

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

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1956

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened At
PIRTLE CHURCH**

**Peach Orchard, Arkansas
ROUTE**

MISSIONS

CHURCH	L. M.	S. M.	N. M.	F. M.	H. M.	N. H. M.	Y. C.	Clerk	Coop. Plan
Grand View	1.50	1.00						.50	
Poplar Val.	1.50	1.00	1.00		20.00			1.50	
Arbor Grove	2.00	2.00	2.00				60.00	1.00	\$92.88
Pruitt Chapel	3.00	1.00						1.00	
Oldham Chapel	1.00							1.00	
Rickey Chapel	1.00	1.00						1.00	
Un. Grove	1.00			2.00	2.00				
Pirtle	2.00	1.00	1.00	15.00	15.00			1.50	
O'Kean	1.50	1.00	1.00	27.74	27.74			1.00	
Warm Springs	1.00	1.00						1.00	
Elnora	1.00	1.00		5.00	5.00			1.00	
Wal. Ridge	2.50	2.50	2.50					2.50	
Alice Brooks	2.00	2.00	1.50	13.50				2.00	
Sugar Tree Grove	2.00	2.00		1.00	1.00			1.00	
Mt. Zion	1.00	2.00	2.00	40.59			60.00	1.00	
Clear Lake	1.00	1.00	1.00					1.00	
New Covenant	2.25	1.00	1.00						
Pocahontas	3.00	3.00	2.00			116.13	67.98	1.00	387.83
Jonesboro	1.00							.50	
Little Brown	1.50				6.40			1.00	
Memphis	1.00	1.00			30.00			1.00	
Corning	1.00	1.00			5.00			1.00	
Stony Point	1.00	1.00						1.00	
Old Reyno	1.00	.50		2.00	2.00	2.00		1.00	
Sutton	2.00							2.00	
Totals	38.75	26.00	14.00	106.83	114.14	118.13	187.98	26.50	480.71

Minutes of the
Eighty-Second Annual Session
Of Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH THE
PIRTLE CHURCH

Peach Orchard, Arkansas, Route One

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-second annual session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist Convened with the Pirtle Church Thursday night, August 16, 1956, with moderator Rev. Carl High in charge.

Songs by Sister Edith Smith, Bros. Edgar Moler and Carl High

Prayers by Rev. Will S. White and Rev. Wayne Tucker

Scripture reading: St. Luke 18-9.

Theme: "Closer Walk With God"

Devotional by Rev. Will S. White

Sermon: Rev. Melvin Shelton

Scripture: Phil. 3:10-17.

Thought: "Victory Yet Ahead"

After singing "Ready", we were dismissed by Bro. Guy Ward.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order at 9:00 o'clock by moderator.

Songs directed by Bros. Claude Harmon, Lowell Graham, Johnny Whitlow.

Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

Moderator read 1 Cor. 3:1-9.

Letters were read and delegates seated.

Welcome Address: Rev. Marvin Shelton.

Response: Bro. Johnny Whitlow.

Rev. Willard Day, of Tulsa, Okla., was invited to sit in conference with us.

Officers elected were: Rev. Carl High, moderator; Rev. Dewey Thompson, assistant mederator; Leora High, clerk.

Appointment of committees:

Pulpit—Edith Smith, Mary Lee Jarrett, Mildred Evans, John Burgess and Johnny Whitlow.

Sunday School and League—Henry Pauley, Clarence Carver, Sister J. W. Smith, Ora Wray, Kattie James.

Obituary—Geneva Pope, Beatrice Graham, Zuma Rickey, Dewey Graham, Luther Voils.

Finance—Leora High, Virgie Throgmorton, J. C. Jackson, Naomi Denton, Dee Massey.

Resolutions—Revs. Melvin Shelton, Eugene Davis, Lowell Graham, G. E. Hester, W. A. Gray. The resolution committee was elected to serve for one year.

Had a short recess.

Singing by Raymond McNutt, Melvin Shelton.

Prayers by Revs. Ray G. Scott, G. E. Hester.

The 11 o'clock message was delivered by Rev. Willard Day. Scripture reading, Matt. 16:13. Subject, "The Objective of the Church."

Singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies," and old-time handshake.

Dismissed by Rev. Edgar Moler.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Songs directed by Edgar Moler, Melvin Shelton.

Prayer by Rev. Melvin Shelton.

Devotional, Johnny Jones reading Luke 8:4-11.

Visiting minister, Brother Beaty, of Missouri, was invited to sit with us in council. Bro. Beaty, of Cave Springs Association, made a talk of great interest to all of us.

Presbety board elected was—Rev. Norlin D. Jones, three years; Rev. Wayne Tucker, two years; Rev. Ira Gates, one year.

Motion was made and seconded that we keep the executive board for another year.

Delegates elected to State Association, Lorene White, Nola Graham, Nell Harmon, Naomi Denton, Johnny Whitlow.

Alternates—Virgie Throgmorton, James Evans, Mary Lee Jarrett.

Delegates to National Association, Clata McNutt, Virgie Throgmorton, Oran Smith, Raymond McNutt, Floy Gates.

Radio program planned. The radio committee is, Henry Pauley, J. C. Jackson, Edwin Bibb, Ralph Jarrett, Edward Rickey.

Home Missions gave report. The board elected was: H. Glenn Campbell, O. D. Winfrey, Clarence Carver, J. W. Russell, Eugene Davis.

Rev. Day gave out a report on National Home Missions.

Short recess.

Singing—Carl High, Johnny Whitlow.

Prayer by Rev. Ira Gates.

Resolutions Number One and Number Two carried.

Announcements. Motion made and seconded that we adjourn business 'til nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissed by Raymond McNutt.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Singing directed by Lowell Graham, Earl Dunham, Edith Smith.

Prayer by Rev. Norlin Jones.

Pirtle Quartet rendered some specials.

Devotional—Rev. Lowell Graham, reading Psalms 23.

Prayer, Rev. Wayne Tucker.

Rev. Will S. White delivered the evening message, reading 1 Cor. 11:1,2,23; John 13. 28 men and 26 women partook in the communion and feet washing services. Rev. Melvin Shelton led prayer for the bread. Rev. Ira Gates led in prayer for the cup.

We sang a hymn and went out.

SATURDAY MORNING

Call to order by moderator.

Singing, Eulen Light.

Prayers, Ben Hawkins, Raymond Riggs.

Scripture reading by assistant moderator, 1 Cor. 3:1-10.

Call for tardy letters.

Corresponding letter from Cave Springs Association of Missouri.

Rev. Raymond Riggs of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. Ray Crook, of Missouri, were invited to sit in council with us.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of National Association, gave a brief talk. Scripture: I Chro. 12:32. An offering of \$39.50 was given for foreign mission and designated for the Calvary fund.

Report of Obituary committee.

Rev. Reford Wilson was chosen to preach the Memorial message.

Ministers gave reports.

Intermission.

Singing—Raymond McNutt, Lowell Butler.

Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

Rev. Wayne Tucker delivered the Memorial message. Scripture, 1 Cor. 15: 1-5. Theme "Christ Liveth Within."

Singing—"Farther Along." Old time hand shake.

Dismissed by Rev. W. C. Lakey.

SATURDAY EVENING

Singing, Lowell Butler

Prayer, Rev. O. D. Winfery.

Devotional—Claude Harmon. Scripture, Mark 9:1.

Sunday School and League gave report.

Rev. Ray Crook, of Cave Springs, gave a short talk.

Naomi Denton was elected to be our reporter for the coming year.

Old Reyno was chosen as place for our Association next year.

Report of quarterly meeting, finance, radio committee and Resolution No. Three.

L. D. Johnson was licensed for the ministry. The presbetry asked if any one felt a special calling and Bro. Sonny Ricker answered the calling for the ministry.

Resolution of thanks.

The body approved the letter forms for quarterly meeting and gave authority to have them printed.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Thurman Johnson.

MINISTERS REPORTS

I have pastored Oldham's Chapel church full time; preached 92 sermons; held one revival at Sugar Tree Grove, preached eight sermons. Other sermons, five; total sermons, 105. Received for pastoral work, \$205.00; for evangelistic work, \$52.25. Baptised one. Total received, \$257.25.

G. E. HESTER

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, Route Three

I have pastored half time at Poplar Valley and half time at Warm Springs. At Poplar Valley, \$220.00; at Warm Springs, \$164.00. Preached two sermons at Mt. Zion. Preached six sermons over K.P.O.C. Have been called full time at Poplar Valley. Total received, \$384.00.

J. W. RUSSELL

607 W. Gum, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church at Memphis with the associate pastor, Bro. Ray H. Scott. I have preached 80 sermons, two funerals

and one marriage. Received about \$15.00 and an abundance of blessings with 21 additions to the church, with nine conversions.

NORLIN D. JONES

3350 Ridge Crest Rd., Memphis, Tenn.

I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jonesboro. Preached 100 sermons. Assisted in two revivals one at Jonesboro and one at Rickey Chapel. Witnessed four conversions. Conducted two funerals. Received \$280.00 for labor.

REV. WILL S. WHITE

901 Marr St., Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Arbor Grove full time, preached 86 sermons, witnessed 13 conversions, baptised six, traveled 4,400 miles, received \$836.60. Conducted revival at O'Kean, preached nine sermons, witnessed one conversion, traveled 126 miles, received \$45.00. Preached seven sermons elsewhere, traveled 30 miles, Received \$44.50. Performed two marriages, conducted 11 funerals, traveled 300 miles, received \$44.00. Attended State League Convention at Conway, witnessed total of 14 conversions, preached 112 sermons, traveled 4,856 miles, received \$960.10.

CARL HIGH

Peach Orchard, Arkansas

I pastored Rickey Chapel Church full time, witnessed two conversions, solemnized two marriage ceremonies, traveled 576 miles, received \$168.00.

E. L. BIBB

Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Pirtle Church full time, received \$330.00. Preached one week revival at Pirtle, received \$20.00. Preached revival at New Covenant, preached 10 sermons, received \$41.00. Revival at Pruett Chapel, preached 10 sermons, witnessed two conversions, received \$85.14. Revival at Poplar Valley, preached 10 sermons, received \$45.45. Preached communion and feet washing sermon at Pruett Chapel, received \$5.00. Preached one funeral, received \$6.00. Married three couples, received \$10.00. Preached 127 sermons, received \$552.59.

REV. WAYNE HOUSE

811 West Monroe Ave., Jonesboro, Arkansas

I pastored First Free Will Baptist Church at Walnut Ridge, preached 90 sermons. Members received, 21. Married six couples. Conducted seven funerals. Preached 19 sermons elsewhere, including one revival. Traveled 862 miles, Witnessed 12 conversions. Received \$1317.00.

H. GLENN CAMPBELL

Rt. 2, Box 116, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

I pastored the Union Grove Church the past year. I preached once a month at the Liberty Church the past eight months. I didn't accept money from this church as I felt the pastor needed all the support the church could give. I received offerings outside the church amounting to about \$800.00. Had a wonderful revival with three conversions and four additions to the church.

C. L. DOHERTY

Ponder, Missouri

I pastored Elnora Church full time, preached 96 sermons, baptised one, one addition to the church. Traveled 1440 miles. Received for services, \$480.

DEWEY THOMPSON

Pocahontas, Arkansas, Route Two

I have pastored Pocahontas Church full time. Preached 142 sermons, 82 radio sermons, conducted five revivals, witnessed 34 decisions, received 23 members to church fellowship, conducted nine funerals, married eight couples, received \$3,380.00 as pastor and \$535.00 from other services. I have traveled 12,000 miles in pastoral and denominational activities. Attended the Missionary Conference at Nashville, Tennessee and Detroit, Michigan, the National Association at Huntington, West Virginia and was host pastor to the Arkansas State Association.

J. REFORD WILSON
Box 86, Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Alice Brooks full time except Fifth Sundays when I went to Gransville. Conducted three funerals, married three couples. Received from Alice Brooks, \$423.00; from Gransville, \$18.00.

THURMAN JOHNSON
Biggers, Arkansas

I have pastored Stony Point Church half time, preached 27 sermons, received \$113.90 and am called to same church for this year. Assisted in one revival, preached 11 sermons elsewhere, received \$37.00. Conducted one funeral, traveled 760 miles, received \$150.90.

BEN HAWKINS
North Star Route, Imboden, Arkansas

I pastored Clear Lake half time, preached 42 sermons, witnessed one conversion, received one into church fellowship, traveled 1372 miles, received \$224.50. Sugar Tree Grove quarter time, preached 21 sermons, traveled 2120 miles, received \$156.11. Grandview, quarter time, 20 sermons, traveled 1156 miles, received \$110.38. Revival at Union Grove, 13 sermons, three conversions, baptised four, received \$47.00. Preached one sermon at Free Will Baptist Church at Winters, Calif., five sermons other places, received \$8.00. 45 sermonettes on K.R.L.W. One funeral, received \$5.00. Received total offering of \$550.99.

HENRY PAULEY
Beech Grove, Arkansas, Route One

I pastored Pruitt Chapel and New Covenant, preached 37 sermons at Pruitt Chapel, received \$293.00. Traveled 1034 miles. Preached 38 sermons at New Covenant, received \$330.00, traveled 770 miles. Preached seven sermons elsewhere, received \$10.00, traveled 362 miles. Witnessed one confession, baptised one. Helped in revivals at O'Kean, Clear Lake, New Covenant and Pruitt Chapel, preached 15 sermons, witnessed five conversions, received \$139.55. Conducted three funeral, received \$5.00. Married one couple, received \$5.00. Received total of \$782.55. Have accepted O'Kean church full time.

O. D. WINFERY
Hoxie, Arkansas

I have preached 60 sermons, traveled 5000 miles, received \$15.00. I served until July 1 as associate pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn. I have resigned my associate pastorship and am now available to go anywhere on the weekends that God may open a door. Pray for me.

RAY G. SCOTT
342 Richmond Ave., Memphis 6, Tenn.

I have pastored Little Brown Church three-fourths time, including revival, received \$466.50. Preached one-fourth time at Richwoods, including revival, received \$254.95. Preached 11 funerals, received \$35.00. Married 12 couples,

received \$35.00. Preached three sermons at Elnora, one sermon at Clear Lake, received \$24.00. Total received \$815.45.

W. C. LAKEY
Sedgwick, Arkansas

HOME MISSION TREASURY REPORT

We, your Home Mission Treasury, submit the following report: Cash in bank September 15, 1955, \$293.12; Total monies received, \$128.74; Total disbursement to our State Mission Director, \$100.39; Amount on hand August 17, 1956, \$321.47. We have \$48.80 in radio fund. We recommend that we transfer this to the Home Mission, so we won't have to read it separately. —Dewey Thompson, treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We, your Sunday School and League committee, find that all 24 churches have Sunday School and only 14 churches have League — Henry Pauley, Ona Ray, J. W. Smith, Clarence Carver, Katie James.

THANKS FROM J. REFORD WILSON

To the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist Churches—Dear Christian Friends: I take this mean to express my thanks to you for the fellowship which we have enjoyed the last five years. You contributed much to our lives and our work for the Lord in the Social Band Association. May God continue His blessings upon every work you do.

Whereas I have moved from the Association and will soon be transferring my membership to another state, I offer my resignation from any position I hold in the Association.— Yours in Christ, J. Reford Wilson.

RESOLUTIONS

No. I—We, the Resolution committee, find there are three churches in the Association that are being organized and have no church buildings. We recommend that we give each of the three churches \$50.00 from the Home Mission treasury.

No. II—We recommend that the \$48.80 radio refund now on hand be held separate to Home Mission treasury and used only for radio purposes.

No. III—Resolved that each session of the Social Band Quarterly Meeting or Association take a free will offering for Foreign Missions designated for the Calverys, as they are Missionaries from our state.

CLERK'S REPORT

Amount deposited after Association, \$96.75. Received from quarterly meetings, \$45.23, making total of \$141.98. Spent for minutes, letter forms, ministers license, ministers and deacons ordination paper and money orders, \$72.85, leaving in treasury, \$69.13. Received at 1956 Association, \$38.75. Had some letter forms printed, \$7.23, leaving \$100.65 in the treasury.—Leora High, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting convened with the Pruett Chapel Church October 28-29, 1955. There were 17 churches represented, \$25.60 for minutes, \$14.00 for clerk hire, \$13.95 for Home Missions; \$26.38 for Foreign Missions; \$5.10 for State Missions, \$31.57 for youth camp, \$14.00 for cooperative.

The second quarterly meeting met with the Pirtle Church January 27-28, 1956. There were 20 churches represented. \$28.55 for minutes, \$16.10 for clerk hire, \$23.01 for Home Missions, \$39.02 for Foreign Missions, \$7.00 for State Missions, \$31.21 for youth camp, \$140.09 for cooperative plan and \$100.00 for expense of our State Home Mission Treasurer.

The third quarterly meeting met with Old Reyno Church on April 27-28, 19-

56. There were 21 churches represented. \$27.50 for minutes, \$18.00 for clerk hire, \$55.23 for Home Missions, \$148.52 for Foreign Missions, \$2.00 for National Home Missions, \$6.00 for youth camp, \$170.10 for cooperative plan.

The fourth quarterly meeting convened with the O'Kean Church. There were 22 churches represented. \$31.00 for minutes, \$17.50 for clerk hire, \$21.21 for Home Missions, \$22.97 for Foreign Missions, \$2.00 for National Home Missions, \$44.25 for youth camp, \$200.95 for cooperative plan.

There were five deacons ordained during the past year: Bro. John Boatner and Bro. Oran Smith of Pirtle Church, Bro. Burley Thompson of Elnora Church, Bro. Everett Johnon and Bro. Harvey Hawkins of Corning Church.

Three ministers were ordained: Bro. Norlin D. Jones and Bro. Ray G. Scott of Memphis Church and Bro. Ben Hawkins of Stony Point. — Naomi Denton, clerk.

SOCIAL BAND MINISTERS

Name	Address
J. Reford Wilson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Hubert Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
O. D. Winfery	Hoxie, Arkansas
L. W. Hodge	Sedgwick, Arkansas
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
H. Glenn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
G. E. Hester	Bono, Arkansas
Wayne House	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Ira Gates	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
J. W. Russell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Thurman Johnson	Reyno, Arkansas
Carl High	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Henry Clements	Black Rock, Arkansas
Henry Pauley	Beech Grove, Arkansas
Melvis Shelton	O'Kean, Arkansas
B. S. Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
Eugene Davis	Reyno, Arkansas
Will S. White	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Jerry Thompson	St. Louis, Missouri
Edwin Bibb	Pocahontas, Arkansas
W. C. Lakey	Sedgwick, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Orvil Cox	St. Louis, Missouri
Ray Scott	Memphis, Tennessee
N. D. Jones	Memphis, Tennessee
Charles Doherty	Ponder, Missouri
Lowell Graham	Alicia, Arkansas
L. D. Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your obituary committee, find God has called from our midst: Bro. Wesley Bennett, Pocahontas; Sister Emma Stanley, Grandview; Bro. Charles Morris, O'Kean; Rev. W. P. Watt, Osceola; Rev. Charley Harris, Oldham's Chapel; Bro. Luther Romer, Mt. Zion; Sister Ola Brown, Pirtle; Bro. Ira L. Cates, Memphis; and Bro. Everett Teel, Stony Point.

THANKS TO PIRTLE CHURCH

We, the resolution committee, resolve that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Pirtle church and community for their generous hospitality

shown during this 82nd session of the Association.—Melvin Shelton, Lowell Graham, Eugene Davis, Will S. White, G. E. Hester.

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 matter 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 meeting 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 transgress 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 of CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27, 2:16-17; Psalms 51-5; Gn. 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 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.—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 how 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 amusement and secular employment, 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; 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; 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 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. 6:1-16; 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.—I 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; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity of the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the

kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	Members Rec'd	Baptised	Dismissed	Deceased	Women's Aux.	Sunday School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
Pocahontas	Alta Lee Miller	Dale Munkus	23	10	3	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$25,000	303
O'Kean	Lucille Kerby	O. D. Winfery			1	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$20,000	132
Walnut Ridge	Doyle Boyd	H. Glenn Campbell	21					Y	Y	Y	\$15,500	84
Pruitt Chapel	Daisy Pauley	Wayne House									\$2,500	120
Mt. Zion	Clata McNutt	Lowell Graham						Y	Y	Y	\$5,000	60
Little Brown	Hazel Martin	W. C. Lakey	2	2	2		N	Y	Y	Y	\$3,500	31
Warm Springs	Martha Holt							Y		Y	\$1,000	36
Pirtle	Iva Herring	Melvin Shelton	2	2	5	1	N	Y	N	Y	\$3,000	145
Old Reyno	I. R. Graham	Ira Gates						Y		Y	\$5,000	63
Rickey Chapel	Cina Like	Edwin Bibb	3	4				Y		Y	\$2,000	23
Union Grove	Nola Howard	Ben Hawkins	4	4			N	Y	N	Y	\$2,500	15
Clear Lake	Madge Davis	Henry Pauley	1					Y	Y			27
Arbor Grove	Wanda Bonds	Carl High	8	6				Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	112
Sugar Tree Grove	Nola Murrell						N	Y	N	Y	\$2,000	25
Poplar Valley	Fay Lakey	J. W. Russell	1					Y		Y	\$4,000	86
Elnora	Bessie Jarrett	Dewey Thompson	1	1	2		N	Y	Y	Y	\$3,000	39
Grandview	Esta Fowler	Henry Pauley						Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	36
Alice Brooks	Fannie Haynes	Thurman Johnson			2		Y	Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	54
Jonesboro	Lorene White	Will S. White	3	8				Y	Y			45
Corning	Harvey Hawkins	Eugene Davis	3					Y	Y	Y	\$100	14
New Covenant	Alpha Holder	L. W. Hodge							Y			93
Sutton	Dorothy Childress	Grady Linebaugh			1			Y	N	Y	\$5,000	60
Memphis	Mrs. A. R. Campbell	N. D. Jones	21	4	2	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$4,000	55
Oldhams Chapel	Katherine Storms	G. E. Hester	3	1	4		N	Y	Y			24
Stony Point	Susie Hulvey	Ben Hawkins						Y				87
Totals			76	34	30	4					\$115,600	869