Minutes

of the

One Hundred Twelfth Session

Of

Free Will Baptists

at the

O'Kean Free Will Baptist Church

of O'Kean, Ark.

July 11-12, 1986

The next quarterly meeting will convene at the Alice Brooks Free Will Baptist Church October 10-11, 1986

The next annual meeting will convene July 10-11, 1987

Officers - 1986-87

Moderator							
Presbytery Board							
Bro. Samuel Rodgers							
Executive Board/Program Committee							
Bro. John TurnerTerm expires 1991Bro. Dewey ThompsonTerm expires 1990Bro. Alan BarnettTerm expires 1989Bro. Jim Clark\(\) Term expires 1988Bro. Alvie RichmondTerm expires 1987							
Mission Board							
Bro. J.W. Russell.Term expires 1991Bro. Paul Bean.Term expires 1990Bro. Darrell HollowayTerm expires 1989Bro. Mike Jarrett.Term expires 1988Bro. Oren SmithTerm expires 1987							
Women's Auxiliary Committee							
Sis. Kathy DeanTerm expires 1991Sis. Pat SmithTerm expires 1990Sis. Thelma GrahamTerm expires 1989Sis. Alice McDonaldTerm expires 1988Sis. Estalene WinfreyTerm expires 1987							
Scholarship Committee							
Bro. Jim Stovall.Term expires 1989Bro. Larry HughesTerm expires 1988Bro. Jim WilliamsTerm expires 1987							
Resolutions Committee							
Bro. Clarence Price							

Proceedings of July 11-12 Session

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order with singing. "I Am Resolved" and "His Way With Thee" were led by Bro. Gene Cullum with Sis. Estalene Winfrey at the piano.

Scripture was ready by Moderator Bro. Jim Mullen from II Chronicles 7:14-15. Prayer was led by Bro. Samuel Rodgers.

Devotional was given by Bro. Henry Price from Matthew 7:13-14.

Welcome was given by Bro. Jim Stovall.

Response was given by Bro. Jim Clark.

Motion carried to accept and seat the 33 elected and the 47 standing delegates. Total voting delegation being 80.

Bro. Keith Johnson spoke concerning the Bible Bookstore in Conway.

Motion carried for the offering to be given to Arkan as Right to Life.

At this time the following reports were read and accepted: Sunday School and C.T.S., Mission Board, Auxiliary, Scholarship, and Financial. (SEE REPORTS).

Motion carried to send \$50 to State and National Offices if necessary to make up for those churches in the past few years who have not paid the total annual fee of \$55.

Motion carried to accept an invitation from Alice Brooks for the October Quarterly Meeting.

Delegates to the State Meeting were elected as follows: Bro. and Sis. Alvin Jones, Sis. Estalene Winfrey, Sis. Beatrice Graham, and Sis. Mable Crooms.

Motion made that we have only a one day meeting on Saturday, with Friday evening services continuing, for future annual meetings. This matter was tabled until the Saturday session.

Motion carried for the Executive Board to assume responsibility of the Program Committee for future meetings.

New officers were also elected at this time as follows:

MODERATOR	Bro. Jim Mullen
ASST. MODERATOR	Bro. Joe McDonald
CLERK	
ASST CLERK	Nellie Barnett

INTERMISSION

The meeting resumed with singing - "Tell Me The Story of Jesus". The offering was received in the amount of \$64.65.

Prayer was led by Bro. David Williford followed by a song — "To

God Be the Glory".

The morning message was presented by Bro. Jim Stovall. He used Matthew 5:13-16 and Psalm 142:4 as his text.

"Have Thine Own Way" was the invitation song.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal was given by Bro. Keith Johnson.

Friday Evening

Singing began with "Glory to His Name" led by Bro. Charles Rickey, which was followed with prayer by Bro. O.D. Winfrey.

Bro. Jim Mullen read scripture from II Chronicles 7:14-14.

Following another song — "To God Be The Glory", the Youth Group from the host church presented the special music for the evening.

This special singing was followed by a handshaking time.

The evening message was by Bro. James Gosha. He chose as his scripture Luke 18:9-14. Bro. Gosha followed the scripture with prayer.

Song of invitation was "Are You Washed in the Blood." This was followed by prayer of dismissal by Bro. Joe McQuay.

Saturday Morning

Bro. Charles Rickey opened singing with "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms".

Scripture was read by Bro. J.W. Russell from Deuteronomy 32:21-24.

The motion tabled from Friday was brought to the floor and discussed. A vote was taken and the motion carried to amend the meeting dates to Friday evening and Saturday.

The Presbytery Board Report was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS).

Motion carried for the Executive Board to meet with the O'Kean church and discuss the conference to be held there and to report back to the Association at the meeting to be held in October.

A song — "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", was followed by message by Bro. John Turner. Bro. John used John 3:1-16 and John 12:23-26 as his text.

Prayer by Bro. Gene Cullum was followed by intermission.

INTERMISSION

Memorial Services were by Elnora Women's Auxiliary. This was followed by the report from the Resolution Committee which was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS).

Special singing was by Bro. and Sis. Winfrey — "The Third Man".

Memorial Message was given by Bro. Jim Mullen. He chose Luke 3:2-6, Psalm 85:6, and Luke 2:27-30 as the text for his sermon.

Following the announcements a prayer of dismissal and the offering on the food was by Bro. Paul Bean.

Meeting was adjourned.

Reports of Boards and Committees

Home Missions Board

Fiscal Report: July 1, 1985 — July 1, 1986 Brought forward July 1, 1985\$	021 51
Received:	201.01
Grandview	55.00
Poplar Valley	180.00
Pruett Chapel	50.00
Thorn Grove	35.00
TOTAL IN TREASURER THIS JULY 1, 1986\$1	,251.51
Missions Board: Oran Smith, Mike Jarrett, Brooks Crossno, Holloway	Darrell

Sunday School & C.T.S. Report

According to information in the letters we have 28 active Sunday Schools. There are 16 churches involved in a C.T.S. Program. Average S.S. attendance is 54. Average C.T.S. attendance is 34.

This information was taken from 28 of the 29 churches which reported.

REPORT PREPARED BY CLERK.

Women's Auxiliary Report

Of the 29 churches reporting, 14 have active Auxiliaries with an average attendance of 11. Total membership is 168. REPORT PREPARED BY CLERK.

Presbytery Board

We the Presbytery Board have examined Bro. Timothe Campbell and find him sound in the Faith and Doctrine, and hereby recommend that he be given a license to preach for the period of one year.

O.D. Winfrey, Lowell Graham

Obituary Report

During the past year God has seen fit to call from our midst the following:

CHURCH

DECEASED

Alice Brooks Hubert Looney Stella Lacefield **Arbor Grove** Rev. D.W. Pinkston Clear Lake Mettie Foster Corning 1st Roy Hutson Elnora Elnora George Thompson Sherman Fowler Grandview E.V. Rickey O'Kean Oak Grove Mahalia Casper Rev. Eugene Davis Old Reyno Ethel Cox Paragould Earles Lancaster Paragould Pirtle B.F. Palmer Poplar Valley ImaGene Doyle Edith Manis Pruett Chapel Ethel Cox Pruett Chapel Loyd Foster Pruett Chapel Stony Point Mary Graham Myrtle Kincade Sutton Armel Toliver Sutton Ivy Baldridge Sutton Lloyd Harley Thorn Grove Walnut Ridge Clarence Waddell Walnut Ridge Katie James Nora Walker Walnut Ridge Walnut Ridge Aaron Croom Leonard Poindexter Walnut Ridge Tom Hulen Warm Springs

REPORT PREPARED BY CLERK

Scholarship Committee

To the Social Band Association Annual Meeting at O'Kean July 11 and 12, 1986.

Report of Scholarship fund committee:

We have at this time in the fund account \$449.24.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Scholarship Committee: James Williams, Larry Hughes, James Gosha

Resolution Committee

Be it resolved:

I. We give the host church and those assisting a rising vote of thanks for the fine food.

II. Whereas our association is in desperate need of revival, that each church encourage their members to prayfully, financially, and personally consider sponsoring an Evangelistic Conference.

Committee: Paul Bean, Clarence Price, Gene Cullum

Program Committee
Program for the Quarterly Meeting
of the Social Band association of Free Will Baptists
Alice Brooks Free Will Baptist Church
October 10-11, 1986

Friday Evening

7:30 Singing, Scripture, Prayer

7:45 Special Singing: Host Church

8:00 Message: Bro. Samuel Rodgers Alternate: Bro. Dewey Thompson

Saturday Morning

9:00 Singing, Scripture, Prayer

9:15 Devotional: Bro. Jim Clark

9:25 Welcome: Bro. O.D. Winfrey Response: Bro. Lowell Graham

9:30 Seating of Delegates, Recognition of Visitors, etc.

10:45 INTERMISSION

11:00 WORSHIP

Message: Bro. Gene Cullum Alternate: Bro. Larry Hughes

12:00 LUNCH

Social Band Association Of Free Will Baptists

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Check			Disbursements				
No.	Date	Receipts	Paid To	Amount	Balance		
	9-22-85	,			\$ 685.91		
179	9-23-85		Times Dispatch (Minutes)	\$ 288.50	\$ 397.41		
180	9-27-85	:	Walnut Ridge post Office	\$ 11.31	\$ 386.10		
101	9-27-85		Service Charge	\$ 5.00	\$ 381.10		
181	9-27-85	,	Bernadine Privett (Reimbrs. for post-	ф 10.00	A 005 00		
182	10-19-85		age) FWBBC	\$ 13.20 \$ 138.29	\$ 367.90		
183	10-19-85		Bernadine Privett (Clerk)	\$ 75.00	\$ 229.61		
184	10-19-85		Lowell Graham (Mileage)	\$ 16.00	\$ 154.61 \$ 138.61		
185	10-19-85		Henry Pauley (Mileage)	\$ 12.40	\$ 126.21		
186	10-19-85		O.D. Winfrey (Mileage)	\$ 51.84	\$ 74.37		
	10-28-85		Service Charge	\$ 5.00	\$ 69.37		
	10-28-85	\$ 503.29			\$ 572.66		
187	12-30-85		Walnut Ridge Post Office	\$ 27.00	\$ 545.66		
188	1- 3-86		Bernadine Privett (Clerk)	\$ 75.00	\$ 470.66		
4.00	1-15-86	\$ 735.10			\$1,205.76		
189	1-16-86	<u>}</u>	Ark. Free Will Baptists	\$ 420.00	\$ 785.76		
190	1-16-86		Social Band Home Missions	\$ 70.00	\$ 715.76		
191	1-16-86		Scholarship Fund	\$ 60.10	\$ 655.66		
192	1-22-86		Times Dispatch	\$ 120.64	\$ 535.02		
193	1-23-86		Bernadine Privett (Reimbrs. Long	. 450			
194	·		Distance 7-18-85 — 1-22-86) VOID	\$ 4.73	\$ 530.29		
101	1-28-86		Service Charge	\$ 5.00	\$ 525.29		
195	3- 3-86	,	Ozark Journal	\$ 27.00	\$ 498.29		
196	3- 3-86		Times Dispatch	\$ 125.60	\$ 372.69		
197	3-18-86		Walnut Ridge Post Office	\$ 35.03	\$ 337.66		
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$\frac{201}{205}$	5-30-86		Jones Office Supply	\$ 13.08	\$ 551.77 \$ 538.69		
206	6-18-86		Walnut Ridge Post Office	\$ 30.42	\$ 508.27		
$\overline{207}$	6-18-86	*	Scholarship Fund	\$ 15.00	\$ 493.27		
208	6-18-86		Social Band Home Missions	\$ 15.00	\$ 478.27		
.•	6-27-86		Service Charge	\$ 5.00	\$ 437.27		
209	7- 3-86		Ark. Free Will Baptists	\$ 65.00	\$ 408.27		
210	7-10-86		Estalene Winfrey (Assisting Clerk)	\$ 20.00	\$ 388.27		
211	7-10-86		Nellie Barnett (Assistant Clerk)	\$ 20.00	\$ 368.27		
212	7-18-86		Bernadine Privett (Clerk)	\$ 35.00	\$ 333.27		
	8- 1-86	\$1,802.65	Ark. Free Will Baptists		\$2,135.92		
213	8- 4-86		Arkansas Right to Life	\$1,125.00			
214	8- 9-86		O'Kean F.W.B. (Host Church)	\$ 64.65	\$ 946.27		
215	8- 9-86		The Times Dispatch	\$ 290.00	\$ 656.27		
216	8- 9-86			\$ 107.72	\$ 548.55		

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		Membership			SS	SS	SS CTS	CTS	WA WA	WA	MM	MM	Ord.	Lic.	Ord.	FEE	
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Faith Jonesboro	98			_	2	_	61	_	30	_	8	—	6	1 ,	 	3	55.00
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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 Savior 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.

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 mode 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 object 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 as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, in addition to the business session each day, and the moderator announces at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.
- 10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

Articles of Faith

- 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 Savior 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: 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 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.
- 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."

Constitution

- 1. This Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a moderator and a clerk, who shall be chosen by the sufferage 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 the 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 advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in the 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 appelate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.
- 13. The Lord's Supper and feet washing shall 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.
- 16. No person shall hold two offices or positions on standing boards at the same time in the Association. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in any office, and no person shall succeed himself on a standing board. AMENDMENT: No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in any office, except Associational Clerk, and no person shall succeed himself on a standing board.
- 17. AMENDMENT to #14. Each annual Association shall be held Friday evening and Saturday morning before the second Sunday in July.

