

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

1921

Social Band Association of the Free Will Baptist

Held with Hopewell church, Reyno,
Ark., August 20, 21 and 22, 1921.
Next Session will be held with Union
church, O'Kean, Ark., on Saturday
before the Third Sunday in August,
1922.

ELD. W. T. SHOFFITT, Moderator.

J. E. RIGGS, Clerk.

Order of Business

1. Call to order by Moderator.
2. Call for Letters from Churches.
3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
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 Social Band Association of the Free will Baptist met with Hopewell church Reyno, Ark., Saturday, Aug. 20, 1921. The annual sermon was preached by Eld. W. T. Shoffit. Text Heb. 6:1. Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Saturday Evening Session

Met about 2:30. Singing by class and prayer by W. C. Hutson, after which the general business was carried out.

1—Call for the letters of the different churches of the Association, showed the following present: Eureka, Pruitt Chapel, Denman, Hopewell, Cedar Ridge, Sugar Tree Grove, Love Divine, Union, Stony Point, Oak Grove, Liberty, Grand View, New Covenant, Lone Oak, Valley Chapel, Old Jackson, Pleasant Grove, New Hope, Clear Lake.

2—Called for petitionary letters; received one, Pleasant Grove.

3—Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk. Eld. W. T. Shoffitt was elected moderator and J. E. Riggs clerk. Rules of decorum read by moderator.

4—Moderator appointed the several committees:

Divine Service—B. J. Patterson, C. L. Rickey and Zack Minton.

Arrangement of Business—John Holland, W. T. Sharp, J. P. Cavenar, W. P. Brooks and J. A. Fender.

Obituary—G. W. Million, E. W. Tucker and A. P. Johnson.

Finance—D. M. Holder, W. J. Burrow, D. C. Jones.

Eld. D. M. Holder, Eld. G. W. Million and Eld. H. F. Newberry were appointed to investigate the church letters and report if any requested the Association to ordain any of their brother deacons. Same reported the following brothers to be ordained: W. C. Hutson, A. D. Forrester and S. D. Forrester.

Eld. W. T. Sharp was asked by the Association to pastor the Pleasant Valley church for the ensuing year.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:00 a. m. Monday.

Saturday Night Session

Met about 7:30. Singing by class and

prayer by Eld. G. W. Million. Stand was filled by Elds. W. T. Sharp, H. F. Newberry. Lesson, 9th chapter Thes. Text Matt. 13:6. Service closed with a general revival.

Sunday Morning Session

Preaching by Eld. G. W. Million. Text Jer. 6:16. Service closed with a general Christian hand shake.

Sunday Evening Session

Met about 2:30. Singing by class and prayer by Eld. W. T. Shoffitt. The presbytery was called and the following brothers were ordained to the deaconship of the churches W. C. Hutson, S D. Forrester and A. D. Forrester.

Eld J. O. Haynes was ordained to the full ministry of the word of God.

Preaching by Eld. D. M. Holder. Text Luke 6:46, after which entered into communion and foot washing services About 150 people engaged in these services and enjoyed the presence of God as was evident by the rejoicing of souls.

Sunday Night Session

Met about 7:30. Singing by class. Prayer by Eld. Witcher. Preaching by Eld. W. T. Shoffitt. A good devotional service was enjoyed by all of God's people present.

Monday Morning Session

Pursuant to adjournment we met about 7:30 with singing, and prayer by Bro. N. S. Carroll.

1—Motion carried to take up ministerial examination. No charges were alleged against any.

2—Report of ministers taken up and disposed of. (See report)

3—The several committees reported and discharged. (See report.)

Eld. G. W. Million was chosen to preach the annual sermon at the next session.

Motion carried to report by messengers in State Association.

Elds G. W. Million, E. W. Tucker and Bro. H. R. Fowler were elected delegates to State Association.

Total contribution from churches, \$28.20.

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community for their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst.

A general good time was had throughout the entire session

Adjourned to meet with Union church, at O'Kean, Ark., at 10 a. m., Saturday before the third Sunday in Aug. 1922.

Eld. W. T. Shoffitt, Moderator,
O'Kean, Ark.

J. E. Riggs, Clerk,
Pocahontas, Ark., R. 1.

Associational Letter

We, the disciples of Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptist, worshiping 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 Christainity in general. 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 Eld. _____ to the pastoral care of our Church for the ensuing year; paid pastor _____ Moderator.

Address _____

Clerk. _____

Address _____

Messengers Enrollment _____

Eureka—Will Fuller.

Pruitt's Chapel—E. A. Hoffman, Fay Bryant and Nie Morris.

Denmon--By letter.

Hopewell—I. N. Hawkins and Oscar Graham.

Cedar Ridge—Rector Ward.

Sugar Tree Grove—Harvey and Sister Spars.

Love Divine—L. H. Clark and Margery Edwards.

Union—C. L. Rickey, Robert Shellen and W. J. Burrow.

Stony Point—J. P. Cavener, J. E. Farrow and A. C. Pendergrass.

Oak Grove—By letter.

Liberty—A. P. Johnson.

New Covenant—J. E. Holland.

Grand View—E. L. Duff, E. L. Jones and L. C. Parrish.

Lone Oak—By letter.

Valley Chapel—By pastor.

Old Jackson—Not represented.

Pleasant Grove—Dave and Arthur Forrester.

New Hope—Not represented.

Clear Lake—By letter.

Warm Springs—Not represented.

Zion Hill—Dave Seamons.

Deacons Enrollment

Eureka—J. D. McKinney, Delaplaine, R. 1 Ark., and Charley Jones, O'Kean, Ark.

Pruitt Chapel—G W Dale, Light, Ark., and G Tatem, Beech Grove, Ark.

Hopewell—B J Patterson and B F Lee, Reyno, Ark.

Cedar Ridge—E Cox and C T White, No land, Ark.

Sugar Tree Grove—G W Hoffman, Poynor, Mo.

Love Divine—L H Clark, Allicia, Ark.

New Hope—J R Hancock and David Mil-lion, Pocahontas, Ark.

Clear Lake—H C Shipman and Arthur Sluter, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Stony Point—Wiley Hawkins, Water Val-ley, Ark., Frank Tyler and Olen Thompson, Elevenpoints, Ark.

Zion Hill—Dan Bates and D M Seamons, Pocahontas, Ark.

Grand View—H C Jolly and A R Pride, Supply, Ark.

Lone Oak—Geo Tyler and Herbert Cooper, P. O. not given.

Valley Chapel—J C Hughes, Ravenden Springs, Ark.

Old Jackson—None.

Pleasant Grove—Dave and Arthur Forres-ter. Knobel, Ark.

Union—M M Romines and C L Rickey,
O'Kean, Ark.

Oak Grove—None.

Liberty—W P Brooks, N S Carroll and R
M Johnson, Delaplaine, Ark., R 1.

New Covenant—J A Fender and Zack Min-
tern, Walnut Ridge, Ark., R 3.

Obituary

We your community on obituary beg per-
mission to submit the following report:

We find that our great and kind heavenly
Father has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to
call from our midst 1 brother and 7 sisters,
making a total of 8 members:

Denman, Grace Biggs.

Love Divine, Francis Vinson.

Stony Point, N J Tyler and Leah Kirk.

Liberty, Dock Previtt, Della Huddleston
and Kate Helms.

Grand View, Elizabeth Badget.

And we extend to the bereaved ones our
heartfelt sympathies and pray that the gra-
cious Father may grant them such consola-
tion and comfort as is consistant with His
divine wisdom. We are glad our loss is their
gain.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Tucker, Chairman,

Minister's Report

W. T. Sharp - Preached 310 sermons, trav-

eled 2150 miles, witnessed 93 conversions baptised 38, married 9 couples, preached 2 funerals; received at Fender \$100; Old Jackson \$45; Valley Chapel \$8.55; O'Kean \$65; Total \$280.

G. W. Million—Served three churches, preached several funerals, solemnized a number of marriages, held 93 services, traveled 2925 miles; received at Williams \$85.75; Kaufman \$110.28; Whitton \$104.47; other places \$46.50; Total \$347.06. Expense \$90.

D. M. Holder—Trips to Grand View 12, preached 43 sermons, received pay \$84.50. New Hope, 11 trips, 33 sermons, received \$60.49. Liberty, 9 trips, 32 sermons, received pay \$72.01. Stoney Point, 9 trips, 32 sermons, pay \$31.85. Zion Hill, 8 trips, 8 sermons, received \$9.80, other places, 4 sermons, received, \$4.30, preached 8 funerals, traveled 1448 miles, witnessed 40 conversions, baptised 39. Total received for work \$262.65.

J O Hefner—Traveled 100 miles preached 45 sermons, witnessed 43 conversions, organized 3 Sunday schools, preached 3 funerals, received pay \$20.

Wayne Tucker—Traveled 620 miles preached 116 sermons, witnessed 8 conversions, baptised 29, preached 3 funerals, organized 1 church of 31 members, organized 1 Sunday

school, married 2 couples, pastored 2 churches, Denmon, 36 sermons, \$53.03; Oak Grove, 34 sermons, \$26.98; O'Kean and other places \$26.98; total \$111.16.

W. F. Newberry preached the following: Richwoods 30; Lone Oak 6; Serge School 12; Moran 3; Lesterville 4; Prayer meetings 10; total 94. Preached 4 funerals, married 4 couples, total for 8 months service \$18.95.

D. C. Jones—Traveled 1047 miles, preached 110 sermons, served 4 churches, Hopewell 30 sermons received \$39.87; Sugar Tree Grove 10 sermons, \$5.50; Cedar Ridge, 43 sermons, \$47.91; Current View, 27 sermons, \$23.44, total \$116.42; served 1 church, organized 3 Sunday schools, witnessed 22 conversions, baptised 17.

Contribution From Churches

	Social Band	State
Eureka	\$2.00	
Pruitt's Chapel	2.00	
Denmon	1.00	
Hopewell	1.00	\$1.00
Cedar Ridge	1.00	1.00
Sugar Tree Grove	1.00	1.00
Love Divine	2.00	1.00
Union	2.25	1.00
Stoney Point	2.75	1.00
Oak Grove	1.50	

Liberty	3.50	1.00
New Covenant		
Grand View	1.85	1.00
Lone Oak		
Valley Chapel		
Old Jackson		
Pleasant Grove	1.64	
Clear Lake	.50	
Warm Springs	.75	
Zion Hill		
New Hope		

Ministers Enrollment

D. N. King,	Warm Springs, Ark.
D. M. Holder,	Maynard, Ark.
W. T. Shoffitt,	O'Kean, Ark.
G. W. Million,	Pocahontas, Ark.
J. F. Gates,	O'Kean, Ark.
W. Sharp,	Frisbee, Ark.
H. F. Newberry,	Richwoods, Ark.
D. C. Ring,	Portia, Ark.
Geo. W. Weeks,	Portia, Ark.
L. M. Buckner,	Elnora, Ark.
C. M. Kildow,	Sloan, Ark.
N Y. Geary,	Poynor, Mo.
J. R. Rosson,	Poynor, Mo.
D. C. Jones,	Poynor, Mo.
J. D. Poynor,	Licentiate, Maynard, Ark.
S. T. Birch,	P. O. not given
J. W. Tharp	

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 September.

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 practice.—II Tim, 3:16-17. II Peter 1:20-21.

2 That there is but one living and true God, and in the Godhead 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 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, Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:4; Acts 8:38; Col. 2:12. The Supper, Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:22 Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 23:34. Washing of Feet, St. John 3:14:17; 1 Tim. 5:10; 1 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—S. John 5:28-29, 1 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; 1 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; 1 Cor. 12:20-22; Rom. 5:13.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is 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.—1 Cor. 12:12; 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 speech.

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.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE
1 Grand View	G. W. Million	E. L. Jones	Supply, Ark.
2 Pleasant Valley	W. T. Sharp	Rosetta Tyler	Water Valley,
3 Lone Oak	H. F. Newberry	N. Y. Weeks	Manson
4 Liberty	E. W. Tucker	J. E. Riggs	Pocahontas
5 Union	W. T. Sharp	J. O. Martin	O'Kean
6 New Covenant	J. D. Doyle	Zack Minton	Walnut Ridge
7 Oak Grove	E. W. Tucker	Gusta Tucker	Delaplaine
8 Love Divine	G. W. Million	Margerie Edwards	Alicia, Ark.
9 Sugar Tree Grove	D. M. Holder	Mattie Hopper	Poynor, Mo.
10 Hope Well	D. C. Jones	Nannie Hawkins	Biggers
11 Cedar Ridge	D. C. Jones	E. Cox	Noland, Ark.
12 Pleasant Grove	J. O. Hefner	Neely Forster	Knobel, Ark.
13 Pruett's Chapel	W. T. Sharp	Jessie LaMay	Light, Ark.
14 Denman	E. W. Tucker	Walter Eveland	Delaplaine
15 Stoney Point	D. M. Holder	A. C. Pendergrass	Elven Point
16 Clear Lake	H. F. Newberry	Maude Shipman	Portia, Ark.
17 Eureka	H. F. Newberry	Myrtle Shipman	O'Kean
18 Zion Hill	Not Given	D. Seamons	Pocahontas
19 New Hope		B. H. Bates	Pocahontas
20 Warm Springs		E. Bellah	Warm Springs
21 Old Jackson	Not Given	Not Given	Not Given

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Contributions	By Experience	By Letter	Restored	Deaths	Excluded	Withdrawn by Letter	Total
Union	\$1.75	13						35
New Covenant.....		22						65
Oak Grove	1.50	2		6				17
Love Divine	2.00	1			1			46
Sugar Tree Grove	1.00			1			1	37
Hope Well	1.00	1					2	30
Cedar Ridge.....	1.00	17	1	1				32
Pruitt Chapel	2.00	27	3	3				46
Pleasant Grove.....	1.64	27		3				30
Denman	1.00	6			1			23
Stoney Point.....	2.00	10			2	1		95
Clear Lake50			2				21
Eureka							4	73
Liberty	2.09	31	4		3			74
Grand View	1.75	4			1	4		55
Lone Oak		16		2		1		60