

Minutes  
of the  
One Hundred Third Session  
of the  
Social Band Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists  
at the  
Walnut Ridge Church  
July 29 and 30, 1977

The next session will convene at the  
Jonesboro First Church July 7, 8, 1978

## OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. O. D. Winfrey
Ass't. Moderator .....	Rev. George Ritter
Clerk .....	Eldridge Neece
Ass't. Clerk .....	Estalene Winfrey

## PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Carl High .....	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Henry Pauley .....	Term Expires 1979
Rev. George Ritter .....	Term Expires 1978

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Carl High .....	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Henry Pauley .....	Term Expires 1979
Rev. George Ritter .....	Term Expires 1978
Rev. Terry Forrest .....	Term Expires 1978
Rev. Dewey Thompson .....	Term Expires 1978

## MISSION BOARD

Oran Smith .....	Term Expires 1982
Ralph Jarrett .....	Term Expires 1981
Rev. David Winfrey .....	Term Expires 1980
Marvin Riggs .....	Term Expires 1979
Alden Jones .....	Term Expires 1978

## WOMANS AUXILIARY

Carolyn Winfrey .....	Term Expires 1982
Genevie Pope .....	Term Expires 1981
Marsha High .....	Term Expires 1980
Abbie Williams .....	Term Expires 1979
Eileene Moore .....	Term Expires 1978

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Nichols .....	Term Expires 1980
James Williams .....	Term Expires 1979
J. M. Edington .....	Term Expires 1978

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Richard Bowers .....	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Clinton Holder .....	Term Expires 1979
Rev. Jim Bundy .....	Term Expires 1978

**PROGRAM FOR THE  
QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE  
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
AT THE O'KEAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 30-Oct. 1, 1977**

**FRIDAY EVENING**

- 7:30 - Singing, Scripture and Prayer
- 7:45 - Devotional - Brooks Crossno  
Special Singing - By Host Church
- 8:00 - Message - Rev. Jim Bundy  
Alternate - Rev. Richard Bowers

**SATURDAY MORNING**

- 9:00 - Singing, Scripture and Prayer
- 9:15 - Devotional - Charles Milton  
Alternate - Mike Jarrett
- 9:25 - Welcome - Host Church  
Response - Marvin Riggs
- 9:30 - Reading of Church Letters - Estalene Winfrey and Wanda Bonds, Seating of Delegates, Recognition of Visitors, Appointment of Committees, Designation of Offering and other business.
- 10:45 - Intermission
- 11:00 - Message - Rev. W. H. Bostic  
Alternate - Rev. Alvie Richmond
- 12:00 - Lunch

**AFTERNOON**

- 1:15 - Singing and Prayer
- 1:30 - Master's Men Program - Walnut Ridge
- 1:45 - Reports of Boards and Committees  
Ordination  
Adjournment

**PROCEEDINGS**

**FRIDAY MORNING - JULY 29, 1977**

Our one hundred third session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Walnut Ridge Church on July 29-30, 1977. The session opened with singing and prayer.

Singing was led by Rev. W. H. Bostic with Sister Bostic at the piano. We were led in prayer by Rev. Johnie Hale.

Welcome to the association was given by Bro. David Roach of the Walnut Ridge Church. Response was given by Rev. John England.

The rules of order were read by the moderator Keith Johnson.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to read the church letters in their entirety.

Reading of church letters was by Estalene Winfrey and Mary Jarrett.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates.

An altar of prayer by the delegation was called for by the moderator.

A report of thanks was given by Rev. Carl High for financial help received during the year, also made a talk about the need of support to our Social Band Home Missions Program.

Intermission - Dismissed by Rev. Jerry Fields.

## WORSHIP SERVICE - 11 A.M.

The service opened with singing, "Send a Great Revival In My Soul, "led by Bro. Bostic, with Sis. Bostic at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Richard Bowers.

We also sang, "Stand Up For Jesus."

Special singing was by David and Carolyn Winfrey.

Rev. John Turner brought the morning message found in Eph. 3:7-11.

We had prayer and a hymn of invitation was sung.

Announcements were made at this time.

Blessing on noon meal was given by Rev. Keith Johnson.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:15 P.M.

The afternoon session opened with singing led by Bro. Bostic with Sis. Bostic at the piano.

A devotional was given by Rev. Lewis Campbell of the state book store. Bro. Campbell also gave us a report from the state office.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the offering received today be placed into the general fund of the association.

The amount of the offering received was \$71.05.

The following officers, board members, and committees were elected or appointed:

Officers - see page one

Presbytery Board - See Page One

Executive Board - See Page One

Mission Board - See Page One

Woman's Auxiliary - See Page One

Scholarship Committee - See Page One

Resolutions Committee - See Page One

Sunday School & CTS - Bros. Clinton Holder, Guy Burgess and Sis. Naomi Denton.

Obituary - Bros. Claude Harmon, Mike Jarrett and Charles Blair.

Finance - Bros. Eldridge Neece, Garland Russell and Sis. Vada Sheets.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to make the Resolutions Committee a standing committee composed of three persons elected for three, two and one year terms.

Speakers for next yearly meeting are:

Friday - Rev. David Winfrey

Alternate - Rev. Ken House

Friday Night - Rev. W. H. Bostic

Alternate - Rev. Johnie Hale

Saturday Morning - Rev. Bernard Roberts

Alternate - Rev. Jim Bundy

The Master's Men of the Association will be responsible for the Memorial Service in 1978.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the O'Kean Church's invitation for the September Quarterly Meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Jonesboro Church's invitation for the next yearly meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have our yearly meeting for next year on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in July which would be the 7th and 8th of July 1978.

The following persons were elected as delegates to the State Association:

Sisters Perline Roberts, Estalene Winfrey, Reba Ritter, Edith Smith and Maxine Bostic.

A report of the National Association was given by Bros. Jim Bundy and W. H. Bostic.

### **PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT READ**

The report from the Presbytery Board was read, accepted and acted upon separately.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive Rev. Johnie Hale, Rev. John England and Rev. Bernard Roberts into the fellowship of this association pending a letter of recommendation from their respective associations as recommended by our Presbytery Board.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation from our Presbytery Board that Bro. Jeral Dean be ordained as deacon in the O'Kean Church.

An ordination service was held and Bro. Jeral Dean was ordained as deacon at this session. Bro. Pauley brought the charge.

Prayer and laying on of hands by the ordained authority of the association. A song and handshake was the conclusion of this service.

### **FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

7:30 P.M.

The service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Bostic with Sis. Bostic at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Moore.

Special music was rendered by the Bostics.

Message by Rev. Richard Bowers found in Romans 7:1-23, 7:1-6 entitled, "How to Live Right After God Has Declared You Right."

Prayer by Rev. Bowers and a hymn of invitation was sung.

The service was dismissed by Bro. Brooks Crossno.

### **SATURDAY MORNING**

9:00 A.M.

This session was called to order by Asst. Moderator, Rev. O. D. Winfrey.

We had congregational singing led by Rev. David Winfrey with Carolyn Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Brooks Crossno.

Rev. Clinton Holder also led singing with Rev. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Blair.

Devotional was given by Rev. Carl High taken from Psalm 15.

We had special prayer at this time for the hospitalized.

Tardy letters were read at this time.

Prayer for the seating of delegates of the tardy letters was by Rev. Bernard Roberts.

### **REPORTS READ**

+ Presbytery Board - This report read and accepted earlier in this session. Recommendations accepted.

Mission Board - Report accepted.

Woman's Auxiliary - Report accepted

Scholarship - Report accepted

Resolutions - Report accepted

Sunday School & CTS - Report accepted

Obituary - Report accepted

Finance - Report accepted

See Committee Reports

A motion was made, seconded and carried not to print the quarterly minutes in the yearly minutes since they are already printed quarterly.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for the Social Band Association to send a letter to the T.V. Broadcasting system against filthy films.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Social Band Association recommend to the churches that they send five percent of their weekly income to Social Band Home Missions.

We had intermission at this time, prayer by Rev. Albert Tiner.

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

11:00 A.M.

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Mike Jarrett with Rev. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Sis. Dora Walker.

A beautiful memorial service was brought to us by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Arbor Grove Church.

Prayer by Rev. Johnie Hale.

The message was brought to us by Rev. Melvin Shelton taken from Heb. 11:8-10, 16.

After the message a song was sung and we had a hand-shake.

Announcements were called for at this time.

Dismissed and blessing on noon meal by Rev. James Gosha.

## **COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS**

**PRESBYTERY BOARD** - Report found elsewhere in these minutes

### **MISSION BOARD-**

We, the Home Missions Board report for the last associational year receiving the following: Social Band Association \$1208.71, O'Kean Church \$1331.22, Edith Britton \$150.00, Pirtle Church \$200.00, Paragould Church \$9.50, for a total of \$2899.43. Sent to the Paragould Church \$2874.55 of which \$1174.55 was earmarked to the Paragould Church when received. We have a balance of \$24.88

Bros. Oran Smith, Ralph Jarrett and David Winfrey - Your Missions Board.

### **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee find that of the 26 churches reporting 10 have auxiliary. We recommend that other churches consider organizing a work.

Sisters Geneva Pope, Abby Williams and Edith Smith - Your Committee.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** - Since July 1976 the Social Band Association Scholarship Fund has received a total of \$1253.36, +distributed to students \$1052.50, leaving a balance of \$199.86. +This amount includes \$1.00 bank charge.

Bros. Charles Nichols, James Williams, and J. M. Edington - Your Scholarship Committee.

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE -**

Be it resolved that we raise our quarterly fees from \$5 per church to \$10 per church.

Be it resolved that we raise our clerk's salary from \$25 per quarter to \$50 per quarter and that we commend him for the excellent job he is doing.

Be it resolved that we give the Walnut Ridge Church a rising vote of thanks for the tremendous manner in which they have hosted this year's annual association.

Bros. Richard Bowers, Melvin Shelton, and Andy Percy - Your Committee

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.

We, the Sunday School and Christian Training Service Committee find that we have a total of 29 churches in the association, and 26 of them reporting to this setting. Out of 26 churches reporting there is a total of 18 that have C.T.S. services.

We, the committee recommend that each church that doesn't have C.T.S. organize one.

Bros. Clinton Holder, Guy Burgess and Sis. Naomi Denton - Your Committee

#### OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee find that God has called from our midst over the past year: Bro. Henry Tyler, Elnora; Sis. Millie Smith Holland, New Covenant; Sis. Dollie Edington, Bro. Walter Edington, Old Reyno; Sis. Sandra Riley, Faith of Corning; Bro. Ernest Kennedy, O'Kean; Sis. Gusta Prevoe, Sis. Nancy Moles, Bro. Delbert Hill, Bro. Donnie Joyce, Pirtle; Sis. Maggie McFatridge, Sis. Ade Wallace, Sis. Mae Patterson, Sis. Anna Judd, Bro. Jim Jackson, Bro. A. R. Patterson, Pocahontas; Bro. Emmitt Ezzell, Pruett Chapel; Sis. Ruby Sutton, Sis. Elvis Petero, Bro. Clay Smart, Bro. Walter Cox, Sutton; Bro. Jim Hoffman, Bro. Joe Davis, Walnut Ridge; Bro. Clarence Corner, Warm Springs. We pray God's richest blessings upon the bereaved.

Bro. Mike Jarrett, Charles Blair, and Claud Harmon-Your Committee.

#### FINANCE -

Report may be found elsewhere in the minutes.

Bro. Eldridge Neece, Garland Russell, and Sis. Vada Sheets - Your Committee

## DEACONS AND CHURCH CLERKS

1. ALICE BROOKS  
Marvin Riggs  
Darrell Holloway  
Eli Murray  
Mrs. Rosetta Murray - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
2. ARBOR GROVE  
Pat Winfrey - Clerk  
Hoxie, Ar. 72433
3. CLEAR LAKE  
Relton Forehand  
Mrs. Relton Forehand - Clerk  
Rt. 2, Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476
4. CORNING FIRST  
Ambrose Cavenar  
Everett Johnson  
Lula Allmandinger-Clerk  
Rt. 1, Corning, Ar. 72442
5. EASTVALE  
Carmon Rushing  
Ralph Miller  
Sherry Mannon - Clerk  
P. O. Box 965, Blytheville, Ar. 72315
6. ELNORA  
Ralph Jarrett  
Rudy Wallis  
Raymond Gipson  
Mike Jarrett  
Betty Ann Snow - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476
7. FAITH OF CORNING  
Bobbie Lester-Clerk  
P. O. Box 393  
Corning, Ar. 72422
8. FAITH OF JONESBORO  
3 Deacons  
(No names given to Associational Clerk)  
Jeneice Dulaney - Clerk  
2808 Spring Valley Dr.  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401
9. GRANDVIEW  
Addie Jones - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Maynard, Ar. 72444
10. JONESBORO  
John Thomas  
Ray Barnham  
B. F. Owens  
John Lee Pope  
Wilma Prince - Clerk  
3900 Renee Dr.  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401
11. LITTLE BROWN  
Jess Murphy  
Harold Statler  
Harold Statler - Clerk  
Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476
12. MT. HOME  
Robert Partee  
Hayden Bramlett  
Charles Blair  
Charles Blair - Clerk  
Rt. 2  
Gassville, Ar. 72635
13. NEW BETHEL  
Charley Brown  
Vernon Richey  
Ethel Brown - Clerk  
Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
14. NEW COVENANT  
Lum Witcher  
Wiley Dobbs  
Bill Housdan  
Eula Joan Jones-Clerk  
Rt. 2, Walnut Ridge, Ar. 7247
15. NORTH SIDE  
Tommy Noblin  
Albert Cox  
Addie Thompson - Clerk  
2011 Frenken St.  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
16. O'KEAN  
Howard Martin  
Nelbert Rickey  
Joe Ball  
Jeral Dean  
John Getson - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Delaplaine, Ar. 72425
17. OLDHAM CHAPEL  
Katherine Starnes - Clerk  
Black Rock, Ar. 72415



18. OLD REYNO  
John Edington  
Ralph Morrow  
John Edington, Jr. - Clerk  
P. O. Box 173  
Reyno, Ar. 72462

19. PARAGOULD  
C. L. Cox  
Topsy Cook-Clerk  
P. O. Box 1011  
Paragould, Ar. 72450

20. PIRTLE  
Oran Smith  
Richard Smith  
Paul Goings  
Edith Smith - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Peach Orchard, Ar. 72453

21. POCAHONTAS  
Alden Jones  
Johnny Sago  
W. H. Cox  
Leo Franks  
Robert Counts  
Veral Jones  
Viella Wymore - Clerk  
311 Vance St.  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

22. POPLAR VALLEY  
Herbert Whittingham  
J. R. West  
Lovis West - Clerk  
1200 Burke  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

23. PRUETT CHAPEL  
Bill Grimes  
Laura Ann Walker, Clerk  
Rt. 1, Beech Grove, Ar. 72412

24. RICKEY CHAPEL  
Vernon Midgett  
Tony Hudson  
Sylvia Midgett - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Delaplaine, Ar. 72425

25. STONEY POINT  
Susie Hulvey - Clerk  
Rt. 4, Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

26. SUTTON  
Glen Childress  
Paul Sheets  
Perry Joe Crisp  
Loron Ring  
Rector Williams  
Marsha Robinson - Clerk  
Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

27. THORN GROVE  
Janis Spinks - Clerk  
Rt. 1, Knobel, Ar. 72435

28. WALNUT RIDGE  
Brooks Crossno  
Floyd Deen, Jr. - Clerk  
Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476

29. WARM SPRINGS  
Benton Holt  
Mont Moore  
Martha Holt - Clerk  
Warm Springs, Ar.

CHURCHES AND  
PASTORS

	BAP	MEMBERS			TOTAL	S. SCH. AVG.	HOME		FOREIGN	CO-OP PLAN	BIBLE COLLEGE	YOUTH CAMP	SCHOLAR- SHIP FUND	ORPHANAGE	PASTORS SALARY	EVANGEL WORK	STATE CONVENTION	ASSO. FEES AND HOST CHURCH
ALICE BROOKS	7				72	50	36	25.00	233.00		25.00	60.00			3,260.50	200.00	20.00	15.00
O. D. Winfrey	7		2		85	85	55	323.18	472.15		180.00	240.00		100.00	7,225.00	510.00	20.00	15.00
ARBOR GROVE																		
David Winfrey			2		13	12									312.00			10.00
CLEAR LAKE																		
Claude Harmon	5	16	1		79	67		214.34	20.00	1,265.35	71.00			51.85	5,798.00	220.00	20.00	15.00
CORNING	5		20		37	32		204.65	419.01	794.25					2,550.00	300.00	20.00	15.00
Richard Robinson	2		2	1	121	72	40	10.00	371.00			20.00			7,351.00	385.00	20.00	15.00
EAST VALE	12			1	43	40		282.95	373.03		30.00				6,285.44	170.00	20.00	15.00
Keith Johnson					43	51	33		199.45						1,900.00		20.00	15.00
ELNORA	1				62	59	35	45.00	158.00						2,380.00	375.00		15.00
Johnnie Hale	20		44		95	95	39	10.00	6,791.28	910.53			291.14		7,875.00	313.72	20.00	15.00
FAITH, CORNING					8												20.00	15.00
Jerry Fields	11		4		73	82		1417.72	285.20	429.19		123.00			5,940.00	371.99	20.00	15.00
FAITH, JONESBORO																		
Early White																		
GRANDVIEW	6		10	1	74	53	30						3.00		1,327.50	329.50	20.00	15.00
John Turner	9		3		61	42			17.33	60.00					1,900.00	185.00		15.00
JONESBORO	20		1	1	150	134	101	1,723.30		2,435.43	483.59				3,846.14	481.32	20.00	15.00
W. H. Bostic					23	17									640.00	65.00	20.00	15.00
LITTLE BROWN	21		5	2	276	140	60	400.00	341.74	1,703.93			50.00		6,700.00	175.00	20.00	15.00
James Gosha	12		3		38	34	21	18.40		259.44		15.44			2,600.00		20.00	15.00
MT. HOME				4	42	26	20	200.00	120.00			46.77			2,040.00	200.00	20.00	15.00
John England	12		11	5	216	119	50	496.87	1,071.95	2,996.28	675.25	200.00	10.00		9,100.00	428.40	20.00	15.00
NEW BETHEL	5		4		118	68	30		1,085.08	20.00	10.00	48.00			2,610.00	260.00	20.00	15.00
*	2		3	1	41	41	24	75.00	75.00				75.00		1,445.00	120.00		15.00
NEW COVENANT	8		3		59	41	21	380.74	120.00			123.00			2,655.00	275.00	20.00	15.00
L. D. Johnson																		
NORTHSIDE	18	12	4	4	173	127	68	320.00	1,025.00	3,340.00	600.00	100.00		135.00	9,220.00	475.00	20.00	15.00
Melvin Shelton	1				32	26	14	15.00	244.00			15.00			1,350.00	275.00	20.00	15.00
O'KEAN	4		12	2	179	151	64	1,285.46	3,435.00	2,965.10	600.00		296.46		9,355.00	392.26	20.00	5.00
Bernard Roberts				1	47	25		5.00	5.00						500.00	135.00	10.00	15.00
OLDHAM CHAPEL	188	28	134	23	2260	1689	741	7,452.61	16,862.22	19,179.50	2,674.84	991.21	675.60	336.85	106,165.58	6,642.19	450.00	375.00
Leonard Milligan																		
OLD REYNO																		
Jim Bundy																		
PARAGOULD																		
Carl High																		
PIRTLE																		
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Terry Forrest																		
WARM SPRINGS																		
Joe McDonald																		
TOTALS																		
* No Report																		

## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

1. ALICE BROOKS  
Rev. O. D. Winfrey  
Rt. 1  
Hoxie, Ar. 72433
2. ARBOR GROVE  
Rev. David Winfrey  
Rt. 1  
Hoxie, Ar. 72433
3. CLEAR LAKE  
Rev. Claude Harmon  
Paragould, Ar. 72450
4. CORNING FIRST  
Rev. Richard Robinson  
607 W. Hazel  
Corning, Ar. 72422
5. EASTVALE  
Rev. Keith Johnson  
1421 Brandon  
Blytheville, Ar. 72315
6. ELNORA  
Rev. Johnnie Hale  
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7. FAITH OF CORNING  
Rev. Jerry Fields  
P. O. Box 106  
Corning, Ar. 72422
8. FAITH OF JONESBORO  
Rev. Early White  
Ann Street  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401
9. GRANDVIEW  
Rev. John Turner  
2405 Bledsoe  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
10. JONESBORO FIRST  
Rev. W. H. Bostic  
1009 Hester  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401
11. LITTLE BROWN  
Rev. James Gosha  
Rebecca Lane  
Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476
12. MT. HOME FIRST  
Rev. John England  
1304 E. 9th St.  
Mt. Home, Ar. 72653
13. NEW BETHEL  
(No Report)
14. NEW COVENANT  
Rev. L. D. Johnson  
1305 Magnolia  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401
15. NORTH SIDE  
Rev. Melvin Shelton  
710 S. Second  
Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476
16. O'KEAN  
Rev. Bernard Roberts  
P. O. Box 7  
O'Kean, Ar. 72499
17. OLDHAM CHAPEL  
Rev. Leonard Milligan  
Portia, Ar.
18. OL D REYNO  
Rev. Jim Bundy  
Reyno, Ar. 72462
19. PARAGOULD FIRST  
Rev. Carl High  
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Corning, Ar. 72422
20. PIRTLE  
Rev. Andrew Crockett  
Rt. 4, Box 84  
Paragould, Ar. 72450
21. POCAHONTAS FIRST  
Rev. George Ritter  
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Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
22. POPLAR VALLEY  
Rev. Clinton Holder  
1303 Tony Dr.  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

23. PRUETT CHAPEL  
Rev. Ken House  
1200 Gee St.  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

24. RICKEY CHAPEL  
Rev. Charles Nichols  
606 W. Cherry  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

25. STONEY POINT  
(No report)

26. SUTTON  
Rev. Richard Bowers  
Rt. 2  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

27. THORN GROVE  
Rev. Ronnie Fender  
Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476

28. WALNUT RIDGE FIRST  
Rev. Terry Forrest  
P. O. Box 401  
Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476

29. WARM SPRINGS  
Rev. Joe McDonald  
Naylor, Mo.

### SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION August 9, 1977

#### OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

1. Rev. Jim Surles  
Rt. 2  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

2. Rev. E. L. Bibb  
Rt. 1  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

3. Rev. Grady Linebaugh  
607 Hazel St.  
Walnut Ridge, Ar. 72476

4. Rev. Jess Pratt  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

5. Rev. Dewey Thompson  
Rt. 2  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

6. Rev. Thurman Johnson  
Rt. 1  
Corning, Ar. 72422

7. Rev. O. C. Cox  
Rt. 1, Box 145-A  
Paragould, Ar. 72450

8. Rev. Ira Gates  
Hernando, Miss 38632

9. Rev. Wayne House  
Jonesboro, Ar. 72401

10. Rev. Rosco Miller  
Rt. 1  
Beech Grove, Ar. 72412

11. Rev. Albert Tiner  
Pocahontas, Ar. 72455

12. Rev. Charles Daherty  
Kashkanong, Mo. 65692

13. Rev. James Pratt  
Biggers, Ar.

14. Rev. Gene Cullum  
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## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with 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 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 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. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

## **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, provided 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, church clerks, and licentates together with the messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, who 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 representative 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 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. All resolutions of this body will cease to be in force at the close of the annual session each year unless they are renewed at that session.

12. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

13. The Lord's Supper and feet washing shall be at the option of the host church be administered at the annual session of the Association.

14. Each annual Association shall be held on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in July.

15. 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.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. 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.

3. 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 Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 one's self to Christ as Saviour 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.

9. 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.

10. Freedom of the 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.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. 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, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. 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") 1 Cor. 16:2a).

15. 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.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, 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."

### 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 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 Scriptures, 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 denominational enterprises, the support of 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.



SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS		BAL
		PAID TO	AMOUNT	
4-5-76				\$126.47
7-24-76		Mt. Home Church	\$40.00	86.47
7-26-76	619.80			706.27
8-2-76		Ar. FW Baptists Annual Fees	460.00	246.27
8-2-76		Ark. FW Baptists Designated	55.00	191.27
8-3-76	30.00			221.27
8-16-76	90.20			311.47
8-16-76	22.59			334.06
8-19-76	223.28			557.34
8-19-76		Social Band Missions	198.28	359.06
10-2-76		Keith Kenemer-Speaker	103.24	255.82
10-3-76	792.30			1048.12
10-3-76		Ark. FW Baptists Designated	265.49	782.63
10-3-76		Social Band Scholarship	73.77	708.86
10-3-76		Social Band Scholarship	47.59	661.27
10-3-76		Social Band Missions	193.80	467.47
10-3-76		Eldridge Neece	\$75.00	392.47
1-1-77	10.00			402.47
1-1-77		Star Herald	\$240.56	161.91
1-7-77		Postage	10.28	151.63
1-10-77	520.34			671.97
1-10-77		Social Band Scholarship	\$50.00	621.97
1-10-77		Ark. FW Baptists Designated	213.00	408.97
1-10-77		Social Band Missions	\$7.55	401.42
1-10-77		Eldridge Neece	\$25.00	376.42
1-13-77		Sugar Tree Grove Church	129.79	246.63
3-15-77	5.00			251.63
3-15-77		Star Herald	\$19.32	232.31
3-15-77	30.00			262.31
3-15-77		Social Band Scholarship	\$25.00	237.31
3-19-77		Postage	19.93	217.38
4-4-77	471.29			688.67
4-3-77		Eldridge Neece	25.00	663.67
4-4-77		Social Band Missions	8.90	654.77
4-4-77		Social Band Scholarship	25.00	629.77
4-4-77		Ark. FW Baptists Designated	118.00	511.77
4-4-77		Ark. FW Baptists Pat Dickens Acct.	139.39	372.38
4-4-77		Paragould Church	200.00	172.38
5-1-77		George Ritter	14.69	157.69
5-1-77		O. D. Winfrey	12.00	145.69
5-1-77		Henry Pauley	15.72	129.97
6-2-77		Postage	15.42	114.55
6-5-77		Star Herald	69.53	45.02
6-26-77		Henry Pauley	10.20	34.82
7-30-77		Wal. Ridge Church-Host	215.00	-180.18
7-30-77		Wal. Ridge Church-Host	30.00	-210.18
8-1-77	1030.05			819.87
8-1-77		Ark. FW Baptists State Fees	450.00	369.87
8-2-77		Star Herald	45.85	324.02
8-2-77		Ark. Fw Baptists Designated	58.00	266.02
8-2-77		Social Band Scholarship	10.00	256.02
8-3-77		Eldridge Neece	50.00	206.02
5-1-77		Bank Charge for Checks	3.10	202.92



