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

1963

**Proceedings of the
Eighty-Ninth Annual Session**

**Convened At
Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church
Pocahontas, Arkansas**

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK	Members Rec'd	Members Baptised	Dismissed	Died	Women's Auxiliary	Sunday School	League	Own Ch. Prop.	Val. of Ch. Prop.	Members
O'Kean	Grady Linebaugh	Dora Walker					Y	Y	Y	Y		33
N. Side Pocahontas	U. S. White	Lorene White	12	3			N	Y	N	N		25
Arbor Grove	Glynn Campbell	Wanda Bonds	9	6	4		N	Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	115
Rickey Chapel	Robert Garrett	Harry Midgett					N	Y	N	Y	4,500.00	38
Pirtle	Ira Gates	Iva Barksdale					Y	Y	Y	Y	5,000.00	127
Warm Springs	Dewey Thompson	Martha Holt					N	Y	N	Y	2,000.00	41
Thorn Grove	Wayne Tucker	Janis Spinks	1		4	1	N	Y	Y	N		23
Alice Brooks	Melvin Shelton	Thelma Graham	3	3	1	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	7,000.00	68
Jonesboro	Oscar Wright	Earline Byrd	7	4		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	22,000.00	86
Elnora	Carl High	Carolyn Wheelless	16		1		Y	Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	94
New Bethel	Dewey Thompson	Ethel Brown					N	Y	N	Y	3,500.00	22
Pocahontas First	Ben Scott	Viella Wymore	13	7	17	4	Y	Y	Y	Y	50,000.00	380
Poplar Valley	Lowell Graham	Geneva Pope	20	18	1	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	112
Little Brown	Wayne House	Irene Crider	4	4	5		N	Y	Y	Y	5,000.00	55
Old Reyno	Bob Francis	Loren Robinson			2	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	4,500.00	163
Walnut Ridge	Keith Johnson	Robert Poindexter	35	31	2		Y	Y	Y	Y	25,000.00	223
New Covenant	Jim Surles						N	Y	N			
Sutton	Zane Kirkland	Dorothy Childress	18	13	4	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	11,000.00	111
Corning	Mel Knott	Austin Cavenor	4	2	2	1	Y	Y	N	Y	8,000.00	55
Pruett Chapel	Claud Harmon	Grace Walker				1	N	Y	N	Y	4,000.00	53
Clear Lake	L. D. Johnson	Mrs. Roscoe Marshall	8			1	N	Y	Y	Y	4,000.00	29
Grandview	Henry Pauly	Addie Jones	1				N	Y	N	Y	4,000.00	70
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**Minutes of the
EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Pocahontas Church

POCAHONTAS, ARKANSAS

August 15 - 17, 1963

The next session of the Association will be held with the Pirtle Church beginning Thursday night before the third Sunday in August, 1964.



O F F I C E R S

MODERATOR—Rev. Keith Johnson, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

ASSISTANT MODERATOR—Rev. Carl High, Peach Orchard, Arkansas

CLERK—Mrs. Edith Smith, Peach Orchard, Arkansas

ASSISTANT CLERK—Mrs. Leora High, Peach Orchard, Arkansas

STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Executive Board	Term Expires
Ben Scott	1966
Grady Linebaugh	1965
Dewey Thompson	1964
Oran Smith	1964
John Lee Pope	1964
Presbytery Board	
Ben Scott	1966
Grady Linebaugh	1965
Dewey Thompson	1964
Home Mission Board	
Marvin Riggs	1968
Johnny Edington	1967
Ralph Morrow	1966
Dalioun Stone	1965
Lowell Graham	1964
Woman's Auxiliary Committee	
Mrs. Wright	1968
Barbara Johnson	1967
Doris Kirkland	1966
Geneva Pope	1965
Goldie Edington	1964
Resolution Committee	
Claude Harmon	
Edwin Bibbs	
Ralph Jarrett	
Billy Wells	
Harry Midgett	

PROCEEDINGS

The 1963 session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist was held with the Pocahontas Church, August 15, 16, 17, with 22 churches represented.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Call to order by the Moderator, Keith Johnson. Opening hymn, "To The Work," followed with prayer. Rev. Bob Francis, Pastor of the Old Reyno Church, brought the evening message. Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

Opened by singing and prayer. Devotional given by Rev. Larry Russell. Rev. Carl High was elected to serve as assistant moderator, in the absence of the assistant moderator. Barbara Johnson was elected to serve as clerk and Geneva Pope elected to serve as assistant clerk. Church letters were read and delegates seated by prayer. Rev. Melvin Knott was recognized as a new minister in the Association. The rules of order were read.

Temporary Committees appointed:

Sunday School and League—Ruby Rexroad, Louis Vaughn, Ralph Rothe, Joe Herring, and Lola Jarrett.

Finance—Doris Kearby, Floyd Goodwin, Dell Wooldridge, and Garfield Throgmorton.

Obituary—Naomi Denton, Wilma Whitlow, Frank Palmer, Oneta Jarrett, and Glenda Childress.

Lowell Graham was elected to fill vacancy on the Presbytery Board temporarily.

Board and committee members elected: Mrs. Wright was elected to serve the 5 year term on the Woman's Auxiliary Committee. John Lee Pope and Oran Smith were elected to serve 1 year each on the Executive Board. Ben Scott was elected to serve on the Presbytery Board for the 3 year term. Marvin Riggs was elected to serve on the Mission Board for the 5 year term.

1964 Officers elected: Clerk, Edith Smith, assistant clerk. Mrs. High, moderator. Keith Johnson, assistant moderator. Carl High.

Election of Delegates to State Association: Mrs. Throgmorton, Mrs. Swan, Barbara Johnson, Jean Francis, and Lee Latherland.

Love offering taken for Rev. W. C. Lakey, \$57.95.

INTERMISSION

11:00 A. M. Worship Service. Opened with hymn and prayer. Message by Rev. Keith Johnson, pastor, Walnut Ridge Church. Benediction and blessing on noon meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Afternoon session opened with singing and prayer. Devotional by Lavon Young.

The Pirtle Church was chosen for the next annual session.

Resolution Committee elected: Claude Harmon, Edwin Bibbs, Ralph Jarrett, Billy Wells, and Harry Midgett.

Rev. Melvin Knott was given full fellowship in the Association.

Speakers for 1964: Thursday night, Rev. Melvin Knott, alternate, Rev. Carl High. Friday Morning: Rev. Ben Scott, alternate, Rev. Oscar Wright. Friday Night, Dewey Thompson, alternate. Rev. Zane Kirkland. Saturday Morning, (Memorial) Rev. Wayne Tucker, alternate, Rev. Lowell Graham.

Minister's reports called for, 1 report given. Carried over until Saturday morning.

Report on the National Association was given by Rev. Ben Scott

Motion carried that we continue our support of Rev. Ernie Deeds for 1964 same as the year 1963

The following resolutions were introduced and tabled until Saturday.

1. Be it resolved that article 12 of the constitution be deleted.
2. Be it further resolved that we have a Missionary Rally on Friday night of next year's session.
3. Be it further resolved that the officers of the Association be responsible for arranging the Friday night program.

Two deacons from the Corning Church were ordained: Joe Herring, and Norman Lee.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until Saturday Morning. Dismissed by Bro. Frank Palmer.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services opened with singing and prayer. Rev. Lowell Graham brought the evening message. The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing were observed.

SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened with singing and prayer. Devotional by Rev. Melvin Knott. Late letters were called for and delegates were seated.

Motion carried to accept the report of Executive Board.

Motion carried to accept the report of Sunday School and League Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Woman's Auxiliary Committee

Motion carried to accept report of Finance Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Resolution Committee

Motion carried to accept and record report of the Mission Board and Quarterly Meeting report when received by the clerk.

The following resolutions were brought from the table

1. Be it resolved that article 12 of the constitution be deleted.
2. Be it further resolved that we have a missionary rally on Friday night of next year's session.
3. Be it further resolved that the officers of the association be

responsible for arranging the Friday night program.

Resolution No. 1, Motion lost

Resolution No. 2, motion carried.

Resolution No. 3, motion carried.

Motion carried to observe the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing on Thursday night of next year's session.

A message from the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Barbara Johnson.

Rev. Larry Russell was ordained as a minister of the Gospel.

Resolution from the floor: That we give the host church, Pocahontas a rising vote of thanks.

Business session for the 1963 session was adjourned.

INTERMISSION

Memorial service opened with song and prayer. The program was given by the Old Reyno Woman's Auxiliary. The Memorial message was given by Rev. Oscar Wright. Closing hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction and Blessing on the food.

COMMITTEES REPORT

OBITUARY—We, your committee, find that God has called from our midst: Bro. George Leaf, Sister, Hatti Sparkman, Sis. Sadie Litherland, and Sister Emma Snell from Pocahontas; Bro. Donald Gene Bro. Quint Tyler from Thorn Grove; Sister Viola Hodge from Jonesboro; Sister Myrtle Brown from Corning; Bro. Earl Dawson, Sister Anna Hill, Sister Lizzie Million from Sutton; Bro. John Risenhoover, Brother Mack Hambrick from Old Reyno; Bro. Arthur Webster from Clear Lake; Sister Alice Price from Pruitt Chapel.

Committee: Wilma Whitlow, Frank Palmer, Haynes from Alice Brooks; Sister Laura Spencer from Poplar Valley; Naomi Denton, Oneta Jarrett and Glenda Childress

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE—We, your committee find of the 22 churches represented, all have Sunday School and only 14 have League. We recommend that all pastors make a special effort on helping their church organize one, as League work is the training of our youth and a blessing and help for adults also.

Committee: Ruby Rexroad, Louis Vaughn, Ralph Rothe Joe Herring, and Lola Jarrett

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—10 churches report a Woman's Auxiliary. 5 churches report Y.P.A.'s. 6 churches report G.T.A.'s. 2 churches report Missionary Midgets. Our district has given \$632.82 to the State Project, "Wheels" For Deeds." This is twice as much as any other district has given. Total to date: \$2 220.00. Speaker for the 1964 session will be Kathy Knott.

Committee: Barbara Johnson, Doris Kirkland, Geneva Pope, Goldie Edington, and Agnus Palmer.

MISSION BOARD—We have received from the churches of the association \$681.70 for the Deeds Support during the associational year.

Ralph Morrow, Secretary-Treasurer

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT—The first Quarterly Meeting Convened with the Jonesboro Church, October 5, 6, 1962, with 21 churches represented. Monies received \$27.50 for minutes; \$19.50 clerk fee; \$364.81 Foreign Mission; \$31.50 Youth Camp; \$366.85 Cooperative Plan. The second Quarterly Meeting convened with the Corning Church, January 4, 5, 1963, with 20 churches represented. Monies received \$27.50 for minutes; \$20.00 clerk fee; \$308.70 Foreign Missions; \$63.64 Home Missions; \$20.85 Bible College; \$54.41 Youth Camp; \$390.37 Cooperative Plan. The third Quarterly Meeting convened with the Pirtle Church, April 5, 6, 1963 with 21 churches represented. Monies received \$27.50 for minutes; \$21.00 Clerk Fee; \$445.24 Foreign Missions; \$137.41 Home Missions; \$27.50 Bible College; \$48.47 Youth Camp; \$330.58 Cooperative Plan. The fourth Quarterly Meeting convened with the Sutton Church, July 5, 6, 1963, with 21 churches represented. Monies received \$28.50 for minutes; \$20.50 Clerk Fee; \$385.28 Foreign Missions; \$29.62 Home Missions; \$114.13 Bible College; \$97.99 Youth Camp; \$387.38 Cooperative Plan; \$5.00 Local Association expense. Two deacons were Ordained, Bro. Sterling Jackson and W. H. Cox of Pocahontas Church. Bro. Jim Surles of the Sutton Church was licensed to the Ministry. A \$5.00 Floral Spray was sent to the Funeral of Rev Ben Hawkins. I sent Sympathy Cards to Mrs. Ben Hawkins and Rev. L. W. Hodge. A balance of \$89.43 in Treasury August 15, 1963. A letter of recommendation was given to Cave Springs Association for Rev. O. D. Winfrey. A love offering of \$38.84 was given to Rev. Ben Hawkins family.

Alta Lee Miller: Clerk and Treasurer

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Be it resolved that the Presbytery Board be granted the privilege to examine and ordain deacons and ministers in the local churches when such individuals have served the prescribed length of time on a trial basis and the church requests their ordination to the Presbytery Board. All such action to be reported annually to the association.

Committee: Melvin Shelton, Glen Campbell,
Henry Pauley, J. W. Russell, and Claude Harmon.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT: The Presbytery Board has met and recommends that Rev. Melvin Knott be seated in full fellowship with the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist. We also recommend that Bro. Larry Russell be ordained as a minister of the Gospel. We have examined Bro. Lee and Bro. Herring and found them to be sound in Free Will Baptist Doctrine. We recommend that the request of the Corning Church be granted and that they be ordained as deacons.

Presbytery Board: Ben Scott, Chairman
Bob Francis, Secretary, Lowell Graham

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Henry Pauley	Beech Grove, Arkansas
D. W. Pinkston	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Orville Cox	Corning, Arkansas
J. W. Russell	Blytheville, Arkansas
Melvin Knott	Corning, Arkansas
Zane Kirkland	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Keith Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Robert Francis	Reyno, Arkansas
Thurmond Johnson	Biggers, Arkansas
Wayne House	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Lowell Graham	Hoxie, Arkansas
W. C. Lakey	Hoxie, Arkansas
Virgil Mustain	Pocahontas, Arkansas
G. W. Million	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Ben Scott	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Carl High	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Oscar Wright	Jonesboro, Arkansas
E. L. Bibb	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Robert Garrett	Delaplaine, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Knobel, Arkansas
Ira Gates	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Glenn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Will S. White	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Claude Harmon	Delaplaine, Arkansas
Melvin Shelton	O'Kean, Arkansas
L. D. Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Larry Russell	Nashville, Tennessee
Jim Surels (Licensed)	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Leonard Milligan	Black Rock, Arkansas

NAME AND ADDRESSES OF DEACONS**Church—Little Brown**

Harold Statler	Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 3
Jess Murphy	Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 3

Church—O'Kean

Dalioun Stone	Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 1
Howard Martin	Hammond, Indiana

Church—Rickey Chapel

Elmer Swift	Delaplaine, Ark. Route 1
Thed Richardson	Neelyville, Mo.

Church—Pirtle

Oran Smith	Peach Orchard, Ark., Route 1
John Boatner	Peach Orchard, Ark., Route 1
Wiley Ricker	Peach Orchard, Ark., Route 1

Church—Thorn Grove

Dwain Jarrett

Knobel, Arkansas Route 1

Church—Alice Brooks

M. D. Riggs

Delaplaine, Arkansas

G. D. Graham

Delaplaine, Arkansas

I. C. Staten

Pocahontas, Ark. Route One

W. L. Haynes

Pocahontas, Ark.

Guy Ward

Abdington, Ill.

Church—Jonesboro

Frank Jowers

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Ray Brandon

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Paul Bean

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Curtis Smith

Jonesboro, Arkansas

L. T. Hobgood

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Church—Elnora

Ralph Jarrett

Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 1

Howard Jarrett

Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 1

Raymond Gipson

Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 1

R. E. Gray

Pocahontas, Ark. Dalton Route

Church—New Bethel

Charley Thorpe

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Vernon Richey

Pocahontas, Ark. Route 2

Oris Richey

Pocahontas, Ark. Route 2

Church—Pocahontas

Robert Counts

Pocahontas, Ark.

Luther Crays

Pocahontas, Ark.

Veral Jones

Pocahontas, Ark.

Golmon Woolridge

Pocahontas, Ark.

Alden Jones

Pocahontas, Ark.

W. H. Cox

Pocahontas, Ark.

Sterling Jackson

Pocahontas, Ark.

Church—Poplar Valley

John Lee Pope

Bono, Arkansas

C. P. Bandy

Bono, Arkansas

Church—Old Reyno

C. F. Jones

Success, Arkansas

Jewell Graham

Biggers, Arkansas

Ralph Morrow

Biggers, Arkansas

John Edington, Jr.

Reyno, Arkansas

Church—Walnut Ridge

Grover Duncan

Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Joe Floyd

Walnut Ridge, Ark.

J. A. Ring

Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Tom Bennett

Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Oliven Holder	Hoxie, Arkansas
Raymond McNutt	College City, Arkansas
J. D. McKinney (Honorary)	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Church—New Covenant	
Lirlie Smith	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Lum Witcher	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Church—Sutton	
Glynn Childress	Pocahontas, Ark. Route 2
Arlie Melton	Pocahontas, Ark. Route 2
Vass Sutton	Pocahontas, Ark. Route 2
Church—Corning	
Ambrose Cavenor	Corning, Ark. Route 1
Everett Johnson	Corning, Arkansas
Erwin Clark	Corning, Arkansas
Mr. Lee	Corning, Arkansas
Mr. Herring	Corning, Arkansas
Church—Pruett Chapel	
Roscoe Miller	Beech Grove, Ark. Route 1
Church—Clear Lake	
Relton Forehand	Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 2
Herman Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Ark. Route 3

MINISTERS' REPORT

I have pastored Poplar Valley Church full time, helped with two revivals at church. I have witnessed 41 conversions at church, baptised 18, received 20 members into church fellowship. Preached 98 sermons at church, received \$919.00. Revival at Little Brown. Witnessed 5 conversions, traveled 300 miles received \$70 00. Preached 10 sermons. Preached 2 sermons at rest home, in Walnut Ridge I have married 3 couples received \$25.00. Held 2 funerals, received \$15.00. Total sermons 110. Total miles traveled 2570. Total received for labor \$1009.98. Have accepted Poplar Valley Church for another year. Rev. Lowell Graham, Hoxie, Ark. Box 322.

I have been a student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the past year. I have held revivals at First Baptist church of Jacksonport, Walnut Corner General Baptist Church and 3 revivals in Kentucky. This summer I conducted 6 Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Kentucky. I preached approximately 50 sermons and witnessed approximately 40 conversions. Rev. Larry Russell, 3606 West End Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

On Account of my health, I had to resign my pastoral work for the past year. Preached One sermon at Corning Church. Received \$10.00 Witnessed 1 Conversion, Baptised 1. Married 1 couple, Received \$5.00. Have been called to Thorn Grove for the coming year. Rev. Wayne Tucker, Knobel, Ark. Route 1.

Since licensed April 6, 1963, Pastored Clear Lake Church full time. Preached 30 sermons, traveled 630 miles, received \$70.00. Held one revival at Elnora. Witnessed 3 conversions. 2 rededications. Traveled 200 miles, received \$65.00. Have accepted New Covenant Church full time for the coming year. Rev. Jim Surles, Pocahontas, Ark.

As pastor of Pruitt Chapel Church, I have preached 90 sermons; traveled 905 miles; received \$245.00 Preached 2 sermons at O'Kear; received \$6.00. Preached 1 sermon at Rickey Chapel. Assisted in 3 revivals; witnessed 8 conversions; received \$73.00. Baptised 1; received into church 2; married 2 couples, received \$18.00. Total of 93 sermons; 915 miles; \$342.00. Have accepted Pruit Chapel Church for this year. Rev. Claude Harmon, O'Kean, Ark.

I pastored Elnora Church full time. Preached 81 sermons including revival, traveled 6850 miles, witnessed 20 conversions, 2 rededications, baptised 15, 16 additions to the church, received \$1170. Revival at Little Brown, preached 10 sermons, witnessed 2 conversions traveled 650 miles, received \$70.00. Revival at New Covenant, preached 9 sermons, traveled 600 miles witnessed 3 conversions, received \$75.00. Preached 1 sermon at O'Kean spring revival, traveled 168 miles received \$5.00. Preached 3 sermons at Thorn Grove, received \$15.00. Preached dedication message at O'Kean. Preached 9 funerals, received \$45.00; 3 weddings received \$10.00. money received elsewhere \$21.00. Preached total of 105 sermons, 27 conversions. 8268 miles; received \$1411.00. Have accepted Elnora church for the coming year. Rev. Carl High, Peach Orchard, Arkansas.

I pastored Sugar Tree Grove Church one half time this year and New Bethel Church one half time. Have accepted Sugar Tree Grove Church Half time. I preached 75 sermons, and received \$458.00 for labor, and assisted in one revival and received \$55.00. Witnessed 5 conversions. Traveled 4,130 miles. Total received. \$513.00. Preached 75 sermons, Rev. D. W. Pinkston, Walnut Ridge, Ark P. O. Box 294.

I have pastored the Little Brwon Church the past year full time. Have been called for this year. Have received 780.00 for pastoral work and \$55.00 for revivals. Received a total of \$835.00. Received into the church 5 members Witnessed 5 conversions, assisted in 1 funeral, married 2 couples. Received 10.00. Total 845.00. Rev. Wayne House, 732 Crest Dr., Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Had pastoral care of Grandview Church the past year. Preached 90 sermons. Baptised 1, Received 1 into church fellowship. Traveled 5,428 miles. Received for my labor. \$529.00. Preached 12 sermons at other places, received \$16.00, traveled 94 miles Total 102 sermons, 5,522 miles, offerings \$545.00. Rev. Henry Pauley, Route 1, Beech Grove.

I pastored the North Side Church at Pocahontas full time. Preached 3 sermons elsewhere. Assisted in one revival Witnessed 4 conversions in regular services. Received 12 members into the church. Assisted in

a Bible School. Witnessed 2 conversions. Performed 1 marriage ceremony. Conducted 2 funerals. I have accepted the North Side Church for the ensuing year. Rev. Will S. White, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

As pastor of Clear Lake church for 8 months, I witnessed 3 conversions, Baptised 3 and conducted one funeral. Held 1 service at O'Kean and 2 services at the First General Baptist church of Blytheville. Rev. J. W. Russell, 2212 Kenwood Drive, Blytheville, 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 five.

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 churches composing the Association shall stand in the same relationship to each other in the 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.

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.

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; I 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 21:50-53; 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, an eternity inheritance 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, 45:32; 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 1:19-25, 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 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; 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 gift 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—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 ever lasting 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. **JUDGEMENT.** We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works,

whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of the 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 God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Church	L. M.	S. M.	N. M.	H. M.	F. M.	Y. C.	Bible College	Clerk Hire	Co-op Plan	State Conv.	Host Church
O'Kean _____	2.00	2.00	2.00	27.95	40.31			1.00		3.00	5.00
North Side Pocahontas _____	1.00			4.00				1.00			
Rickey Chapel _____	1.25							1.25			5.00
Arbor Grove _____	2.00	1.00			116.43	36.14		1.50		3.00	
Pirtle _____	2.00	2.00	2.00	85.00		19.82		1.50		3.00	
Grandview _____	2.00	1.00	1.00		20.00			1.00			5.00
Clear Lake _____	1.00				46.70			1.00			5.00
Warm Springs _____	1.50			5.00	5.00			1.00	5.00		
Thorn Grove _____	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00			1.00		3.00	5.00
Alice Brooks _____	2.00	2.00	1.50	5.00	80.00		20.00	1.50		3.00	5.00
Jonesboro _____	2.00	2.00	1.50		101.40		122.82	1.50	556.06	3.00	5.00
Pocahontas _____	2.00	2.00		53.60	759.82	100.00	130.27	1.00	858.33	3.00	
Poplar Valley _____	1.50	1.00	1.00		60.00			1.50	20.00	3.00	5.00
Elnora _____	2.00	1.00	1.00		95.00	35.00		1.00		3.00	5.00
New Bethel _____	1.00							1.00			
Sutton _____	1.00	1.50	1.50		25.00			1.00	40.00	6.00	5.00
Old Reyno _____	2.00	1.00	1.00	13.61	83.03	82.00		1.50	37.30	3.00	5.00
Little Brown _____	2.00	1.00		4.00	64.00	32.69		1.00		3.00	
Walnut Ridge _____	2.00	2.00	1.00	23.39	175.13	5.00	70.77	1.00		6.00	5.00
Pruitt Chapel _____	2.00	1.00						1.00			3.00
New Covenant _____	1.50			2.50	2.50			1.00			5.00
Corning _____	2.00										5.00
	\$37.25	21.50	14.50	224.05	1,675.32	310.65	325.86	24.25	1,516.69	45.00	73.00

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