

**THE
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**


1952


**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
SEVENTY - EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened At
MT. ZION CHURCH**

College City, Arkansas

FINANCIAL

STATEMENT

	L. M.	S. M.	N. M.	H. M.	F. M.	N. A.	Clerk
Alice Brooks	4.00	3.00	1.00	50.00			1.00
Mt. Zion	4.00	3.00	1.00				1.00
Old Reyno	4.00	3.00		13.80	6.00		1.00
O'Kean	3.00	2.50	1.00	6.64			2.50
Little Brown	3.50	3.00	1.00	21.35			2.00
New Bethel	1.00	2.00					1.00
Pruitt Chapel	3.00	1.00	1.00	21.50			1.00
Clear Lake	1.00	1.00	1.00				1.00
Pocahontas	4.00	3.00	1.00	25.00			1.00
Poplar Valley	4.00	1.50	1.00				2.00
Warm Springs	2.00						1.00
Sutton	2.00	2.00					1.00
Arbor Grove	3.00	1.00					1.00
Pirtle	3.00	2.00					2.00
Stony Point	2.00					6.00	1.00
Grand View	2.00	1.00					.50
Union Grove	2.00	2.00		1.00			.50
Sugar Tree Grove	5.00	2.00	2.00				1.00
New Covenant	2.00	2.00					1.00
Rickey Chapel	2.00	2.00	1.00				1.00
Totals	\$56.50	\$37.00	\$11.00	\$139.29	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$23.50

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Seventy-Eighth Annual Session
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PROCEEDINGS

Ministers, Deacons and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God, commonly known as Free Will Baptist met in the Seventy-Eighth Annual Session with Mt. Zion Church on September 18, 1952.

THURSDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 18, 1952

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Opening Song, Carl High, Moderator

Prayer, Will S. White

Songs, Shelton & McNutt

Prayer, Wayne Tucker.

Song, W. H. Hale

Devotional, Moderator

Scripture, 1 Cor. 13

Prayer, J. Reford Wilson

Introductory Sermon, Elvie Johnston

Scripture, Gal. 3. Text 3-24.

Subject, Our Schoolmaster In Christ.

Song, Throgmorton.

Dismissed

John Lee Pope.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK SESSION

Songs, High & Wilson
Prayer, Claude Harmon
Song, McNutt.
Prayer, W. C. Lakey.

Scripture, 1 Cor. 16-14 devotional Moderator

Reford Wilson was elected Moderator for this church year.

Raymond McNutt was retained as clerk.

Songs, High, Ragsdale.

Prayer, J. W. Russell.

Appointment of committees: To be under heading of same later in the minutes.

Sermon, W. C. Lakey.

Scripture, doing the will of God.

Song and hand shake.

We had a petitionary letter from Union Grove Church. The Church was accepted and two deacons ordained from there.

Dismissed by Moderator.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called together by Reford Wilson, Moderator.

Songs, Bros. Throgmorton & Winfrey

Devotional, Bro. Will S. White.

Scripture, Matt. 7-13.

Prayer, High

Elected Divine Committee Home Mission Board.

We elected as delegates to our State Association, Ralph Jarrett, Clyde James, Mrs. Melvin Shelton, Jimmy Ragsdale, Floyd Goodwin. Alternates, Roselyn Ragsdale, Johnnie Whitlow.

We elected Bro. Jimmy Ragsdale Delegate to the National Association. Alternate, Lowell Graham.

We elected other committees.

We gave Radio Committee authority to see about station change.

Song, O. D. Winfrey.

We retained Wayne as our State Foreign Mission Director.

The charge to the deacons, Bro. High.

Ordination Prayer, Wayne Tucker.

H. C. Niswonger and Shelby Griffin were ordained as deacons.

Song, McNutt.

Dismissed, Mathis.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Songs, Wilson, Shelton, Glenn Campbell.

Prayer, Grady Linebaugh.

Songs, Ragsdale, Winfrey.

Short, Play, Mt. Zion Womens Auxiliary. Subject, Telling others about

Jesus.

Songs, Hale, Ramer.

Devotional, J. W. Russell.

Scripture, Rom. 1:8 & 9.

Sermon, Carl High

Scripture, Exo. 12-1 to 14.

Prayer, High. Observed communion and feet washing. There were 58 who washed feet, 31 men, 27 women. 60 takened the Lord's supper.

We sang a hymn and went out.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

Songs, Wilson, High, Jones, and Light.

Devotional-Scripture, Moderator.

Prayer, R. S. Shelton.

Report of Foreign Missions, Tucker.

Discussed Home Missions Minister.

Ministers reports received and to be printed.

Had a corresponding letter from Cave Springs Association in Missouri.

Delegates were Raymond Williams, J. M. Glover, Ralph Prince.

The Association meets Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in August.

Recess, dismissed by Bro. Hefner.

Sermon at 11, Bro. Wilson.

Songs, High, Leonard Douthitt.

Prayer, Rogers.

Christ raised from the dead. His messages are not for the dead but the living. God of living we have common Saved one in Heaven Christ the Lord.

Song, High.

Dismissed by Raymond Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Songs, Wilson, Light and Thompson.

Devotional reading, Luke 12:29 through 36, Moderator.

Prayer, Million.

Monument Committee elected, Dewey Thompson, Melvin Shelton, G. W. Million.

Elected Will S. White, Home Missionary.

R. S. Shelton is to preach the memorial sermon next year.

Relton Forehand and Glenn Childers were ordained as deacons.

E. S. Bebb and Orville Cox were ordained as deacons.

Song, Bro. Jones.

Offering for Bro. Shelton.

Adjourned the business session to meet with the O'Kean Church on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1953.

Dismissed by Will S. White.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

Pastored Grandview $\frac{1}{2}$ time. 23 sermons, traveled 1029 miles, received \$190.00. $\frac{1}{4}$ time Mt. Harmony Church in Polk Bayou Association 8 months, traveled 1094 miles, 14 sermons, received \$216.00. At Gravesville $\frac{1}{4}$ time, traveled 280 miles for 7 months, 7 sermons, received \$27.75. 3 sermons on radio. Other places 5 sermons, traveled 78 miles, received \$17.75. Witnessed several conversions, baptised 1. Total, 51 sermons, 2411 miles, received \$451.50.

GRADY LINEBAUGH,

College City Br., Walnut Ridge.

Pastored Warm Springs $\frac{1}{2}$ time. 30 sermons, 4 conversions, 5 additions to Church. Traveled 736 miles. Received \$224.00. Other places, 10 sermons, traveled 192 miles, received \$22.00. Public donation \$24.55. Conducted 1 funeral. Have accepted New Bethel Church for this year. 2 sermons, baptised 1. Total, 40 sermons, 928 miles, received \$270.55.

DEWEY THOMPSON,

Route 2, Pocahontas, Ark.

Have pastored 3 churches. New Bethel $\frac{1}{4}$ time. Stony Point $\frac{1}{4}$ time. Pirtle $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Also preached at Gravesville 5th Sundays. Conducted revival there, received \$370.64.

ELDER THURMAN JOHNSON

Reyno, Ark.

Have pastored Alice Brooks Church full time. Preached 93 sermons, 11 conversions, baptised 4. 3 additions to church. Traveled 3190 miles, received \$769.75. Preached O'Kean, Walnut Corner, Pirtle, Evergreen, Little Brown, Sugar Tree Grove Churches and by radio preached 31 sermons. Traveled 1,184 miles, received \$138.50. Conducted 2 funerals, traveled 65 miles, received \$19.00. Attended State League Meeting in Conway. Also the National Association in Shawnee, Okla.

ELDER M. L. SHELTON,

Seminole, Oklahoma.

Have pastored Clear Lake $\frac{1}{4}$ time, received 18 into Church fellowship. For services received \$126.21. Poplar Valley $\frac{1}{4}$ time, received \$209.25. $\frac{1}{4}$ time at Shady Grove, received \$129.44. A revival, Richwoods, received \$46.47. A revival, Mt. Harmony, received \$127.77. 2 revivals Arbor Grove, received \$19.50. Received from other places, \$62.22. Officiated 17 marriage services, \$60.00. Conducted 20 funeral, \$5.00. Total, \$830.86.

W. C. LAKEY,

Pastored Mt. Zion full time from September until January 12. Preached 33 sermons, received \$420.90. At other places, 9 sermons, conducted 2 funerals, married 2 couples, received for these \$15.00. Had 2 fifth Sunday appointments at Arbor Grove. Held 1 Thanksgiving service. Received \$35.50.

LONNIE WALKER

Have pastored Pocahontas church. Preached 180 sermons, 92 radio addresses, conducted 8 revivals, witnessed 73 confessions of faith, preached 8 funerals, married 13 couples. Received \$2700.00 as pastor. From 8 revivals

received \$632.00. Funerals and marriages, \$71.00. Traveled 12,000 miles, conducted a Christian Workers institute. Attended State and National Associations. Am a member of the Board of Foreign Missions and vice president of the Arkansas State League Convention.

J. REFORD WILSON,
Pocahontas, Arkansas

In past year have preached 12 sermons at the Flint Freewill Baptist Church. Preached 25 sermons at Mt. Zion Church. 14 sermons at Clear Lake, from Mt. Zion received \$224.00, Clear Lake, \$43.00. 13 conversions, traveled 549 miles, 51 sermons, 2 sermons K.P.O.C., 1 K.R.L.W.

GLENN CAMPBELL
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

O'Kean, 56 sermons, 20 professions, baptised 17, additions, 24, traveled 1170 miles, received \$420.00. Poplar Valley, 35 sermons, 4 professions, 7 additions, traveled 2700 miles, received \$248.94. Little Brown, 36 sermons, 6 professions, 4 additions, traveled 2320 miles, received \$265.00. In revival at Coffman, 11 sermons, 8 professions, baptised 8, additions 14, traveled 300 miles, received \$44.00. Pirtle, 15 sermons, 4 professions, baptised 4, traveled 4 miles. Other places, 11 sermons, traveled 500 miles, received \$44.25. 5 marriages, received \$10.00. 4 funerals, received \$10.00. Total sermons, 164, traveled 6990 miles, witnessed 42 professions, received \$1032.19.

CARL HIGH
Peach Orchard, Arkansas.

New Covenant $\frac{1}{4}$ time, 10 sermons, traveled 144 miles, received \$45.51. Rickey Chapel, 27 sermons, 56 miles, received \$92.20. Total sermons 37, traveled 200 miles, received \$140.51. Haven't pastored any church since March on account of my illness.

R. S. SHELTON
O'Kean, Ark.

Have pastored Mt. Zion $\frac{1}{2}$ time since February. 32 sermons. Had 6 conversions, 9 additions to church, baptised 3, traveled 413 miles, received \$245.00. Arbor Grove, 51 sermons, 13 conversions, 1 addition to Church. Traveled 296 miles, received \$254.95. In revival at Rickey Chapel, 7 sermons, 1 conversion, 281.3 miles, received \$24.40. New Home, 3 sermons, 1 conversion, traveled 214 miles, received \$17.75. Sharum, New Home, Oak Grove, Poplar Valley, Warm Springs, Little Brown, Sutton, Free Will Baptist Churches, Hoxie, and Hopewell Pentecost Churches, and KPOC. Total, baptised 10, traveled 1823 miles, received \$584.25.

O. D. WINFREY,
Hoxie, Ark.

Have pastored Sutton $\frac{1}{2}$ time. 50 sermons, 2 conversion, received \$630.00. Arbor Grove $\frac{1}{2}$ time, 49 sermons, traveled 550 miles, received \$730.00. Conducted 7 revivals, 49 conversions, baptised 10, for these services received \$600.00. Conducted 7 funerals, married 3 couples.

BILLY ROGERS,
Pocahontas, Ark.

Preached part time at Pruitt Chapel. 11 sermons, including revival. Do-

nated services. Traveled 144 miles. $\frac{1}{2}$ time Rickey Chapel from June. 14 sermons, traveled 422 miles, received \$38.90. $\frac{1}{4}$ time Sugar Tree Grove. 8 sermons, traveled 600 miles, received \$41.20. 2 sermons on radio, 1 at Sharum, 1 Carson Lake Church. Sermons 38, miles 1600 received \$70.10.

O. C. COX

Sermons 68. Over K.P.O.C., 1 sermon. Traveled 1117 miles, received \$20.00.

Edwin S. Bebb.

In $5\frac{1}{2}$ months preached 1 sermon at Now Hope, 1 at Warm Springs, 1 at O'Kean, 1 Sugar Tree Grove, 2 Little Brown. 4 Arbor Grove, received \$23.00. 1 Pirtle, received \$7.55. 4 radio messages K.R.L.W. Total, 15 sermons, received \$30.55. Attended State League Camp in Conway. Also the National Association in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Traveled 1800 miles.

WILL S. WHITE,

Pocahontas, Ark.

Have pastored 2 churches $\frac{1}{4}$ time. Sugar Tree Grove, 28 sermons, 2 professions, baptised 2, 6 additions, received \$189.14, traveled 1800 miles. Old Reyno, 27 sermons, 2 profession, baptised 3, received 3 into church, received \$195.00, traveled 1500 miles. In revival at Pruett Chapel 3 sermons, 2 professions, conducted 1 funeral. Totals, 58 sermons, received \$384.14, traveled 3300 miles, baptised 5. Called to pastor Sugar Tree Grove and Warm Springs.

HENRY PAULEY

Beech Grove, Ark.

EVANGELIST REPORT

Visited the following churches: Fruit Chapel, 4 sermons; Clear Lake, 2 sermons, received \$3.20; Stony Point, 2 sermons, \$8.30; Mt. Zion, 2 sermons, \$5.50; Poplar Valley, 1 sermon, \$6.75; Arbor Grove, 2 sermons; New Bethel, 4 sermons, \$5.00; Grand View, 1 sermon, \$5.00; Warm Springs, 1 sermon, \$4.95; Carson Lake, 1 service, \$3.00; New Covenant, 1 sermon; Little Brown, 2 sermons, \$5.50; Shannon, 1 sermon; Sutton, 1 sermon; Union Grove 2 sermons; New Home, 22 sermons, \$66.78. Total, 47 sermons, received \$209.43. Helped organize Union Grove Church. Bro. Tucker helped in organizing this church. Witnessed 1 conversion at New Home.

HENRY PAULEY,

Route 1, Beech Grove

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Standing Divine Committee:

CARL HIGH

MELVIN SHELTON

REFORD WILSON

Home Mission Board:

DEWEY THOMPSON

O. D. WINFREY

LOWELL GRAHAM
CLAUDE HARMON
WILL S. WHITE

Radio Program Committee:

EARL SMITH
MELVIN SHELTON
LOWELL GRAHAM
DEWEY THOMPSON
WILL S. WHITE

Monument Committee:

DEWEY THOMPSON
MELVIN SHELTON
G. W. MILLION

Sunday School and League:

SISTER MARY STATEN
SISTER FOWLER
SISTER GRIFFIN
SLOAN MARTIN
SISTER CLEARWATER

Obituary:

BRO. FLOYD GOODWIN
SISTER MESSER
SISTER CASTEEL
SISTER WOOLDRIDGE
BRO. HILL

Divine Committee just for time our association was in progress:

RALPH JARRETT
NEIL HARMON
SISTER FOREHAND
SISTER GRAHAM
SISTER RICKER

Resolutions:

WILL S. WHITE
O. D. WINFREY
HENRY PAULEY
B. S. FORRESTER
ORVILLE COX

Finance:

RAYMOND McNUTT
VIA HAWKINS
WANON SAGO
SISTER WEST
BRO. STOUT

We the committee on League and Sunday School find that (17) Seven-

teen churches have Sunday Schools and (12) twelve have leagues.

We recommend that all the churches use Free Will Baptist literature, that all who do not have Leagues to organize one.

Committee.

There is now a total of sixty six dollars and six cents \$66.06 in the monument fund.

Reported by B. F. Palmer, Chairman of Committee

Home Mission Report:

Balance from the Association, \$410.98. Grady Linebaugh, Treasurer.

Obituary report: We find that the Lord has called from labor to reward ten (10) from our association in the past year:

ELLEN DITTO
WILL SPENSER
MAZIE TYLER
LONNIE WALKER
BEULAH WAGNER
J. T. WHEELESS
KATIE LEWIS
JANE BARKS
DELANE BARKS
DORTHA PARKS

By Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that our Christian Training Institute be held in January at the Mt. Zion Church.

2. Be it resolved that we have a Home Missionary instead of an Evangelist. Same to be elected by the Association. Also set his salary.

Be it resolved that the tent fund now in the Home Mission Treasury be transferred to the Home Missionary Fund to help finance the Missionary.

3. Be it resolved that we now have no tent fund such as way in resolution No. 1 last year. The \$50.00 per church per year to go to home mission fund.

4. We your committee on resolutions wish to express our thanks to the Mt. Zion Church and community for their hospitality. Committee.

MINISTERS LIST

O. D. Winfrey, Hoxie, Ark.
 Licensed Glenn Campbell, Walnut
 Ridge, Arkansas
 W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick, Ark.
 Wayne House, Bono, Ark.
 L. W. Hodge, Bono, Ark.
 W. F. Vickery, Broken Arrow, Okla.
 E. L. Bibbs, Pocahontas, Rt. 1
 Bob Garrett, Pocahontas, Rt. 1
 L. D. Gillam
 J. W. Russell, College City Br. W. R.
 Grady Linebaugh, College City Br.
 Elvie Johnston, College City Br.
 Thurman Johnson
 R. S. Shelton, O'Kean, Ark.

Carl High, Peach Orchard, Ark.
 Ira Yates, Peach Orchard, Ark.
 Orville Cox, Beech Grove, Ark. Rt. 1
 Licensed J. S. Hicks, Peach Orchard
 Henry Pauley, Beech Grove, Rt. 1
 G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.
 J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Eugene Davis
 Willie Tyler
 Licensed Will S. White
 Bro. Hefner
 Billy Rogers, Pocahontas, Ark.
 Dewey Thompson, Pocahontas, Ark.
 B. S. Forrester, Walnut Ridge Route
 Hubert Forrester, Walnut Ridge Rt.

DEACONS LIST

Fred Rawlings
 W. S. Knight
 W. B. Davis
 Harmon Johnson
 Jess Murphy
 Howard Statler
 Elmer Swift
 Willis Cribbs
 Theodore Richardson
 Hiram White
 Vernon Richey
 Lirla Smith
 Lum Wicker
 A. C. Pendergrass
 Ben Hawkins
 Lowell Graham
 Everette Neece
 Eulen Light
 Ben Million
 Vaston Sutton
 Edd Kincade
 E. L. Jones
 H. C. Jolly
 Alden Jones
 Earl Smith
 Paul Hatfield
 Robert Counts

Paul Hogan
 Audrian Million
 Guy Ward
 Milas Haynes
 George Hopper
 Ben Patterson
 Luther Crays
 Goldman Wooldridge
 J. W. Dale
 Arthur King
 J. L. Norris
 Eldin Ring
 Willey Ricker
 Harrison Vallence
 Ervin Clark
 Horace Holder
 Howard Martin
 Paul Morris
 Claude Harmon
 J. O. Martin
 Floyd Jones
 T. W. Bennett
 D. W. McNutt
 Leonard Douthitt
 Raymond McNutt
 Relton Forehand
 Arthur Sluder

Benton Holt
Almon Bingham
Avon Ingram
I. C. Staten
Marvin Riggs

G. E. Hester
John Lee Pope
Harry Mackey
H. C. Niswonger
Shelby Griffin

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, com-

pleted 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; Isiah 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; I 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; I 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. **JUDGEMENT.** 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 ab-

stain 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.



20 STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERK	PASTOR	Received	Dismissed	Died	S. School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
Little Brown	Harold Statler	Carl High	4	2	0	Y	O	Y	\$2500	56
Rickey Chapel	Cina Like	O. D. Winfrey	0	0	0	Y	O	Y	2000	22
New Bethel	Ethel Brown	Dewey Thompson	1	0	0	Y	O	Y	2000	19
New Covenant	J. T. Holland	O. D. Winfrey	0	0	0	Y	O	O		110
Stony Point	Susie Hulvey	Thurman Johnson	0	0	0	Y	O	O		20
Arbor Grove	Lucille Goodwin	Billy Rogers	15	1	1	Y	Y	Y	2000	96
Sutton	Mrs. J. W. Burrow	Billy Rogers	2	0	0	Y	Y	Y	5000	70
Grandview	Pauline Duff	Eugene Davis	0	0	0	Y	Y	O		78
Pocahontas	Alta Lee Miller	Reford Wilson	20	1	1	Y	Y	Y	12500	229
Pruitt Chapel	Pronie Cox	Orville Cox	3	2	0	Y	O	Y	2500	79
Pirtle	Oran Smith	Thurman Johnson	7	0	0	Y	O	Y	1500	68
O'Kean	Lina Stone	J. W. Russell	23	0	2	Y	Y	Y	1250	149
Old Reyno	Jewell Graham	Thurman Johnson	3	0	0	Y	Y	Y	2500	125
Mt. Zion	Raymond McNutt	Elvie Johnston	15	4	0	Y	Y	Y	5000	40
Warm Springs	Martha Holt	Henry Pauley	4	0	0	Y	O	Y	1000	41
Alice Brooks	Fannie Haynes	E. L. Bibb	1	7	1	Y	Y	Y	2000	90
S. Tree Grove	Mattie Hopper	Henry Pauley	6	2	3	Y	O	Y	2000	26
Poplar Valley	Faye Lakey	Carl High	7	5	1	Y	Y	Y	3000	164
Union Grove	Nola Howard	Bland Massey	9	0	0	Y	O	O		9
Clear Lake	Madge Davis	W. C. Lakey	18	0	0	O	O	O		18

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