

Minutes
of the
One Hundred Fourth Session
of the
Social Band Association
of
Free Will Baptists
at the
Jonesboro First Church
July 7, 8, 1978

The next session will convene at the
Arbor Grove Church July 6, 7, 1979

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. O.D. Winfrey
Ass't. Moderator	Rev. Terry Forrest
Clerk	Eldridge Neece
Ass't. Clerk	Estalene Winfrey

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Dewey Thompson	Term Expires 1981
Rev. Carl High	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Henry Pauley	Term Expires 1979

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Dewey Thompson	Term Expires 1981
Rev. Carl High	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Henry Pauley	Term Expires 1979
Rev. John England	Term Expires 1979
Rev. Earley White	Term Expires 1979

MISSION BOARD

Charles Rickey	Term Expires 1983
Oran Smith	Term Expires 1982
Ralph Jarrett	Term Expires 1981
Rev. David Winfrey	Term Expires 1980
Marvin Riggs	Term Expires 1979

WOMANS AUXILIARY

Donna Forrest	Term Expires 1983
Carolyn Winfrey	Term Expires 1982
Genevie Pope	Term Expires 1981
Marsha High	Term Expires 1980
Abbie Williams	Term Expires 1979

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Fredie Murray	Term Expires 1981
Rev. James Gosha	Term Expires 1980
James Williams	Term Expires 1979

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Jim Bundy	Term Expires 1981
Rev. Richard Bowers	Term Expires 1980
Rev. Clinton Holder	Term Expires 1979

**PROGRAM FOR THE
QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE
SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT THE OLD REYNO CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 29, 30, 1978**

FRIDAY EVENING

7:30- Singing, Scripture and Prayer
7:45- Devotional- John Edington, Jr.
Special Singing
8:00- Message- Keith Johnson
Alternate- Richard Bowers

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00- Singing, Scripture and Prayer
9:15- Devotional- Dewey Thompson
9:25- Welcome- Host Church
Response- Ralph Jarrett
9:30- Reading of Church Letters, Seating of Delegates, Recognition of
Visitors, Appointment of Committees, Designation of Offering and Other
Business.
10:45- Intermission
11:00- Message- Charles Rickey
Alternate- Henry Pauley
12:00 Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:15- Singing and Prayer
1:30- Memorial Service- Woman's Auxiliary- Alice Brooks Church
1:45- Reports of Boards and Committees
Ordination
Adjournment

**PROCEEDINGS
FRIDAY MORNING- JULY 7, 1978**

Our one hundred fourth session of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Jonesboro First Church on July 7- 8, 1978. The session opened with singing and prayer.

Singing was led by Bro. George Ritter with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Bro. Charles Rickey read the 89th Psalm and led us in prayer.

Welcome to the association was given by Bro. John Lee Pope. Response was given by Bro. Charles Milton.

The rules of order were read by the moderator, Bro. O.D. Winfrey.

Reading of church letters to the association, seating of delegates by prayer by Bro. L. D. Johnson.

Recognition of visitors from other churches and associations by moderator.

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

Officers- see cover

Presbytery Board- see cover

Executive Board- see cover

Mission Board- see cover

Woman's Auxiliary- see cover

Scholarship Committee- see cover

Resolutions Committee- see cover

Sunday School and CTS Committee- Bro. John England, Sisters Ann Ponder and Juanita Doyle.

Obituary Committee- Bro. Bernard Roberts, Sisters Stella Panley and Eileen Moore.

Finance Committee- Bro. Eldridge Neece, Sisters Estalene Winfrey and Hazel Murray

Bro. David Joshlin gave a finance report from the state work.

A motion was made, seconded and carried for Bro. Dewey Thompson to set in on Presytery Board in Bro. George Ritter's place at this setting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Social Band Home Missions be given the offering received at this setting.

An offering was received in the amount of \$73.38.

Bro. Carl High gave a talk thanking the churches for their support of the Paragould work and that there will be church bonds for sale beginning sometime in August, 1978. Bro. Terry Forrest also gave a talk about the church bonds.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give Bro. George Ritter a letter of recommendation from this association to the Gahaba Association of Alabama. Also that we give Bro. Ritter a rising vote of thanks for the work he has done in this Association.

Intermission- Prayer by Bro. John England.

WORSHIP SERVICE- 11 A.M.

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Bernard Roberts with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Richard Bowers.

Another song was sung and prayer by Bro. Early White.

Bro. David Winfrey brought the message found in Nehemiah 4:6. Title of message, "These People Had a Mind To Work."

Prayer by Bro. David Winfrey.

We had a song and handshake at this time.

Bro. Terry Forrest dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the noon meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON- 1:30 P.M.

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

Bro. John Lee Pope led us in prayer.

A devotional was given by Bro. Ronnie Fender and prayer by same.

We accepted the Arbor Grove Church's invitation to host next year's (1979) July meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to make a constitutional change so our yearly meetings will not conflict with the National Association.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to table the above motion until the Saturday session and that the moderator, ass't. moderator, and clerk come to a conclusion of a date to bring before the body.

The speakers selected for next year's July meeting are as follows:

Friday morning- Bro. John England

Alternate- Bro. Dewey Thompson

Friday evening- Bro. John Turner

Alternate- Bro. Ronnie Fender

Saturday morning- Bro. O. D. Winfrey

Alternate- Bro. Terry Forrest

Our State Associational delegates for this year are: Bro. Daniel Huett, Sisters Debbie England, Stella Pauley, Estalean Winfrey and Cleo Gentry.

Each local church is allowed one delegate to the state association.

The Woman's Auxiliary is responsible for the memorial service. It was given to the Walnut Ridge Church by a vote of the body.

The local Home Mission Board report was read and accepted by vote.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. Committee report was read and accepted by vote.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the recommendation from the Presbytery Board that we license Bro. Charles Rickey as a minister for a period of one year.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation from the Presbytery Board that Bro. Ronnie Fender be ordained to preach the Word of God.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn until the Saturday session.

Dismissed by Bro. Bernard Roberts.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP

7:30 P.M.

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Ray Knight with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano and Sis. Maxine Bostic at the organ.

Prayer by Bro. Sloan Martin

We sang another song and had prayer by Bro. John Turner.

A special song was sung by Bro. and Sis. Bostic and Bro. Ray Knight.

The message was brought by Bro. Bostic from I Thess. 1:6-10. The title of the message, "Serve Ye The Living And True God."

We sung, "Amazing Grace" and had a handshake.

Dismissed by Bro. Keith Johnson.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 A.M.

This session was called to order by moderator, Bro. O. D. Winfrey.

We had singing led by Bro. Charles Rickey with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. James Gosha.

Devotional scripture- Matt. 10 was read by Bro. Terry Forrest and prayer by Bro. Forrest.

Reading of tardy letters and seating of delegates. Prayer by Bro. Henry Pauley.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to take the motion from the table that a constitutional change be made.

Article No. 14 of the Constitution will read as follows by a vote of the body:

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

Reading of remaining reports that were not read.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the scholarship and finance reports as read.

Bro. James Gosha was elected to complete Bro. Charles Nichols turn on the Scholarship Committee.

"This Is Your Life," by Bro. Henry Pauley, Bro. Dewey Thompson, Bro. David Winfrey, and Bro. O.D. Winfrey to Bro. Carl High for all he has done in the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Terry Forrest gave a report of the Home Mission's work at Ash Flat and also the State Home Mission's work.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation from the Presbytery Board that Bro. David Roach be ordained to preach the word of God.

Announcements were made at this time.

Intermission prayer by Bro. David Roach.

MORNING WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

The service opened with singing led by Bro. Ray Knight with Bro. David Winfrey at the piano.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Pauley.

Memorial to deceased for the past year by the Master's Men.

Special music brought to us by the Bostic s and Ray Knight.

The message was brought to us by Bro. Bernard Roberts found in Ezekiel 22:29-31. The title of the message, "I Sought For A Man."

Bro. David Winfrey played an invitational number while the congregation stood with bowed heads.

Dismissed and blessing on noon meal by Bro. Bostic.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

PRESBYTERY BOARD- Report found elsewhere in these minutes

MISSION BOARD -

We, the Home Mission Board, report the following for the fiscal year July 1, 1977 to July 1, 1978: Amount brought forward- July 1, 1977- \$15.38; Received- Alice Brooks- \$50.00, Arbor Grove- \$100.00; Elnora- \$166.81; O'Kean- \$1039.80; Paragould- \$41.97; Pirtle- \$200.00; Poplar Valley- \$70.00; and Rickey Chapel- \$155.00;--Making a total of \$1838.96. Paid out: Paragould Church- \$1750.00; and Lowell Graham Acct.- \$47.69 making a total paid out of \$1797.69. Leaving a balance of \$41.27 in bank on July 1, 1978..

Bros. Oran Smith, David Winfrey, Marvin Riggs, Charles Rickey and Ralph Jarrett- Your Mission Board

Woman's Auxiliary--
(No Report)

Scholarship Committee--

Six students were sent \$25.00 per month during the college year. At the end of the school year we had a balance of \$43.23 and have received \$335.08 in June and July leaving a balance of \$378.31 which is the current balance.

Bros. Freddie Murray, James Gosha, and James Williams- Your Committee

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE--
(No report)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S. COMMITTEE--

We, the committee, find that out of 21 churches reporting, 18 has C.T.S. and all have Sunday School.

Bro. John England, Sisters Juanita Doyle and Ann Ponder-- Your S.S. & C.T.S. Committee

OBITUARY COMMITTEE--

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God has seen fit to call from our midst Sis. Belle Weitkamp and Sis. Lonia Rice from Alice Brooks Church, Bro. Ervin Clark from Corning First Church, Bro. Elmer Pender from Elnora Church, Sis. Laura Fowler from Grandview Church, Sis. Helen Segraves and Sis. Alpha Holder from New Covenant Church, Sis. Lizzie Sullinger from O'Kean Church, Bro. C. W. Holder from Oldham Chapel Church, Bro. Marshall McClaughry from Old Reyno Church, Sis. Mary Maple and Sis. Nora Heistan from Pirtle

Church, Sis. Ida Woolridge from Pocahontas Church, Sis. Francis Watson, Sis. Lillie Dennis and Sis. Ruby Ellis from Pruett Chapel Church, Bro. Carroll Price from Sutton Church, Bro. Thomas Roberts, Bro. Billy Wells, Bro. Marshall Hudson, Sis., Violet Nunnely and Sis. Maude Lemaster from Walnut Ridge Church, Bro. Claude Harmon from Clear Lake Church. The bereaved families have our heartfelt sympathy.

Bro. Bernard Roberts, Sisters Stella Pauley and Eileen Moore-- Your Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE--

Report can be found elsewhere in the minutes.

DEACONS AND CHURCH CLERKS

1. ALICE BROOKS
Marvin Riggs
Darrell Holloway
Eli Murray
Hazel Murray- Clerk
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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
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Ralph Miller
Shelley Pike- Clerk
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6. ELNORA
Ralph Jarrett
Rudy Wallis
Raymond Gipson
Mike Jarrett
Betty Ann Snow - Clerk
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13. NEW BETHEL
Charley Brown

Ethel Brown - Clerk
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14. NEW COVENANT
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23. PRUETT CHAPEL
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Betty Wall- Clerk
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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. SUGAR TREE GROVE
Delia Rawlins
Plum St.,
Doniphan, Mo., 63935
27. SUTTON
Glen Childress
Paul Sheets
Perry Joe Crisp
Eldridge Neece
Rector Williams
Marsha Robinson - Clerk
Rt. 2, Pocahontas, Ar. 72455
28. THORN GROVE
Janis Spinks - Clerk
Rt. 1, Knobel, Ar. 72435
29. WALNUT RIDGE
Brooks Crossno
Floyd Deen, Jr. - Clerk
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30. WARM SPRINGS
Benton Holt
Mont Moore
Martha Holt - Clerk
Warm Springs, Ar.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	MEMBERSHIP				S. SCHOOL AVERAGE	C. T. S. AVERAGE	MISSIONS		CO-OP PLAN	BIBLE COLLEGE	YOUTH CAMP	SCHOLARSHIP FUND	ORPHANAGE	PASTORS SALARY	EVANGEL. WORK	STATE CONVENTION	ASSOC. FEES AND HOST CHURCH
	REC.	BAP.	D/S.	DIED			Home	Foreign									
ALICE BROOKS O. D. Winfrey ARBOR GROVE	20		1	1	89	71	100.00	400.00			60.00			6,400.00	399.88	20.00	20.00
David Winfrey CLEAR LAKE *	4		4		84	86	260.76	336.48			240.00			8,670.00	1395.92	20.00	20.00
CORNING			3	1	90	70										20.00	20.00
EASTVALE Keith Johnson ELNORA	4		1		40	33	278.00	250.00	924.04					3,100.00	150.00	20.00	10.00
	8		3	1	129	92	388.02	276.00			20.00			10,260.00	1036.43	20.00	20.00
FAITH,CORNING* Jerry Fields FAITH, JONESBORO																	
Early White GRANDVIEW					54	61	51.50	163.00	573.29		100.00			2,938.00	131.00	20.00	20.00
John Turner JONESBORO	4		1	1	62	57	45.00	212.00						2,800.00			20.00
W. H. Bostic LITTLE BROWN	26		12		122	103	252.65	893.81	2,905.87			274.82		8,250.00	464.20	20.00	20.00
	4		3			10								420.00	60.00		20.00
MT. HOME John England NEW BETHEL	19				92	59	1547.02		432.62					6,780.00	464.55	20.00	20.00
James Gosha NEW COVENANT	2				8	20										20.00	20.00
L. D. Johnson NORTHSIDE			4	2	71	46				12.00				2,700.00	292.50		20.00
Melvin Shelton O'KEAN	2		1		60	40		140.00	45.00					2,820.00	185.00	20.00	20.00
	8		5	1	158	102	1576.82		2,079.01	214.00				7,800.00	410.58	20.00	20.00
OLDHAM CHAPEL * Leonard Milligan OLD REYNO																	
Jim Bundy PARAGOULD	17		2	1	291	140	401.40	1,435.52	2,391.50		35.00			7,221.45	225.00	20.00	20.00
Carl High PIRTLE	10				48	26			264.65					2,600.00		20.00	20.00
Andrew Crockett POCAHONTAS			2	2	41	23	200.00	120.00			39.09			2,040.00	200.00	20.00	20.00
	6		1	1	220	110	581.00	1,700.00	3,175.48	732.40	150.00			9,490.00	457.44	20.00	20.00
POPLAR VALLEY Clinton Holder PRUETT CHAPEL					128	55	70.00	1,210.73	20.00		48.00			2,610.00	285.00	20.00	20.00
Henry Pauley RICKEY CHAPEL	1		2	2	42	34	60.00	60.00				60.00		525.00	120.00		20.00
	4		3		60	30	323.89	204.18						2,690.00	365.00	20.00	20.00
STONEY POINT* Thurman Johnson SUGARTREE GROVE*																	
E. L. Gibb SUTTON																	
Richard Bowers THORN GROVE	10		4	1	178	113	750.17	600.00	3,305.00	600.00			100.	10,250.00	400.00	20.00	20.00
Grady Linebaugh WALNUT RIDGE	2				34	26	15.00	15.00	100.00		25.00			1,550.00		20.00	20.00
Terry Forrest WARM SPRINGS*	28		15	5	203	127	2926.58	2,569.03	3,607.84	680.00		360.74		8,877.50	229.69	20.00	20.00
Joe McDonald * No report																	
TOTALS	179	0	67	19	2304	1534	9827.81	10,335.75	19,824.30	2,238.40	717.09	695.56	100.	110,791.95	7,271.19	420.00	470.00

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Jonesboro, Ar., 72401

3. Rev. Dewey Thompson
Rt. 2,
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4. Rev. O. C. Cox
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5. Rev. Ira Gates
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6. Rev. Wayne House
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7. Rev. Rosco Miller
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Beech Grove, Ar., 72412

8. Rev. Charles Daherty
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9. Rev. James Pratt
Biggers, Ar.

10. Rev. Gene Cullum
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11. Rev. Ken House
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12. Rev. Johnie Hale

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. Alterations 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 brethern 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 second 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	
8-3-77				202.92
9-26-77		U.S. Postage	9.80	193.12
10-1-77		Ark. F.W. Baptists	113.10	80.02
10-1-77	495.95			575.97
10-2-77		Scholarship Fund	10.00	565.97
10-2-77		Ark. F.W. Baptists	148.00	417.97
10-2-77		Eldridge Neece	50.00	367.97
12-23-77		U.S. Postage	23.90	344.07
12-30-77		Star Herald Publishing	300.76	43.31
1-9-78	585.98			629.29
1-9-78		Ark. F.W. Baptists	136.82	492.47
1-10-78		Scholarship Fund	110.00	382.47
1-10-78		Ark. F.W. Baptists	143.00	239.47
1-10-78		Eldridge Neece	50.00	189.47
2-7-78	11.00			200.47
2-7-78		Scholarship Fund	11.00	189.47
3-20-78		Henry Pauley	12.00	177.49
3-22-78		Eldridge Neece	53.50	123.97
3-24-78		U.S. Postage	21.58	102.39
4-3-78	503.53			605.92
5-9-78		Star Herald Printing	69.53	536.39
5-9-78		Scholarship Fund	105.53	430.86
5-10-78		Ark. F.W. Baptists	148.00	282.86
5-10-78		Scholarship Fund	20.00	262.86
6-23-78		U.S. Postage	27.89	234.97
7-6-78		Star Herald Printing	22.05	212.92
7-8-78		Jonesboro 1st Church	210.00	2.92
7-10-78	1066.38			1069.30
7-10-78		Scholarship Fund	25.00	1044.30
7-10-78		Ark. F.W. Baptists	533.00	511.30
7-10-78		Local Home Missions	73.38	437.92
7-10-78		Eldridge Neece	50.00	387.92
7- -78	30.00			417.92
7-26-78		Ark. F.W. Baptists	20.00	397.92