

THE
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Convened At

OLD REYNO CHURCH

Near Reyno, Arkansas

CHURCH	M. L.	M. S.	M. N.	M. F.	M. H.	C. Y.	C. B.	CLERK HIRE	CO-OP PLAN	STATE CONV. FUND
Arbor Grove	2.00	2.00	2.00	15.00		26.02		1.00	81.06	3.00
Pirtle	4.00	1.00	1.00	12.50				1.50		3.00
Rickey Chapel	1.50							1.00		3.00
Corning	1.00			1.00	2.00			1.00		3.00
New Covenant	1.75							1.75		3.00
Pocahontas	3.00	2.00	3.00	144.14				1.00	800.01	3.00
Pruett Chapel	3.00	1.00						1.00		3.00
Jonesboro	1.00	1.00	1.00	12.50	3.00			.50		3.00
Old Reyno	2.00	1.50	1.00					1.00		3.00
Little Brown	1.50							1.00	10.00	3.00
Poplar Valley	1.50	1.00	1.00					1.50		3.00
Warm Springs	1.00	1.00						1.00		3.00
Clear Lake	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00				1.00		3.00
Grandview	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00				1.50		3.00
Mt. Zion	3.00	3.00	1.50	15.00		60.00		1.50	138.76	3.00
Walnut Ridge	2.00	2.00	2.00					1.00		
Elnora	2.00	2.00	2.00	40.00	15.00	20.00	22.00	1.00	15.00	3.00
O'Kean	2.00	2.00	2.00	65.12	34.12	24.00		1.00		3.00
Sugar Tree G.	4.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			1.00		
Alice Brooks	1.00	1.00	1.00					2.00	10.00	3.00
Stony Point	2.00	2.00						1.00		
Sutton										3.00
Total	41.25	26.50	20.50	310.26	55.12	130.02	22.00	24.25	916.07	57.00

Minutes of the
Eighty-Third Annual Session
OF
Social Band Association
OF
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH THE
OLD REYNO CHURCH
NEAR REYNO, ARKANSAS
AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 1957

The next session of the Association will be held with O'Kean Church at O'Kean, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the third Sunday in August 1958

OFFICERS

MODERATOR—REV. CARL HIGH, PEACH ORCHARD, ARK.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR—REV. DEWEY THOMPSON, POCAHONTAS, ARK.
CLERK—MRS. LEORA HIGH, PEACH ORCHARD, ARK.
TREASURER—MRS. NAOMI DENTON, O'KEAN, ARK.

PROCEEDINGS

The 1957 session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists was held with the Old Reyno Church August 15, 16 and 17. Twenty-one of the twenty-four churches were represented.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Called to order by Assistant Moderator.

Singing directed by Bros. John Edington, Jr., Orville Edington and Omer Edington.

Prayers by Bro. Ralph Morrow and Rev. Henry Pauley.

Devotional, Rev. Wayne House.

Rev. Ira Gates delivered the introductory message.

Scripture—18:1-4.

"If now I have found favor in Thy sight."

We were dismissed by John Edington, Jr.

FRIDAY MORNING

Call to order by Moderator.

Bros. Raymond McNutt and Johnny Whitlow directed the singing.

Prayers were by Rev. Wayne Tucker and Rev. Dewey Thompson.

Sisters Edith Smith and Lucille Kerby read the letters.

Rev. Charley Lakey led the prayer in the seating of the delegates.

The following committees were appointed: Pulpit, Ervin Clark, Mary Lee Jarrett, Lorene White, Birdie Boatner, Naomi Denton.

Bro. John Edington, Jr. gave the welcome address and Rev. L. D. Johnson, the response.

Sunday School and League—Nell Harmon, Sister Puckett, Bro. Summers, Billy Wells, Georgia Dunham.

Obituary—Mattie Hopper, Sister Sparks, Bro. Holder, Jewell Jarrett and Beatrice Graham.

Finance—Leora High, Alden Jones, Alta Lee Miller, George Townsend, Lirly Smith.

Rev. Jerry Thompson, pastor of Conway church was invited to sit in council with us.

Resolution committee elected for the year were, Lowell Graham, Dale Munkus, Oran Smith, Jess Murphy, John Edington, Jr.

After a short intermission, singing directed by Lowell Graham. Prayers, Oren Smith and E. L. Bibb.

Rev. L. D. Johnson delivered the 11 o'clock message, reading Daniel 12:5. Theme (The Coming of Our Lord). After song and handshake we were dismissed by Rev. Eugene Davis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Singing directed by Orville Edington.

Bro. Oscar Martin led the prayer.

Rev. Crook of Cave Springs Association and Rev. Fry of Missouri were welcomed to our service.

Moderator read 2 Cor. 1:15-20.

Delegates elected to State Association were, Naomi Denton, Leora High, Beatrice Graham, Clata McNutt and Lorene White.

Delegates to the National Association were, Oran Smith, C. F. Jones, Luther Crays, Raymond McNutt, Cladue Harmon.

Radio Program Committee is, L. D. Johnson, Bob Garrett, Dewey Thompson, Oscar Martin, Howard Jarrett.

The Presbytery Board is, Rev. J. W. Russell, to serve three years; Rev. Will S. White, two years; and Rev. Edwin Bibb, one year.

The Executive Board consists of the Presbytery Board and two deacons, Bros. Cladue Harmon and Raymond McNutt.

Dismissed by Rev. Lowell Graham.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Singing directed by Carl High and Orville Edington.

Devotional, Oran Smith.

Prayers by Revs. H. Glenn Campbell and Thurman Johnson.

Rev. Dewey Thompson delivered the evening message. Reading Luke 22-19-20; John 13: 3-17; I Cor. 11: 13-34.

The host pastor, Rev. I. R. Gates, had charge of communion and footwashing services. Rev. Lowell Graham led in prayer for the bread and Rev. Carl High offered prayer for the cup.

Twenty men and 28 women partook of communion and footwashing.

We sang one hymn and went out.

SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by moderator.

Singing directed by Elmer Swift, Lowell Graham, L. D. Johnson and Raymond McNutt.

Prayers by O. D. Winfery, Claude Harmon, Oran Smith, Johnny Sago.

Devotional reading, Phil. 2:1-8 by Rev. Dewey Thompson.

Call for tardy letters.

Committees gave reports.

O'Kean was chosen as place for next Association.

Rev. Dale Munkus was elected to bring Memorial message.

Ministers gave report.

After short intermission, singing was directed by O. D. Winfery, Oscar Martin, Edith Smith.

Prayer by Alden Jones.

Rev. Carl High brought the Memorial message. Text theme "Comfort in Christ."

After song and handshake we were dismissed by Rev. Will S. White.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Call to order by moderator.

Singing directed by C. F. Jones.

Prayer by Rev. Eugene Davis.

Devotional reading by Rev. O. D. Winfery.

Naomi Denton gave quarterly meetings report.

Resolution Number Five adopted.

Rev. Ira Gates will be the speaker Friday morning.

Rev. Wayne Tucker will be the speaker Friday night.

Officers elected for 1958 were Rev. Carl High, Moderator; Rev. Dewey Thompson, Assistant Moderator; Leora High, Clerk.

L. D. Johnson and Lowell Graham were ordained to the full work of the ministry.

Rev. Will S. White and Rev. Carl High led the Ordination prayer.

Dismissed by Raymond McNutt.

HOME MISSION TREASURY REPORT

Balance on hand April 1, 1957, \$267.60; Deposited April 22, \$42.55 and July 16, 1957, \$28.58. Making a balance on hand of \$338.73. — Eugene Davis, treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE

We, your committee, find of the 22 churches represented all have Sunday School and 13 have League. We recommend that all churches have League.— Nell Harmon, Mrs. E. F. Puckett, Billy Wells, Georgia Dunham and M. E. Summers.

OBITUARY

We, your Obituary committee, find God has called from our midst, Sister Lizzie Decker of Walnut Ridge, Sister Sally Mood and Bro. Gerald Hatfield of Pocahontas, Bro. Curte Crowell, Bro. Homer Pruitt, and Bro. Dallas Niswonger of Little Brown, Sister Barbara Rhodelanders of Elnora, Bro. Thomas Owens of Jonesboro, Bro. Will S. Knight of Poplar Valley and Sister Virgie Morrow of Old Reyno.

AID TO HOST CHURCH

The following churches sent \$5.00 to aid the host church in the Association: Pruitt Chapel, Elnora, Clear Lake, Walnut Ridge, Pocahontas, Pirtle, Arbor Grove, Poplar Valley, Grandview, Stony Point, Alice Brooks, Corning, O'Kean, Union Grove, Sugar Tree Grove, Warm Springs, Little Brown, Mt. Zion, and Bro. Sid Mason*also gave \$5.00.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The first quarterly meeting convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Memphis on September 28-29, 1956. There were 17 churches represented; \$22.50 for minutes; \$14.00 for clerk hire; \$25.56 for Home Missions; \$17.56 for Foreign Missions; Youth Camp, \$23.61; Bible College, \$5.00; Co-op Plan, \$23.84.

The second quartely meeting met with the Clear Lake Church, December 28-29, 1956. There were 20 churches represented. For minutes, \$27.50; Clerk Hire, \$16.00; Home Missions, \$31.08; Foreign Missions, \$58.05; Youth Camp, \$34.84; Co-op Plan, \$133.81; Bible College, \$8.00.

The third quarterly meeting met with the Arbor Grove Church March 29-30, 1957. There were 21 churches represented. For minutes, \$31.00; Clerk Hire, \$17.50; Home Missions, \$42.55; Foreign Missions, \$162.55; Youth Camp, \$47.10; Co-op Plan, \$289.13; Bible College, \$8.00.

The fourth quarterly meeting met with Jonesboro Church June 28-29, 1957. There were 18 churches represented. For Minutes, \$22.88; Clerk Hire, \$12.50; Home Mission, \$28.58; Foreign Mission, \$145.73; Youth Camp, \$33.67; Co-op Plan, \$337.73; Bible College, \$9.00.

There were seven deacons ordained during the past year—Brothers Lloyd McCann, John Edington, Jewel Graham, Zane Kirkland, Roscoe Miller, Robert E. Pauley and C. P. Bandy. Ordained Ministers—Brothers D. W. Jones and W. A. Gray. Licensed—Brothers Grover L. See and Wayne Wheganer. — Clerk, Naomi Denton.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

I pastored Jonesboro Church full time; Preached 97 sermons; Assisted in one revival; Witnessed two conversions; Conducted a two-weeks Daily Vacation Bible School; Received 10 into church membership; Conducted three funerals; Officiated in one marriage ceremony; Preached three sermons elsewhere; Traveled 6,000 miles; Received \$300.00.

WILL S. WHITE

901 Marr Street, Pocahontas, Arkansas

I preached 54 sermons; One revival (Pruitt Chapel); Traveled 2,568 miles; Received \$254.12 for services; Have accepted New Covenant Church full time for the following year.

L. D. JOHNSON

Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route Three

I pastored Poplar Valley full time; Received \$263.43. Revival at Mt. Zion; Witnessed three conversions, received \$20.00; Preached five sermons at Rest Home in Jonesboro; Three sermons over K.P.O.C.; Conducted one funeral; Married one couple; Total received, \$283.43.

J. W. RUSSELL

607 W. Gum, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

I pastored Pocahontas full time 250 sermons, 62 radio sermons, 16 funerals, six weddings; Received 22 members into church fellowship; Traveled 18,000 miles; Received \$4,450.00; Served as chairman of State Executive Board; President of State League Convention, and member of National League Board.

DALE MUNKUS

Pocahontas, Arkansas

I pastored Sharum Church and preached some elsewhere; Witnessed seven conversions; Conducted two funerals; Performed one marriage ceremony; Received \$313.50; Baptised four.

THURMAN JOHNSON

Biggers, Arkansas

Pastored Mt. Zion full time; Preached 93 sermons; Witnessed five conversions; Baptised two; Received seven into church fellowship; Traveled 2,255 miles; Received, \$1132.71; Revival at Pruitt Chapel, seven sermons, Witnessed two conversions, traveled 364 miles, received \$50.00; Preached seven sermons elsewhere, received \$5.00; Total of 107 sermons, seven conversions, 2,619 miles, \$1187.71.

LOWELL GRAHAM

Alicia, Ark., Route One

ship 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.

13. Each Annual Association shall be held on Thursday before the third Sunday in August.

14. This Constitution may be changed at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds majority provided the intended change be announced in writing one day before the vote.

RESOLUTIONS

No. I. Be it resolved that no person be allowed to serve on more than one committee or board.

No. II. Be it resolved that the speakers for each service of the Association be selected at the preceeding session of the Association.

No. III. Be it resolved that the Articles of Faith in our minutes be the same as those in National treatise.

No. IV. Be it resolved that, (1) The Association elect an Associational Treasurer, and (2) that each church support the Cooperative program by giving ten percent of the church offerings which would be sent to the Associational Treasurer, and (3) that the Associational Treasurer keep 15 percent of these funds in the treasury, the remaining 85 percent being sent to the State Treasurer.

No. V. Be it resolved that the Associational officers for the next year be elected at the close of each setting of the Association.

No. VI. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Old Reyno Church, expressing our appreciation for their hospitality.

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.

SOCIAL BAND MINISTERS

Name	Address
Dale Munkus	Pocahontas, Arkansas
L. W. Hodge	Bono, Arkansas
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
G. E. Hester	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas Route Three
J. W. Russell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
George W. Million	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Henry Pauley	Beech Grove, Arkansas
Eugene Davis	Reyno, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Edwin Bibb	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Charles Doherty	Ponder, Missouri
O. D. Winfery	Hoxie, Arkansas
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro, Arkansas
H. Glyn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Ira Gates	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Thurman Johnson	Biggers, Arkansas
Carl High	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Henry Clements	Black Rock, Arkansas
Melvin Shelton	O'Kean, Arkansas
Will S. White	Pocahontas, Arkansas
W. C. Lakey	Hoxie, Arkansas
Orville Cox	St. Louis, Missouri
B. S. Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
Hubert Forrester	Rockford, Illinois
Lowell Graham	Alicia, Arkansas
L. D. Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. **THE BIBLE**—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

II. **GOD**—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the creator, Preserver and Righteous Governor of the Universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

III. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; In His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and Man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

IV. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

V. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

VI. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

VII. **THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

VIII. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of ones self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and be-

comes a Child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

IX. **ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

X. **FREEDOM OF WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

XI. **SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

XII. **PERSEVERANCE** — All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

XIII. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES**—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet-washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

XIV. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. (I Cor. 16:2a).

XV. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

XVI. **RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION**—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	CLERK	PASTOR	Members Rec'd	Baptised	Dismissed	Deceased	Women's Aux.	Sun. School	League	Own Property	Value	Members
New Covenant	Alpha H. older	L. D. Johnson					n	y	n	y		25
Clear Lake	Madge Davis	Henry Pauley					n	y	y	n		27
Pocahontas	Alta Lee Miller	Dale Monkus	21	9		2	y	y	y	y	25,000.00	320
Sugar Tree Grove	Nora Murrell	Will S. White					n	y	y	y	2,500.00	25
Warm Springs	Martha Holt	Ira Gates	4	1			n	y		y	2,000.00	42
Alice Brooks	Fannie Haynes	Edwin Bibb	4	4	2		y	y	y	y	6,000.00	66
Mt. Zion	Clata McNutt	Lowell Graham	7				n	y	y	y	4,500.00	33
Little Brown	Hazel Martin	Dewey Thompson			2	3	n	y	n	y	3,500.00	55
Elnora	Bessie Jarrett	Carl High	16	14	3	1	n	y	y	y	2,000.00	53
Rickey Chapel	Cina Like	Bob Garrett	2				n	y	n	y	2,000.00	25
Jonesboro	Mrs. W. L. Stovall	Alton Loveliss				1	y	y	y	y	15,000.00	50
O'Kean	Dora Walker	O. D. Winfery			1		y	y	y	y	20,000.00	132
Grandview	Esta Fowler	Ray Crook			1			y	n	y	4,000.00	66
Poplar Valley	Geneva Pope	J. W. Russell				1	n	y	y	y	4,000.00	162
Pirtle	Iva Herring	Melvin Shelton	2	4			y	y	y	y	5,000.00	140
Sutton	Mrs. Glenn Childress	Grady Linebough					n	y	n	y	15,000.00	100
Stony Point	Sisie Hulvey	Henry Pauley				2	n	y	n	n		83
Walnut Rigde	Paul Bean	H. Glynn Campbell	24	12		1	y	y	y	y	15,000.00	112
Arbor Grove	Ruby Cole	Wayne House	5	3			n	y	y	y	4,000.00	126
Corning	H. A. Hawkins	Eugene Davis	7	1			n	y	y			22
Pruett Chapel	Daisy Pauley	W. C. Lakey					n	y	y	y		120
Old Reyno	Jake Edington	Ira Gates	3	3	2	1	n	y	y	y		60
Union Grove	Nola Howard	Ben Hawkins						y			2,000.00	23
			95	47	15	12					130,000.00	1867