

THE
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1951

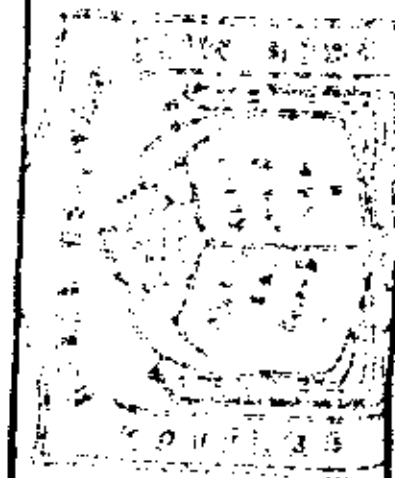
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SEVENTY - SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At
ARBOR GROVE CHURCH

Hoxie, Arkansas

**FINANCIAL
STATEMENT**

| | L. M. | S. M. | Clerk | N. A. | H. M. | E. M. | Monument | Orphanage |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|
| O'Kean | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3.00 | \$ 1.00 | | | | | |
| Pirtle | 4.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Arbor Grove | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Pruitt Chapel | 3.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | |
| Sugar Tree Grove | 2.50 | 1.50 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | |
| Warm Springs | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | 2.67 | 2.67 | | |
| Poplar Valley | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 2.00 | 2.00 | | |
| Old Reyno | 2.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Rickey Chapel | 1.50 | 1.50 | | | | | | |
| Clear Lake | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | | | |
| Mt. Zion | 2.00 | 2.00 | 1.00 | | 1.50 | 1.00 | | |
| Pocahontas | 2.50 | 2.50 | .50 | | | | | |
| Grandview | 2.00 | 2.00 | .50 | | | | | |
| Sutton | 2.50 | | | | | | | |
| Carson Lake | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | 1.00 | | | |
| New Covenant | 2.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Alice Brooks | 2.00 | 1.50 | 1.50 | | | | | |
| Little Brown | .50 | .50 | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Stony Point | 2.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| Total | \$36.00 | \$26.50 | \$12.50 | \$2.00 | \$9.17 | \$6.67 | | |



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PROCEEDINGS

Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God, commonly known as Free Will Baptists met in the Seventy-Seventh Annual Session with the Arbor Grove Church on September 13, 1951.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The session was called together by Bro. High, our Moderator.
Songs, directed by Bros. High and Neece.
Prayer by Bro. Light.
Sermon by Bro. Lonnie Walker.

FRIDAY MORNING

Session called to order by the Moderator, Elder Carl High.
Songs directed by Bros. High, Light, Neece and Ragsdale.
Prayers by Bro. Lavon Young and Lakey.
Letters read and accepted.
We had a corresponding letter from the Cave Springs Association.
The Divine Committee was composed of Bros. Hulen Light, Lavon Young

and Sister Roselyand Ragsdale.

Scripture lesson St. John 15th chapter, by Bro. High.

Theme, Abiding In Jesus.

Committees were chosen as follows:

Resolutions—Bros. Edd Kincade, Lonnie Walker, Wiley Ricker, and O. D. Winfrey.

Finance—Bro. Lee South, Sister Georgia Dunham and Raymond McNutt.

Foreign Mission Board retained—Bros. B. F. Palmer, Melvin Shelton and Wayne Tucker.

Obituary—sister Nola Graham, Sister Nell Linley and Bro. Elmer Swift.

Raymond McNutt was retained as clerk. Bro. Fred Kincade was elected assistant clerk.

Bro. Carl High was retained as moderator.

Intermission.

Songs were directed by Bros. High and M. A. Scudder, with prayer by Bro. Lonnie Walker.

Sermon, Bro. Reford Wilson.

Scripture, 1st Peter, 2nd Chapter.

Theme, The Sacrifice required today for sin and God wants us to be Samaritans other than priests and Levites.

Song and hand shake.

Dismissed until 1:30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Songs, Bro. Palmer and Scudder.

Prayer, Bro. Thompson.

Welcome address, Bro. Hulen Light.

Response, Bro. Wayne Tucker.

League and Sunday School Committee: Bros. Leslie Brand, T. W. Bennett and Fred Kincade.

Home Mission Board—Bros. Reford Wilson, Thurman Johnson, Wayne Tucker, Eugene Davis and Grady Linebaugh.

We elected Sister Ragsdale, Nicholas, Jarrett, Bro. Frank Palmer and Linley as delegates to our state association.

Alternate delegates to state association were Sister Lucille Burris and Bro. Ragsdale.

Bro. Fred Kincade was elected as delegate to our national association. Raymond McNutt as alternate delegate.

Report of evangelist accepted and to be in minutes.

We recommend Bro. Tucker to the state association to be retained as our state Foreign Mission director.

A public donation was received for Bro. Pauley's radio program expense, received \$34.57.

Devotional by Bro. High. Scripture, Peter. Theme, If He tarry until I come, what is that to thee. Follow Me."

Business session dismissed until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

4. SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Sermon by Bro. Cox. Scripture—Phil. 6-13 and Heb. 12-1 and 2.

Theme, Faith and Works. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his path straight.

Song, Bro. Light. Old fashioned hand shake of fellowship.

Dismissed Bro. Hubert Forrester.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Songs, Bro. High, McNutt.

Prayer, Bro. Ragsdale, Carl Hudson.

Devotional by Bro. Lonnie Walker.

There were 83 witnessed for the Lord.

Song, Bro. High.

Prayer, Bro. Ray Watkins.

Message, Bro. B. S. Forrester.

Theme, Communion and Foot Washing. We did these, all who so desired.

Then we sang a Hymn and went out as Jesus and the Disciples did.

SATURDAY MORNING

Songs, Bro. High, Light; Prayer, Bro. Pendergrass, Winfrey.

Devotional, Bro. High. Scripture, Psalms, 15-1, Theme, "Who Shall Dwell In Tabernacle of God"

Tardy letters were read.

Bro. Reford Wilson to deliver Memorial Sermon next year.

Minister's reports read and approved.

Recess.

Memorial Sermon by Bro. Lackey.

Song, Bro. High; Dismissed, O. D. Winfrey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song, Bro. High. Prayer, Bro. Hodge.

Bro. Dewey Thompson and Orville Cox were ordained as ministers.

E. L. Bibb came for License as a Minister.

A public donation was received for foreign mission of \$34.83.

We chose Mt. Zion, near the Walnut Ridge Airport entrance, for our association to meet on the Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1952..

Received report of radio program by Bro. Pauley.

Dismissed Bro. T. W. Bennett.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

I have preached at two churches one-fourth time each. Preached 22 sermons, traveled 672 miles, received \$52.90; conducted 4 funerals. Preached at homecoming services, fellowship, and quarterly meetings some.

REV. B. S. FORRESTER

Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route

I have pastored two churches, Poplar Valley ½ time, received \$192.00. Three trips to Clear Lake, received \$23.10. Conducted 7 funerals, received

\$25.00. Married 13 couples, received \$35.00. From meeting at Evergreen received \$18.10. At other places and from friends received \$50.00. Total received \$622.93..

REV. W. C. LAKEY,
Sedgwick, Ark.

I have preached 20 sermons, traveled 500 miles, received \$13.00, witnessed 18 conversions.

REV. O. D. WINFREY,
Hoxie, Ark.

I have pastored Grandview church, preached 51 sermons, received \$260.00. Preached at other places some. Attended three state league meetings, visited several churches in interest of league work. Witnessed 8 professions, baptized 2. Conducted 2 funerals.

REV. EUGENE DAVIS,
Reyno, Ark.

Have pastored Little Brown church one-fourth time, preached 30 sermons, witnessed 8 professions, 12 additions, to the church. Received \$62.85, traveled 420 miles, preached one-fourth time at Pruitt Chapel, preached 11 sermons, witnessed 2 conversions, received \$56.45, traveled 300 miles. One sermon at Cash Hall, received \$4.00. Other places, 4 sermons. Been called to pastor Pruitt Chapel one-half time.

REV. HUBERT FORRESTER
Walnut Ridge, Ark. Rt.

I have pastored 2 churches $\frac{1}{4}$ time. Stony Point, 17 sermons, received one into church, received \$82.26 for our labor. At Sugar Tree Grove, 22 sermons, baptised 4, received 7 into church. Received for labor \$140.20. Total offerings \$222.46, total sermons 41.

REV. HENRY PAULEY,
Rt. 1, Beech Grove, Ark.

Pastored New Covenant church one-half time, preached 35 sermons, traveled 958 miles, received \$211.85. Pirtle, 1 trip, 2 sermons, traveled 28 miles. Married 3 couples, preached 3 funerals. Total sermons, 42. Traveled 1,008 miles, received \$220.08.

REV. R. S. SHELTON,
O'Kean, Ark.

Have pastored 1 church, assisted in 3 revivals—New Bethel, Stony Point and Pruitt Chapel. Preached at Warm Springs, O'Kean, Old Reyno, and Graysville. Total sermons, 36. Total received \$124.10. Received 2 into church.

REV. THURMAN JOHNSON,
Reyno, Ark.

I have pastored Pocahontas church full time, preached 108 sermons, held 3 prayer meetings, conducted 5 funerals. Married 8 couples, held 16 special services, conducted one revival. Witnessed 21 conversions, received 14

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I have preached $\frac{1}{2}$ time at Mt. Zion for $11\frac{1}{2}$ months. Preached 36 sermons, traveled 41 miles, received \$271.86. One sermon at New Bethel, traveled 40 miles, one sermon in Illinois, traveled 6 miles. Four sermons at Poca-hontas, traveled four miles, received \$34.50. One sermon at Grandview, received \$8.00, traveled 34 miles. Witnessed several conversions. One sermon at Arbor Grove in fellowship meeting, traveled 24 miles. 45 sermons, traveled 115 miles, received \$318.36.

REV. GRADY LINEBAUGH,
College City Br.
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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I have pastored Rickey Chapel and Pirtle churches one-half each. 41 sermons at Rickey Chapel, traveled 806 miles, received \$155.50. At Pirtle 44 sermons, five conversions, six additions to church. Baptised five, traveled 1,574 miles, received \$195.90. Helped in revivals at Walnut Corner. Seven sermons, four conversions, traveled 136 miles, received \$33.25. Sugar Tree Grove, five sermons, two conversions, traveled 500 miles, received \$25.75. Mt. Zion, nine sermons, three conversions, traveled 90 miles, received \$28.50. At Sharum, Walnut Corner, O'Kean, Poplar Valley, Arbor Grove, New Covenant, Mt. Zion, Hoxie Pentecostal Church and KPOC radio station, 17 sermons, baptised three, traveled 433 miles, received \$22.05. Married one couple, received \$2.00. Total 122 sermons, 14 conversions, six additions to church, baptised eight, traveled 3,539 miles, received \$462.95. Have been called to Sharum full time.

REV. M. L. SHELTON,
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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I have pastored two churches, one-half time. Arbor Grove, 38 sermons, 23 conversions, 17 additions to church, traveled 1,452 miles, received \$430.45. Mt. Zion, 46 sermons, four conversions, three additions to church, traveled 1,286 miles, received \$421.68. In revival at Warm Springs, eight sermons, one conversion, traveled 456 miles, received \$53.75. One sermon at Homecoming, received \$10.00. In revival at Cache Hall, six sermons, one conversion, traveled 144 miles, received \$14.50. At other places preached 15 sermons, received \$2.00, traveled 160 miles, married two couples, conducted five funerals, received \$15.00. Traveled 84 miles. Total sermons 114; conversions 30; traveled 4,191 miles, received \$947.38.

REV. LONNIE WALKER
Delaplaine, Ark. Rt.

I have pastored two churches, O'Kean and Pruitt Chapel. Had regular appointments at Little Brown.

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O'Kean, 37 sermons, including revival, 10 conversions, 12 additions to church, traveled 1,160 miles, received \$370.43.

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Pruitt Chapel, 19 sermons, one conversion, traveled 720 miles, received \$171.60.

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Little Brown, 31 sermons, traveled 900 miles, nine conversions, 10 addi-

Pruitt Chapel, 19 sermons, one conversion, traveled 720 miles, received \$171.60.

Little Brown, 31 sermons, traveled 900 miles, nine conversions, 10 additions to church. Received \$221.60, including revival.

Helped in revival at Arbor Grove, nine sermons, 11 conversions, traveled 300 miles, received \$64.50. Evergreen, seven sermons, traveled 490 miles one conversion, received \$43.58. Poplar Valley, helped in two revivals, 28 sermons, 35 conversions, traveled 1200 miles, received \$195.30. Five other sermons, received \$41.00. Married two couples, received \$4.00. Eight funerals, \$29.00.

Total 146 sermons, witnessed 67 conversions, traveled 4,770 miles, received \$1,167.73.

REV. CARL HIGH
Peach Orchard, Ark.

I have pastored one church one-half time. Carson Lake preached 42 sermons, witnessed one conversion, organized one league, traveled 984 miles, received \$4,567, preached other places, eight sermons, received \$8.00.

ELDER W. C. RAYBURN,
Rt. 1, Wilson, Ark.

Since April 1st, have preached two sermons at New Bethel, traveled 48 miles, received \$16.00, was called in May to pastor Warm Springs Church, one-half time. 17 sermons, traveled 700 miles, received \$102.00. Had a revival and one conversion. Helped to organize a F.W.B. League at Warm Springs. Have attended revivals. Go to Sutton S.S. church and mid-week prayer meetings, when not in my church services. One sermon at Mt. Zion. Other gifts received \$16.00. Total, 20 sermons, traveled 768 miles, received \$124.00.

REV. DEWEY THOMPSON,
Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monument—We, the committee on the monument fund, find we have now the amount of \$66.06.

B. F. PALMER
MELVIN SHELTON
LEONARD BRIDGES

Foreign Mission—Report by churches:

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| Arbor Grove | \$16.00 |
| Pocahontas | 70.00 |
| O'Kean | 8.33 |
| Public Donations | 62.48 |
| Alice Brooks | 15.00 |
| Pocahontas S. A. | 52.63 |
| Little Brown | 2.00 |

\$226.44

By Wayne Tucker, state director of Foreign Missions.

MINISTER'S REPORT

I have pastored one church, Reyno, 15 sermons, traveled 1,100 miles, received for labor \$130.00. Held revival at Reyno, seven professions, received seven into church, baptised five, received for labor 40. At Dean preached nine sermons, received for labor \$65.55 at Thayer held revival, 10 sermons, one conversion, baptised one, received \$30.50.

Other places, 20 sermons, six professions, received \$12.00. Ten funerals, received \$13.00, married nine couples, received \$45.00.

Total 39 sermons, traveled 2,000 miles, received \$376.05.

Attended state and national meetings.

ELDER WAYNE TUCKER,
Peach Orchard, Ark.

EVANGELIST REPORT

I have visited the following churches, New Covenant, six sermons, received \$12.66; Carson Lake, three sermons, received \$5.50; Willow Tree, one sermon, \$1.50; Mt. Zion, one sermon; Pruitt Chapel, six sermons, received \$2.75; Little Brown, one sermon, received \$9.08; O'Kean, seven sermons, including revival, received \$25.00; Warm Springs, one sermon, \$4.00. Helped them secure a pastor; New Bethel, four sermons, \$7.50. Helped them get pastor too. Alice Brooks, two sermons, \$5.72; Clear Lake, one sermon, \$5.08; Liberty, one sermon, \$3.70; Stony Point, two sermons, received two into fellowship, \$4.50; New Hope, one sermon.

Total sermons, 37, total offerings, \$86.00. Total received from association, \$56.01. Due from Association, \$5.00. Have preached 26 sermons over KPOC, known as the Freewill Baptist Evangelistic hour, at 2:30 each Sunday.

ELDER HENRY PAULEY,
Rt. 1, Beach Grove, Ark.

RESOLUTIONS

1. The resolution for each church to pay \$50.00 a year at the least. Is to be paid \$12.50 each quarter of the year. 50% to be for home missions and 50% for tent fund. To be paid to Treasurer of Home Mission Board, Grady Linebaugh of College City Br., Walnut Ridge, Ark.

2. Be it resolved that the churches of the Social Band Association let their pastors know at least 60 days before the end of the church year if they are to retain him or not. The pastor in like manner to let church know.

3. Be it resolved that the Social Band Association set September 1 as the date to complete it's year's work, that reports and church books be closed as of that date.

4. Be it resolved that each church in the Social Band Association give the sum of \$6.00 to a national association expense fund. To pay delegates expenses. This to be paid before July.

5. We the committee on resolutions wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Arbor Grove church and community for their splendid hos-

pitality during our stay with them in this session. We bid them God's help in their labor.

WILEY RICKER

LONNIE WALKER

EDD KINCADE

DEACON'S LIST

Earnest Jones, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Arden Jones, Maynard, Ark.
 Hollie Jolly, Corning, Ark.
 Everette Neece, Hoxie, Ark.
 Lowell Graham, Hoxie, Ark.
 Hulén Light, Hoxie, Ark.
 Don F. Kirk, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Surlar Camp, Pocahontas, Ark.
 A. C. Pendergrass, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Ben Hawkins, Water Valley, Ark.
 Harold Smith, Rt. 3, Osceola, Ark.
 George T. Gable, Rt. 1, Osceola, Ark.
 L. A. Bridges, Wilson, Ark.
 Herman Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.
 Jess Murphy, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Harold Statler, Walnut Ridge, Ark.
 Earl Smith, Pocahontas.
 Paul Hatfield, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Robert Counts, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Andrian Million, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Will S. White, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Luther Crays, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Paul Hogan, Pocahontas, Ark.
 George W. Hopper, Poyner, Mo.

Monroe Barks, Poyner, Mo.
 Ben J. Patterson, Doniphan, Mo.
 Wiley Ricker, Peach Orchard, Ark.
 Harrison Vallence, Peach Orchard
 J. O. Martin, Delaplaine, Ark. Rt.
 Howard Martin, O'Kean.
 Paul Morris, Rt. 1, Delaplaine
 Horace Holder, O'Kean, Ark.
 Claude Harmon, O'Kean, Ark.
 Homer Atkins, St. Louis, Mo.
 G. W. Dale, Rt. 4, Paragould, Ark.
 Arthur Ring, Rt. 1, Bono, Ark.
 J. L. Norris, Peoria, Ill.
 Eldon Ring, Rt. Pocahontas, Ark.
 Lum Wicker, Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge
 Lirla Smith, Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge
 Ben Million, Rt. 1, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Vass Sutton, Pocahontas, Ark. Rt.
 Emmett Dawson, Pocahontas Rt.
 Edd Kincade, Pocahontas, Ark.
 J. A. Ponder, Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge
 T. W. Bennett, Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge
 D. W. McNutt, Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge
 I. C. Staten, Rt. 1, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Marvin Riggs, Rt. 1, Delaplaine, Ark.

Ministers In The Association Who Gave No Report

Rev. Ira Gates, Peach Orchard, Ark.
 T. H. Gray
 W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro, Ark.
 W. F. Vickery, Broken Arrow, Okla.
 G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.

L. W. Hodge, Sedgwick, Ark.
 D. P. Watts, Osceola, Ark.
 R. L. Cook, Doniphan, Mo.
 Charles Staten, Vandale, Ark.
 Orville Cox, Beech Grove, Ark.

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, 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 the church; 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 and feet washing shall be administered at each annual session of the Association.

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

RULES OR ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any members and the vote taken separately.

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes unless so ordered at the time.

6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

9. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto in addition to the business session each day, and the Moderator announces at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meetings of the Association.

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 Holy Spirit at the time of 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.—Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

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 the 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; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

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 hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27, 2:16-17; Psalms 51-5; Gen. 3, Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3; Matt. 18:3; Acts 17:24-29.

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 the law of adoption into the kingdom of Heaven, and an eternity inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16, 45:22; Heb. 2:9; Rev. 5:9; 1 Tim. 4:10.

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; 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 Saint's 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 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. LORD'S DAY. 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; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Heb. 10:25.

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 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; 1 Cor. 9:14; Matt. 28:19; Matt. 9:28; Heb. 5:4; 2 Cor. 11:14-23.

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; Eph. 5:23-25; Rev. 5:9.

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 side-step and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—2 Pet. 1:12; 1 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-18; 2 Peter 2:2; Apost.: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 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.—Cor. 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; 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 reunited, 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; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:51-58—Dan. 12:2; Acts 24:15.

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; Rev. 20:4-5; Gen. 3:5, 18:19; 1 Kings 17:22.

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.

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 of 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 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 Scripture, 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 observances 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 denomination enterprises, the support of the missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic effort 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.



STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | PASTOR | CLERK | Received | Dismissed | Died | S. School | League | Own Property | Value | Members |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|
| Pruitt Chapel | Hubert Forrester | Lillie Dennis | 1 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | Y | \$2000 | 78 |
| Sugar Tree Grove | Henry Pauley | Mattie Hopper | 7 | 4 | 0 | Y | O | Y | | 20 |
| Rickey Chapel | R. S. Shelton | Cina Like | 0 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | Y | 2500 | 40 |
| O'Kean | Carl High | Roselyand Ragsdale | 12 | 1 | 3 | Y | Y | Y | 1250 | 108 |
| Poplar Valley | Carl High | Charles L. Bobbit | 14 | 2 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 3000 | 156 |
| Little Brown | Carl High | Harold Statler | 12 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | O | | 56 |
| Stony Point | Thurman Johnson | Susie Huley | 3 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | Y | | 95 |
| Pocahontas | Reford Wilson | Alta Lee Miller | 14 | 4 | 1 | Y | Y | Y | 12500 | 218 |
| Carson Lake | W. C. Rayburn | Pauline Gable | 3 | 5 | 1 | Y | O | Y | 1500 | 77 |
| New Covenant | R. S. Shelton | J. T. Holland | 0 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | O | | 100 |
| Grand View | Grady Linebaugh | Pauline Duff | 2 | 3 | 3 | Y | O | Y | 2500 | 71 |
| Sutton | Billy Rogers | B. Tyler | 14 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 3500 | 119 |
| Pirtle | Thurman Johnson | Oran Smith | 5 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | Y | 1500 | 51 |
| Alice Brooks | Melvin Shelton | Ruby Rexroad | 6 | 1 | 0 | Y | O | Y | 2000 | 90 |
| Old Reyno | Henry Pauley | Elmer Edington | 9 | 2 | 0 | Y | O | O | | 150 |
| Mt. Zion | Lonnie Walker | Raymond McNutt | 3 | 2 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 3000 | 27 |
| Warm Springs | Dewey Thompson | Martha Holt | 0 | 0 | 1 | Y | O | O | | 36 |
| Arbor Grove | Billy Rogers | Lucille Goodwin | 18 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | 2000 | 82 |
| Clear Lake | W. C. Lakey | Cratie Forehand | 0 | 0 | 0 | Y | O | O | | 10 |