

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

**1966**

**Proceedings Of The**  
**NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

**Convened At**  
**ALICE BROOKS CHURCH**  
**Route 1, Pocahontas, Ark.**

<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
<del>Alice Brooks</del>	Lowell Graham	Thelma Graham	6	3		Y	Y	Y	Y	\$ 7,000.00	70
<del>Arbor Grove</del>	Glynn Campbell	Wanda Bonds	8	1			Y	Y	Y	8,000.00	61
<del>Clear Lake</del>	Melvin Shelton	Mrs. Olus Gill	3	1			Y	Y	Y	10,000.00	56
<del>Corning</del>	Millard Erhardt	Austin Covenor	1			Y	Y	Y	Y	15,000.00	70
<del>Elnora</del>			3		4		Y	Y	Y	4,000.00	95
<del>Grandview</del>	Claude Harmon	Addie Jones					Y		Y	4,000.00	60
<del>Jonesboro</del>	Ben Scott	Wilma Prince	28			Y	Y	Y	Y	27,500.00	156
New Bethel	James Gosha	Delma Rickey	6	2			Y		Y	5,000.00	27
<del>New Covenant</del>	Jim Surles	Millie Holland					Y	Y			3
<del>O'Kear</del>	Grady Linebaugh	Rosealynd Ragsdell,		5		Y	Y	Y	Y	15,000.00	30
Old Reyno	Jimmy Bundy	John Edington	4	5	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	5,000.00	180
<del>Pirtle</del>	Carl High	Agnes Palmer	3	3	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	8,000.00	133
Pocahontas First	Dean Dobbs	Viella Wymore	25	8	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	50,000.00	255
<del>Pocahontas North Side</del>	Hulen Hackworth	Mettie Grissom	12		1		Y	Y	Y	10,000.00	39
<del>Poplar Valley</del>	O. D. Winfrey	Vivian Beaty	8	6	1		Y	Y	Y	6,000.00	140
<del>Pruett Chapel</del>	Edwin Bibbs	Barbara Walker		1	1		Y		Y	4,000.00	54
<del>Rickey Chapel</del>	Leonard Milligan	Harry Midgett					Y			4,500.00	30
<del>Sutton</del>	Zane Kirkland	Dorothy Childress	9	1		Y	Y		Y	10,000.00	85
<del>Thorn Grove</del>	Henry Pauley	Janis Spinks	3	-			Y	Y			32
<del>Walnut Ridge</del>	Keith Johnson	Charles Weir	13	2	2	Y	Y	Y	Y	20,000.00	254
<del>Warm Springs</del>	Dewey Thompson	Martha Holt					Y		Y	6,000.00	41

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**Ninety - Second Annual Session**  
**O f**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**O f**  
**SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION**

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**Route 1, Pocahontas, Arkansas**

**JULY 22 - 23, 1966**

The next regular session will convene with Arbor Grove Church beginning Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July, 1967.

**OFFICERS**

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

**ASS'T. MODERATOR — Rev. Lowell Graham, Hoxie, Ark.**

**CLERK — Genell Scott, Jonesboro, Ark.**

**ASS'T. CLERK — Mary Hibbard, O'Kean, Ark.**

## STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board	Term Expires
Keith Johnson	1969
Grady Linebaugh	1968
Dewey Thompson	1967
Oran Smith	1967
John Edington	1967
Presbytery Board	
Keith Johnson	1969
Grady Linebaugh	1968
Dewey Thompson	1967
Missions Board	
Ralph Morrow	1971
John L. Pope	1970
Jimmy Bundy	1969
Marvin Riggs	1968
Alden Jones	1967
Women's Auxiliary Committee	
Naomi Denton	1971
Geneva Pope	1970
Goldie Edington	1969
Genell Scott	1968
Barbara Johnson	1967
Resolution Committee	
Sherman Fowler	
Joe Henderson	
Frank Palmer	

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

The 1966 session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptist was held with the Alice Brooks Church, July 22, 23, 1966, with 21 churches represented.

## FRIDAY MORNING - 9:00 O'CLOCK

Opened by singing and prayer. Devotional by Rev. Dean Dobbs. Reading Psalms 126. Alta Lee Miller was elected to serve as clerk and Mary Hibbard elected to serve as assistant clerk. Church letters were read and delegates seated by prayer. The rules of Order were read by Moderator.

## TEMPORARY COMMITTEES APPOINTED:

Sunday School and C. T. S.: Estalene Winfrey, Mary Lee Jarrett, Abby Brown Williams, Lucille Goodwin and Wilma Whitlow.

Finance: Sherman Fowler, Edgar Molder, Jimmy Ragsdell, Fay High and Alta Lee Miller.

Obituary: Mary Depriest, Geneva Slayton, Ferd West, Gene Thompson and Jewel Housdon.

Motion made that we seat our visitors in our conference. Rev. Lowell

Graham gave the welcome address. Jimmy Bundy and Lowell Graham were elected to fill vacancies on the Presbytery Board temporarily.

Board and committee members elected: Naomi Denton was elected to serve the 5 year term on the Woman's Auxiliary Committee. John Edington and Oran Smith were elected to serve 1 year each on the Executive Board. Keith Johnson was elected to serve on the Presbytery Board for a 3 year term. Jimmy Bundy was elected to serve on Mission Board for a 3 year term. Ralph Morrow was elected to serve on Mission Board for a 5 year term. Resolution committee elected to serve 1 year: Sherman Fowler, Joe Henderson and Frank Palmer.

1967 Officers elected (see page one).

Motion made and second to suspend Article 12 for this session. This motion was tabled until tomorrow.

Dismissed for intermission by Rev. Herbert Rogers.

11:00 A.M. Worship service opened with singing, "What a Savior", and "Send the Light". Prayer by Rev. Wayne Tucker.

#### NOON HOUR

A special song was given by the Rogers Family of Fayetteville who sang, "The Answer was on the Way", and "Foot Prints of Jesus". The moderator introduced the Rev. Jim McLain, missionary to Japan, who brought the message of the hour. He read his scriptures from Numbers 11, Chapter, Verses 4 and Numbers 13, Chapter Verses 27-33. He stirred our hearts with the heart warming message concerning our mission work in Japan. An offering of \$100.00 was given for Rev. and Mrs. McLain's account. After singing "I Feel Like Traveling On", an old-fashioned hand shake was had by all. We were dismissed by Rev. Lowell Graham.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:15 O'CLOCK

Session opened with singing, "Try Jesus", "Hide Thou Me", and, "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love", led by Rev. Carl High. Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Bundy. The assistant moderator, Rev. Dean Dobbs, introduced Davis Rogers of Fayetteville, who brought the afternoon devotional reading from Scripture, Psalms 116, theme, "Thou Hast Delivered My Soul".

Delegates elected to State Association were: Mary Depriest, Barbara Bates, Dora Walker, Estalene Winfrey and Mary Lee Jarrett. Quarterly meeting clerk gave report. Minister's reports were handed to clerk to be printed in minutes. Rev. Ben Scott gave report on National Association. The Arbor Grove Church was chosen for the next annual session.

Election of speakers: Friday morning, Rev. Jimmy Bundy; alternate, Rev. Lowell Graham. Communion services, Rev. Dewey Thompson, alternate, Rev. Grady Linebaugh; Saturday morning memorial services, Rev. Carl High; alternate, Rev. Dean Dobbs.

Special song by the Rogers family, "Man on the Middle Cross", by request. Solo by David Rogers, "Warfaring Stranger". Special song "I Need no Mansions", was sung by Dora Walker and Naomi Denton by request.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. Loyd Thomas.



### FRIDAY NIGHT

Services opened with singing, directed by Bro. Ralph Morrow. Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Bundy and Rev. Keith Johnson. Special singing by girls from Alice Brooks Church. The Roger family from Fayetteville rendered several numbers in song. Solo, "Till the Storm Passes By", by David Rogers. Message by Bro. Herbert Rogers, Scriptures Isaiah 6:1-13. Theme, Personal Salvation. there were 2 conversions. Benediction by the Rev. Carl High.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with singing, "Near the Cross", "At the Cross", and "Some Glad Day After While". Prayer was by Bro. Oran Smith. Late letters were called for and delegates were seated. Motion was made to remove motion tabled yesterday from table for discussion. Discussed motion One to suspend Article 12 for this session of the Association. Motion carried. Motion carried to accept report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Motion carried to accept and record report of the quarterly meeting report. Bro. Joe Henderson and Rosco Miller were licensed to ministry. Bro. Herbert Turner gave report on the needs at the Bible College. A motion was made and second for our Association to have a rally for the Bible College and to have Bro. Jack Paramore as speaker. Motion carried. Boards and committees gave reports (see elsewhere in minutes).

Business session for the 1966 session adjourned. Dismissed by Rev. James Gosha.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Opened by singing "I'll Meet you in the Morning". Prayer by Rev. Jimmy Bundy. A special song was given by the Rogers family of Fayetteville who sang, "Love Like the Love of God". Special song, "At the Roll Call" was sung by David Rogers.

Memorial message by Rev. Ben Scott. Scripture 1 Cor15:49-58. Theme, "The Last Trumpet Call". Our hearts were stirred with this timely message. Hymn, "God Be with You" directed by Rev. Carl High. An old-fashioned hand shake. Benediction by the Rev. Keith Johnson.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.** — We, your Committee find out of 21 churches represented, all have Sunday School and 15 have C.T.S. We urge all churches that do not have C.T.S. to organize one, as soon as possible. Committee: Estalene Winfrey, Mary Lee Jarrett, Abby Brown Williams, Lucille Goodwin and Wilma Whitlow.

**OBITUARY** — We, your committee, find God has called from our midst this year, Sister Hettie Knight from Poplar Valley, Bro. Buddy Sharp, Sister Mary Sharp, Sister Norma Robinson, and Bro. from Elnora Church, Sister

Gimmett from Old Reyno Church, Bro. Bill Holt from Pocahontas Church, Sister Bertha Foust and Bro. Lee High from Pirtle Church; Sister Carrie Lou Smith and Bro. David L. Pender from Walnut Ridge Church; Sister Sarah Maude Foster from Pruett Chapel Church, Bro. Bob Gullett from North Side Church, Sister Ethel Casteel from Sutton Church, and 2 from Corning Church (no names given). The bereaved families have our deepest sympathy. Committee: Mary Depriest, Geneva Slayton, Ferd West, Gene Thompson and Jewell Housdon.

**QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT** — The first quarterly meeting convened with the Warm Springs Church, October 1, 2, 1965, with 23 churches represented. Monies received: \$28.50 for minutes; \$22.00 for clerk fee; \$422.63, foreign missions; \$144.64, home mission, \$100.00 for Bible College; \$64.45, Youth Camp; \$740.09, cooperative plan; and \$19.39 for children home.

The second quarterly meeting convened with the Pocahontas Church, December 31, 1965, Jan. 1, 1966, with 23 churches represented. Monies received: \$28.00, minutes; \$22.00, clerk fee; \$286.38, home mission; \$334.85, foreign mission; \$178.00 Bible College; \$89.32, youth camp; and \$720.69, cooperative plan.

The third quarterly meeting convened with Walnut Ridge Church, April 1, 2, 1966, with 22 churches represented. Monies received: \$27.00, minutes; \$19.50, clerk fee; \$143.64, home mission; \$906.05, foreign mission; \$239.76, Bible College; \$35.82, youth camp; \$813.88, cooperative plan; \$207.00, national association; \$4.00, state minutes; and \$5.00 for local association expense. Four deacons were ordained, Bro. James Grissom and Bro. Marion Hunter from North Side Church; Bro. C. H. Whittingham from the Poplar Valley Church, and Bro. Bill Grimes from the Pruett Chapel Church. Bro. James Gosha was ordained to the ministry. An offering of \$45.98 was taken for Bible College; \$25.00 was taken from treasury to make \$70.98 for the college. I sent a get-well card to Rev. Thurman Johnson; a sympathy card to Rev. Carl High. A balance of \$75.00 is in treasury on July 21, 1966. Alta Lee Miller, Clerk-Treasurer.

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Henry Pauley  
Orville Cox  
D. W. Pinkston  
J. W. Russell  
Larry Russell  
Melvin Knott  
Zane Kirkland  
Keith Johnson  
Thurman Johnson  
Wayne House

Beech Grove, Arkansas  
Corning, Arkansas  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas  
Biggers, Arkansas  
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. Bibbs	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Robert Garrett	Delaplaine, Arkansas
Wayne Tucker	Knoble, 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
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, Arkansas
James Gosha	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Joe Henderson (licensed)	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Rosco Miller (licensed)	Beech Grove, 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., Route 1
Vernon Midgett	Delaplaine, Ark.
Church - Pirtle	
Oran Smith	Peach Orchard, Ark., Rt. 1
John Boatner	Peach Orchard, Ark., Rt. 1
Wiley Ricker	Knoble, Arkansas
Church - Alice Brooks	
G. D. Graham	Delaplaine, Ark., Route 1



M. D. Riggs	Delaplaine, Ark., Route 1
I. C. Staten	Pocahontas, Ark., Route 1
W. L. Haynes	Pocahontas, Ark.
Guy Ward	Abington, Illinois
Church - Jonesboro	
Frank Jowers	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Ray Branham	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Paul Bean	Jonesboro, Arkansas
John Thomas	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	
Vernon Richey	Pocahontas, Ark., Route 2
Oris Richey	Pocahontas, Ark., Route 2
Charley Thorpe	Pocahontas, Ark.
Church - Pocahontas	
Robert Counts	Pocahontas, Ark.
Luther Crays	Pocahontas, Ark.
Veral Jones	Pocahontas, Ark.
Golman Woolridge	Pocahontas, Ark.
Alden Jones	Pocahontas, Ark.
W. H. Cox	Pocahontas, Ark.
Sterling Jackson	Pocahontas, Ark.
Church - Poplar Valley	
C. H. Whittingham	Bono, Arkansas
C. P. Bandy	Bono, Arkansas
John Lee Pope	Bono, Arkansas
Church - Old Reyno	
C. F. Jones	Success, Arkansas
Jewell Graham	Biggers, Arkansas
Ralph Morrow	Biggers, Arkansas
John Edington, Jr.	Reyno, Arkansas
Church - New Covenant	
Lirla Smith	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Lum Witcher	Light, Arkansas
Bill Housdon	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Church - Walnut Ridge	
Grover Duncan	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Joe Floyd	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
J. A. Ring (Honorary)	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Tom Bennett	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Oliven Holder	Hoxie, Arkansas
Raymond McNutt	College City, Arkansas
Chester Pulliam	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Weldon Holder	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Church - Sutton	
Glynn Childress	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Arlie Melton	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Vass Sutton	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Paul Sheets	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Perry Joe Crisp	Pocahontas, Arkansas
Church - Corning	
Ambrose Cavenor	Corning, Arkansas
Everett Johnson	Corning, Arkansas
Ervin Clark	Corning, Arkansas
Norman Lee	Corning, Arkansas
Joe Herring	Corning, Arkansas
Church- Pruett Chapel	
Roscoe Miller	Beech Grove, Arkansas
Bill Grimes	Beech Grove, Arkansas
Church - Clear Lake	
Relton Forehand	Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 2
Herman Johnson	Walnut Ridge, Ark., Route 3
Church - Arbor Grove	
Leonard Douthit	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Church - Sugar Tree Grove	
G. W. Hopper	Poynor, Mo.
Church - Warm Springs	
Benton Holt	Warm Springs, Arkansas
Almus Bingham	Warm Springs, Arkansas
Mont Moore	Warm Springs, Arkansas
Church - Grandview	
Ernest Jones	Pocahontas, Arkansas

#### MINISTERS' REPORTS

I pastored New Bethel Church full time the past year, preached 56 sermons, received \$339.00, preached at Fellowship meetings, visited 3 other churches, traveled approximately 30,300 miles. Have accepted New Bethel Church for another year.—Rev. James Gosha, Rebecca Lane, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

I have pastored the Alice Brooks Church full time, traveled 3,630 miles, received \$955.00, witnessed 4 conversions, received 6 into fellowship, preached 90 sermons.—Rev. Lowell Graham, Box 322, Hoxie, Arkansas.

I had pastoral care of Thorn Grove Church the past eleven months, preached 85 sermons, witnessed one conversion, baptised 3, received 1 into church fellowship, traveled 2,862 miles. Preached sermons at other places, home coming at Pirtle, 1 sermon fellowship meeting at North Side Church 1 sermon. Conducted 2 funerals, received \$20.00, received \$490.00 —Rev. Henry Pauley, Route 1, Beech Grove, Arkansas.

I pastored the Poplar Valley Church, preached 79 sermons, witnessed 5 conversions, traveled 2,580 miles, received \$820.00. Assisted in 5 revivals, preached 28 sermons, witnessed 15 conversions, baptised 18, traveled 2,561 miles, received \$330.00. Visited other churches, traveled 384 miles, received \$45.00, performed 1 wedding, traveled 46 miles, conducted 6 funerals, traveled 274 miles, received \$47.00. Preached approximately 103 sermons, witnessed 20 conversions, traveled 5,461 miles, received \$1,197.00. Have accepted Poplar Valley Church for another year. —Rev. O. D. Winfrey, Route 1, Box 149 C, Hoxie, Arkansas.

I pastored Grandview Church full time the past year, preached 85 sermons, traveled 2,063 miles, received \$460.00, conducted revival, 6 sermons, traveled 210 miles, received \$25.00. Have accepted Grandview Church for another year. —Rev. Claud Harmon, Route 1, Delaplaine, Ark.

I pastored Pirtle Church full time, preached 74 sermons, traveled 60 miles, witnessed 1 rededication, 1 addition to church, received \$630.00. Preached 5 sermons at Elnora, traveled 120 miles, received \$45.00, preached 5 sermons elsewhere, traveled 75 miles, received \$21.00. Conducted 12 funerals, received \$90.00, performed 2 weddings, received \$10.00. Conducted revival at Little Brown, preached 7 sermons, traveled 420 miles, witnessed 3 conversions, received \$50.00, preached total 91 sermons, traveled 675 miles, witnessed 4 conversions, received \$856.00.—Rev. Carl High, Peach Orchard, Ark.

#### 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 is 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 power to lord 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 advise 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 church from which he or they were messengers.

11. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arrise 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 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 maybe shut off at anytime 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. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless 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 there to 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 benovolent 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	Bible College	Youth Camp	Coopera- tive Fund	State Conv. Fee	Host Church Fee
Alice Brooks	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 20.00	33.85		3.00	\$
Arbor Grove	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	175.00	20.00	27.00		3.00	5.00
Corning	1.00			1.00							
Elnora	2.00	1.00		1.00	60.00			24.00	10.00		5.00
Jonesboro				1.00		117.80	19.26	10.00	946.65		5.00
Little Brown		4.00									5.00
New Bethel	1.00	1.00		1.00	12.00	14.50					5.00
New Covenant	1.50			1.00	2.50	2.50					5.00
O'Kean	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	116.51	116.51				3.00	5.00
Old Reyno	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	125.00	51.86			57.86	3.00	5.00
Pirtle	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.50	45.00	75.00		50.40		6.00	5.00
First Ch. Pocahontas	2.00	2.00		1.50	19.39	1,237.18	558.18	15.00	950.04	3.00	5.00
N. Side Pocahontas	1.00	1.00		.50						3.00	5.00
Pruett Chapel	2.00	1.00		1.00						3.00	5.00
Rickey Chapel	1.50			1.00							5.00
Sutton	1.50			1.00	40.00	80.00			40.00		5.00
Thorn Grove	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00				3.00		5.00	5.00
Walnut Ridge	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		137.78			863.29	3.00	5.00
Poplar Valley	1.50			1.50		45.00			15.00	3.00	5.00
Clear Lake	1.00			1.00							5.00
Grandview	1.00	1.00		1.00							5.00
Warm Springs	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	2.00	1.00			40.00	3.00	5.00
	\$ 33.50	24.00	11.50	23.00	447.40	2,117.13	617.44	163.25	2,922.84	41.00	\$100.00