3.

We are glad that our loss is their eternal gain, and we tender our heartfelt sympathy



to live in the future. We pray that we may  
join these loved ones  
gone before.

W. T. SHOFFIT,  
A. J. GIMLIN,  
E. NISWONGER,  
Committee.

#### POSTOFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

J. W. Tharp.....	Manson, Ark.
D. N. King.....	Warm Springs, Ark.
M. P. Johnson.....	Sharum, Ark.
D. M. Holder.....	Pocahontas, Ark.
W. T. Shoffit.....	O'Kean, Ark.
J. F. Gates.....	O'Kean, Ark.
N. Y. Gary.....	Liebe, Mo.
T. B. Hilton.....	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
G. W. Million.....	Pocahontas, Ark.
J. R. Rosson.....	Ponder, Mo.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Day of Meeting	Constitution		Increase			Decrease			Total Membership
			Pastors	Minutes	Conversions	Restorations	Recommendation	Expelled	By Letter	Died	
Pleasant Hill	By Letter	3	\$11 60	\$ 1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Warm Springs	E. Baley, W. L. Holt, J. R. Holt	3	.....	1 55	...	...	1	3	1	...	78
Stoney Point	Not Represented	4	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope	D, Bates, C. Carter	2	.....	2 00	8	2	1	1	...	1	60
Union Ridge	G. L. Agin, C. W. Hood	.....	10 00	85	...	...	8	...	...	...	29
Eureka	J. E. Osburn	4	20 00	2 10	12	3	5	1	...	1	105
Grand View	{ C. C. Crossen, Annie B. } Cox, S, A. Crossen	2	.....	1 00	3	...	1	3	...	1	27
New Covenant	F, E. Rosselott, Zack Minton	1	53 65	2 00	6	...	2	...	...	3	64
Lone Oak	Jeff Stacy	.....	.....	1 00	10	...	...	...	...	...	22
Mt. Grove	{ S. A. Niswonger, Lissie } Niswonger	1	.....	1 25	1	...	...	...	2	...	31
Old Jackson	Not Represented	1	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mew Home	Not Represented	1	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sugar Tree Grove	Harvey Spires, Alice Brown	.....	.....	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	14

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE
Pleasant Hill.....	G. W. Million.....	Clarrie Brady..... Black Rock, Ark
Warm Springs.....	D. M. Holder .....	Elba Bellak,..... Warm Springs, Ark
Stoney Point.....	.....	J. O. Cavenar..... Loriene, Ark
Hope .. ..	D. M. Holder .....	B. H. Bates..... Pocahontas, Ark
Ridge .. ..	J. R. Rosson .....	G. C. Agin .. .. Ponder, Mo
.....	M. P. Johnson.....	N. S. Carroll..... Sharum, Ark
d View .....	D. M. Holder .....	Hettie Duff . .... Supply, Ark
Covenant .....	M. P. Johnson.....	C. P. Fender .....
Oak.....	D. M. Holder .....	Lottie Cooper..... Manson, Ark
Grove .....	J. R. Rosson .....	Effie Gimlin .....
Jackson .....	.....	Sam Songer..... Imboden, Ark
Home .....	.....	J. C. Garner..... Beech Grove. Ark
Tree Grove .....	J. R. Rosson .....	Mattie Hopper .....