

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**HELD WITH NEW HARMONY CHURCH**  
**AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20, 1933.**

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**OFFICERS:**

Moderator, Eld. G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Clerk, Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

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**EVANGELIST:**

Eld. D. C. Jones, Portia, Arkansas.

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The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with the Pirtle Church, near Peach Orchard, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the third Sunday night in August, 1934. Eld. Ralph Staten to preach the introductory sermon.

## PROCEEDINGS:

### Of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Social Band Association of Freewill Baptists.

The Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God commonly known as Social Band Association of Freewill Baptists met with New Harmony Church, Friday night, August 18, 1933. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. G. W. Million. After singing by congregation and prayer by Eld. J. L. Heatley, Eld. R. S. Shelton delivered the introductory sermon. Text, Heb. 11:10.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 8:00 o'clock, a. m., by Moderator G. W. Million. Services opened with singing by the congregation. Prayer led by Eld. N. Y. Gary.

Moderator Million read as a scripture lesson the 4th chapter of Phillippians, following which he gave an instructive talk, and the Association proceeded to regular business.

The Rules of Decorum were read. The roll of churches was called. Letters from the following churches were read, received and delegates seated by the right hand of fellowship: Pruett Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Liberty, White Oak, Warm Springs, Clear Lake, Union, New Hope, Stony Point, Hopewell, Pirtle, Sugar Tree Grove, Moran and Powell's Chapel.

Organization being perfected, the Moderator declared nominations in order to elect the officers for the ensuing Associational year. The incumbents: G. W. Million, Moderator, and Ralph Staten, Clerk, were elected.

The roll of Deacons was called. The following were dropped by request: T. R. Cleveland, Pirtle; Tom Hoffman, Pruett Chapel; H. S. White, New Bethel; F. L. Holt, Warm Springs.

The Moderator announced the appointment of committees as follows:

Divine Service—W. H. Clay, H. S. White, Daily Hibbard.

Finance—Ervin Clark, O. F. Graham, Wiley Hawkins.

Obituary—E. W. Tucker, W. C. Forsythe, Wesley Weaver.

Arrangement of Business—R. S. Shelton, C. E. Riggs, C. P. Rowland, Edd Tyler, John Hannaford.

Eld. N. Y. Gary was received as a corresponding and advisory messenger from Fairdealing Association.

Petitionary letters called for Moran was received. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship in token of their reception.

A motion was sustained that a committee be appointed to investigate as to whether Powell Chapel is more convenient in location to this Association or to some other Association. The Moderator appointed the following committee: Dave Seamons, Lester Rowland and A. H. Million.

Tardy letters called for. The following were received: Grandview and Wyatt Chapel.

Committee on Arrangement of Business was dismissed for consultation.

Motion prevailed that the name of Eld. N. Y. Gary, who has been transferred to Fairdealing Association, be dropped from the ministerial list of this Association.

Motion made and seconded that Bro. Clemens be added to the messenger roll of Moran.

Committee on Divine Service was dismissed for business.

Devotional service was conducted by Eld. J. T. Merchant.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

After singing by congregation and prayer by Sister Barks, Eld. D. M. Holder gave a talk on the experience of his latter days. On account of his physical condition Bro. Holder has retired from the ministerial work. His untiring efforts of the past should cause every loyal Freewill Baptist, that possibly can, to continue to support him financially and prayerfully in his feeble years.

Session adjourned until 2:30, o'clock, p. m.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing by congregation and prayer by Eld W. C. Forsythe, the Association resumed business by calling for tardy letters. The following were received: New Harmony and New Bethel.

Motion sustained that the following resolutions be dropped and not printed in next minutes: Numbers 1, 2 and 4 of 1926, 1 in 1929, and 2 and 4 in 1931.

Moved that a board be elected to look after Church and Associational property. The following were elected: G. W. Million, C. P. Rowland and I. C. Staten.

Examination of ministers showed that all were in good standing except Bro. Brooks Rowland, who was dropped from ministerial list upon request.

Moved that we tender this resolution of respect to our beloved minister, D. N. King, who has been called from labor to reward:

We comfort ourselves as knowing that the toil and burden-bearing of this our friend are exchanged for the repose of heaven; that the battle is ended, and he is a crowned victor; that the struggle of many years after the likeness of the Master is now completed by his being brought to see Him as he is, and to union ineffable and eternal with Him whom his soul loved. He was our pride, joy and renovation. We now rejoice and thank God for his life which leaves behind it a radiance of purity, goodness and peace.

Report of Committee on Obituary was received and adopted. See Committee Reports.

Reports of Ministers. See Ministers' Reports.

Motion prevailed that we be represented at the Annual Convention of the Freewill Baptist State Association. The following were selected as delegates: Elders G. W. Million, E. W. Tucker, C. E. Riggs, R. S. Shelton and Ralph Staten.



Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 were adopted. See Resolutions.

Motion was sustained that we tender our resolution of thanks to the New Harmony Church and surrounding communities for the splendid entertainment and kind hospitality manifested during this Association.

Eld. D. C. Jones is retained as Evangelist for the ensuing year.

Eld. Ralph Staten was selected to preach the next annual introductory sermon.

Moved that we accept the resignation of Eld. D. M. Holder as a member of the Associational Presbytery because of his physical disabilities. Eld. R. S. Shelton was elected to fill the vacancy.

Motion prevailed that we retain committee on Arrangement of Business.

Report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted. See Committee Reports.

On a regular motion and second the clerk was empowered to direct the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Pirtle was selected as the place for the next Annual Association.

### **SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

The song service was directed by N. P. Gates. Prayer by Eld. W. C. Forsythe. Preaching by Eld. C. E. Riggs. Text, Acts 16:30-31. Eld. J. T. Merchant followed.

### **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

Opened by singing.

The Presbytery assembled together for the ordination of Brothers C. E. Riggs and Ralph Staten as ministers and Henry Constant, Lester Rowland, Golmon Wooldridge, J. C. King, Irvin Clark, John Cray and Gus Hall as deacons, with prayer by Eld. W. C. Forsythe and followed by Eld. D. M. Holder. The ordaining council was composed of Elders D. M. Holder, W. C. Forsythe and G. W. Million and Deacons Edd Tyler and C. P. Rowland.

Preaching by Eld. E. W. Tucker. Subject: "The Worlds."

A sumptuous dinner was served at the noon hour which all seemed to enjoy.

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE**

Opened by singing. Prayer by Eld. C. E. Riggs. Preaching by Eld. R. S. Shelton, who was followed by Eld. G. W. Million. After this a goodly number of God's people partook of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saint's Feet.

The Association was adjourned to convene with Pirtle church on Friday night before the third Sunday in August, 1934.

### **MINISTERS' REPORTS**

R. S. Shelton—Have pastored 2 churches, Warm Springs and Vernon. Have preached at other places, O'Kean and Poynor. Preached 92 sermons; witnessed 45 conversions; baptised 23 converts; officiated six matrimonial ceremonies; conducted one funeral; received 6 into fellowship; organized one church; received for services \$158.15.

J. J. Colbert—Have pastored one church; held one revival; baptised one convert; received for services \$5.82.

W. F. Vickery—Have preached 11 sermons; attended 5 revivals; witnessed 9 conversions and 2 restorations; and have done much work in the Sunday schools.

G. W. Million—Have pastored three churches; held 3 revivals; was sick and out of services by reason of affliction of eyes about two months, otherwise filled all appointments; have received for services \$180.00.

E. W. Tucker—Have pastored two churches, Sugar Tree Grove and Pirtle; preached at other places, Vernon; have witnessed 15 conversions; baptised 7 converts; conducted 7 funerals; officiated three matrimonial ceremonies; received for services \$95.13.

W. C. Forsythe—Have pastored four churches, Pruett Chapel, Clear Lake, New Bethel and Moran; have held two revivals, New Home and New Harmony; received into fellowship 26; baptised 20 converts; conducted four funerals; officiated twelve matrimonial ceremonies; received for entire services \$94.76.

D. C. Jones—Have preached 34 sermons; organized one Sunday school; assisted in one revival; witnessed 12 conversions; officiated one matrimonial ceremony; conducted 5 funerals; received for entire services \$41.74.

W. T. Sharp—Have pastored three churches, O'Kean, Lone Oak and Reyno; have preached at other places, Thorn Grove and Smethwick; have preached 79 sermons; witnessed 12 conversions; baptised 12 converts; officiated 4 matrimonial ceremonies; conducted 7 funerals; received for entire services \$37.70. My health has given away until I can't fill my appointments.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following as received from the several churches:

Church	Local Minutes	State Minutes	Clerk Hire
Pirtle .....	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$ .50
Hopewell .....	2.00		.50
Union .....	2.00		.50
New Bethel .....	1.50	1.00	.50
Liberty .....	1.00	1.00	.50
Moran .....	.60		
Stony Point .....	1.00	1.00	.50
Warm Springs .....	2.00		.50
New Harmony .....	2.00		.50
Grandview .....	2.00	1.00	.50
Wyatt Chapel .....	.90		
Pruett Chapel .....	1.50		.50
Sugar Tree Grove .....	1.00		
New Hope .....	1.20		
White Oak .....			.50
Clear Lake .....	.75		
Total .....	\$20.95	\$5.00	\$5.50

Ervin Clark, O. F. Graham, Wiley Hawkins, Committee.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report: We find that our kind Heavenly Father has seen fit to call from labor to reward the members of the following various churches: Pleasant Grove, Sister Charlie Kildow; Stony Point, Sister C. E. Mitchell; New Hope, Bro. John Hancock and Sister Ettie Bramlett; Union, Sister Mattie Haynes; Hopewell, Bro. George Barclift; White Oak, Bro. John Vanhook; Pruett Chapel, Sisters Malissa Grissom, Etta Henderson and Florence Tatum. Be it resolved by this Association that we extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

W. C. Forsythe, E. W. Tucker, Wesley Weaver, Committee.

### MESENTERS ENROLLMENT

Pruett Chaelp—Brother Henry Constant and Sisters Delia Constant and Mary Norris.

Liberty—Brothers A. B. Ford and D. N. Million.

Grandview—Brother Nehman Duff and Sisters Irene Hopper and Rose Pride.

White Oak—Brothers Wesley Weaver, Daily Hibbard and Sister Daily Hibbard.

Warm Springs—Brothers Pink Wooldridge and Golmon Wooldridge and Sister Gertrude Jarrett.

Wyatt Chapel—Brothers Clyde Eaton and Guy Wood.

Clear Lake—Brothers A. F. Sluder and Gus Hall.

New Harmony—Brother Drew Beagle and Sisters Ruth Beagle and Zemru Ostercamp.

Union—Brothers S. Perkins, Lonnie Walker and Gerald Smith.

New Bethel—Brothers Monroe Tyler, Hiram White and Ben Seamons.

Stony Point—Sisters May Hulvey, Myriam Wyatt and Mary Melton.

Hopewell—Bro. John Hanniford and Sister Ruth Graham.

Pirtle—Sisters Eunice Clark, Iva Herring and Bertha Cray.

Sugar Tree Grove—Sisters Mattie Hopper and L. J. Barks.

Moran—Brothers Clemens and W. H. Dobbs.

Powell's Chapel—Brothers T. J. Powell and J. T. Merchant.

### DEACONS' ENROLLMENT

Pirtle—Job Clayton, Ervin Clark and John Cray, Peach Orchard, Arkansas.

Eureka—J. D. McKinney, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

White Oak—Will Manus, Tom Bennett and Daily Hibbard, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Grandview—H. C. Jolly and A. R. Pride, Supply, Arkansas.

Pruett Chapel—G. W. Dale, Tuckerman, Arkansas., G. Tatum, Doniphan, Missouri, Henry Constant, Light, Arkansas.

New Hope—David Million, B. H. Million, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Clear Lake—A. F. Sluder, A. J. Robins, Gus Hall, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Stony Point—Wiley Hawkins, Water Valley, Arkansas., Dan Kirk, Pocahontas, Arkansas, A. C. Pendergrass, Elevenpoint, Arkansas.

New Bethel—Edd Tyler, Jake Phillips and Lester Rowland, Noland, Arkansas.



Hopewell—C. F. Jones, O. F. Graham, Biggers, Arkansas.  
New Covenant—Zack Minton, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.  
Lone Oak—Charlie Tharp, Tom Brown, Pocahontas, Arkansas.  
Union—C. H. Connelly, C. L. Richey, H. H. Martin, O’Kean, Arkansas.

Liberty—Edd Sutton, I. C. Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas, Jesse Wheelless, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

New Harmony—C. P. Rowland, E. W. Cox, W. H. Clay, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Zion Hill—Dan Bates, D. M. Seamons, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Valley Chapel, J. C. Hughes, Ravenden Springs, Arkansas.

Sugar Tree Grove—G. W. Hopper, Weaver Bricker, Poynor, Missouri.

Wyatt Chapel—James Eaton, Ravenden, Arkansas, Marion Wood, Williford, Arkansas.

Warm Springs—W. E. Holt, J. C. King, Golmon Wooldridge, Warm Springs, Arkansas.

Pleasant Grove—Edd Kildow, Hoxie, Arkansas.

Powell’s Chapel—Clarence Smith.

### MINISTERS’ ENROLLMENT

W. T. Shoffitt .....	Delaplaine, Arkansas.
D. M. Holder .....	Maynard, Arkansas.
W. T. Sharp .....	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.
G. W. Million .....	Pocahontas, Arkansas.
C. M. Kildow .....	Hoxie, Arkansas.
D. C. Jones .....	Portia, Arkansas.
G. U. Weeks .....	Hoxie, Arkansas.
S. J. Birch .....	Poynor, Missouri.
E. W. Tucker .....	Peach Orchard, Arkansas.
W. F. Vickery .....	Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
W. C. Forsythe .....	Hoxie, Arkansas.
R. S. Shelton .....	O’Kean, Arkansas.
Jesse Staten .....	Black Rock, Arkansas.
P. M. Witcher .....	Biggers, Arkansas.
W. S. Tyler .....	Water Valley, Arkansas.
W. C. Hudson .....	Jonesboro, Arkansas.
J. J. Colbert .....	Pocahontas, Arkansas.
C. E. Riggs .....	Pocahontas, Arkansas.
Ralph Staten .....	Pocahontas, Arkansas.
J. T. Powell .....	Nettleton, Arkansas.
T. J. Merchant .....	Nettleton, Arkansas.

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that the term Freewill Baptist is not a church name and was not so intended when it was given. But it was used in the same sense as the word Christian, as a nickname applied to a part of the people of God individually.

Resolved, that Minutes of each annual meeting of our Association begin as follows: The Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God commonly known as Social Band Association of Freewill Baptists met with .....

Resolved, that we adopt a church covenant and have said covenant printed in this year’s Minutes. Each minister and church clerk are asked to make a record of same for future reference.

We recommend the following form from the usages of the Freewill Baptist:

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good work endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle, sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

R. S. Shelton, C. P. Rowland, J. G. Hannaford, Edd Tyler and C. E. Riggs, Committee.

### 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 vote. The duty of the clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons and licentiates, together with the 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 or died since the last sitting of the 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 the Association shall stand in the same relationship to each other in this Association that individuals do to each other in this Association; 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 all the members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If upon 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 her 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 does 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. The 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 session of the Association.

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

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose Power and Glory.—St. John 1:1; 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time

of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. **HOLY SPIRIT**—We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide.—Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. **THE BIBLE**—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. **THE FALL OF MAN**—We believe that GOD created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; 5:18.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION**—We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 45:22.

7. **CONDITIONS OF SALVATION**—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ.—John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; 1 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. **SALVATION FREE**—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all; and whosoever will may come and be



saved upon the terms of the Gospel.—1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Revelation 22:17.

9. BAPTISM—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FOOTWASHING—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming.—Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 1:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people.—Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. THE VISIBLE CHURCH—We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—2 Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. PERSEVERANCE—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of



the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand as long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who side-step and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide, and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 2 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH—We believe that Christ is the great Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. SANCTIFICATION—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

18. THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL—The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—2 Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

## 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: Divine Service, Finance, Obituary, Arrangement of Business.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

We, the Disciples of Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptist, worshipping at .....

send greetings to Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing Social Band Association when convened with .....

..... Church. We send our beloved brethren 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: Bros. ....

The statement of our church is as follows: Received by conversion....., by letter....., by recommendation....., restored....., dismissed....., died....., total membership....., paid pastor \$.....

We have elected ..... as pastor.

Pastor's Address .....

Moderator ..... Address .....

Clerk ..... Address .....

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

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast any 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 person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

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

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 is necessary.

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

# STATISTICAL TABLE, 1933

Church	Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address	MEMBERSHIP						
			Increase				Decrease		
			Conversions	Recommendation	Restoration	Letter	Deaths	Excluded	Letter—Request
Clear Lake	D. C. Jones, Portia, Ark.	Frank Obarts, Walnut Ridge, Ark.							
Grandview	G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.	Esta Fowler, Supply, Ark.	4	2			1		
Hopewell	G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.	O. F. Graham, Biggers, Ark.	5				1		5
Liberty	G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	17	2	8				
New Bethel	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Myrtle Seamons, Noland, Ark.	2						8
New Hope	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	A. H. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.							
New Harmony	G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.	Zemru Ostercamp, Noland, Ark.	9		1				
Pirtle	E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.	Elva Warden, Peach Orchard, Ark.	2						3
Pleasant Grove	Gorden King, Powhatan, Ark.	Edna Sullers, Hoxie, Ark.					1		
Powell's Chapel	W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro, Ark.	Maude Merchant, Nettleton, Ark.	10	7	1		1		
Pruett Chapel	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	Lillie Dennis, Light, Ark.				2	3	10	
Stony Point	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Susie Hulvey, Elevenpoint, Ark.					1	1	
Sugar Tree Grove	E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.	Mattie Hopper, Poynor, Mo.	3	10					
Union	W. C. Forsythe, Hoxie, Ark.	Dona Walker, O'Kean, Ark.	9		1		1		
Warm Springs	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	J. C. King, Warm Springs, Ark.	15		1				2
White Oak	Will Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Avie Smith, Walnut Ridge, Ark.	1	3			1		
Wyatt Chapel	J. J. Colbert, Pocahontas, Ark.	Judie Eaton, Ravenden, Ark.	1	1					
Moran	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	W. H. Dobbs, Walnut Ridge, Ark.	4	2	1				
Membership of non-represented churches									
Totals			82	27	13	2	10	11	18
									864