

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Thirty-ninth Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Social Band Baptist**  
**Association**

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**Held with Sugar Tree Grove Church,  
Poynor, Mo., September 20—22, 1913.**

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**Eld. D. M. HOLDER, Moderator**  
**Eld. G. W. MILLION, Clerk**

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**Next Session will be held with Old Jackson  
Church, September 19—21, 1914.**

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## Thirty-ninth Annual Session

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## Social Band Association

The 39th annual session of that part of the church of God, commonly known as Social Band Association of General Freewill Baptists, met with Sugar Tree Grove church at Poynor, Mo., Sept. 20, 1913. The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Elds. W. T. Sharp and J. W. Tharpe from Jno. 15, and a recess taken till near 4 o'clock p. m.

### EVENING SESSION

Came together as above stated. After singing and prayer proceeded to business

1. The former moderator and his assistant and also the former clerk and his assistant being absent, Eld. D. M. Holder was chosen moderator pro tem, and G. W. Million clerk pro tem.

2. The letters from the several churches were called for. Four answered the first call by letter and messengers—Union Ridge, Warm Springs, Grandview and New Hope—one by messenger—Reform. Later a second and third call was made and six other churches answered by letter and messenger, viz: Old Jackson, Mountain Grove, Lonoak, Stony Point, New Covenant and Sugar Tree Grove.

3. Called for petitionary letters or new churches wanting admission: received one letter from Pleasant Valley, and an oral petition from Mt. Olive.

Called for corresponding letters: received one from Fairdealing Association of General Baptists.

5. Proceeded to permanent organization by electing Eld. D. M. Holder, moderator and Eld. D. N. King, assistant, and Eld. G. W. Million, clerk, with Eld. J. W. Tharp assistant.

6. The moderator then appointed the several committees which were as follows: On arrangement of Business—Elds. N. Y. Gary, H. F. Newberry, W. T. Sharp and Brethren Frank Brooks and Daniel Bates.

On Finance—Brethren J. P. Kincade, Miller and Crosson.

On Divine Service—Brethren G. W. Hopper, J. Niswonger and A. J. Gimlin.

On Obituary—Brethren J. C. Hughes, Sam Griffin, and Eld. J. A. Welker.

On Literature—The old committee retained.

7. In the meantime the committee on Arrangement of Business got busy and reported a few items as follows: A letter from Little Zion church asking as to the standing and reputation of one W. B. Richmond. The clerk was directed to write a letter to said church, informing them that we could not recommend said party as he had been withdrawn, because of immoral conduct, and his credentials called for; but he refused to give them up. He was then advertised through the minutes. The said W. B. Richmond has no authority from this association to preach or otherwise perform any of the ministerial duties or privileges.

8. An item resolving to have quarterly meetings of the association embracing each 5th Sunday, was presented by the committee, but was tabled until Monday.

9. In compliance with the request of Sugar Tree Grove church a move was made to ordain Brethren G. W. Hopper and Harvey Spires to the office of Deacon at 10 o'clock Sunday, but the same was put off till Monday.

10. Adjourned to meet Monday a. m. at 8 o'clock.

Preaching Saturday night by Elds. Crook and D. N. King from Eph. 5:14. Had a good lesson.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elds. G. W. Million and W. T. Sharp to a large audience. Subject: "Shouting Religion." Considerable interest was manifested.

Preaching at 5 o'clock by Eld. D. M. Holder on the ordinances of the church. After enjoying the sermon the people entered into communion services, which was the largest in nearly every respect, that has been enjoyed by the association for several years. The Bible says, "So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, 'Know ye what I have done for you? Ye call me Master

and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, haue washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given ye an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you the servant is not greater than his Lord, neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." Jno. 13:12-17. This last promise was certnlnly verified. The people certainly were happy.

### MONDAY A. M.

Met near 8:30. Came together by singing and prayer. Moderator in chair.

11. Moved that the resolution relating quarterly meetings of the association, which was tabled Saturday, be taken up and disposed of. Did so by deciding to have Q. M's.

12. Moved also that the place of each quarterly meeting be named in minutes; and an election resulted in Union Ridge, near Ponder, Mo., being chosen as place of 1st meeting, Grandview, near Supply, Ark., as place of 2nd meeting, Warm Springs, 3rd meeting and New Covenant 5 miles southeast of O'Kean, 4th meeting.

13. Elds D. M. Holder and H. T. Newberry were selected to preach introductory sermon at 1st meeting, Elds King and Tharp and 2nd meeting; Elds. Sharp and Gary at 3rd meeting and Elds. Million and Shoffit at 4th meeting.

14. Moved that the old resolutions on Sabbath schools and intemperance be retained in new minutes

15. Moved to print minutes, constitution, Rules of Decorum Forms of Letters and articles of Faith together, under same cover. Took an intermission for preaching and noon refreshments. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elds White and Newberry on the "Baptism of Holy Spirit."

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Met near 2:30. After singing, and prayer led by Eld. J. D. Poynor, resumed regular business.

16. The clerk was directed to write a letter of recommendation to Eld. J. H. Welker.

17. Moved that we correspond with Fairdealing Association of G. B. Eld. J. H. Welker and J. W. Tharp were chosen messengers to said association.

18. A motion to change time of regular 1st Sunday was lost.



19. Friday night before each 5th Sunday was set as the time for beginning the quarterly meetings.

20. Clear Lake church was received into the fellowship of the association on the recommendation of Elds. G. W. Million and H. F. Newberry.

21. The resolution establishing a camp ground for the place of holding the associational meetings was lost.

22. A written report from Eld. T. B. Hilton was received and read.

23. Moved to have no evangelist the coming year.

24. The reports of the several committees were called for, heard and received and committeemen discharged except the committee on Literature. The committee on Obituaries reported dead (See report further over.) The committee on Finance reported \$15.25 on hand for minutes. A collection of \$3.35 was taken up for the clerks.

25. Moved to have 400 minutes printed, and that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

26. Moved that the next session of the association be held with the Old Jackson church, near Imboden, Ark., and that Elds. D. N. King and W. T. Sharp preach the introductory sermon.

27. A vote of thanks was given to the Sugar Tree Grove church and vicinity for the hospitality shown the members of the association while among them. They certainly know how to make people feel at home.

28. Called for the reading of minutes to the present. Read and received.

29. Then proceeded to ordain the deacons set apart by Sugar Tree Grove church. The presbytery consisted of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

30. Adjourned to meet at Old Jackson, near Imboden, Ark., on Saturday at 10 o'clock before the 3rd Sunday in September.

ELD. D. M. HOLDER, Moderator,

ELD. G. W. MILLION, Clerk.

Pocahontas, Ark.

## RESOLUTIONS

Sabbath Schools—We, the committee on Sabbath Schools, 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 Sunday schools in all the congregations, and that the ministers be especially urged to labor for same and aid the churches in securing good literature.

Intemperance—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 from our midst by death, thirteen of our membership located as follows:

Stony Point, two, Thomas Frazier and M. J. Vinson.

New Hope, one, Jane White.

Grandview, one, Eller Ezell.

Sugar Tree Grove, one, Susan Warren.

Lonoke, one, Eld. J. M. West.

Union Ridge, one, Jno. Childers.

New Covenant, one, Walter Taylor.

Mountain Grove, one, Polly Welker.

Eureka, one, Eld. M. P. Johnson.

Warm Springs, three, Ada Bailey, Lula Parmer, Jack Jones.

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, in eternal bliss.

COMMITTEE.

#### Post Office Address of Ministers.

J. W. Tharp, Poynor, Mo.

D. N. King, Warm Springs, Ark.

D. M. Holder, Pocahontas, Ark.

W. T. Shoffit, O'Kean, Ark.

J. F. Gates, O'Kean, Ark.

N. Y. Gary, Ponder, Mo.

T. B. Hilton, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

J. R. Rosson, Ponder, Mo.

J. H. Welker, Corning, Ark.

W. T. Sharp, Frysby, Ark.

G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.

# Articles of Faith

1 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practise.—2d Timothy, 3:16-17; 2d Peter, 1:20-21.

2 That there is but one living and true God, and in the Godhead or divine essence, Father Son and Holy Ghost.—St. John, 1:1: 1st John 5:7.

3 That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Rom. 8:7-20.

4 Salvation, Regeneration. Sanctification and Redemption are by the life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.—Heb. 9:24; Eph. 4:9: Rev. 1:18.

5 We believe that he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.—Matthew, 24:13; Rev., 2:10.

6 That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.—Matthew, 25:46.

7 We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and that the only true mode of Baptism is immersion. On Baptism—Matthew, 3:16; Rom., 6:4: Acts, 8:38; Col., 2:12. The supper—Matthew, 26:27; Mark, 44:22; Luke, 22:19; 1st Cor. 23:34. Washing of feet—St. John, 13:14-17; 1st Tim., 5:15; 1st Peter, 2:12.

8 We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week—or Lord's day—and it ought to be observed and spent in public or private worship of God, and on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns, except in cases of necessity or mercy.—Ex., 31:15-16; Deut., 5:12; Matt., 12:12.

9 We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and the unjust, but every one in his own order—those who have done good to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; and that God has appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—St. John, 5:22-29; 1st Thes., 4:16; Dan., 12:2.

10 That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.—Gal., 6:10; 1st John, 2:9.

11 We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man, and that none can partake of His divine

benefits only by repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (Infants and idiots excepted, they being included in the covenant of God's grace.)—Acts, 4:11; 10:43; Tim., 2:5-6; St. John, 3:14-17; 1st Cor., 12:20-22; Rom., 5:13.

12 We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, and that baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience.—St. John, 10:7.

13 We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table.—1st Cor., 12:13; St. John, 15:11-21 22; Matthew, 15:26-28.

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## Rules of Decorum

1 The association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2 Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the moderator.

3 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech except by the moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the moderator interrupt him unless he break order.

4 The person shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast personal reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.

5 No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the association.

6 No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

7 Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother and brethren.

8 No member of this association shall absent himself when the association is sitting in conference without leave of the moderator.

9 The names of the association shall be enrolled and called as often as the association thinks necessary.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES
Pleasant Hill		Carrie Brady, - - - Black Rock, Ark.
Warm Springs	D. N. King	Ella Bellah, - - - Warm Spring, Ark.
Stony Point	D. M. Holder	J. T. Pierce, - - - Cavenar, Ark.
Grandview	"	G. P. Johnson, - - - Supply, Ark.
New Hope	G. W. Million	B. H. Bates, - - - Pocahontas, Ark.
Union Ridge	"	Effie Gimlin, - - - Ponder, Mo.
Eureka	W. T. Shoffit	N. A. Carroll, - - - Sharum, Ark.
New Covenant	"	Zach Minton, - - - Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Lone Oak	H. F. Newberry	Nannie Weeks, - - - Manson, Ark.
Mt. Grove	"	" " " " " "
Clear Lake	"	Mrs. Starnes, - - - Portia, Ark.
Pleasant Valley	W. T. Sharp	M. D. Anderson, - - - Ravenden Springs, Ark.
Old Jackson	"	Ida Brooks, - - - Imboden, Ark.
Sugar Tree Grove	J. W. Tharp	Mattie Hopper, - - - Poynor, Mo.
Reform	"	Ben Stewart, - - - Williford, Ark.
Mt. Olive	"	Albert Holder, - - - Ravenden, Ark.
New Home	"	J. C. Garner, - - - Beech Grove, Ark.