

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
of
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
of
FREEWILL BAPTIST

**WHICH CONVENEED WITH WARM SPRINGS
CHURCH THURSDAY EVENING**

AUGUST 15, 1935

1935

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Pruett Chapel Church, beginning on Thursday evening before the third Sunday in August, 1936.

Eld. G. W. Million is to preach the next annual introductory sermon. Eld. D. C. Jones is to preach the annual memorial sermon.

OFFICERS:

Moderator, Eld. D. C. Jones, Biggers, Arkansas.
Evangelist, Eld. E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard, Arkansas.
Clerk, Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

**BOARD ON CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL
PROPERTY:**

Eld. E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.; C. P. Rowland, Pocahontas, Ark.; I. C. Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.

STANDING ASSOCIATIONAL PRESBYTERY:

Eld. W. T. Shoffitt, Delaplaine, Ark.; Eld. R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.; Eld. C. E. Riggs, Pocahontas, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS:

Of the Sixty First Annual Session of the Social Band Association of Freewill Baptists

The Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God or Christ commonly known as Social Band Association of Freewill Baptists met in annual conference with the Warm Springs Church, on August 15, 1935.

The inception marked one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held within this Association.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Exordium: The Associational body opened with song service. Eld. D. C. Jones offered the evening prayer. The pastor, Eld. E. W. Tucker, added some very appropriate remarks. Eld. J. J. Colbert gave the introductory service prayer. The introductory sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. C. E. Riggs. Text, 1 Thess. 5:6.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Assembly was called to order at 8:30 by Moderator D. C. Jones. Opened with singing by the congregation. Moderator read the 12th chapter of Hebrew as the Scripture lesson. Prayer by Eld. C. E. Riggs. The Moderator added remarks that characterized an ideal session.

Letters from the different Churches were called for. The following were presented and their delegates seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship: Hopewell, Pruett Chapel, New Harmony, Pirtle, New Hope, New Bethel, Stony Point and Liberty which hereafter shall be known as the Alice Brooks Church.

The organization was perfected by the usual greeting. The Moderator declared nominations in order of the election of officers for the ensuing Associational year. The incumbents, Moderator D. C. Jones and Clerk Ralph Staten were retained respectively.

The Moderator read the Rules of Decorum.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Resolutions—Golman Wooldridge, Lee Litherland, Edd Tyler, Ben Walker and Ambrose Cavenar.

Finance—Hiram White, G. W. Dale and Charles Staten.

Divine Service—Pink Wooldridge, John Hannaford and Wesley Roberts.

Obituary—J. J. Colbert, William Langley and Everett Teel.

Standing Sunday School—C. F. Jones, Edd Sutton and E. W. Tucker.

Standing Temperance—C. E. Riggs, C. L. Rickey and A. H. Million.

Petitionary letters were called for. The following was presented, received and seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship: Rickey Chapel.

Eld. Tom Allison, a visiting Brother, was seated in council as an advisory member.

The tardy letter of Union Church was received and the delegates were seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship as a token.

A partial report of the committee on the Holder Monument Fund was given at this time.

Bro. N. P. Gates conducted a devotional service of much interest.

Resolutions of the last Association were read.

Intermission was given in preparation of the

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service opened by the congregation. Prayer by Eld. D. C. Jones. The morning sermon was delivered by Eld. R. S. Shelton. Scriptural reading, 1 Pet. 3. Text, Prov. 22:28.

Corresponding delegates, Elds. N. Y. Gary and John Tutterrow, from Fair Dealing Association were received and seated in conference as advisory members. Benediction by Eld. N. Y. Gary.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The business session was resumed at the appointed time. Opened with singing by the congregation. Scriptural reading, Rom. 13. Prayer by Bro. Lee Litherland.

Verbal reports were made on the following pastorless Churches: Clear Lake, Moran, Powell Chapel, Lone Oak, Pleasant Grove. The Moderator was empowered to appoint the following committee which is to make an investigation and report on the condition of the above Churches: Elds. C. E. Riggs, E. W. Tucker and R. S. Shelton.

The reports of the ministers were presented, read and received. See Ministers' Reports.

The examination of ministers was conducted. Motion sustained that all were in good standing. Upon request, the association accepted the resignation of Eld. J. T. Merchant as a member of the body of people known as Freewill Baptists.

The Church Covenant was read.

The following were elected as delegates to represent this body in the State Association: Lee Litherland, N. P. Gates, Charles Staten, Kate Sutton and Sadie Litherland.

Those elected as corresponding delegates to the Fair Dealing

Association were as follows: D. C. Jones, G. W. Million and Ralph Staten.

The evangelistical report of Eld. E. W. Tucker was accepted by a sustained motion.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted. See Resolutions.

Eld. E. W. Tucker was retained as Associational Evangelist for the ensuing year.

Eld. G. W. Million was elected to preach the annual introductory sermon.

The delegates elected to attend the Cave Springs Association were: J. J. Colbert, Ralph Staten and Lee Litherland.

The session was dismissed to meet Saturday morning, at 8:00, with prayer by Eld. Billie Rogers.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Services were opened with singing. Eld. John Tutterrow brought the message for the evening service. Text, Col. 2:6. Eld. Harry Beatty pronounced the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The resumption of business was begun at the stipulated time. The conference was opened with singing by the congregation. The Moderator read as the morning lesson, 1 Pet. 4. Bro. N. P. Gates led the morning prayer.

The call for tardy letters was made and the following were received as read: Grandview, Warm Springs and White Oak.

Motion sustained that the Moderator and Clerk issue a statement for Bro. J. L. Webb, who was a member of the Friendship Church which has been disorganized, a letter of recommendation of good standing with the Association.

Eld. John Tutterrow conducted a timely devotional service.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted as read. See Resolutions.

The Resolutions Committee, N. P. Gates, J. M. Cavenar, Will Manus, R. S. Shelton and W. H. Clay, were elected as a standing committee.

The report of the Obituary Committee was adopted as read and the committee discharged.

Pruett Chapel was selected as the place for the next annual Associational Convention.

The tardy letter of Sugar Tree Grove was received and the delegates were seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship.

Motion prevailed that the Churches aid in the defrayal of the delegates' expenses to the Association.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services were opened with singing by the congregation. Eld. John Tutterrow led the Assembly in prayer. Eld. Harry Beatty delivered the message for this service. Lesson, Rom. 12. Theme: "Transform, Reform and Conform."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Associational body opened with singing pursuant to dismissal. Eld. E. W. Tucker led the opening prayer. Moderator Jones read the 2nd chapter of Hebrew as a Scripture lesson.

Upon request, Eld. G. W. Million, who was in good standing with the Association, was granted a letter of dismissal and dropped from the Ministerial roll as a member of this immediate Association.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted as read. See Resolutions.

Eld. D. C. Jones was selected to preach the annual memorial sermon.

The memorial service of Bro. D. M. Holder was postponed until the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted as read and the committee discharged. See Committee Reports.

Motion sustained that the Clerk be empowered to direct the publication and distribution of the minutes.

Roll call of the Deacons was made and all were found to be in good standing.

E. W. Tucker and Will Manus were elected to investigate Deacon J. D. McKinney's Church affiliation, since the Eureka Church has been disorganized.

Eld. C. E. Riggs was elected to fill the vacancy of Eld. G. W. Million, who was a member of the Associational Presbytery.

The query: "Who has a voice in the selection of a pastor," was postponed until the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Motion sustained that ordination services be postponed until the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

A resolution of thanks was voted for the Warm Springs Church for the courteous manner in which they took care of the Associational body and for that spirit of kind hospitality that was manifested during this session of the Association.

Motion sustained that the business session of the Association adjourn to convene with the Pruett Chapel Church on Thursday evening, August 13, 1936. Benediction by Eld. Harry Beatty.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Devotional service was conducted by Eld. E. W. Tucker. Prayer by Eld. D. C. Jones. Preaching by Eld. Billie Rogers. Scriptural reading, Ecc. 12. Text, 2 Cor. 5:1-2. This service was marked by four conversions.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened at 10:00 o'clock, with singing. Prayer by Eld. Harry Beatty. The morning sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. Ralph Staten. Subject, The Lord's Supper: The communion of the Saints and not of a sect.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened with singing by the congregation. As it has been the practice of the Association to observe the ordinances at this time, there was a goodly number who participated in these services. Eld. E. W. Tucker followed the morning subject with the following Theme: Washing of the disciples' or saints' feet, an ordinance of the gospel of Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Eld. John Tutterrow conducted devotional services. Prayer by Eld. E. W. Tucker.

Preaching by Eld. D. C. Jones. Text, Luke 16:23.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

E. W. Tucker—Have pastored 2 churches, Old Reyno and Vernon. Old Reyno: Preached 20 sermons; helped to receive one into fellowship; baptised 1; received for services \$31.90. Vernon: Preached 35 sermons; witnessed 22 conversions; baptised 6; helped to receive 12 into fellowship; received for services \$42.28. Conducted 9 funerals; officiated 2 marriage ceremonies. Preached 15 sermons at other places. Received for entire services \$100.46. Traveled 1,490 miles.

J. J. Colbert—Being transiently located, have pastored 2 churches. Clear Lake and Warm Springs. Clear Lake: The first half of the year. Warm Springs: Supplied Eld. T. J. Powell's place for the remaining part of the year. Received for services \$12.75.

R. S. Shelton—Have pastored 2 churches. Rickey Chapel and Pruett Chapel. Rickey Chapel: Assisted in the organization with 25 members; preached 31 sermons; witnessed 7 conversions; baptised 7; helped to receive 4 into fellowship; received for services \$2.75. Pruett Chapel: Preached 26 sermons; witnessed 11 conversions (11); baptised 8; helped to receive 11 members into fellowship; received for entire services \$19.15. Other places: O'Kean and Pirtle. Preached the total of 67 sermons; witnessed 18 conversions; baptised 15; helped to receive 15 into church fellowship; received for entire services \$27.75. Have conducted one funeral and officiated 5 marriage ceremonies.

D. C. Jones—Have pastored 2 churches, Vernon and Sugar Tree Grove. Have preached 57 sermons; assisted in 2 revivals; witnessed 8 conversions; conducted 2 funerals; officiated 5 matrimonial ceremonies. Vernon: Received \$13.81. Sugar Tree Grove: Received for services \$16.50. Other appointments:

Have received for services \$29.06. Have received for entire services \$59.37.

C. E. Riggs—Have pastored 1 church, Liberty, and preached some at other places. Have officiated at 2 matrimonial services; conducted 4 funerals; baptised 2; received for services about \$25 and some supplies.

Ralph Staten—Have pastored 3 churches, New Covenant, New Bethel and Stony Point. New Covenant: Preached 13 sermons; received for services \$24.51. New Bethel: Preached 21 sermons; received for services \$15.80. Stony Point: Preached 26 sermons; received for services \$25.83. Other places: Sharum, O'Kean, Old Reyno, Sutton, Pruett Chapel, Sanders, Pocahontas and Skaggs. Assisted in 2 revivals, O'Kean and Rickey Chapel. Received for services \$7.77; preached 13 sermons. Have conducted 7 funerals; officiated 3 matrimonial ceremonies; baptised 7; witnessed 10 conversions. Have preached the total number of 93 sermons; received for entire services \$73.91.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

E. W. Tucker—Have assisted in 2 revivals, Pocahontas and Rickey Chapel. Pocahontas: Witnessed 10 conversions; baptised 10; received for services \$6.78. Rickey Chapel: Assisted in the organization with 26 members. During the year's work, I have helped to receive 48 into fellowship. Have received the following for services: Old Reyno \$2.00. O'Kean \$2.00, Warm Springs \$2.00, Pirtle \$2.00, Vernon \$2.00, Sharum \$3.50, the total \$13.50.

In calling the roll there was one who could not answer in person or by letter. That was Bro. D. M. Holder. Here we want to pay a brief tribute to Bro. Holder for the noble service that he has rendered to our association, our country, and our God. He has been a living monument, and shall continue to be, to our Association. He had the very highest honor and integrity. He was staunch. His was a grand life. But alas, this grand, silent life has passed out of mortal sight. Its lessons are priceless. The secret of that life is: Be all right at any cost. He so lived, so loved, so triumphed through faith in our Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit, that in him the apostle's words were made good: "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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: Pirtle, Sister Matt Holt; New Harmony, Bro. Dock Williams; Hopewell, Bro. Oscar Graham; Union, Sister Viva White; Grandview, Sister Hettie Duff. Be it resolved by this Association that we extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

W. D. Langley, E. G. Teel and J. J. Colbert, Committee.

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

Church and Individuals	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	State Minutes	Local Minutes	Clerk Hire
Rickey Chapel	\$ 2.75	\$	\$	\$1.50	\$.50
Liberty	25.00	3.50	1.00	1.00	.50
New Bethel	15.80			2.00	.50
White Oak	71.79			1.50	.50
Fruett Chapel	19.15				.50
New Hope				1.01	
Grandview	43.00			1.00	.50
Sugar Tree Grove	16.50			.90	
New Harmony			1.00	2.00	.50
Stony Point	25.83				.55
Warm Springs		2.00	1.00	2.50	.50
Pirtle	18.07	2.00			
Union		2.00		1.50	.50
Hopewell	31.90	2.00			.50
J. L. Webb					.25
A. Kinner				.50	
Vernon	56.09	2.00		.50	
Total	\$325.88	\$13.50	\$3.00	\$15.91	\$5.80

G. W. Dale, H. S. White, Charles Staten, Committee.

Holder Monument Fund Committee—We, your committee on the Holder Monument Fund, submit the following partial report: New Hope \$2.95, New Harmony \$1.00, Liberty \$7.50, Sugar Tree Grove 25 cents, Hopewell \$3.00, Vernon 20 cents, Pirtle \$1.00, Stony Point \$8.50, Warm Springs \$1.65, Lone Oak 45 cents, New Bethel 50 cents, Grandview \$5.45, general donations \$1.72, the sum of \$34.17.

E. W. Tucker, D. C. Jones, Ralph Staten, Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

1934

1. For as much as the practice of this Association for the past three years has been to dispose of all the business on Saturday and adjourn on Sunday afternoon; we find such practice does not give the body time to give due consideration to the questions that come before the Assembly and Therefore, Be it resolved, That this Association convene on Thursday evening, instead on Friday evening before the third Sunday in August as heretofore, and continue through Sunday.

2. Resolved, That we recommend that the Deacons of each Church make a canvass of the church which they are deacons of and take pledges of what each one can pay to the cause and that the church set aside out of said fund when collected ten cents per member for the burial of disabled ministers.

3. Resolved, That each church in this Association in holding conference let only members of the church be considered as legal voters.

4. Resolved, That this body recommend and ask that each

church in the Association elect only ministers for pastor that are licensed and ordained by the Free Will Baptist people of this Association.

5. Resolved, That this Association create an Evangelistical Fund for the purpose of financing our Associational Evangelist. The said Fund to be started by each church of the Association donating \$2.00 (two dollars) to that fund.

1935

1. Inasmuch that there has been a great financial indifference among our people and, inasmuch our man-gotten-up plans that we have been resorting to for the advancement of the cause of Christ have failed, Be it Resolved that this Association go on record recommending that the said members of this Association who desire to put God first in their life, lay aside upon the first day of the week, one tenth of their income as the Lord has prospered them.

2. Resolved, That the Moderator be empowered to appoint a standing committee of five on Resolutions for the ensuing year.

3. Whereas there has been an increasing interest in the institution of an annual memorial service, Be it therefore resolved, That this Association institute an annual memorial service for the Saturday eleven o'clock service and that the Assembly elect some one to preach the said annual memorial sermon.

MESSENGERS' ENROLLMENT

Stony Point—J. S. Moore, E. G. Teel, Berry Rexroad.

Sugar Tree Grove—Monroe Barks, Marie Oakley, Sister J. L. Barks.

New Bethel—Edd Tyler, Hiram White, Ben Seamans.

Rickey Chapel—Henry Russell, Wesley Roberts, Lonnie Walker.

Warm Springs—E. P. Wooldridge, Eli Frier, Golman Wooldridge.

Grandview—Veral Jones, Arvil Pride, Delah Molencupp.

New Hope—S. R. Hill, Claud Bramlett, Jasper Persful.

Hopewell—Birdie Kirk, Ambrose Cavenar, John Hannaford.

New Harmony—Sam Smotherman, Luther Clay, Jim Manning.

Pruett Chapel—Nelcie Miller, Mary Norris, Ollie Constant.

Liberty—William Langley, Josephine Langley, Charles Staten.

Union—Rosa Martin, Bennie Walker, Edie Rickey.

Vernon—G. W. Barnett, J. R. Barnett, Sular McNabb.

White Oak—Bro. and Sister Will Manus.

DEACONS' ENROLLMENT

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

Eureka—J. D. McKinney, Walnut Ridge.

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

Hopewell—C. F. Jones.

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

Lone Oak—Charlie Tharp.

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

New Covenant—Zack Minton, Edd Hutsell, Ervin Holder, Walnut Ridge.

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

New Hope—David Million, Horace Bates, Pocahontas.

Pirtle—Joe Clayton, Ervin Clark, John Cray, Peach Orchard.

Pleasant Grove—Edd Kildow, Hoxie.

Powell's Chapel—Clarence Smith, Nettleton.

Pruett Chapel—G. W. Dale, Beech Grove, Ark.

Stony Point—Dan Kirk, Pocahontas; Wiley Hawkins, Corn-
ing; A. C. Pendergrass, Elevenpoint.

Sugar Tree Grove—G. W. Hopper, Doniphan, Mo.

Union—C. H. Connelly, C. L. Richey, J. O. Martin, O'Kean.

Vernon—G. W. Barnett, Emil Shaver, J. R. Barnett, Ingram.

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

White Oak—Will Manus, Tom Bennett, Daily Hibbard, Wal-
nut Ridge.

Wyatt Chapel—James Eaton, Ravenden; Marion Wood, Wil-
liford.

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

Rickey Chapel—E. Swift, H. Martin, O'Kean.

MINISTERS' ENROLLMENT

W. T. Shoffit, Delaplaine; W. T. Sharp, Walnut Ridge; C. M. Kildow, Hoxie; D. C. Jones, Biggers; G. U. Weeks, Hoxie; S. J. Birch, Poynor, Mo; E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard; W. F. Vickery, Broken Arrow, Okla; W. C. Forsyth, Hoxie; R. S. Shelton, O'Kean; Jesse Staten, Black Rock; P. M. Witcher, Biggers; W. S. Tyler, Pocahontas; W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro; J. J. Colbert, Pocahontas; C. E. Riggs, Pocahontas; Ralph Staten, Pocahontas; T. J. Powell, Nettleton; Henry Constant, Light; W. A. Sneed, Nettleton; Henry Clemens, Powhatan.

CHURCH COVENANT

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.

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 the 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; 1 Jno. 5:7.

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, com-

pleting 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; Rom. 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; 2 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 13:1-18; 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 the 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 15:17; 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 the 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, Temperance, Sunday School, Obituary, Arrangement of Business,

Religious Publication, Doctrine and Ordinance Observance, Pastorless Churches, Non-represented Churches, Education, Board of Superannuation.

6. Call for Corresponding Letters.
7. Call for Petitionary Letters.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

We, the Diciples 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
Deacons, 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 reflection 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, 1935

CHURCH	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	CLERK AND ADDRESS	MEMBERSHIP						
			Increase			Decrease			
			Conversions	Restored	Recommendations	Deaths	Excluded	By Request	Total Membership
Stony Point	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Susie Hulvey, Elevenpoint, Ark.	1					2	83
Sugar Tree Grove	D. C. Jones, Biggers, Ark.	Mattie Hopper, Poynor, Mo.						3	23
New Bethel	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Myrtle Seamans, Pocahontas, Ark.							19
Rickey Chapel	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	Wesley Roberts, O'Kean, Ark.	2						28
Warm Springs	E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard, Ark.	J. C. King, Warm Springs, Ark.							37
Grandview	G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.	Esta Fowler, Supply, Ark.				1			58
New Hope		S. R. Hill, Pocahontas, Ark.							117
Pirtle	W. C. Forsythe, Hoxie, Ark.	Marguerite Gates, Peach Orchard.			2	1			36
Hopewell	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Birdie Kirk, Biggers, Ark.				1			90
New Harmony		Zemru Osterkamp, Noland, Ark.			3	1			41
Pruett Chapel	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	Lillie Dennis, Light, Ark.	8	2	2		12	1	38
Liberty	C. E. Riggs, Pocahontas, Ark.	Lee Litherland, Pocahontas, Ark.	2		3				95
Union	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	Leo Stone, O'Kean, Ark.	1			1	2	21	35
Vernon	R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.	Kate Carter, Ingram, Ark.	9		3			1	27
White Oak	W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro, Ark.	Ollie Manus, Walnut Ridge, Ark.		1					95
Clear Lake									20
Wyatt Chapel									16
Powell Chapel									17
Pleasant Grove									24
Moran									21
Eureka									5
Lone Oak									14
New Covenant	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.	J. T. Holland, Walnut Ridge, Ark.							50
Totals			23	v	13	5	14	28	989