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PROCEEDINGS of the Sixty-Third Annual Session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist.

The ministers, deacons and messengers composing that part of the Church of God commonly known as Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist met with Hopewell Church, Old Reyno, August 12, 1937.

After singing by the choir, we were led in prayer by Bro. John Tutterrow.

Devotional services were led by Bro. E. W. Tucker.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Bro. Ralph Staten. Text, Acts 2:1.

Dismissed by Bro. Tutterrow.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing.

Scripture reading, Psalm 133, by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. R. S. Shelton.

Rules of Decorum read.

Call for letters from the churches. The following were presented and read and their delegates were seated: Sugar Tree Grove, Warm Springs, Pirtle, Hopewell, Fruit Chapel, Alice Brooks, White Oak, Clear Lake.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. D. C. Jones, Portia, Ark.
Clerk, Bro. C. E. Riggs, Pocahontas, Ark.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service—Ambros Cavinar, Eli Friar, and G. W. Dale.

Finance—Joe Colbert, T. W. Bennett, Ham Sutton.

Temperance—R. S. Shelton, Ralph Staten, Eugene Davis

Sunday School—Austin Cavinar, Daily Hibbard and Floyd Jones.

Obituary—W. C. Forsyth, John Hanniford, Beulah Staten.

Business—Ralph Staten, Woodrow Tyler, Ambros Cavinar, and R. S. Shelton.

Religious Publications—Floyd Jones, Austin Cavinar.

Doctrine and Ordinances—Joe Colbert, C. E. Riggs.

Pastorless Churches—Joe Colbert, E. E. Hance.

Call for corresponding letters.

Received letter from Cave Spring Association, and

Eld. J. E. Rolen and Ralph Hoyt were seated as corresponding messengers.

N. Y. Gary and Eld. John Tutterrow from Fair Dealing Association, and Eld. J. L. Heatly of Arkansas Association of General Baptist were seated as corresponding delegates from their respective associations.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sermon by Bro. J. J. Colbert. Text, Psalms 49:15.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing by congregation.

Scripture lesson, 3rd chapter of Colossians.

Prayer by Bro. E. W. Tucker.

Call for tardy letters. Received three: Moran, Rickey's Chapel and New Harmony.

Motion carried that we drop from our list of churches, Eureka and Wyatt's Chapel.

Examination of ministers—All in good standing.

Devotional by Bro. Rolen.

Resolution No. 1 and 2 adopted (See Resolutions).

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing.

Prayer by Bro. R. S. Shelton.

Devotional by Bro. Woodrow Tyler.

Sermon by Bro. J. Tutterrow. Text, Matt. 28:18.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing.

Scripture reading, Psalm 15, by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Ambros Cavinar.

Call for tardy letters. Received one, Grandview.

Bro. and Sister Wilson were seated as corresponding delegates from New Hope Association.

Brothers John Hanniford, D. C. Jones and Eli Friar volunteered to attend Fair Dealing Association as corresponding delegates.

Brothers Chas. Staten, Woodrow Tyler and J. J. Colbert were chosen corresponding delegates to Cave Spring Association.

Brothers Ralph Staten and Eugene Davis were elected corresponding delegates to New Hope Association.

Brothers Eli Friar and Woodrow Tyler, and Sisters Beulah Staten and Kate Sutton, and Eugene Davis were elected delegates to Arkansas State Association.

Bro. Ralph Staten was chosen to preach the Memorial sermon next year.

Evangelistic report of Eld. W. C. Forsythe accepted. Eld. Forsythe was re-elected associational evangelist.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing by congregation.

Devotional service by Bro. Tutterrow.

Prayer by Bro. Emmett Wilson.

Sermon by Bro. Wilson. Text, 2 Tim. 4:17.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing.

Prayer by Brother Charles Riekey.

Report of Obituary Committee accepted and committee discharged.

Bro. E. Hance chosen to preach the Introductory next year.

Resolutions No. 3 and 4 adopted.

Old Reyno was selected as place for camp meeting in 1938.

Report of Finance Committee accepted and the committee discharged.

Sugar Tree Grove was chosen as place of meeting for next Association.

Report of Sunday School Committee read and approved and the committee discharged.

Resolutions No. 5 and 6 adopted.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song by quartet.

Devotional by Bro. Hibbard.

Sermon by Eld. E. W. Tucker. Text, Rom. 6:23.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing.

Scripture lesson 6th chapter of Hebrews.

Ordination of Bro. D. W. McNutt as deacon.

Presbytery: Elders R. S. Shelton, E. W. Tucker and C. E. Riggs, and Deacons Chas. Riekey and I. C. Staten.

Sermon by C. E. Riggs. Text, Psalm 112:6.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing and prayer.

Sermon by Bro. Ralph Staten. Subject, "Feetwashing."
After which a goodly number of God's people partook of the Lord's Supper and washed one another's feet.

Adjourned to meet with Sugar Tree Grove Church on Thursday evening before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1938.

D. C. Jones, Moderator,
C. E. Riggs, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions

No. 1—Whereas Communion and Feetwashing services have been conducted late Sunday afternoon, making it inconvenient for some, and, whereas such spiritual services in their love making obedience of purpose should be the spirit that marks the inception of the Association,

Be it Resolved, therefore, That the Communion and Feetwashing ordinances hereafter be changed from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That this Association recommend that the churches be more strictly in keeping with 1 Cor. 16:1, 2, "Upon the first day of the week, to lay by in store as the Lord has prospered them."

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That the Association recommend that the local evangelist shall receive for his services from each church the sum of one dollar each month, the said sum to be sent to the evangelist.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That this body change the date of the meeting of the Association from Thursday evening before the 3rd Sunday in August to Thursday evening before the 3rd Sunday in September, and institute a revival camp meeting beginning on Monday evening and continue through Friday evening before the 3rd Sunday in July. The said session shall designate the different places of meeting for each one.

No. 5—Be it Resolved, That the Clerk be empowered to use his discretion in the publication and distribution of the minutes.

No. 6—Be it Resolved, That this Association extend to

Hopewell Church and community its heart-felt thanks and appreciation for the hospitality and kindness they have manifested during our stay with them. We bid them God's speed in all their labors for the cause of Christ and His kingdom.

Committee { Ralph Staten,
Woodrow Tyler,
Ambros Cavinar,
R. S. Shelton.

Finance—Received of

CHURCH	Clerk Fee	State Minute	Local Minute
• Alice Brooks	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$2.00
New Harmony .....	.50		2.85
Grandview .....	.50	1.00	2.00
• Warm Springs .....	.50		2.00
Rickey Chapel			2.00
• Pirtle			2.00
• Pruit Chapel .....	.50	1.00	2.00
• White Oak .....	.50		3.00
• Sugar Tree Grove .....	.50		2.50
• Union .....	.50		2.25
• Hopewell .....	.50		2.60
Clear Lake			1.00
Totals	\$4.50	\$3.00	\$26.20

Committee { Joe Colbert,
T. W. Bennett,
Ham Sutton.

Obituary—Whereas our kind Heavenly Father has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst Sisters Chat Clayton, Maudie Litherland, Bertha Burgess, Gertrude Colbert, Nellie Kees, Mary Goodman, Mary Fears, Eddie Rickey, Hettie Duff and Lue Reeves, and Brothers L. F. Hastings and Homer Julin.

May the Lord's blessings be ever upon the bereaved ones.

Committee { W. C. Forsyth,
Beulah Staten,
John Hanniford.

Sunday School—We, your 'Sunday School' Committee, recommend that each pastor and deacon strive to establish a better Sunday school system where he is overseer, and that they use Free Will Baptist literature in our Sunday schools.

We recommend that our ministers make an effort to organize Sunday schools where there are none.

Committee { C. F. Jones,
Daily Hibbard.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

ELD. RALPH STATEN—Pastored three churches, preached at other places, witnessed 58 conversions, bap'tized 27, preached 90 sermons, conducted 7 funerals, received for services \$122.46.

ELD. E. W. TUCKER—Pastored two churches, preached at other places, traveled 1370 miles, preached 66 sermons, witnessed 14 conversions, baptized 8, married one couple, preached seven funerals, received for services \$87.73.

ELD. J. J. COLBERT—Pastored one church and preached at other places, witnessed six conversions, baptized five, preached four funerals, received for services \$43.56.

ELD. W. C. FORSYTH—Pastored two churches, married four couples, preached two funerals, traveled 1847 miles, received for services \$116.84.

ELD. D. C. JONES—Pastored no churches, but preached 58 sermons, traveled 324 miles, witnessed 17 conversions, baptized 11, preached four funerals, married two couples, received for services \$65.64.

ELD. C. E. RIGGS—Pastored three churches, preached 50 sermons, witnessed 70 conversions, baptized 21, preached six funerals, solemnized three marriages, received for services \$78.75.

ELD. R. S. SHELTON—Pastored one church, preached elsewhere, traveled 576 miles, witnessed 15 conversions, married 10 couples, preached two funerals, received for services \$49.53.

ELD. W. F. VICKERY—Have been engaged mostly in Sunday School work, preached four sermons, attended two revivals, witnessed 17 conversions, married four couples.

EVANGELIST, ELD. W. C. FORSYTH—Have held and helped to hold six revivals, witnessed 17 conversions, preached monthly at Thorn Grove and at New Hope, and some at other places, received from churches on evangelistic fund \$9.00.

MESSENGERS' ENROLLMENT

ALICE BROOKS—Ham Sutton, Beulah Staten, and Audry Huckabee.

NEW HARMONY—Luther Clay, and Sam Smotherman.

GRANDVIEW—H. R. Fowler, Sherman Fowler, C. F. Lens.

WARM SPRINGS—Eli Friar, Woodrow Tyler, Elsie Griffin.

RICKEY'S CHAPEL—Wesley Roberts, Toney Walker and Susie Stone.

PIRTLE—Thurman Hobbs, Iva Herring, and Nannie Moler.

PRUIT CHAPEL—Gladys Stringer, Alice Price, and Eunice Hazelwood.

WHITE OAK—Dai'y Hibbard, Will Manus, and Tom Bennett.

SUGAR TREE GROVE—Monroe Bark, DeLaney Bark and L. J. Bark.

UNION—Carrie Connelly, Dora Walker and Lillie Shelton.

HOPEWELL—Austin Cavinar, Pearl Carter, Maggie Haniford.

CLEAR LAKE—Cratie Forehand, Hattie Sluder, Ethel Hall.

MORAN—D. W. McNutt, Roy Snow and C. W. Holder.

DEACONS' ENROLLMENT

ALICE BROOKS—Edd Sutton, Jesse Wheeless, I C. Staten.

NEW HARMONY—W. H. Clay, C.P. Rowland, E. W. Cox.

GRANDVIEW—H. C. Jolly and A. R. Pride.

WARM SPRINGS—W. E. Hall, J. C. King, Golman Wooldridge.

RICKEY CHAPEL—E. Swift, H. Martin, Henry Russell.

PIRTLE—Joe Clayton, Ervin Clark, John Gray.

PRUIT CHAPEL—G. W. Dale.

WHITE OAK—Will Manus, Tom Bennett, Daily Hibbard.

SUGAR TREE GROVE—G. W. Hopper and B. F. Paleson.

UNION—C. H. Connelly, C. L. Rickey, J. O. Martin.

HOPEWELL—C. F. Jones, Ambros Cavinar, John Hanniford.

MORAN—D. W. McNutt.

CLEAR LAKE—A. F. Sluder, A. J. Robins, Guss Hall.

NEW COVENANT—Zack Minton.

LONE OAK—Charley Tharp.

NEW BETHEL—Edd Tyler, Lester Rowland, Jake Phillips.

NEW HOPE—Horace Bales.

PLEASANT GROVE—Edd Kildow.

ZION HILL—Dan Bates, D. M. Seamons.

VERNON—G. W. Barnett, Emil Shaver, J. R. Barnett.

STONY POINT—Dan Kirk, Wiley Hawkins, A. C. Pendergrass.

MINISTERS' ENROLLMENT

NAME	ADDRESS
W. T. Shoffitt	Delaplaine, Ark.
W. T. Sharp	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
C. M. Kildow	Hoxie, Ark.
D. C. Jones	Portia, Ark.
G. V. Weeks	Hoxie, Ark.
S. J. Birch	Poynor, Mo.
E. W. Tucker	Peachorchard, Ark.
W. F. Vickery	Broken Arrow, Okla.
W. C. Forsyth	Hoxie, Ark.
R. S. Shelton	O'Kean, Ark.
Jesse Staten	Black Rock, Ark.
P. M. Witcher	Biggers, Ark.
W. S. Tyler	Pocahontas, Ark.
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro, Ark.
J. J. Colbert	Warm Spring, Ark.
C. E. Riggs	Pocahontas, Ark.
Ralph Staten	Pocahontas, Ark.
Henry Constant	Light, Ark.
Archev Constant	Light, Ark.
W. A. Sneed	Nettleton, Ark.
Henry Clemens	Pawhatan, Ark.
E. E. Hance	Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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, rose from the dead the third day, completed 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; Ephesians 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 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 them the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Romans 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-14; 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 15:22.

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 FEET WASHING. 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 Savior 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 or 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 the 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 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 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 so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—Sec. 1:12; 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 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 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thess. 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 for ever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; 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 Thess. 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.

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.

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 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.

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

We, the Disciples of Christ, commonly known as the Free Will Baptist, worshiping 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.
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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

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.