

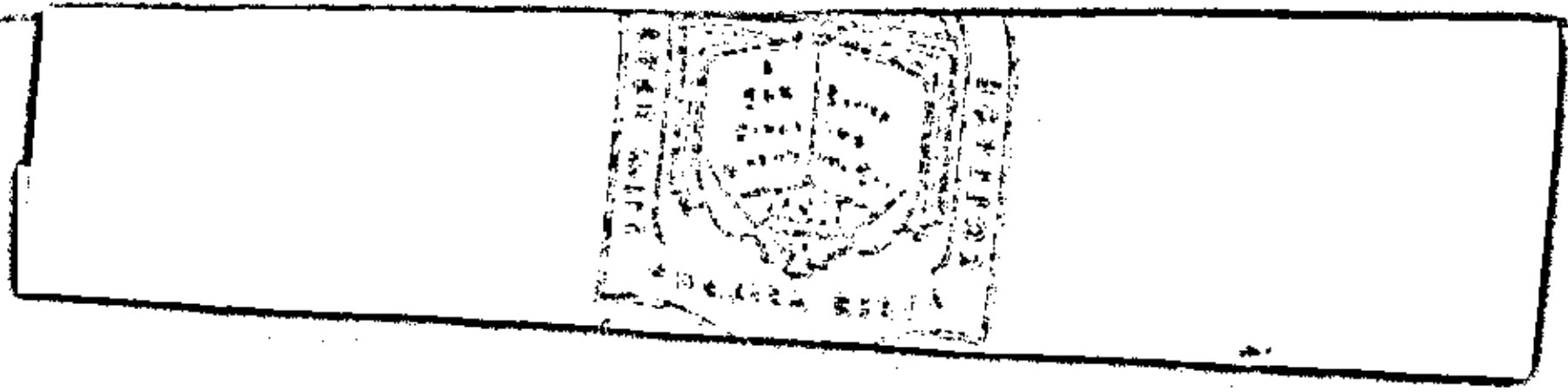
**THE  
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**1955**  
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened At  
ALICE BROOKS CHURCH**

**Pocahontas, Arkansas  
ROUTE**



FINANCIAL STATEMENT	L. M.	S. M.	N. M.	F. M.	H. M.	S. H. M.	N. H. M.	Y C.	Clerk
Jonesboro .....	1.50			10.00	23.50				1.00
O'Kean .....	2.00			17.74	17.74			10.46	1.00
Little Brown ..	1.50								1.00
Pocahontas ..	3.00	3.00	2.00	243.45			119.84	98.85	1.00
Pirtle .....	1.50			10.00		5.00			1.00
Rickey Chapel	1.50								1.00
Corning .....	1.00		2.00	2.00		3.50			.50
Mt. Zion .....	3.00	3.00	1.50						1.75
Sugar Tree Grove .....	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00				.50
Un. Grove ....	1.00			2.00	2.00				1.00
Elnora .....	1.00	1.00	1.00	46.00	20.00			14.00	
New Bethel....	1.50								1.00
Wal. Ridge ...	2.00			50.00	50.00				.50
Poplar Val. ...	2.00	1.00	.50						1.50
Grandview ....	2.00	1.00							1.00
Alice Brooks ..	2.00	2.00	2.00	13.50	3.00				1.00
Warm Springs .....	1.00			2.50	7.50				1.00
Arbor Grove .....	2.00	2.00	1.00	110.09			13.00	25.52	1.00
Clear Lake ...	2.00	1.00							1.00
Old Reyno ....	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00				1.00
Pruitt Chapel	3.00	1.00							1.00
Memphis .....	1.00								1.00
Stony Point .....	2.00	2.00							1.00
Oldham Chapel .....	2.00								1.00
Sutton .....	2.00								1.00
New Covenant .....	2.00								1.00
Totals .....	47.50	20.00	11.00	500.28	126.74	8.50	132.84	148.83	24.75

**Minutes of the**  
**Eighty-First Annual Session**  
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**HELD WITH THE**  
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**Pocahontas, Arkansas, Route**

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**PROCEEDINGS**

The eighty-first annual session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Alice Brooks Church Thursday night, September 15, 1955, with moderator Rev. Carl High in charge.

Songs by Bro. Tom Haynes, Rev. Wilson.

Prayer by Rev. Wayne Tucker.

Scripture reading: Romans 12:1, by moderator.

Prayer: Rev. Melvin Shelton.

Devotional: Bro. Dewey Graham.

Song: Rev. Carl High.

Prayer: Rev. E. Bibbs.

Prayer by Bro. Raymond McNutt.

Sermon: Rev. Truman Johnson.

Scripture reading: Matt. 25:14.

Theme: Eternity.

Dismissed by Bro. Dalion Stone.

**FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

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

Songs by Bros. Reford Wilson, Elmer Swift, Edwin Bibbs, Carl High.

Prayers by Revs. Edwin Bibbs, Will S. White, Bro. Eulen Light.

Scripture Reading— 2 Thess 2, by Rev. G. E. Hester.

Letters read and delegates seated.

Welcome Address—Bro. Marvin Riggs.

Response—Rev. Wayne Tucker.

Officers elected were— Rev. Carl High, moderator; Rev. Will S. White, assistant moderator; Leora High, clerk.

Appointment of committees:

Pulpit—Marvin Riggs, Lowell Graham, Fay Lakey, Sister Jackson, Helen Wells.

Sunday School and League—Fay Puckett, Bro. Summers Gussie Jarrett, Naomi Denton, Katie James.

Obituary—Bro. Carver, Mary Lou Sheton, John Boatner, Sister Gills and Bro. Richey.

Finance—Leora High, Marzell Carmicle, Sister Puckett, Barbara Campbell, Agnus Palmer.

Resolutions—Rev. G. E. Hester, Bro. Eulys Light, Rev. R. W. Hodge, Rev. E. Bibbs, Rev. Charles Doherty.

Had a short recess.

Came to order with singing by moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Charles Doherty.

The 11 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; St. Luke 13:6-9. Theme, "The Vinyard of the Lord. What does the Lord expect?"

Singing, "I Am Thine Old Lord," and old-time handshake.

Dismissed by Bro. A. C. Pendergrass for the noon hour.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Assembled at 1:30 with singing directed by Bro. Tom Haynes, Rev. Wayne Tucker.

Visiting minister, Bro. Hopper, of Missouri, led in prayer.

Tardy letters received.

Presberty board was elected in rotation—Rev. Wayne Tucker for three years, Rev. Ira Gates for two years, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, one year.

Delegates elected to the State Association were—Kattie James, Lorene White, Naomi Denton, Agnuss Palmer, Jack Puckett.

Alternate delegates—Johnny Whitlow, Mary Staten, Wilma Whitlow, Euel Haynes, Sister Litherland.

Delegates to the National Association were Lorene White, Sister Garfield Throgmorton, Hattie Smith, Clata McNutt, Bro. Garfield Throgmorton.

Radio program planned. The radio committee is: Rev. Henry Pauley, Rev. Dewey Thompson, Bro's. Lowell Graham, Ike Puckett, Everett Neece.

Bro. Vearl Jones was ordained as deacon with Rev. Reford Wilson and Rev. Wayne Tucker directing the prayer.

Adjourned business until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Rev. L. W. Hodge.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Songs directed by Claude Harmon, Eulen Light, Glynn Campbell, Raymond McNutt.

Prayers: Grady Linebaugh and Eugene Davis.

Devotional: Rev. Will S. White, reading Matt. 7: 24.

Rev. White read Scripture on communion, 1 Cor. 11:23-34.

Song by Eulen Light.

Prayer by Rev. Wayne House.

Rev. Carl High brought the evening message, reading St. John 13: 1-17. Text, John 13-14.

Twenty-seven men and twenty-six women partook of the communion and feet washing services. Rev. Reford Wilson led prayer for the bread. Rev. Wayne Tucker led in prayer for the cup.

We sang a hymn and were dismissed.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order at nine o'clock by moderator.

Song: Raymond McNutt, Eulin Light.

Prayer by Rev. W. C. Lakey, Rev. Ray Scott.

Moderator read Romans 12:5-21. Key verse, 11—"Not sloathful in business fervent in spirit."

Reading rules of order.

Call for tardy letters.



Petitionary letters—Oldham's Chapel came into our Association.

Report of obituary committee.

Home Mission Treasure report.

The committee elected was, Dewey Thompson, J. W. Russell, Edwin Bibbs, Eugene Davis, Raymond McNutt.

Ministers gave reports.

Pirtle was chosen as place for the next Association.

Rev. Wayne Tucker was chosen to preach the Memorial message.

Short recess.

Song by Rev. O. D. Winferry.

Prayer by Rev. Dewey Thompson.

Rev. Ray Scott brought the Memorial message. Reading Col. 3:1-4, 12, 17  
Theme, "The Certainty of Eternal Life thru the Resurrection of Christ."

Song: "Precious Memories," by Raymond McNutt.

Old-time handshake.

Dismissed by Rev. Henry Pauley.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Call to order by moderator.

Song—Lowell Butler.

Prayer by Bro. Milligan.

Devotional reading, Psalms 15, by Rev. J. W. Russell.

Welcomed our visitors from Cave Springs Association and gave them a seat in council.

Report of Sunday School and League.

Report of Quarterly meetings.

Report of finance.

On offering of \$31.59 was received to help pay for State Minutes.

Our 86-year-old minister, Rev. Clemonts, gave a brief talk.

Resolution committee gave report.

Adjournment.

Dismissed by Bro. Wilkenson.

#### MINISTERS REPORTS

I have pastored three churches, Poplar Valley half time, including revival, witnessed eight conversions, received \$275.27; Clear Lake, one-fourth time, received \$89.02; Richwoods, one-fourth time, including revival, witnessed 14 conversions, received \$196.15; Week meeting at Walnut Corner, witnessed one conversion, received \$41.10; three sermons at Little Brown, received \$39.10; conducted five funerals, received \$25.00; officiated in eight marriage ceremonies, received \$16.00. Total received, \$681.64.

W. C. LAKEY

Sedgwick, Arkansas

I have pastored New Bethel half time, preached 41 sermons including revival, witnessed three professions, traveled 3,024 miles, received \$141.00. Two additions to church. Preached at New Home by appointment, 32 sermons, witnessed three professions, baptised two, traveled 3,474 miles, received \$127.52. Preached 16 sermons other place, traveled 582 miles, received \$21.89. Conducted one funeral, married one couple, received \$2.00, Preached 54 sermonetts on K.R.L.W., Preached two sermons on K.P.O.C., total, 146 sermons, 6,080 miles, \$292.41 offering, six professions.

REV. HENRY PAULEY

Route One, Beech Grove, Arkansas

Have pastored the Coffman church full time. Assisted in one meeting, did some radio work. Preached 124 sermons, traveled 6,000 miles, witnessed

several conversions, baptised three, married one couple, received \$1,168.00.

GRADY LINEBAUGH

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

I have pastored Rickey Chapel one-half time until June, then went on full time. Witnessed two conversions, baptised two, preached 30 sermons at Rickey Chapel, one at Elnora, four at New Bethel, one at Stony Point, three at Black Wellden. Performed six marriage ceremonies. Traveled 1,400 miles. Received \$203.00.

REV. EDWIN L. BIBBS

Route One, Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Arbor Grove full time. Preached 109 sermons, including revivals. Traveled 3,600 miles. Witnessed 23 conversions. Baptised 15, 26 additions to church. Received \$1,090.84. Revival at Elnora, preached 11 sermons, witnessed 15 conversions, traveled 660 miles, received \$100.00. Revival at Pruitt Chapel, 11 sermons, witnessed 15 conversions, traveled 400 miles, received \$65.00. Revival at Rockford, Illinois, preached 12 sermons, witnessed nine conversions, traveled 1,200 miles, received \$179.00. Preached 10 sermons elsewhere, performed five marriages, conducted four funerals, traveled 1,000 miles, received \$73.83. Total miles, 6,860; 62 conversions, \$1508.67 for services.

REV. CARL HIGH

Peach Orchard, Arkansas

I pastored Mt. Zion full time, preached 123 sermons, received for pastoral work, \$1002.80. Conducted one revival, assisted in one, witnessed four conversions, received \$80.00. Preached one funeral, received \$175.00, preached six sermons other places, received \$23.00. Married one couple. Attended state and local associations and League Camp at Conway. Traveled 700 miles, received \$1280.80.

REV. I. R. GATES

Peach Orchard, Arkansas

I pastored Walnut Ridge First Free Baptist full time and am called to the same church for this year. Preached 115 sermons, six funerals, two marriages, Traveled 1,307 miles, witnessed six conversions. Baptised four, received eight new members. Received \$1296.00.

REV. H. GLYNN CAMPBELL

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

For work beginning January 9 until August 28, 1955, I preached 16 sermons at Stony Point, received \$11.00.

REV. BEN HAWKINS

Imboden, Arkansas, North Star Route

I pastored Pirtle Church full time, received \$345.00, witnessed four conversions, baptised four, received \$85.00 for revival, received four into the church. Revival at Oak Ridge, witnessed one conversion, received \$40.00, Preached one sermon at Arbor Grove, received \$5.00. Preached five sermons at Sutton, received \$39.00. Total received \$514.00.

REV. WAYNE HOUSE

335 N. Drake

Jonesboro, Arkansas

I have preached at Memphis First Church about 25 sermons, preached one funeral for which I received \$10.00, two conversions and five other professions, traveled 250 miles. Total 26 sermons.

REV. RAY G. SCOTT

Memphis, Tennessee

I have preached at Cross Roads Mission one Sunday a month, preached 26 sermons, received \$58.89. Pastored Oldham's Chapel two Sundays a month



until November, three Sundays a month the remainder of the year, 71 sermons, including revival, received \$198.00. Preached two sermons at Arbor Grove in absence of Bro. High, received \$16.00. Preached four sermons at Sutton in revival, received \$25.00. Ten sermons elsewhere. Witnessed one conversion. Total sermons preached 111. Married one couple. Total received for services, \$298.98.

**REV. G. E. HESTER**

Route Three, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

I have preached 26 sermons, received \$135.35, traveled 567 miles, baptised nine. Have been called one-half time at Poplar Valley and one-half time at Warm Springs.

**REV. J. W. RUSSELL**

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

I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church at Pocahontas, preached 146 sermons, 76 radio addresses, conducted four revivals, witnessed 29 decisions, received 11 members to church fellowship, conducted five funerals, married 11 couples, received \$3120.00 as pastor and \$450.00 from other services. I have traveled approximately 16,100 miles in pastoral and denominational work, attended each quarterly meeting, Missionary Conferences in Nashville, Tenn., and Detroit, Mich., National Association in Tulsa, Okla., Regional Sunday Conference in Russellville, and State League Conference at Conway. I was given the privilege by the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists and the church which I pastor to visit the Mission work on the island of Cuba. While there I delivered an address to the graduates of the Seminary and also preached the opening message to the Cuban Convention of Free Will Baptists. I now serve as chairman of the State Executive Board and am also a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

**REV. J. REFORD WILSON**

Box 86, Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Elnora Church full time, preached 97 sermons, baptised nine, received eight additions to the church, traveled 1500 miles, received \$520.00. Conducted two revivals, O'kean, nine sermons, three professions, traveled 144 miles, received \$45.00. Rickey Chapel, seven sermons, two professions, traveled 126 miles, received \$20.00. Preached one Fifth Sunday at Warm Springs, traveled 40 miles, preached one Fifth Sunday at Rickey Chapel, traveled 36 miles. Conducted four radio services. Total sermons, 119. Witnessed five professions, traveled 1,846 miles, received for services, \$585.00.

**REV. DEWEY THOMPSON**

Route Two, Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jonesboro full time, preached 90 sermons, conducted three radio programs, assisted in two revivals at the Jonesboro church, witnessed six conversions, conducted two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School, witnessed eight conversions. In regular services witnessed six conversions. Conducted a week's revival at Oldham's Chapel, witnessed four conversions. Conducted three funeral. Attended Arkansas State Association at Willibough Church near Warren. Attended the State League Convention at Conway. Have been in a Free Will Baptist Church service of the Lord each Saturday night and Sunday the entire year. Have traveled 10,000 miles. Besides the many spiritual blessings of the Lord, have received for my labors, \$280.00.

**ELD. WILL S. WHITE**

Pocahontas, Arkansas

I have pastored two churches and preached at Gainesville each Fifth Sunday, Old Reyno and Stoney Point half time each. Helped in one revival, baptis-

ed four, received five into fellowship of the local church, solemnized three marriages, preached on K.P.O.C. five times, preached one funeral, received from Old Reyno, \$135.00, received from Stoney Point, \$107.05, received from Gainesville, \$17.25. Total received, \$259.30.

REV. THURMAN JOHNSON  
Reyno, Arkansas

I have pastored two churches, New Covenant and Pruitt Chapel. New Covenant—42 sermons, 840 miles, received \$360.00, baptised six. Pruitt Chapel—43 sermons, 1128 miles, received \$180, two conversions, baptised six. At other places preached 13 sermons, 335 miles, received \$53.75. Married five couples, received \$22.00. Seven revivals, preached 39 sermons, traveled 2384 miles, 34 conversions, received \$274.80. Organized a Free Will Baptist League at Pruitt Chapel. Total, 137 sermons, received \$889., 36 conversions, traveled 4,687 miles.

REV. O. D. WINFERY  
Route One, Hoxie, Arkansas

#### RESOLUTIONS

No. I—Resolve that we change our Social Band Association meeting date to an earlier date. Date set, Thursday night before the Third Sunday in August.

No. II—Be it resolved that each minister and deacon of the Social Band Association register for at least one business session or worship service of the Association in order to be listed in good standing. If unable to attend, then a written reason is to be sent to the presbytery to be determined if reason is valid. Retired ministers and deacons excepted.

No. III—We recommend that each church make a file of minutes from last year as far back as possible.

No. IV.—We, the resolution committee, resolve that the body give a rising vote of thanks to the Alice Brooks Church for their hospitality in entertaining this 81st session of the Social Band Association.

#### OBITUARY REPORT

We, your obituary committee, find God has called from our midst: Rev. R. S. Shelton, O'Kean; Sister Cordella Miller, Sister Thelma Powell, Pocahontas; Sister Susie Goodwin, Bro. Theodore Doyle, Arbor Grove; Bro. C. F. Barnes, Pirtle; Bro. Jeff Murphy, Little Brown; Bro. Ben Patterson, Sugar Tree Grove; Bro. Arthur Dobbs, Jonesboro; Bro. Sam Liles, Pruitt Chapel.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We, your committee, find that all the 26 churches have Sunday School and only 13 have League. We urge each church to organize a League.

#### REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting convened with the Little Brown Church on October 29 and 30, 1954. There were 17 churches represented. \$25.70, minutes; \$14.00, clerk hire; \$40.96 Foreign Mission; \$22.13, Home Mission; \$25.00, Natonal home; youth camp, \$11.50; Chapels for Cuba, \$7.98; National League Board, \$8.95.

The second quarterly meeting met with the Arbor Grove Church on January 28 and 29, 1955. There were 19 churches represented. \$28.50, minutes; \$16.00, clerk hire; \$94.11, Foreign mission; \$11.49, Home mission; \$71.00, National home mission; Chapels for Cuba, \$10.28; Youth camp, \$48.76; Bible College, \$10.00. Bro. Joe Floyd was ordained as deacon of Walnut Ridge Church.



The third quarterly meeting convened with the Alice Brooks' Church on May 27 and 28, 1955. There were 19 churches represented. \$28.50, minutes; \$15.50, clerk hire; \$19.32, home missions; \$57.12, foreign missions; \$72.84, national home; \$87.80, loyalty gifts to headquarters; \$28.05, youth camp; \$22.50, Bible college; \$11.37, chapels for Cuba. Bro's. Ray Branham, Curtis Smith and B. Fowens were ordained as deacons of Jonesboro church.

The fourth quarterly meeting met with Elnora Church on July 29 and 30, 1955. Nineteen churches were represented. \$26.00, minutes; \$16.00, clerk hire; \$18.03, home mission; \$53.18, foreign mission; \$60.80, national home; state association, \$26.55; Bible college, \$15.00; youth camp, \$44.87; chapels for Cuba, \$47.33.

Two new churches came into our Association, Corning Mission of Corning, Ark., and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn.

Five deacons were ordained. They are, C. C. Garrett of Jonesboro; Dalion Stone of O'Kean; Venory Vaughn, David L. Shirley and W. A. Gray of Memphis, Tenn.

Three ministers were licensed, Ray G. Scott and Nolan Jones of Memphis, Tenn., and Ben Hawkins of Stoney Point.

Total members received in Association, 160; baptised, 79; dismissed, 68; excluded, seven; deceased, 12. Total members 1784.

Average Sunday School, 1343; Number officers, 70; Number teachers, 111; League attendance, 485; Auxiliary, 109.

Value of church properties, \$91,000; Evangelistic, \$1559.92; Building and Repairs, \$11,570.29; Foreign Mission, \$604.53; Home Mission, \$133.24; National Home, \$134.84; Publication and lit., \$1487.35; Education, \$90.00; Incidentals, \$2116.65; Paid Pastors, \$11,827.94; Radio Expenses, \$305.80; Bible College, \$65.00; Youth Camp, \$203.83; Received money for minutes, \$47.50; Left over from last year, \$51.25, making a total of \$98.75 in the treasury for minutes.

#### LEORA HIGH

Associational Clerk

#### SOCIAL BAND MINISTERS

Name	Address
Orville Cox	St. Louis, Missouri
Edwen Bibbs	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Henry Pauley	Beech Grove, Arkansas
B. F. Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
Eugene Davis	Reyno, Arkansas
W. P. Watts	Osceola, Arkansas
Carl High	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
W. C. Lakey	Sedgwick, Arkansas
George W. Million	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Thurman Johnson	Reyno, Arkansas
Hubert Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
J. Reford Wilson	Pocahontas, Ark., Box 86
O. D. Winfery	Hoxie, Arkansas
L. W. Hodge	Bono, Arkansas
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
H. Glynn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
G. E. Hester	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Ira Gates	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
J. W. Russell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Jerry Thompson  
Will S. White  
Melvin Shelton  
Charles Doherty  
N. D. Jones  
Ray Scott  
Henry Clements

St. Louis, Missouri  
Pocahontas, Arkansas  
O'Kean, Arkansas  
Ponder, Missouri  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Black Rock, Arkansas

### 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 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 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 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 member 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 on 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; I 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 thru 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. — I 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; I 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; 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; II 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; I 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; I Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-18; 2 Peter 2:2; Apost. 2; Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I 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; I 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; I 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

STATISTICAL TABLE			Members	Rec'd	Baptised	Dismissed	Deceased	Women's Aux.	Sunday School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR											
Pocahontas	Alta Lee Miller	J. Reford Wilson	11	4	1	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$15,000	283
O'Kean	Lucille Kerby	Melvin Shelton	4	5	3	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$20,000	132
Walnut Ridge	Doyle Boyd	H. Glynn Campbell	8	5			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$7,500	70
Pruitt Chapel	Frances Watson	O. D. Winfery	7	5	0	1	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$2,500	120
Mt. Zion	Clata McNutt	Ira Gates	2	0	1	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$3,500	35
Little Brown	Loease Statler	W. C. Lakey	4	5		1	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$5,000	60
Warm Springs	Martha Holt	J. W. Russell	3	0	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$1,000	44
Pirtle	Joe Gates	Wayne House	5	4	1	1	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$3,000	145
Old Reyno	Orville Edington	Ray Watkins	5	17	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$3,500	63
Rickey Chapel	Cina Like	Edwin Bibbs	5	3	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$2,000	23
Union Grove	Nola Howard	Charles Doherty	0	0	1	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$2,500	11
Clear Lake	Madge Davis	Henry Pauley	2	1	0	0	N	Y	Y	N			25
Arbor Grove	Wilma Whitlow	Carl High	25	15	2	2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$3,000	109
Sugar Tree Grove	Nora Morrell	Wayne Tucker	0	0	0	1	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$2,000	25
Poplar Valley	Mardell Hutchison	J. W. Russell	4	5	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	86
Elnora	Bessie Jarrett	Dewey Thompson	8	8	0	0	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$2,000	40
New Bethel	Delma Richey	Unknown	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$300.	21
Grandview	Esta Fowler	Henry Pauley	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$4,000	68
Alice Brooks	Fannie Haynes	Thurman Johnson	3	2	2	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	45
Memphis	Mrs. A. R. Campbell	N. D. Jones	26	9	4	1	0	Y	Y	N	Y	\$1,200	34
Stony Point	Susie Hulvey	Ben Hawkins	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N				90
Jonesboro	Faye Puckett	Will S. White	20	8	0	1	N	Y	Y	N	N		51
Corning	Lola Johnson	Eugene Davis	11	0	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N		11
New Covenant	Alpha Holder	O. D. Winfery	7				N	Y		N			93
Sutton	Dorothy Childress	Grady Linebaugh				2	N	Y	N	Y	Y	\$5,000	100
Totals			160	79	68	12	5	25	11	20	91,000		1784