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OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

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PROCEEDINGS

The ministers, deacons and messengers composing that part of the Church of God commonly known as Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Sixty-Fourth Annual Session with Sugar Tree Grove Church, Poynor, Missouri, September 15, 1938.

Session opened by singing.

Moderator in charge.

Prayer by Bro. C. E. Riggs.

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

H. G. Brown, messenger from Fair Dealing Association was seated as a corresponding delegate.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13, read by moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Rickey.

Rules of Decorum read.

Call for letters from the churches. The following churches presented letters, which were read, received and their delegates seated:

New Harmony, Clear Lake, Pirtle, Union, Pruitt's Chapel, Sugar Tree Grove, Rickey Chapel, Alice Brecks Church, and Hopewell Church.

Election of Officers

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Appointment of Committees

Divine Service—Monroe Barks, E. A. Swift and Eirdie Kirk.

Finance—S. J. Smotherman, J. M. Barks and Mrs. S. J. Smotherman.

Obituary—Ham Sutton, Eugene Davis, S. A. Swift.

Arrangement of Business—C. L. Rickey, C. E. Riggs, Ralph Staten, W. C. Forsyth and Sister Birdie Kirk.

Call for letters. Received Grandview, Highland Park, Michigan (petitionary) and Hazel Park, Mich. (petitionary).

Devotional led by Bro. H. G. Brown.

Bro. Winters received in advisory council.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sermon by Eld. C. E. Riggs. Text, Psalms 10.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Staten.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation.

Scripture lesson, Psalms 23, read by Moderator.

Motion carried that we put Covenant in minutes.

Tardy letters called for. Moran letter received and delegates seated.

Examination of ministers and deacons. Most of them found to be in good standing.

Devotional led by Bro. Eugene Davis.

Resolution No. 1 of last session repealed.

Moran Church was chosen as the next meeting place of our camp meeting, second week of July.

Bro. Charles Staten chosen to preach Memorial sermon of our next session.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Rickey.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Praise by congregation.

Prayer by Bro. Tucker.

Devotional led by Bro. Winters.

Sermon by Bro. Winters.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture lesson, Psalms 33, read by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Staten.

Devotional conducted by Bro. Ham Sutton.

Tardy letters called for. The following were received and the delegates seated: Warm Springs, Sugar Tree Grove, White Oak and New Covenant.

Ham Sutton, Beulah Staten, Eugene Davis, and others to be chosen by the Clerk, are to be delegates to the State Association.

Eld. E. W. Tucker was elected Associational Evangelist.

Bro. C. E. Riggs is to preach the Introductory sermon of the Camp Meeting.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing, Moderator in charge.

Sermon by Eld. Ralph Staten. Text, 1 Thess. 4:13.

This was the Memorial Service of the Association. It was an enjoyable occasion for all present. Memories of the past and its leaders were brought to the minds of those present, and the necessity of Christian endeavor.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing led by Bro. Ramer, Miss Beulah Fay Hoper, accompanist.

Prayer by Bro. Hibbard.

Moderator read Rev. 21:1-7 for the evening lesson.

The Association requested each church of the Association to send a report of their Sunday school activities to the clerk in their church letter each year.

The local Association recommended to the State Association that we join the National Association.

Three ministers gave short talks concerning the "Free Will Baptist Gem" of Purdy, Missouri. They urged all present to subscribe to it.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing by a trio, Ham Sutton, Ralph Staten, and Chas. Staten.

Prayer by Sister Jane Barks.

Communion and Feet Washing was observed at this service.

Bro. E. W. Tucker preached on Communion and Bro. C. E. Riggs preached on the subject of Feet Washing. Several took part in this service. It was a spiritual feast. Exo. 12:1— and Matt. 17:5 respectively were used as the text of each sermon.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Bro. Barks.

The ordination service was held during this service. Two ministers and one deacon were ordained.

Sermon by R. S. Shelton. Text, 1 Kings 10:7.

The Association was adjourned at this service until it convenes with the Alice Brook's Church, Sharum, Arkansas, Thursday evening before the third Sunday in September, 1939.

Eld. E. W. Tucker, Moderator.

Eld. Charles Staten, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolutions—Res. No. 1—Be it Resolved, That we repeal Resolution No. 1 as passed by this Association last year (1937), changing the time of taking Communion and Feet Washing, and observe these ordinances on Sunday afternoon as heretofore.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be empowered to remind those ministers or churches who have failed to report to the Association either in person or by letter at this session. When said ministers or churches fail to report in person or by letter after being requested, the Association shall then refer the matter to the Associational Presbytery. If the Presbytery finds no plausible excuse for said action, the Association shall authorize the Clerk to drop the name or names from ministerial or church list until the said ones shall report with acceptable steps.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That this Association extend to Sugar Tree Grove Church and community its heartfelt 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 { C. E. Riggs,
 { Monroe Barks,
 { W. L. Rickey,
 { Birdie Kirk,
 { Ralph Staten.

Obituary—Whereas our kind Heavenly Father has seen fit in His infinite wisdom to call from our midst Sister Lively Looney and Bro. Mark Dean. May the Lord's blessings ever be upon the bereaved ones.

Committee { Ham Sutton,
E. A. Swift,
Ralph Staten.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCH	Clerk Hire	State Minutes	Local Minutes
Alice Brooks Church	\$.50.....	\$1.00.....	\$ 2.00
Clear Creek .....	.50.....	.....	1.20
Grandview .....	.50.....	.....	1.50
Hopewell .....	.50.....	1.00.....	1.50
Moran .....	.50.....	1.00.....	2.00
New Harmony .....	.50.....	1.00.....	2.00
Pirtle .....	.50.....	1.00.....	2.00
Pruett Chapel .....	.50.....	1.00.....	2.00
Rickey Chapel .....	.50.....	.....	2.00
Sugar Tree Grove .....	.50.....	.....	2.00
New Covenant .....	.50.....	1.00.....	1.50
Union .....	.50.....	.....	2.00
Warm Springs .....	.50.....	.....	.50
White Oak .....	.50.....	.....	2.00
Stony Point .....	.50.....	1.00.....	2.00
Totals	\$7.50.....	\$8.00.....	\$26.20

Committee { Monroe Barks,
S. J. Smotherman,
Mrs. S. J. Smotherman.

MINISTERS' ENROLLMENT

NAME	ADDRESS
W. T. Shoffitt	Delaplaine, Ark.
W. T. Sharp	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
C. M. Kildow	Portia, Ark.
D. C. Jones	Portia, Ark.

S. J. Birch Oakland, Indiana.
 E. W. Tucker Peach Orchard, Ark.
 W. F. Vickery Broken Arrow, Okla.
 W. C. Forsyth Hoxie, Ark.
 R. S. Shelton O'Kean, Ark.
 Jesse Staten Hoxie, Ark.
 W. S. Tyler Pocahontas, Ark.
 W. C. Hudson Jonesboro, Ark.
 J. J. Colbert Warm Springs, Ark.
 C. E. Riggs Pocahontas, Ark.
 Ralph Staten Pocahontas, Ark.
 Charles Staten Pocahontas, Ark.
 Henry Constant Light, Ark.
 Archey Constant Light, Ark.
 W. A. Sneed Nettleton, Ark.
 Henry Clemens Pawhatan, Ark.
 C. R. Riggs Royal Oak, Mich.
 N. P. Gates Royal Oak, Mich.
 Harold Etterbeck Royal Oak, Mich.

DEACONS' ENROLLMENT

ALICE BROOKS—Edd Sutton, Jesse Wheelless, 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, B. F. Paleson, M. Barks.
 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' REPORTS

D. C. Jones—I have preached 27 sermons, witnessed 4 conversions, received \$23.42, traveled 227 miles, conducted 11 funerals, and married two couples.

E. W. Tucker—Pastored two churches, witnessed 13 conversions, baptized 8, preached 12 funerals, preached 61 sermons, received \$80.55 for my work.

W. C. Forsyth—Pastored two churches, preached at other places, witnessed 28 conversions in 8 revivals, married two couples, received \$129.25 for my work.

C. R. Riggs—Pastored one church, preached 76 sermons, conducted three funerals, witnessed 34 conversions, received for services approximately \$75.00.

Ralph Staten—Pastored four churches, preached 110 sermons, received \$292.97 for services, preached at other places, witnessed 17 conversions, conducted seven funerals and officiated one marriage ceremony.

R. S. Shelton—Pastored two churches, preached 66 sermons, drove 790 miles, preached four funerals, married 33 couples, received \$36.25.

N. P. Gates—Organized one Sunday school, assisted in two meetings, preached 20 sermons, witnessed 30 conversions, organized one church, conducted radio programs, taught and wrote Gospel songs.

C. E. Riggs—Pastored one church, preached monthly at other places, witnessed 40 conversions, baptized 14, married six couples, preached four funerals received \$146.25.

W. F. Vickery—Preached six sermons, attended one revival, witnessed two conversions, married one couple, conducted one funeral.

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 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 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 the 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 the 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 this 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 moderator.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 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 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.

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 works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday 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.

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.