

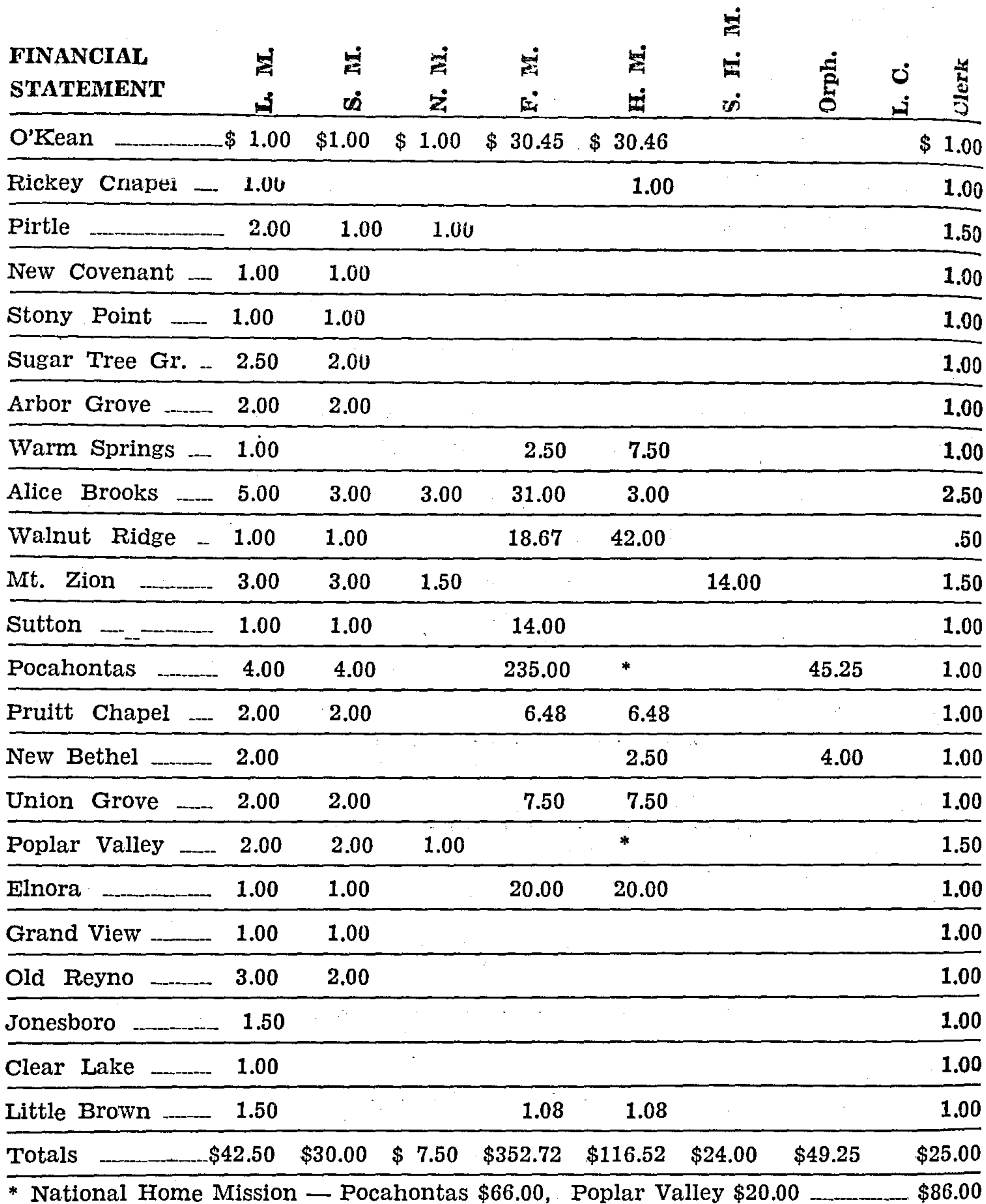
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**PROCEEDINGS**

The eightieth annual session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist Association convened with the Poplar Valley Church Thursday night, September 16, 1954 with the moderator Rev. J. Reford Wilson in charge.

Songs by Bros. Earl Dunham, Jess Murphy and Raymond McNutt.

Prayers: Rev. B. S. Forrester, R. G. Lane.

Devotional: Rev. Wayne House.

Sermon: Rev. Hubert Forrester using St. John, 14th Chapter. Subject: Let not your heart be troubled.

Dismissed by Rev. Carl Hudson.

**FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

Assembled at 9 o'clock with Rev. Carl High, assistant moderator in charge.

Songs by Bros. Everette Neece, Lowell Graham, Revs. Dewey Thompson and Henry Pauley.

Devotional reading, Rev. Will S. White from Luke 9:23 to 28.

Letters read and delegates seated.

Welcome address, Bro. Fred West.

Response, Bro. Dewey Graham.

Officers elected were, Rev. Carl High, moderator; J. Reford Wilson, assistant moderator; clerk, Raymond McNutt.

Appointment of committees:

Pulpit — Sisters Edith King, Vela Russell, Jewel Jarrett, Fay Puckett, and Bro. Claude Harmon.

Sunday School and League — Sisters Mabel Stanley, Barbara Campbell, Mackey Tyler, and Bro. Wess Herring.

Obituary — Sisters Ossie Messer, Geraldine Carver and Bro. Johnnie Whitlow.

Finance — Sister Annie Rothe, Bros. C. B. Stone, Ike Puckett, Dewey Graham, and Raymond McNutt.



Resolutions — Rev. B. S. Forrester, Ira Gates, G. E. Hester, Wayne Tucker, and Will S. White.

Rev. R. G. Lane, Bro. Paul Graham, and Bro. Cavener were recognized in the usual manner.

Had a short recess.

Came together with song directed by moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Paul Graham.

Song by Bro. Jess Murphy.

Prayer by Bro. Cavener from Polk Bayou Association.

The 11 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Billy Rogers, scripture Neimah. Subject, doing the will of God.

Song by Bro. Ike Puckett.

Announcements by Rev. W. C. Lakey.

Dismissed by Rev. Wiley B. Davis for the noon hour.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Assembled at 1:30 with a song by Bro. Lowell Graham.

Prayer by Bro. A. C. Pendergrass.

Song by Bro. Garfield Throgmartin.

Received oral report from the Stony Point Church by Bro. Pendergrass and Rev. Thurman Johnson.

Devotional Rev. Will S. White, Matt. 22nd and Rev. 22, theme, keeping commandments of God.

Song by moderator, Bro. High.

Delegates elected to the state association were: C. B. Stone, Naomi Denton, Dora Walker, Mrs. Robert Romack and Lorene White.

Alternate delegates: Gussie Jarrett, Grace Manus, Ossie Messer, Mrs. Ike Puckett and Mrs. Billy Rogers.

Delegates to the national association were Raymond McNutt, Ike Puckett, Jess Murphy, Everette Neece, and Sister Lorene White.

Obituary report given.

S. S. and League report given.

Missionary report given.

We asked for and received the next state association to convene with the Pocahontas Church. The entertaining of this will be for the entire Social Band Association.

Radio program was planned. The radio committee is as follows: Rev. Henry Pauley, Dewey Thompson, and Bros. Lowell Graham, Ike Puckett, Everette Neece.

Adjourned busiess on motion and second until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Songs directed by Bros. Carl High, Jess Murphy, Earl Dunham, M. D. Boyd, and Joe Floyd.

Prayers by Rev. Thurman Johnson and Jerry Thompson.

Special number by the Twin City Four from the Walnut Ridge Church.

The home missionary was abandoned for the present.

Devotional, Rev. G. E. Hester.

Messages by Revs. Will S. White and Wayne Tucker. Subject, Communion and feet washing. Scripture, I Cor. II 13 to 23. John 13. Luke 7.

Rev. Wayne House gave thanks for the bread. Bro. Marvin Raiggs for the cup. A large number took part in the ordinances. We sang a hymn and went out.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by the moderator.

Song by Bro. Everette Neece.

Prayer, T. W. Bennett.

Devotional reading, Rev. Ira Gates. Scripture 1st Cor. 10:1 to 11.

Received ministers reports and home mission treasurers report.

The home mission committee was elected as follows: Jerry Thompson, J. W. Russell, Ira Gates, O. C. Cox, and Dewey Thompson.

Recessed for a short period.

Came together in song by moderator.

Prayer by J. W. Russell.

Song by Bro. Eulen Light.

Sunday School and league reported.

Business adjourned until Saturday afternoon.

Prayers by Revs. Hubert Forrester, J. Reford Wilson.

Song by Rev. Melvin Shelton.

Memorial sermon by Rev. Grady Linebaugh. Scripture Acts 2:22 to 32. Subject, He is dead and buried but his sepulchre is with us. The challenge was what will we leave besides a tomb.

Talk by Rev. Lakey.

Prayer by Wayne Tucker.

Song by Bro. Ike Puckett.

Dismissed for noon hour by Rev. Orville Cox.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Songs by McNutt, Throgmorton.

Prayer by Melvin Shelton.

Devotional Reading, Isiah 44:1 to 8 by Rev. Henry Pauley.

There was one ordained as minister, G. E. Hester, and three as deacons, Dewey Graham, Ike Puckett, and Charley Tharp.

Rev. Melvin Shelton was chosen to deliver the memorial message in 1955 at Sharum Church.

Late ministers reports received.

Quarterly meeting report received.

Resolution No. 1 was a recommendation for the state to set up a home mission program to work with our local home mission board.

Resolutions No. 2 that the moderator or assistant moderator not serve on the official Presbety board. This resolution passed and a new board was elected they are Ira Gates, Melvin Shelton and O. D. Winfrey.

Sister Naomi Denton was retained as associational reporter.

The next annual session of the association will meet with the Alice Brooks Church at Sharum on Thursday night before the third Sunday, September 15, 1955.

The ordination prayers were by Ira Gates and Wayne Tucker. This service was at 3:15 o'clock.

Resolution No. 3 — Resolve that this body extend to the host church of Poplar Valley our sincere thanks of appreciation for the splendid job of caring for this the eightieth session of the Social Band Association. Committee: B. S. Forrester, Wayne Tucker, I. R. Gates, G. E. Hester.

### MINISTERS REPORTS

Pastored Warm Springs half time, 45 sermons, 5 professions, baptized 3, received 1 into church, traveled 3,700 miles, received \$276.46. Half time Arbor Grove, 44 sermons, traveled 1,716 miles, conducted 14 bible studies in revival Cache Hall, 13 professions, traveled 242 mi., received \$22.00. New Home, 16 sermons, 568 mi., received \$71.65. KPOC, 4 ser. O'Kean, 1 sermon. Jonesboro, 1. Stony Point, 2. Married 3 couples. 51 sermons over KRLW. Total sermons, 104, received \$803.65, mi. 7,304.

#### HENRY PAULEY

Beech Grove, Arkansas

Have preached 9 sermons, taught bible class in Sunday school 9 months, conducted Bible study on communion and feet washing.

#### I. R. GATES

Peach Orchard, Arkansas

Pastored Pruitt Chapel Church half time, 48 sermons, received \$205.00, had 55 professions, received 27 into church, conducted 1 broadcast, traveled 1780 miles.

#### HUBERT FORRESTER

Rockford, Illinois

Pastored Stony Point half time, held 1 revival, helped in 3 others, witnessed 6 professions, baptized 6, conducted 3 funerals, traveled 2,000 miles, received \$165.00. Have the Rickey Chapel Church for 1955.

#### EDWIN BIBBS

Route One, Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pastored Elnora Church. 104 sermons, 16 professions 14 came into the church, baptized 10, traveled 1,920 mi., received \$270.00 as pastor, conducted 1 revival, 2 professions, traveled 216 mi., received \$25.00, 6 sermons. Total 110 sermons, traveled 2,136, received \$295.00.

#### DEWEY THOMPSON

Route 2, Pocahontas, Arkansas

Traveled 3,000 mi. preached 40 messages, received \$200.00 held one revival, witnessed 6 professions, have spent 9 months in the Free Will Baptist College at Nashville, Tenn., have accepted the Grandview Church for 1955. Also attending the Southern Baptist Seminary at Walnut Ridge.

#### JERRY THOMPSON

Pocahontas, Arkansas



Pastored 2 churches, witnessed 40 professions, 9 came into the church, 7 revivals, 5 funerals, married one couple, received \$1,970.00.

BILLY ROGERS

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Had half time at Grandview Church, 33 sermons, traveled 648 mi., received \$173.00. Mt. Zion, 2 sermons. Walnut Ridge, 2 sermons, received \$16.00. Total sermons 37, miles 657. \$189.00.

J. W. RUSSELL

1108 S. E. 2nd St., Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Preached 102 sermons, received 17 new members, witnessed 5 professions, conducted 9 funerals, married 3 couples, traveled 433 mi., received \$858.00.

H. GLYNN CAMPBELL

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Pastored Old Reyno half time, was at Gravesville  $\frac{1}{4}$  time and 5th Sunday. Conducted 4 funerals. 1 sermon at Sharum, one at Pirtle, one at Pocahontas. Received, Old Reyno, \$80.00, Gravesville \$50.00, Pirtle \$15.61, from Bro. Wilson \$7.50. Total received \$153.11.

THURMAN JOHNSON

Reyno, Arkansas

Pastored 2 churches half time. Poplar Valley, including revival, had 5 professions, received \$309.40. Clear Lake  $\frac{1}{4}$  time and Richwoods,  $\frac{1}{4}$  time. 2 professions at Clear Lake, received \$155.86. Richwoods, 10 professions, received \$179.80. Married 12 couples, received \$35.00. Conducted 11 funerals, received \$25.00. Total received \$705.06.

W. C. Lakey

Sedgwick, Arkansas

Haven't pastored any this year, have preached some by appointment, worked in revivals, witnessed 60 professions, baptized 2, assisted in one funeral, have no church for coming year.

O. C. COX

Beech Grove, Arkansas, Route 1

Pastored the Mt. Zion Church the past year, delivered 91 messages, traveled 400 mi., received \$966.39 from the church. Other gifts, \$5.00. A total of \$971.39. Have accepted the Coffman Church full time.

GRADY LINEBAUGH

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, College City Branch

Preached at Cross Roads  $\frac{1}{2}$  time, 40 messages, received \$86.36. Rickey Chapel, 2 messages, received \$6.50. 2 sermons at Little Brown, received \$6.61. Rickey Chapel, one revival, 6 sermons, received \$18.00. Oldham's Chapel, 4 sermons, received \$6.58. Other places, 18 sermons, witnessed 1 profession. Total 72 sermons, received \$124.05.

G. E. HESTER

Route 3, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Pastored Pocahontas church, preached 144 sermons, delivered 71 radio addresses, conducted 5 revivals, received into the church 29 members, conducted 10 funerals, performed 5 marriage ceremonies, received for services,



\$3,630.00, traveled approximately 14,350 miles, attended all quarterly meetings, Arkansas state association, state league convention, national league conference, Nashville, Tennessee, National Ass'n, Spartanburg, S. C., and Missionary conference, Nashville, Tenn. I am chairman of the state executive board and a member of the board of foreign missions of the national association of Free Will Baptists.

**J. REFORD WILSON**

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pastored the Jonesboro church, one revival at Sugar Tree Grove, assisted in three others, preached 102 sermons, two radio programs, witnessed 20 professions traveled to the work at Jonesboro, 5,000 mi., home mission work traveled 2,700 mi., attended the state league meeting, traveled 270 mi., Nat. Assn. traveled 1,500 mi. Total mi. 9,530. Total amount received \$181.00

**WILL S. WHITE**

Pocahontas, Arkansas

#### **HOME MISSION TREASURER REPORT**

At the beginning of this church year we had \$298.00 in treasury. We have received from the churches \$74.66. We have paid our Home Missionary \$66.40 and have left in treasury \$306.26.

**REV. DEWEY THOMPSON**

#### **HOME MISSIONARY REPORT**

I traveled 2,760 mi. in home mission work, received 4c per mi. for 1,660 mi. or \$66.40. Received from Sugar Tree Grove church, \$14.60. From the Jonesboro church received \$100.00, making a total of \$181.00 received for year's work. While doing home mission spent \$193.20 In going to my church work, \$350.00. Offering given to my church, \$465.00. Total expense and offering, \$1008.20. Total received \$181.00 or \$817.20 plus one years labor is my contribution for the cause of Christ for the past year.

**WILL S. WHITE**

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pastored New Covenant church half time, 47 sermons, traveled 840 mi., received \$360.00. Oak Grove ½ time, 43 sermons, traveled 950 mi., received \$166.95. At other places 6 sermons, traveled 166.4 mi., received \$26.00. Conducted 4 revivals, Walnut Corner, 9 sermons, 387 mi., received \$45.00, Oak Grove, 303 mi., received \$46.40, Pruitt Chapel, 12 sermons, 580 mi., received \$55.00, New Covenant, 12 sermons, 420 mi., received \$22.00. Total sermons 129, traveled 3,646.4 mi., received \$721.32, had 81 professions baptized 51.

**O. D. WINFREY**

Hoxie, Arkansas

Pastored O'Kean half time, 40 sermons, including revival, traveled 1100 mi., 9 professions, baptized 5, 6 additions to the church, received \$365.00. Little Brown, ½ time, 57 sermons, traveled 2700 mi., 14 professions, baptized 11, 7 additions to church, received \$424.00. Revivals at Williams, Walnut Ridge, Jonesboro, Elnora, Walnut Corner, had 27 professions in revivals. Conducted 4 funerals, 14 sermons elsewhere, witnessed 6 professions, a total of 162 sermons, traveled 6,700 mi., received \$1315.02, witnessed 56 professions.

Have been called and accepted Arbor Grove full time.

CARL HIGH

Peach Orchard, Arkansas

#### OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee find that God has called from our midst the following: Sister Helen Mackey, Poplar Valley; Christina Smart, Sutton; Henrietta Atkins, Pocahontas; Birdie Kirk, Old Reyno; Bro. Joe Hart, Old Reyno; Sister Mable Russell, Rickey Chapel; Bro. W. F. Vickery, Sugar Tree Grove; Sister Nancy Smith, Alice Brooks. Committee, Sisters Ossie Messer, Geraldine Carner, Bro. Johnnie Whitlow.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We your committee find that all the 23 churches represented have Sunday Schools and only 12 have leagues. We suggest that all the churches try to get a league started. Committee, Mabel Stanley, Iva Herring, Barbara Campbell, W. W. Tyler and Anna Romack.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS REPORT

The first meeting was at Warm Springs Nov. 27, 28, 1953. 14 churches were present. Money sent, minutes \$22.15, clerk hire \$10.75, foreign mission \$289.03, home mission \$27.70, national home mission \$10.00. Bro. G. E. Hester was licensed to preach.

The second meeting with Alice Brooks, Jan. 29, 30, 1954. 16 churches present. Money sent, minutes \$23.50, clerk \$13.50, F. M. \$84.36, H. M. \$14.05, State H. M. \$5.40, Nat. H. M. \$14.93. We decided to have a training and Bible school Feb. 22 to March 5, Revs. Million and Wilson were chosen as teachers.

Third meeting at Pirtle, May 28, 29, 1954, with 20 churches present. Money sent, minutes \$28.75, clerk \$18.50, H. M. \$24.21, F. M. \$37.87, state association \$9.00, S. H. mission \$2.00, N. H. M. \$69.39. Bro. Charles Doherty was ordained to preach.

Fourth meeting at Walnut Ridge church, Aug. 27, 28, 1954. 19 churches present. Money sent, minutes \$25.00, clerk \$16.30, F. M. \$33.76, H. M. \$30.14, N. H. M. \$45.00, youth encampment \$51.32, lights for Cuba \$16.00. Bro. Jerry Thompson was ordained to preach. Bros. Ralph Jarrett, J. C. Jackson and Grover Dunkin were ordained as deacons.

Sister Leora High, clerk of quarterly meeting.

#### MINISTERS REPORT

Pastored two churches half time. Pirtle, 33 sermons including revival and 2 radio programs, witnessed 11 professions, 7 additions to church, baptized 6, received \$268.25. Rickey Chapel, 21 sermons including two radio messages, 2 professions, one addition to church, received \$168.00. In revival at O'Kean, 9 sermons, 9 professions, received \$55.00. Revival at Oak Ridge, 17 sermons, 9 professions, received \$35.00, one funeral service, one marriage ceremony. Total 88 sermons, 31 professions. Other sources received \$10.00.



Total received \$536.25.

REV. WAYNE HOUSE

335 N. Drake, Jonesboro, Arkansas

### CLERKS REPORT

Total members received in association 138, baptized 115, dismissed 17, exc. 6, dec. 9, total m. s. 1604, average in S. S. 1276, no. officers 47, teachers 78, league attendance 335, aux. mm 88, val. property \$70,900.00, p. p. \$9,982.00, Evangelist \$1,463.75, building and rep. \$3,432.00 inc. foreign missions \$548.35, H. M. \$136.37, youth encampment \$273.44, pub. and literature \$805.20, Edu. \$407.48, orph. 81.25, Nat. H. M. \$86.00, radio exp. \$960.40.

Rec. minute money, \$80.00 in letters, H. M. \$17.56, F. M., \$25.50 C. H., \$4.00 S. H. M., Orph. \$4.50. \$70.00 in treasury when we met. Carry over from last year and turn back from quarterly meetings the \$4.00 S. H. M. sent to W. S. Isbell, \$17.56 to Dewey Thompson and same to Wayne Tucker, to R. D. Smith, state clerk \$71.13, minute and Nat. Association exp. inc. orph. \$44.50 and \$7.50 inc. for nat. min., \$60.00 min. money sent leaving \$20.00 to make a total of \$90.00 in treasury. Drawn out for ministers, deacons papers, and letter forms to the Gem press \$9.00 leaving \$81.00 for local minutes.

Raymond McNutt, Associational Clerk.

### 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, their wives who are members, 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 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 with-



drawn 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 business by a majority of all 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.

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

#### **RULES OF 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 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; Matthew 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 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, work 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 willfully 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; Re. 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 Saviour 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	CLERK	PASTOR	Received	B. T.	Dismissed	Deceased	Oxz.	S. School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
Pirtle	Oran Smith	Wayne House	7	6	1	0	O	Y	O	Y	\$3000	57
Stony Point	Susie Hulvey	Thurman Johnson	0	0	0	0	O	Y	O	O		96
Warm Springs	Martha Holt	Lehman Wiggs	1	3	0	0	O	Y	O	Y	1000	41
New Covenant	Alpha Holder	O. D. Winfrey	0	0	0	0	O	Y	O	O		93
Sutton	Dorothy Childress	Billy Rogers	4	2	0	1	O	Y	O	Y	5000	100
Grand View	Pauline Duff	Jerry Thompson	0	0	2	0	O	Y	O	Y	3000	64
Alice Brooks	Fannie Haynes	Eugene Davis	5	5	0	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	2000	
Elnora	Lola Jarrett	Dewey Thompson	14	10	0	0	O	Y	Y	Y	2700	32
Poplar Valley	Fay Lakey	W. C. Lakey	8	3	4	1	O	Y	Y	Y	4000	183
Union Grove	Valona F. Green	Wayne Tucker	1	0	0	0	O	Y	O	Y	2500	11
Little Brown	Mrs. Harold Statler	Melvin Shelton	7	11	0	0	O	Y	Y	Y	5000	56
Rickey Chapel	Cina Like	E. L. Bibbs	1	0	0	1	O	Y	O	Y	2000	15
O'Kean	Roselyn Ragsdale	Melvin Shelton	6	5	2	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	3000	136
Sugar Tree Grove	Mattie Hopper	Wayne Tucker	0	0	0	1	O	Y	Y	Y	2500	26
Clear Lake	Madge Davis	W. C. Lakey	0	0	0	0	O	Y	O	O		24
Pocahontas	Alta Lee Miller	J. Reford Wilson	29	14	0	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	12500	276
Mt. Zion	Clata McNutt	Ira Gates	6	4	4	0	O	Y	Y	Y	3000	29
Pruett Chapel	Mrs. Cris Watson	O. D. Winfrey	0	39	1	0	Y	Y	O	Y	2500	115
Jonesboro	John Nelson	Will S. White	23	0	1	0	O	Y	Y	Y	400	32
New Bethel	Delma Richey	Henry Pauley	0	0	0	0	O	Y	O	O		18
Walnut Ridge	Doyle Boyd	H. Glynn Campbell	17	6	0	0	O	Y	Y	Y	7000	62
Arbor Grove	Mrs. Lucille Goodwin	Carl High	3	1	1	1	O	Y	Y	Y	3000	95
Old Reyno	Jewell Graham	Thurman Johnson	0	0	0	2	O	Y	O	Y	3500	63
Totals			132	109	15	9	4	23	11	19	67,600	1584