

From Mrs. Sadie East.

MINUTES *Portia*
OF THE
Forty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE *1922*
Social Band Association
of the Free Will Baptist

Held with Union church, O'Kean, Ark.,
August 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1922. Next
session will be held with Grandview
church, Supply, Ark., on Friday before
the third Sunday in August, 1923.

ELD. D. C. JONES, Moderator,
Biggers, Ark.

J. E. RIGGS, Clerk,
Pocahontas, Ark.

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 Free Will Baptist met with Union church, O'Kean, Ark , Saturday, August 19, 1922 The annual sermon was preached by Eld. G W Million. Text Matt. 21. Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Saturday Evening Session

Met at 3 o'clock. Singing by class and prayer by Eld. E. W. Tucker, after which proceeded to the general business.

1—Called for the Letters of the several churches of the Association showed the following present: Warm Springs, New Hope, Eureka, Clear Lake, Stony Point, Pruitt's Chapel, Lone Oak, Pleasant Grove, Cedar Ridge, Hopewell, Sugar Tree Grove, Love Divine, Oak Grove, Pleasant Valley, Union, New Covenant, Grandview, Liberty and Denman.

2—Called for petitionary letters; received two, Symara (Friendship,) Pirtles.

3—Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk.

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Patterson, W. F. Vickery of Sugar Tree Grove church were ordained to the full Ministry of the Gospel. Preaching by Eld. G. W. Million. Text Acts 13: 19, 20, 21. Services closed with everybody feeling the Spirit of God in their midst.

Sunday Evening Session

Met at 4 o'clock. Singing by class, prayer by Eld. W. T. Sharp. Preaching by Eld. W. T. Sharp. Lesson, Matt. 7, after which entered into communion and foot washing service. About 100 people engaged in these services and enjoyed the presence of God as was evident by the rejoicing of souls.

Sunday Night Session

Met at 7 o'clock. Singing by class, prayer by Eld. D. C. Jones, and a good Testimonial meeting was enjoyed by all of God's people present. Preaching by Eld. J. O. Hefner.

Monday Morning Session

Met at 7:30. Prayer by Eld. J. O. Hefner, then proceeded to regular business by taking the examination of the ministers. Eld. D. C. Ring was reported as having passed from life to his eternal home. Eld. Kildow was reported as being in the service of the Methodist, it was moved to drop his name from the ministers list.

Moved to add E. W. Tucker, P. M. Witcher, J. O. Hefner, B. L. Patterson, W. F. Vickery, to ministers list.

Moved to take up ministers report. Same reported (see report.)

Quite a number made no report. Moved that the deacons take up the matter of the 5c per member fund with these churches and also assist in collecting a fund to defray the delegates expense to the State Association.

Report of the Committee—All received and committee discharged (see reports.)

Moved that Eld. W. T. Shoffit preach the introductory sermon at our next session.

W. P. Brooks, E. W. Tucker and G. W. Million were elected delegates to the State Association.

Moved to preach the annual sermon on Friday night instead of Saturday morning.

Moved for each church to keep a clean record of its membership and to withdraw from members unworthy of fellowship in the church.

Moved to adopt Hymns of Praise as a church song book, published at Ayden, N. C.

Moved to have our next session with Grandview church Supply, get off the train at Success, Ark

Resolved that we extend our heartfelt

thanks to the good people of this community for the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Moved for the Clerk to have the Minutes printed and distributed to the churches of the association.

Adjourned to meet with Grandview church, Supply, Ark., on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, -19 3.

Eld. D. C. Jones, Moderator,
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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.

We send our beloved brothers to sit with you in your Godly deliberations 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. 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.

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Messengers Enrollment.

Warm Springs—Chester Harris, Albert Massey.

New Hope—Birdie Kingcade.

Eureka—B. A. Dean, Myrtle Shipman.

Clear Lake—E. Hogan, Cassy Robins.

Stony Point—D. F. Kirk, Everett Teel, J. M. Cavenar, Ervin Clark.

Pruitt's Chapel—Bro. Morris, E. A. Hopper, Z. A. Alred.

Lone Oak—H. H. Cooper, Ed Brown, Tom Brown.

Pleasant Grove—Albert Michael, Nanie Whitsar, Carry Michael.

Cedar Ridge—E. Cox, R. S. Ward, H. S. White.

Hopewell—O. F. Grayham.

Sugar Tree Grove—Alvie Hopper, Flora Birch, B. L. Patterson.

Love Divine—G. A. Guffey, W. E. Coley.

Oak Grove—Alfred Couch, Robert Morris.

New Covenant—Ed Allison.

Pleasant Valley—Walter Decker, Curtis Tyler.

Union—L. F. Shelton, Herb Haney, Jessie Burrow.

Grandview—Tula Jolley.

Liberty—Mack Johnson, A. P. Johnson, Malisse E. Brooks.

Denman—Walter Eveland.

Corresponding delegate, E. McElya

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 Valley, Ark., Tyler and Olen Thompson, Elevenpoint, 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
Minturn, Walnut Ridge, Ark, R 3.

Denman—W. C. Hutson, Almos Russell.

Cedar Ridge—R. S. Ward.

Lone Oak—H. H. Cooper.

Obituary

We your committee on obitury 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
to call from our midst 8 brothers and sisters.
Cedar Ridge 2, Pruitt Chapel 1, Sugar Tree
Grave 1, New Hope 2, Stony Point 2.

And we extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathies and pray that the gracious Father may grant them such consolation and comfort as is consistent with His divine wisdom. We are glad our loss is their gain.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva Hopper, Chairman.

Minister's Report

Elder P M Witcher, Biggers, Ark.—Dear Brethren in Christ: I have held two revival meetings, preached 70 sermons, preached 2 funerals, married 1 couple. Received \$18.45.

J O Hefner — Preached about 150 sermons, witnessed 40 professions, organized 3 Sunday schools, conducted 7 funerals, married 3 couples, received about \$100, baptised about 24.

Wayne Tucker—Traveled 1,508 miles, preached a total of 136 sermons, witnessed 32 conversions, restored 4, baptised 17, officiated at 5 funerals, organized 1 church, married 2 couples, pastored 2 churches; Sharum 32 sermons \$86.60, Oak Grove 42 sermons \$75 81, Denman 7 sermons \$25.75, Pleasant Grove 19 sermons \$37.10, Dean and other places 36 sermons \$29.70, total for years work \$254.96.

H. F. Newberry—Traveled 234 miles; pay from churches \$60.95; Clear Lake \$30.50.

Cedar Ridge \$3.40, Shannon 12.00, Eureka \$22 00. Professions 18, married 2 couples, attended 4 funerals, preached 80 sermons.

Rev. S. T. Burch, Poynor, Mo., Ripley county.—Preached 54 sermons, conducted 1 funeral, received 3 in church, baptised 1, held 5 protracted meetings, witnessed 50 conversions, traveled 800 miles, received \$200.

D. C. Jones—Traveled 625 miles, preached 93 sermons, served two churches, Hopewell preached 40 sermons, received \$45.62; Cedar Ridge 44 sermons, \$67.82; Zion Hill 5 sermons, \$6 40; Peru Chapel 3 sermons; total \$119 84. Witnessed 5 conversions, baptised 6, married 2 couples.

W. T. Sharp—report for 1922. Preached 212 sermons, traveled 2000 miles, married 3 couples, baptised 5, officiated at 3 funerals, received 13 members in the church. Amount received for preaching at each church, O'Kean \$87.80, Valley Chapel \$68.90, New Covenant \$21.50, Light \$40.00, White Oak \$34.00. Full amount \$243.65.

D. M. Holder—Stony Point and trips, preached 20 sermons and received pay: Poluca 7 trips, preached 19 sermons, received \$8.73. Denmon 1 trip, preached 3 sermons, received \$5.50; Grand View 1 trip, preached 2 ser-

mons, received \$3.00; other sermons preached 5, preached 7 funerals, traveled 378 miles, witnessed 22 conversions, organized 1 church, baptised 12. Total pay \$57.20.

G. W. Million—Served four churches, preached several funerals, traveled 2155 miles, held 105 services. Received from Oak Grove \$47.00, Warm Springs \$42.00, Love Divine \$88.00, Supply (Grand View) \$126.00, total \$303 00, expenses (about) \$100.00

Contribution from Churches

Social Band \$33.50; State \$13 00; Orphans Home \$26.10.

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.
Geo. W. Weeks	Portia, Ark.
L. M. Buckner	Elnora, 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 ----- P. O. not given.
 E. W. Tucker ----- Peach Orchard, Ark.
 J. O. Hefner ----- Peach Orchard, Ark.
 P. M. Witcher ----- Biggers, Ark.
 B. L. Patterson ----- P. O. not given.
 W. F. Vickery ----- P. O. not given.

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 our several churches 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 with 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 breth

ren 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 associaton 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 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 punish-

ment 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 by 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. 11:23-26. Washing of Feet, St. John 13:14-17; 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. 12:1-12.

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, 1 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.—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 Clear Lake	D. C. Jones	E. Hogan	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
2 Liberty	G. W. Million	R. M. Johnson	Pocahontas, Ark.
3 Love Divine	G. W. Million	Margrie Edwards	Alicia, Ark.
4 New Covenant	W. T. Sharp	Zack Minton	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
5 New Hope	G. W. Million	B. H. Bates	Pocahontas, Ark.
6 Eureka	W. F. Newberry	Minnie Dean	O'Kean, Ark.
7 Cedar Ridge	D. C. Jones	R. S. Ward	Black Rock, Ark.
8 Hope Well	D. M. Holder	Nanie Hakwins	Biggers, Ark.
9 Stoney Point	D. M. Holder	A. C. Pendergrass	Elevenpoint, Ark.
10 Pleasant Valley	W. T. Sharp	J. C. Hughes	Ravenden Springs, Ark.
11 Oak Grove	E. W. Tucker	Gusta Tucker	Peach Orchard, Ark.
12 Friendship	D. M. Holder	Jiney Hudleston	Pocahontas, Ark.
13 Grand View	G. W. Million	H. C. Jolley	Supply, Ark.
14 Union	W. T. Sharp	J. W. Story	O'Kean, Ark.
15 Pirtle	G. W. Million	M. C. Warden	Peach Orchard, Ark.
16 Lone Oak	D. M. Holder	Martha Hiberd	Pocahontas, Ark.
17 Pruitts Chapel	Louis Doyle	Jessey Lemay	Light, Ark.
18 Sugar Tree Grove	S. T. Burch	Mattie Hopper	Poynor, Mo.
19 Warm Springs	G. W. Million	J. C. King	Warm Springs, Ark.
20 Pleasant Grove	W. E. Tucker	Nanie Whitson	Peach Orchard, Ark.
21 Denmon	D. M. Holder	W. Eveland	Delaplaine, Ark.
22 Old Jackson	Not given	Not given	Not given

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Contributions	By Experience	By Letter	Restored	Deaths	Excluded	Withdrawn	Total
Pleasant Grove.....	\$2.00	3		3				38
Hope Well.....	1 00	6		2				33
Denmon.....	1.50		2					21
Sugar Tree Grove.....	1 50				1			23
Liberty.....	2.50	10						45
Cedar Ridge.....	1.00				2	6		18
Love Divine.....	2 15	1		2				46
Warm Springs.....	2 00	34						70
Pruitt's Chapel.....	1 50	37	1	5	1			43
Lone Oak.....	.75				1			60
Clear Lake.....	1 25	9		2				38
Pirtle.....	1.00							11
Union.....	2.00	5		5				45
Grand View.....	2.10							51
Friendship.....	1 00							16
Stonev Point.....	2 00	5	1	2	2			104
Oak Grove.....	2.00	3	1					22
Pleasant Valley.....	1.40							30
New Covenant.....	1 50	2						60
Eureka.....	2 00	1						50
New Hope.....	1.30				2			42