

MINUTES

—Of The—

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—Of The—

Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist

1919

Held with Clear Lake Church, Portia, Arkansas,
September 20-21-22, 1919. Next Session will be held
with Love Divine Church, Minturn, Arkansas, on
Saturday, before the Third Sunday in August, 1920.

ELDER D. M. HOLDER.....Moderator

H. W. BLANKENSHIP.....Clerk

From the B. of F.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call for Letters from Churches.
4. Read Rules of Decorum.
5. Appointment of Committees on Divine Service,
Finance, Obituary, Arrangement of Business.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment, a goodly number of ministers, deacons and messengers of that part of the Church of God, commonly known as the Freewill Baptist, met with Clear Lake Church, Portia, Arkansas, September 20, 21 and 22, 1919.

The annual sermon was preached by Eld. D. M. Holder, from Romans 8:9, after which a general Christian handshaking was enjoyed by all.

The Moderator then called for the letters from the several churches in the Association, which showed the following present: Stony Point, Eureka, New Hope, Cedar Ridge, Old Jackson, Denman, Sugar Tree Grove, Pleasant Valley, Warm Springs, Lonoke, Hopewell and Liberty.

The following were represented by messengers, but no letters: Union and New Covenant. The above letters were read and the messengers were seated in the Association.

2. Called for petitionary letters; received two. From Love Divine and Pleasant Hill.

3. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk for the ensuing year, which resulted in retaining present incumbents.

4. Moderator read rules of Decorum.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Met about 2:30 with singing and prayer by Eld. N. Y. Geary, after which proceeded to regular business.

5. Called for corresponding letters; received none.

6. Moderator proceeded to appoint the several committees as follows:

Divine Service—Newton Gates, Jeff Cavenar, Perry Kincade.

Finance—T. W. Wells, Dan McKinney and Dave Seaman.

Obituary—D. C. Jones, S. T. Birch and Geo. Williams.

Arrangement of Business—N. Y. Geary, J. F. Gates, Zack Minton, R. R. Williams and A. P. Johnson.

7. Called for new business. Bro. J. W. Tharp requested that he be restored to membership in the Association, which request was granted.

8. Moved and carried that we change the time of meeting of the Association from the 3rd Saturday in September to the 3rd Saturday in August.

9. Moved that the name and address of the clerk of each church be printed in the minutes.

10. Moved that each minister report the amount each church pays him, and the same be printed in the minutes.

While the Committee on Business were out we enjoyed a very good social service, conducted by Elder J. W. Tharp.

Moved and carried that this body make an effort to supply pastors for churches which are destitute of pastors.

Moved to adjourn until 8:00, Monday.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Met with singing, prayer led by Elder D. M. Holder. Preaching by Elder S. T. Birch, subject, "Kingdom of God." A good sign of a great revival was shown at close of service.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Met about 10:00 with singing, and Moderator appointed the following Elders, J. F. Gates, N. Y.

Geary, D. C. Jones and D. M. Holder, deacons; G. B. Blalock, Perry Kincade and A. J. Russell as presbytery to ordain; Bro. E. W. Tucker to the full ministry in Social Band Association.

After which a very interesting sermon was preached by Elder Gordon King, from Hebrews 1:2. Service closed with a general Christian handshaking.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Met about 4:00 o'clock with singing, prayer led by Elder E. W. Tucker, after which a very interesting sermon was delivered by Elder E. W. Tucker and D. M. Holder, from St. John 3:16.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Pursuant to adjournment, we met about 8:00 with singing, prayer led by Bro. B. B. Garland, after which proceeded to regular business.

11. Moderator appointed the following: J. F. Gates, A. P. Johnson and Newton Gates as committee to investigate the character of certain ministers, and upon the report, the Association voted to drop the name of J. R. English from the Ministerial List.

12. The committee which was to report about Bros. J. A. Sprague and C. M. Kildow, was retained and should report at next Association.

13. Moderator extended a call for membership, received one by letter, to-wit: Elder B. B. Garland.

14. Moderator appointed C. L. Rickey, H. L. Webb, H. A. Shipman and W. T. Sharp as committee to investigate the character of W. A. Hathcoat, and report at next Association.

15. Called for report of Ministers. (See report).

16. Voted that committee on arrangement of business should be retained for next year.

17. The several committees reported and were discharged.

18. Voted that our next Association should be

held with Love Divine Church, Minturn, Arkansas. Elder D. M. Holder was chosen to preach the Annual Sermon.

19. The Moderator appointed Elders H. F. Newberry, J. F. Gates and E. W. Tucker, deacons; H. L. Webb, J. P. Kincade and D. Seaman as presbytery to ordain Bros. R. M. Johnson and T. C. White as deacons.

20. Voted that the clerk have 500 minutes printed and distribute same among the several churches.

21. Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Clear Lake neighborhood for their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst.

A general good time was had during the entire session, although it rained most of the time.

Adjourned to meet with Love Divine church, Minturn, Arkansas, on Saturday at 10:00, before the 3rd Sunday in August, 1920.

ELDER D. M. HOLDER, Moderator
Maynard, Arkansas.

H. W. BLANKENSHIP, Clerk,
Ravenden Springs, Arkansas.
Rural Route 1.

MESSENGER'S ENROLLMENT.

Old Jackson—Brother and Sister Sam Songer and Bro. Warren Hullinger.

Hopewell—Bros. T. S. Lawhorn and J. P. Cavenar.

Eureka—W. V. Fuller, B. A. Dean and J. L. Ford.

Pleasant Valley—Bros. T. W. Wells and Curtis Tyler.

Denman—Bros. Walter Eveland and Young.

Sugar Tree Grove—Sisters Allie Adams and Sadie Spares.

Grandview—E. L. Duff, Elmer Duff and Ernest Jones.

Lonoke—Brother and Sister Edgar Cooper and Sister A. J. Austin.

Clear Lake—Brothers R. R. Williams, Otto Smith and Sister Sarah Weatherford.

Cedar Ridge—T. C. White.

New Hope—Bros. Ben Million, E. D. Sutton and B. H. Bates.

Warm Springs—Bros. J. C. King, L. C. Woolridge and Chester Holt.

Stony Point—Bros. Henry Graham, Jeff Cavenar and J. H. Pearce.

Liberty—Bro. A. P. Johnson.

Pleasant Hill—Clarence Davis and William Harris.

Love Divine—Ed. Canady and Chas. Tenson.

New Covenant—Bro. Zack Minton.

Union—Bro. C. L. Riekey.

Zion Hill—Dave Seaman.

Mt. Plasant, Elnora, Richwoods, Bethel Chapel, Reform and Mt. Olive were not represented.

MINISTERIAL LIST.

D. N. King	Warm Springs, Ark.
D. M. Holder	Maynard, Ark.
W. T. Shoffit	O'Kean, Ark.
J. F. Gates	O'Kean, Ark.
W. T. Sharp	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
G. W. Million	Pocahontas, Ark.
H. F. Newberry	Richwoods, Ark.
D. C. King	Portia, Ark.
Geo. W. Weeks	Portia, Ark.
L. M. Buckner	Elnora, Ark.
C. M. Kildow	Sloan, Ark.
N. Y. Geary	Poynor, Mo.
J. R. Rossom	Poynor, Mo.
D. C. Jones	Poynor, Mo.
E. W. Tucker	Peach Orchard, Ark.
J. D. Poynor, Licentiate	Maynard, Ark.

REPORT OF MINISTERS.

Elder G. W. Million—Refused to accept pastoral

work for past year, with the exception of Richwoods. Had 4 appointments each month. Held three protracted meetings; revised the organization of one church with 50 members. Traveled about 500 miles. Preached about 75 sermons. Officiated at 7 funerals. Received from Richwoods, \$75.00; Warm Springs, \$37.00; Water Valley, \$8.00; New Hope, \$10.00; Dead Timber, \$28.00; Zion Hill, \$5.00. Total, \$163.00.

Elder J. F. Gates—Traveled 279 miles; preached 27 sermons; received \$6.20; married 6 couples.

Elder D. M. Holder—Traveled 1,075 miles; preached 98 sermons with one conversion; baptized 4; officiated at 9 funerals; received from Sugar Tree Grove, \$12.00; Old Jackson, \$50.85; Grandview, \$109.45; Stony Point, \$36.34; Hopewell, \$20.40. Total, \$228.64.

Elder H. F. Newberry—Traveled 290 miles; preached 92 sermons; witnessed 27 conversions; officiated at 2 funerals; received from Peru, \$47.35; Lonoke, \$34.35; Cedar Ridge, \$11.52; Clear Lake, \$6.10. Total, \$99.32.

Elder D. C. Jones—Traveled 200 miles; preached 25 sermons; received from Hopewell, \$13.00; Sugar Tree Grove, \$1.50; other sources, \$1.50.

Elder W. T. Sharp—Traveled about 1,025 miles; preached 125 sermons; witnessed 10 professions; baptized 9; married 5 couples; officiated at 10 funerals; received from New Covenant, \$90.80; Lane, \$27.00; Union, \$9.50; Moran, \$4.00; Evergreen, \$6.00; other sources, \$25.00. Total, \$152.30.

Elder J. R. English—Traveled 1,100 miles; preached for four churches; witnessed 54 conversions; baptized 38; attended 13 funerals; organized 2 churches; married 11 couples; received \$212.50.

OBITUARY.

We, the 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, eight of our worthy members as follows: Grandview, Roy Jolly; Clear Lake, A. W. Pickett; Warm Springs, James Gaither, Carrie Holt and Samantha Kenner; Hopewell, Sister Margaret Cavenar; Liberty, Sister Bertha Booth and Sister Holaway. We are glad that our loss is their eternal gain, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

D. C. JONES,

S. T. BURCH,

G. F. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER.

We, the disciples of Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptists, worshipping at _____, send greetings to ministers, deacons and messengers composing Social Band Association, when convened with _____ Church; very dear brethren, we anticipate with great joy the time when we shall meet you again by letter and messenger.

We send our beloved brothers to sit with you in your Godly deliberations, whom we pray you receive as worthy brothers with full power and authority to transact all legal business that may come before your honorable body, for the good of our Church and Christianity in general, viz: Bro. _____: The statement of our Church is as follows: Received by experience, _____; by letter, _____; by recommendation, _____; restored, _____; dismissed by letter, _____; excluded, _____; died, _____. Total membership, _____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our Church for the ensuing year; paid pastor, _____.
Moderator.

Address _____

Clerk.

Address _____

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the vote thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons, licentiates, together with messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, said messengers being members of some church within this Association, whom the members judge best qualified for that purpose, who, on producing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded and died since the sitting of the last Association and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by the Association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the association shall be entitled to a representation of messengers, not exceeding three.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The Association shall not have the power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any

of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless, we agree that the churches composing this Association shall stand in the same relation to each other in this Association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed they shall be dropped from our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of the members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messenger. If upon proper examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This Association shall have power to sit as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint any members, by and with his or their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary, to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat with the Association; to adjourn the Association at any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who shall not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the churches from which he or they were messengers.

11. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

12. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at each Annual Association.

13. Each Annual Association shall be held on the 3rd Sunday in August.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallable word of God and the only safe rule of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16-17. II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one living and true God, and in the God-head of divine essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—St. John 1:1; I 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.—Romans 8:7-20.

4. Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification 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 who shall endure to the end the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13. Rev. 2:10.

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

7. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints'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, Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:38; Col. 2:12. The Supper, Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19; I Cor. 23:34. Washing of Feet, St. John 3:14-17; I Tim. 5:10; I Peter 2:21.

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 case of necessity or mercy.—Ex. 31:15-17; 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 hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.—St. John 5:28-29, I 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.—Galatians 6:10; I 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 towards 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; I 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.—I Cor. 12:13; St. John 15:11-21-22; Matt. 16:26-28.

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 speaking 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 sepeech.

7. Members shall address each other by the appellations of brother or 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 members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks necessary.

10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.

Statistical Table

Name of Church	Contribution	Membership					Total Membership	
		Increase		Decrease				
		Conversion	Restoration	Recommendation	Death	Withdrawal		Letter
Old Jackson	\$1 50						8	41
Hopewell	1 05				1			15
Eureka	1 50							100
Pleasant Valley	2 00	7						64
Love Divine	1 50	21	11	13				45
Denman	1 00			1				19
Sugar Tree Grove	1 95			2	1			37
Grandview	2 25	4	1		1	1		61
Lonoke	3 11							
Clear Lake	1 35		2		1			30
Cedar Ridge	1 00	3	1			24		13
New Hope	2 40			2				47
Warm Springs	2 30				3			80
Stony Point	1 40						1	91
Liberty	2 30				3			40
Pleasant Hill	1 50							
New Covenant	1 25							85
Union	1 00							35

CHURCH CLERKS

CHURCH	CLERK	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
Old Jackson	Warren Hullinger	Imboden, Ark.
Hopewell	Iva L. Lee	Biggers, Ark. R. 1,
Clear Lake	Ed Newberry	Walnut Ridge, Ark. R. 2.
Denman	Walter Eveland	Deleplaine, Ark. R. 1.
Love Divine	Marjorie Edwards	Alicia, Ark.
Lonoke	Cassie Austin	Elnora, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	Lissla Tipton	Portia, Ark.
Liberty	Amiel Riggs	Deleplaine, Ark. R. 1.
Stony Point	A. C. Pendergrass	Elevenpoints, Ark.
Warm Springs	J. C. King	Warm Springs, Ark.
New Hope	B. H. Bates	Pocahontas, Ark
Cedar Ridge	W. L. Dailey	Walnut Ridge, Ark. R. 2.
Grandview	E. L. Jones	Supply, Ark
Sugar Tree Grove	Mattie Hopper	Poynor, Mo.
Pleasant Valley	H. W. Blankenship	Walnut Ridge, Ark. R. 1.
Eureka	Myrtle Shipman	O'Kean, Ark.
New Covenant	Zack Minton	Walnut Ridge, Ark. R. 1.
Union	C. L. Rickey	O'Kean, Ark.