

**THE**  
***Social Band Association***  
**OF**  
***Free Will Baptists***

**1965**

**Proceedings of the**  
**NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened at**  
**POPLAR VALLEY CHURCH**  
**Bono, Arkansas**

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15.00

<u>Churches</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Clerks</u>	Members Received	Dismissed	Died	Woman's Auxiliary	Sunday School	C.T.S.	Own Church Property	Value of Church Property	Members
Alice Brooks	Lowell Graham	Thelma Graham	4	3	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 7,000.00	67
Arbor Grove	Glenn Campbell	Wanda Bonds	5	3	1		Y	Y	Y	8,000.00	126
Clear Lake	Melvin Shelton	Dorthea Marshall		6			Y	Y			48
Corning	Melvin Knott	Austin Cavenor	13		1	Y	Y	Y	Y	15,000.00	71
Elnora	Hulen Hackworth	Carolyn Wheelless	1		1		Y	Y	Y	4,000.00	95
Grandview	Claude Harmon	Addie Jones			1		Y		Y	4,000.00	60
Jonesboro	Benn Scott	Wilma Prince	23			Y	Y	Y	Y	27,500.00	128
Little Brown	Wayne House	Helen Wells					Y	Y	Y	5,000.00	53
New Bethel	James Gosha	Erhel Brown					Y		Y	5,000.00	23
New Covenant	Jim Surels	Mellie Holland					Y	Y			
O'Kean	Grady Linebaugh	Rosealynd Ragsdell				Y	Y	Y	Y	15,000.00	39
Old Reyno		L. T. Robinson	7	3	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	5,000.00	181
Pirtle	Carl High	Agness Palmer	10	3	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	143
Pocahontas First	Dean Dobbs	Viella Wymore	16	4	3	Y	Y	Y	Y	50,000.00	369
Pocahontas N. Side	Millard Erhart	Marion Hunter	4			Y					34
Poplar Valley	O. D. Winfery	Geneva Pope	13	7	1		Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	166
Pruett Chapel	Otis Richey	Grace Walker					Y		Y	4,000.00	55
Rickey Chapel	Leonard Milligan	Harry Midgett	1	1			Y		Y	4,500.00	54
Sugar Tree Grove	D. W. Pinkston	Nora Murrell					Y				12
Sutton	Zane Kirkland	Dorothy Childress	8			Y	Y	Y	Y	12,500.00	103
Thorn Grove	Henry Pauley	Janis Spinks					Y	Y			27
Walnut Ridge	Keith Johnson	Charles Wier	18	8		Y	Y	Y	Y	34,000.00	247
Warm Springs	Dewey Thompson	Martha Holt	5				Y		Y	6,000.00	43
Oldhams Chapel	J. W. Russell	Kathirene Starns	3				Y			2,000.00	29
			<u>131</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>11</u>					<u>\$230,500.00</u>	<u>2203</u>

**Minutes of the  
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**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION**

**CONVENED WITH THE**

**Poplar Valley Church  
BONO, ARKANSAS**

**August 12, 13, 14, 1965**

The next session of the Association will convene with the Alice Brooks Church, beginning Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July, 1966.

**OFFICERS**

**MODERATOR—Rev. Keith Johnson, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas**

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR—Rev. Dean Dobbs, Pocahontas, Ark.**

**CLERK—Kathy Knott, Corning, Arkansas**

**ASSISTANT CLERK—Leora High, Peach Orchard, Arkansas**

## STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Grady Linebaugh	1968
Dewey Thompson	1967
Ben Scott	1966
Oran Smith	1966
John Edington	1966
<b>Presbytery Board</b>	
Grady Linebaugh	1968
Dewey Thompson	1967
Ben Scott	1966
<b>Missions Board</b>	
John L. Pope	1970
Melvin Knott	1969
Marvin Riggs	1968
Alden Jones	1967
Ralph Marrow	1966
<b>Women's Auxiliary Committee</b>	
Geneva Pope	1970
Goldie Edington	1969
Genele Scott	1968
Barbara Johnson	1967
Doris Kirkland	1966
<b>Resolution Committee</b>	
Coley High	
Lee Litherland	
Claude Harmon	

## P R O C E E D I N G S

The 1965 session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Poplar Valley Church, August 12, 13, 14, with 23 churches represented.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Call to order by moderator, Keith Johnson. Opening hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Dean Dobbs. Moderator read Phil. 4:6; I Cor. 3:9, Theme "We are laborers together with God." Rev. Hulen Hackworth brought the evening message, reading Psalms 139:23-24; I Cor. 11:23-24. Subject "Now is the time to know God." The Lord's Supper and footwashing were observed with 19 men and 13 women taking part in the services.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Opened with singing "That Glad Reunion Day" directed by Carl High. Devotional by Larry Russell, reading Matt. 25:34-46. Rev. Dean Dobbs was elected to fill vacancy of assistant moderator. Welcome address given by John L. Pope. Moderator read the rules of order. Church letters were read and delegates seated, prayer by Oran Smith.

## TEMPORARY COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Sunday School and C. T. S.: Oran Smith, Lorene White, Janis Spinks, Lee

Litherland and Dora Walker.

Finance: Johnny Whitlow, Tom Jones, Leora High, Agness Palmer and Elsie Thompson.

Obituary: Kathy Knott, Vela Russell, Estalene Winfery, Mary Lee Jarrett and Don Reed.

Board and committee members elected: Rev. Grady Linebaugh was re-elected to serve three years on the Presbytery board. Oran Smith and John Edington were elected to serve one year on the Executive board. Geneva Pope was elected to serve five years on the Woman's Auxiliary Committee. John Lee Pope was elected to serve five years on the Missions board. Resolution committee elected to serve one year: Coley High, Lee Lutherland and Claude Harmon.

1966 Officers elected (see page one).

Dismissed for intermission by Ralph Morrow.

11:00 a.m. Worship service opened with singing, "Come Unto Me" and prayer by Adrain Spinks. Rev. Jim McClain brought the morning message I Cor. 1:18-25. After singing, "I Feel Like Traveling On" and handshake, we were dismissed by Rev. Ben Scott.

### NOON HOUR

Afternoon session began with singing, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer and devotional by Dean Dobbs, reading of II Cor. 5:20, theme "Ambassadors for Christ".

Delegates elected to State Association were: Geneva Pope, Mary Lee Jarrett, Edith Smith, Leora High and Virgie Throgmorton.

Quarterly meeting clerk gave report. Moved that we do not read ministers' report, just print in minutes. Rev. Dean Dobbs gave report on National Association. Report on District Woman's Auxiliary given by Olena McClain. Two motions were brought to the floor and tabled until tomorrow. Motion one: That the annual session begin on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July each year. Motion two: That Article 12 be deleted. Motion carried that we adjourn business until Saturday morning. Dismissed by Grady Linebaugh.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Services opened with singing "At the Cross", prayer by Larry Russell, devotional by Dennis Pullium. Special singing by Walnut Ridge young people. Prayer by Glenn Campbell. Rev. Bobby Francis brought the evening message, reading St. John 6:1-14 (YOUTH'S GIFT TO CHRIST). An offering of \$25.78 was given for youth camp. Dismissed by Bro. Hurbert Turner.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Session opened with singing "Tell It To Jesus". Prayer and devotions by Grady Linebaugh, reading Hebrews 11:32-38; 12:1. Visitors recognized were: Millard Earhart of Alton, Mo., Roy Ross and a friend of Pocahontas. Motion made we remove motions tabled yesterday from table for discussion. Discussed Motion One and voted to begin services on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July each year. Motion Two defeated.

Election of speakers: Friday morning, Dean Robbs; alternate, Carl High. Communion services, Dewey Thompson, alternate, Grady Linebaugh; Saturday

morning memorial, Ben Scott; alternate, O. D. Winfery.

Board and Committees gave reports. (See elsewhere in minutes).  
Business for 1965 adjourned, dismissed by Alden Jones.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened singing "Some Glad Day After While", prayer by Elder Wayne Tucker. Sutton Woman's Auxiliary had program "WREATH OF REMEMBRANCE" with Omer Edington, Jr. singing "Faith of Our Fathers", "Beyond the Sunset", "Precious Memories" and "Nearer My God to Thee".

Memorial message by Larry Russell. Scripture, John 11:1-3; 11-14. Hand shake and singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". Dismissed by Millard Earhart.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY—We, your committee, find that God has called from our midst: Sister Myrtle Campbell from Alice Brooks; Bro. John Whitlow from Arbor Grove; Sister Odesa Gray, Bro. Homer Sharp from Elnora; Bro. Harry Lane from Pirtle; Sister W. H. Clay, Sis. Birdie Hogan, Bro. Myrt Waldron from Pocahontas; Bro. Charles Hawkins from Poplar Valley; Bro. Elmer Purvis, Bro. Vernie Barton (honorable mention) from Corning; Sis. Lillian Vanzant, Sis. Maggie Hannaford, Bro. John Edington, Sr., from Old Reyno; Bro. Bill Seagraves from New Covenant; Sister Rosa Pride from Grandview. Committee: Kathy Knott, Estalene Winfery, Mrs. Don Reed, Vela Russell and Mary Lee Jarrett.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S.—We, your committee, find that of the 23 churches represented, all have Sunday School and 14 have C.T.S. We urge all churches that do not have C.T.S. to organize one as soon as possible. Committee: Oran Smith, Lorene White, Janis Spinks, Lee Litherland and Dora Walker.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT —The first quarterly meeting convened with the Clear Lake Church, October 2 and 3, 1965 with 23 churches represented. Monies received: \$28.50 for minutes; \$21.50, clerk fee; \$373.52, foreign mission; \$88.18, home mission; \$5.00 Bible College; \$42.10, youth camp; and \$602.07, cooperative plan.

The second quarterly meeting convened with the Elnora Church January 1 and 2, 1965 with 24 churches represented. Received \$29.50 for minutes; \$22.00, clerk fee; \$394.40, foreign mission; \$211.95, home mission; \$15.00 Bible college; \$63.27, youth camp; \$716.80, cooperative plan.

The third quarterly meeting convened with the Arbor Grove church, April 2 and 3, 1965 with 24 churches represented. Received \$28.50 for minutes; \$22.00, clerk fee; \$444.08, foreign mission; \$77.81, home mission; \$66.31, youth camp; \$757.74, cooperative plan.

The fourth quarterly meeting convened with the Old Reyno church July 2 and 3, 1965, with 22 churches represented. Received \$26.00 minutes; \$20.50, clerk fee; \$363.82, foreign mission; \$151.43, home mission; \$102.50, Bible college; \$135.85, youth camp; \$488.82, cooperative plan; \$15.00, local Association expenses. One deacon was ordained, Brother Mont Moore from Warm Springs church. Bro. James Gosha from Clear Lake church was licensed to the ministry. Rev. Hulen Hackworth from Elnora church and Rev. Otis Richey from New Bethel church were ordained to the ministry. An offering of \$100.00 was sent to Rev. Robert Francis; \$21.40 offering to the Ernie Deeds in Brazil; \$40.00 was sent to Rev. Wesley Calvery missionary to Japan. Sent get-well cards to Rev. Ben Scott and Rev. Robert Francis; Sympathy card to Rev. Dewey Thompson; sent card and \$5.00 to Mrs. W. C. Lakey in memory of Rev. W. C. Lakey. A balance of \$62.00 in treasury on August 10, 1965. Alta Lee Miller, Clerk-Treasurer.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Jim McLain	Reyno, Arkansas
Henry Pauley	Beech Grove, Arkansas
Orville Cox	Corning, Arkansas
D. W. Pinkston	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
J. W. Russell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Melvin Knott	Corning, Arkansas
Zane Kirkland	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Keith Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Thurmond Johnson	Biggers, Arkansas
Wayne House	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Lowell Graham	Hoxie, Arkansas
Virgil Mustain	Pocahontas, Arkansas
G. W. Million	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Ben Scott	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Carl High	Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas, Arkansas
E. L. Bibb	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Robert Garrett	Delaplaine, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Knobel, Arkansas
Ira Gates	Hernando, Mississippi
Glynn Campbell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Will S. White	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Claude Harmon	Delaplaine, Arkansas
Melvin Shelton	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
L. D. Johnson	Florida
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Larry Russell	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Jim Surles	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Leonard Milligan	Portia, Arkansas
O. D. Winfrey	Hoxie, Arkansas
Hulen Hackworth	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Otis Richey	Lynn, Arkansas
Henry Clements	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Charles Doherty	Doniphan, Missouri
James Gosha (licensed)	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

# **NAMES 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.

Ralph Rothe

Delaplaine, Ark.

Vernon Midgett

Delaplaine, Ark.

## **Church—Pirtle**

Oran Smith

Peach Orchard, Ark., Route 1

John Boatner

Peach Orchard, Ark., Route 1

Wiley Ricker

Knobel, Arkansas

## **Church—Thorn Grove**

Dwain Jarrett

Knobel, Ark., Route 1

## **Church—Alice Brooks**

M. D. Riggs

Delaplaine, Ark.

G. D. Graham

Delaplaine, Ark.

I. C. Staten

Pocahontas, Ark., Route 1

W. L. Haynes

Pocahontas, Ark.

Guy Ward

Abington, Illinois

## **Church—Jonesboro**

Frank Jowers

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Ray Brandon

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Paul Bean

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Curtis Smith

Jonesboro, Arkansas

L. T. Hobgood

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Edward Holder

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Calvin Lord

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

## **Church—New Bethel**

Charley Thorpe

Pocahontas, Ark.

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

C. P. Bandy

Bono, Arkansas

Bono, Arkansas

**Church—Old Reyno**

C. F. Jones

Jewell Graham

Ralph Morrow

John Edington, Jr.

Success, Arkansas

Biggers, Arkansas

Biggers, Arkansas

Reyno, Arkansas

**Church—Walnut Ridge**

Grover Duncan

Joe Floyd

J. A. Ring

Tom Bennett

Oliven Holder

Raymond McNutt

J. D. McKinney (Honorary)

Chester Pulliam

Weldon Holder

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Hoxie, Arkansas

College City, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

**Church—New Covenant**

Lirla Smith

Lum Witcher

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Light, Arkansas

**Church—Sutton**

Glynn Childress

Arlie Melton

Vass Sutton

Paul Sheets

Perry Joe Crisp

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pocahontas, Arkansas

Pocahontas, Arkansas

**Church—Corning**

Ambrose Cavenor

Everett Johnson

Ervin Clark

Norman Lee

Joe Herring

Corning, Arkansas

Corning, Arkansas

Corning, Arkansas

Corning, Arkansas

Corning, Arkansas

**Church—Pruett Chapel**

Roscoe Miller

Beech Grove, Arkansas

**Church—Clear Lake**

Relton Forehand

Herman Johnson

Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 2

Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 3

**Church—Arbor Grove**

Leonard Douthit

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

**Church—Sugar Tree Grove**

G. W. Hopper

Poyner, Mo.

**Church—Warm Springs**

Benton Holt

Almus Bingham

Warm Springs, Ark.

Warm Springs, Ark.

**Church—Grandview**

Earnest Jones

Pocahontas, Arkansas

**MINISTERS' REPORTS**

I pastored Thorn Grove church half time. Delivered 30 sermons, witnessed two conversions, baptised six, received three into church fellowship, traveled 280 miles, received \$238.00—Elder Wayne Tucker, Knobel, Arkansas.

I had pastoral care of Grandview church the past year, preached 74 sermons, traveled 5362 miles, received \$530.00. Preached one sermon at Clear Lake, received \$5.00; four sermons at Pruett Chapel; one sermon at Pirtle. When on vacation, preached one sermon at the Good Shepherd Free Will Baptist Church in Yuba City, Calif. Total, 79 sermons, 5410 miles, received \$535.00. Married one couple, received \$2.00; conducted one funeral, received \$5.00.—Henry Pauley, Beech Grove, Arkansas.

I pastored New Bethel Church full time since September 1, preached 84 sermons, received \$205.00; preached two sermons at Fellowship meetings, one sermon at Pools Chapel; received \$125.00 for revivals; traveled 2480 miles. —Otis Richey, Smithville, Arkansas, Route One.

I pastored Pruett Chapel Church full time, preached 86 sermons, traveled 1356 miles, received \$302.00. Assisted in two revivals, traveled 197 miles, received \$29.00; married one couple, received \$5.00. Preached one sermon at Pocahontas, traveled 32 miles. Have accepted Grandview Church for the year.—Claude Harmon, Delaplaine, Arkansas.

Since being called to the ministry, I preached my first sermon at Clear Lake the first Sunday in October, 1964. Visited seven other churches as guest speaker, delivered 14 sermons, received \$42.00. Since acting pastor at Clear Lake, I have preached 46 sermons, received \$155.00; assisted in one revival, preached one six-night revival at New Bethel, received \$50.00. Preached total of 76 sermons, received \$247.00, traveled approximately 1970 miles. Have accepted New Bethel Church for the year.—James Gosha, Rebecca Lane, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

I pastored Little Brown Church full time, witnessed three conversions, performed one marriage, received \$795.00.—Wayne House, 732 Crest Dr., Jonesboro, Arkansas.

I pastored Warm Springs Church, preached 48 sermons, traveled 2100 miles, received \$140.00 for pastoral work. Performed five marriages, received \$15.00; conducted two funerals, received \$12.00 and assisted in one other. Witnessed three conversions, baptised three, received into church fellowship, seven. Other contributions approximately \$10.00.—Dewey Thompson, Route Two, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

As pastor of Pirtle Church I preached 86 sermons, witnessed four conversions, traveled 50 miles, received \$530.00 including revival. Conducted revival in Rockford, preached 16 sermons, witnessed 14 conversions, traveled 1200 miles, received \$243.00. Revival in South Haven, Michigan, eight sermons,

witnessed eight conversions, traveled 1200 miles received \$125.00. Preached eight sermons in revival at New Bethel, traveled 592 miles, received \$75.00. Preached six sermons elsewhere, conducted seven funerals, received \$58.00; performed four weddings, received \$22.00. Preached 124 sermons, traveled 3350 miles, witnessed 26 conversions, received \$1053.00.—Carl High, Peach Orchard, Arkansas.

As pastor of Rickey Chapel Church preached 85 sermons, traveled 3230 miles, witnessed four conversions, received one into church fellowship, received \$220.00. Assisted in one revival, received \$25.00, visited eight other churches, preached five sermons, traveled 266 miles, assisted in one funeral. Have accepted Rickey Chapel for another year. —Leonard Milligan, Box 194, Portia, Arkansas.

I pastored Poplar Valley Church the past year, preached 100 sermons, witnessed 18 conversions, traveled 1288 miles, received \$970.00. Assisted in eight revivals, preached 51 sermons, witnessed 48 conversions, baptised 12, traveled 1676 miles, received \$430.00. Visited seven other churches, traveled 385 miles, received \$7.50, preached 10 funerals, traveled 459 miles, received \$58.00, performed two marriages, traveled 105 miles, received \$130.00. Preached total of 168 sermons, witnessed 66 conversions, baptised 12, traveled 3913 miles, received \$1495.50. Have accepted Poplar Valley for another year.—O. D. Winfrey, Route One, Box 149-C, Hoxie, 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 this Association that individuals do to each other in the church; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church the church shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed, they shall be dropped from our union.

8. We agree to do business by a majority of all members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If upon examination it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This association shall have power to sit as an advisory council to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint member, 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 Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July.

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 meeting of the Association.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rules 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 becomes 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 Water strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

XII. PERSEVERENCE—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. 16:2

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 COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to 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 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 forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance 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.

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 church and 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.

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 efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Church	Local Minutes	State Minutes	National Minutes	Clerk Fee	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Youth Camp	Bible College	Coopera- tive	State Conv. Fee	Host Church Fee
Alice Brooks	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 14.20	\$ 75.00	\$20.00	\$	\$	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Arbor Grove	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	207.79	36.00			3.00	5.00
Corning	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	20.00	121.63		5.00			5.00
Elnora	1.00			.50	60.00		13.00				5.00
Jonesboro				1.00		121.69	10.00	18.70	856.76		5.00
Little Brown	1.00			1.00	1.00	1.00	6.70	Orphan- age			5.00
New Bethel	1.00	1.00		1.00	10.00						5.00
New Covenant	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50				3.00	5.00
O'Kean	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00						3.00	5.00
Old Reyno	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.50		85.00	45.00	50.00	29.02	3.00	5.00
Oldham Ch.	1.00			1.00							5.00
Pirtle	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.50	40.00	91.00	17.42			6.00	5.00
Pruett Ch.	2.00	1.00		1.00						3.00	5.00
Rickry Ch.	1.50			1.00							5.00
Sutton	1.50			1.00		90.00		30.00	40.00	5.00	5.00
Thorn Grove	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	3.00	48.00	10.00		3.00	5.00
Walnut Ridge	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		252.76	76.25	26.50	866.23	3.00	5.00
First. Ch. Pocahontas	2.00	2.00		1.50	66.69	619.47		20.00	862.13	3.00	5.00
N. Side Pocahontas	1.00	1.00		.50	3.00					3.00	5.00
Poplar Valley	1.50	1.00	1.00	1.50		60.00	7.68		15.00	3.00	
Clear Lake	1.00			1.00							5.00
Grand View	2.00			1.00					66.33		5.00
Warm Springs	1.00	1.00		1.00							5.00
	<u>\$33.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$12.50</u>	<u>\$25.50</u>	<u>\$226.39</u>	<u>\$1730.84</u>	<u>\$280.05</u>	<u>\$141.50</u>	<u>\$2735.47</u>	<u>\$44.00</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>

