

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
of
General Free Will Baptists

Held With
NEW COVENANT CHURCH
Lawrence Co. Ark., Commencing
FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13, 1912

M. P. JOHNSON, Moderator
W. T. SHOFFITT, Asst.
C. P. FENDER, Church Clerk
J. F. GATES, Asst.

MINUTES

The ministers, deacons and messengers from the several Churches of the Disciples of Christ, composing Social Band Association called General Free Will Baptist, assembled with New Covenant Church, Lawrence County, Ark., commencing Friday night, Sept. 13, A. D. 1912.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elders G. W. Million and W. T. Shoffit from 2 Peter 3-18. After which adjourned till 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met at 8:30. Called together by Assistant Moderator M. P. Johnson.

1. The letters from the several churches were called for, read and received and the right hand of fellowship was taken and the delegates names enrolled.

2. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk which resulted in Elder M. P. Johnson Moderator and W. T. Shoffit assistant and C. P. Fender Clerk and J. Gates assistant.

3. The Moderator appointed the several committees on Arrangement of Business—Zack Minton, J. R. Holt, J. R. Hancock, Perry Kincade and A. J. Gemlen. On Finance—H. J. Walker, J. C. Carter and Walter Taylor. On Divine Service—F. E. Rossett, W. G. Hawkins and Ben Duff. On Obituary—A. J. Leroux, C. C. Crosson and J. F. Gates.

4. On motion the Moderator appointed a Committee Lecture—G. W. Million, N. S. Carroll, John L. Ford and W. G. Hawkins.

While waiting on the Arrangement of Business Bro. Jack Cole gave a grand lecture on Sabbath Schools.

5. Called for Report on Arrangement of Business. Called for read and tabled for the present, on motion that we adjourn till 2:30 Saturday. The stand was filled 11 o'clock by Rev. W. T. Shoffit from Psalms 37-37.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock Singing and Prayer by Bro. H. J. Walker.

6. Resolved, That we discontinue our 5th Sunday meeting.

7. On motion and second that we take up the item that was tabled, which was on Sabbath Schools.

8. On motion that we adopt the resolution as is laid down in our minutes.

9. On motion that we sustain the resolution temperance.

10. On motion and second that the moderator appoint a committee of three to devise a plan to finance the churches for to pay the preacher and to help the needy of the Church, to-wit:—

Zack Minton, W. T. Shoffit, J. R. Holt.

The committee on Church Finance appointed in each church and allowed them to devise their own plans for raising money in each church to-wit:— Pleasant Hill Church, Bro. Stratton; Warm Springs Church, J. R. Holt; New Hope, J. R. Hancock; Sugar Tree Grove, Aloy Hopper; Stoney Point, Jim Bly; Old Jackson, Frank Brooks; Union Ridge, G. W. Agin;

Eureka, W. P. Brooks; Grand View, C. C. Crossen; New Covenant, C. P. Fender; Mt. Grove, H. J. Walker; Reform Church, Ben Stuart.

11. On motion that we recommend to the church for reading Literature, the Messenger Paper and the Free Will Baptist Paper.

12. On motion and second that we adjourn till Monday morning, 8:30.

Prayer by Brother Jesse Niswonger.

The stand was filled Saturday night by Eld. J. H. Welker and J. A. Leroux, from St. John 3-16.

Sunday, 11 o'clock, Bro. G. W. Million preached on the Mode and Design of Baptism. At the close of the services, Eld. M. P. Johnson attended to the ordinance of Baptism and in the evening W. T. Sharp preached on the Ordinance of the Church, from Matthew 7-24, after which the Brothers and Sisters partook of the Lord's Supper and Washed feet.

Monday morning services met 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Zack Minton, the body was called to order by the Moderator.

13. Called for the report of the Committee.

On Finance the Committee turned over to the Clerk \$17.38. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

While waiting for the Committee on business, Brother W. T. Shoffit gave a lecture on Temperance.

14. Called again for the Report of the Committee, on arrangement Report as follows:

First, on motion that we add to our Decorum in our Minutes to read as follows: No Minister, Deacon or Messenger shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Association.

Second, on motion that each annual session of the Association begin at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the third Sunday in September.

Third, that each church be requested to consider the establishing of a campground at some center point in the bounds of the association each annual setting of the said Body and report at the next Association.

15. Then we took up the report of the Ministers. Their report was received.

16. On motion and second Elder G. W. Million be granted a letter of Recommendation.

17. On motion that reform church was received by Petitionary by Elder W. T. Sharp.

18. One corresponding letter and Delegates was received from fair dealing association of General Baptist and Bro. J. A. Leroux as Delegate.

19. Call for the report on Obituary see report.

20. The Committee on the arrangement of business was discharged.

21. On motion that we have 400 minutes printed this year and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution. It was agreed that the Association be held with Sugartree Grove church commencing on Saturday at 10 o'clock before the 3rd Sunday in September 1913 and that Elder W. T. Sharp preach next introductor and J. W. Tharp assist him.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Elder J.A. Leroux from Romans 5-1 and W. T. Sharp assisted him.

On motion that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the friends and Brethren for their kind treatment during our stay with them.

On motion that we adjourn until the time and place of our next Association.

M. P. JOHNSON, Moderator.

W. T. SHOFFIT, Assistant.

C. P. Fender, Clerk.

J. F. Gates, Assistant.

RESOLUTIONS

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 congregations, and that the ministers be especially urged to labor 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 gracious Heavenly Father has seen fit in His divine wisdom to remove by death from our midst four of our membership located as follows:

New Covenant, 1, and Eureka, 3.

We are glad that our loss is their eternal gain and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. We pray that we may live in this life so as to join these loved ones gone before.

J. A. LEROUX,
C. C. Crosson,
J. F. Gates.

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

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

RECOMMENDATION LETTER

State of

County of

To all to whom this may come greeting: This is to certify that is a member of of General Free-will Baptist of social band association and is in full fellowship and good standing with us and is dismissed from our watch care done while in conference on the day and date above written.

..... Moderator
..... Church Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Days of Meeting	Cash for Minutes	Recd by Restoration	Recd by Experience	Recommendation	Received by Letter	Expelled	Dismissed by letter	Died	Total Membership
Stony Point ✓	W T Hawkins, Elem Coleman	4	2 00					3			39
Union Ridge ✓	By Letter		75		3			1			20
Mountain Grove ✓	H L Walker, N A Niswonger	1	1 00		4				1		35
Old Jackson ✓	J P Kincade, Sister Kincade	1	1 00								29
Sugartree Grove ✓	Alvy Hopper, Matty Hopper		1 75	1	1		1				17
	Jane Baldrige, Sister Ollie Adams										
New Covenant ✓	Walter Taylor, F E Rosselott	1			9	3				1	75
	Charley Andrews										
Warm Springs ✓	John R Holt	3	2 67		2						68
Grand View ✓	C C Crosson	3	1 45				2				30
Pleasant Hill ✓	By Letter	3	50								16
New Hope ✓	J C Carter	2	1 25								
Eureka ✓	J L Ford, N S Carroll, Nuten Gates	4	2 00					5		3	84
Reform ✓	O P Stoles										40
Loan Oak ✓	Not Represented										
New Home ✓	Not Represented										

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 New Home 15
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESS
Stoney Point	D. M. Holder	J. M. Cavenor Cavenor, Ark.
Union Ridge	J. C. Rosson	Viola Griffin Dayel, Mo.
Mt. Grove	J. R. Rosson	Era Roberts Dayel, Mo.
Old Jackson	J. W. Tharp	Kathrine Rossman Birdell, Ark.
∞ Sugartree Grove	J. R. Rosson	Mattie Hopper Poynor, Mo.
New Covenant	W. T. Shoffit	C. P. Fender O'Kean, Ark.
Warm Springs	G. W. Million	Elba Bellah Warm Springs, Ark.
Grand View	D. M. Holder	G. P. Johnson Supply, Ark.
Pleasant Hill		Carrie Brady Black Rock, Ark.
New Hope		B. H. Bates Pocahontas, Ark.
Eureka	M. P. Johnson	N. S. Carroll Sharum, Ark.
Reform	W. T. Sharp	