

**Minutes
Of The
One Hundred Fourteenth Session
Of
Social Band Association
Of
Free Will Baptists
Meeting At The
Alice Brooks Free Will Baptist Church
July 8-9, 1988**

**The next Quarterly Meeting will convene at
Elnora Free Will Baptist Church
October 7-8, 1988**

**The next Annual Meeting will convene at the
Wynne Free Will Baptist Church
July 7-8, 1989**

OFFICERS - 1988-89

MODERATOR	Bro. O.D. Winfrey
ASST. MODERATOR	Bro. Gene Cullum
CLERK	Bernadine Privett
ASST. CLERK	Estalene Winfrey

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Bro. Lowell Graham	Term expires 1991
Bro. Glynn Campbell	Term expires 1990
Bro. Sam Rogers	Term expires 1989

EXECUTIVE BOARD/PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bro. Terry Latham	Term expires 1993
Bro. J.W. Blanks	Term expires 1992
Bro. John Turner	Term expires 1991
Bro. Dewey Thompson	Term expires 1990
Bro. Alan Barnett	Term expires 1989

MISSION BOARD

Bro. Tommy Tims	Term expires 1993
Bro. James Gosha	Term expires 1992
Bro. J.W. Russell	Term expires 1991
Bro. Paul Bean	Term expires 1990
Bro. Darrell Holloway	Term expires 1989

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Ruth Lanier	Term expires 1993
Sis. Imogene Carter	Term expires 1992
Sis. Kathy Dean	Term expires 1991
Sis. Pat Smith	Term expires 1990
Sis. Thelma Graham	Term expires 1989

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Bro. Joe McDonald	Term expires 1991
Bro. Jim Williams	Term expires 1990
Bro. J.W. Duff	Term expires 1989

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Bro. Melvin Shelton	Term expires 1991
Bro. Jeral Dean	Term expires 1990
Bro. Clarence Price	Term expires 1989

Minutes Of The Annual Meeting Held At The Alice Brooks Free Will Baptist Church July 8-9, 1988

Friday Evening

Evening services were opened with prayer and singing. "Some Day", "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There" were led by Bro. Lowell Graham.

Scripture was read by Bro. J.W. Russell from Psalm 23.

"I Will Meet You in the Morning" was led by Bro. Bill Crank. As singing continued, Bro. Bill led "Amazing Grace".

"I Feel Like Traveling On" was sung following a short Devotional Service led by Bro. O.D. Winfrey.

Prayer was led by Bro. Henry Pauley.

The evening message was presented by Bro. Melvin Shelton. Bro. Melvin chose Mark 10:28-31 as his Scripture Text. The title Bro. Melvin chose for his message was "The 'Cost-Plus' Life".

Bro. O.D. Winfrey led "I'll Be A Friend to Jesus" as the closing song.

Bro. Bill Crank dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Morning - 9:00 A.M.

The morning session of the Annual Meeting was opened by Moderator, Bro. O.D. Winfrey.

Bro. Don Winfrey led singing -- "Just Over in the Gloryland" and "Showers of Blessings".

Scripture was read by Bro. David Williford from Colossians 1:9-12.

Bro. Dewey Thompson gave a devotional from Psalm 1.

The welcome was given by the Pastor of Alice Brooks Church, Bro. Gene Cullum.

Response was given by Bro. Clinton Holder.

Fifty elected delegates, along with all standing delegates, were seated in prayer by Bro. J.W. Blanks.

Visitors were welcomed.

Bro. Keith Johnson spoke concerning the bookstore in Conway.

Bro. O.D. gave a report concerning the mission work in Wynne. First services are to be held July 31, 1988.

Motion carried for the offering to be designated for Wynne Mission Project.

Offering was taken in the amount of \$300.

Officers for the coming year were elected. (SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER.)

State delegates were elected as follows:

Mrs. Oren Smith

Mrs. Lowell Graham

Mr. Gene Carter
Mrs. O.D. Winfrey
Mrs. Bill Crank

The following reports were given at this time: Sunday School/C.T.S. (SEE REPORTS), Scholarship (SEE REPORTS), Women's Auxiliary (SEE REPORTS), Obituary (SEE REPORTS).

Following the Obituary Report, there was a moment of silent prayer for the families of those deceased during the past year.

A partial report of the Presbytery Board was read at this time. This partial report contained an ordinance as requested from the April meeting. Motion carried to accept as read and make a part of the constitution.

Meeting places for the next year were set at this time as follows:

October 7-8, 1988 Elnora
January 6-7, 1989 Pocahontas
April 7-8, 1989 Arbor Grove
July 7-8, 1989 Wynne

(Everyone is to bring a covered dish to this meeting.)

Dismissal prayer for intermission was led by Bro. John Turner.

Meeting resumed with singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him".

Presbytery Board Report in completed form was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS)

Program Committee Report was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS)

Resolution Committee Report was read and accepted. (SEE REPORTS)

Discussion for Memorial Service to be reinstated for Annual Meeting was held at this time. Motion carried for the Program Committee to consider this as they prepare the program for the Annual Meeting.

An Ordination Service for Bro. Dave Franks was held at this time. Bro. Sam Rogers gave the Charge. Bro. Glynn Campbell gave words of encouragement to Bro. Dave and his wife. Bro. Lowell Graham led the prayer with laying on of hands.

The Ordination Service for Bro. Dave concluded with time of congratulations and singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Bro. Don Winfrey.

The morning message was given by Bro. Terry Latham. Bro. Latham chose I Thessalonians 5:17 as his text for his sermon on "Prayer".

Following the message, announcements were made and Bro. Tommy Tims led in prayer of dismissal and blessing on the noon meal.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

S.S./C.T.S. REPORT

According to information contained in the 29 letters there are 29 active Sunday School Programs. Of these 29, 11 report having a C.T.S. Program.

Total S.S. Enrollment 1720
Total C.T.S. Enrollment 416
Average S.S. Attendance 61
Average C.T.S. Attendance 38

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

To the Social Band Association meeting at the Alice Brooks Free Will Baptist Church, July 8-9, 1988. The Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$60.24.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Of the 29 churches reporting, 14 report active Auxiliaries with a total membership of 173.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

No report given.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

1. We, the Presbytery Board, have examined the following Brothers who are ordained ministers and having found them sound in faith and doctrine do recommend they be received into the Association pending a letter of good standing from their present Association. The Brothers are: Gene Cullum, John Redfern, Clyde Tucker, Fred Scott.

2. We, the Presbytery Board, have examined Bro. Dave Franks and having found him sound in faith and having met all the other requirements, do recommend he be ordained as a minister by the laying on of hands, according to the practice of the Free Will Baptists.

3. We have received the credentials of Bro. Alvie Richmond and recommend since it is his desire to be dropped from the role of approved ministers of this Association, that we honor his request and void his ordination credentials.

Glynn Campbell, Lowell Graham, Sam Rogers, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

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

Stella Dowdy	Alice Brooks
Dorothy Marshall	Clear Lake
Muriel Scudder	Coffman
Othel Brooks	Corning
Steve Barnett	Elnora
J.B. Sharp	Elnora
Orietia Kennedy Eskaline	Elnora
Elsie Thompson	Elnora
Carrie Bennett	Faith Jonesboro
Henry Meridith	Grandview
Berniece Rieck	Harmony
Rudolph Strain	Harmony
Curtis Williams	Northside
Marcell Hibbard	Northside
Ed Huddleston	Northside
Bro. Conners	Jonesboro 1st

George Morgan.....	Oak Grove
Alma Athy	Old Reyno
Delano Edington	Old Reyno
Maudie Condict.....	Pocahontas
Emory Potter	Pocahontas
Mary Jane Carmichael	Pocahontas
Clarence Cox.....	Paragould
Verna Dunham	Poplar Valley
Nettie Bradley	Poplar Valley
Lowell Swift	Rickey Chapel
Gladys Latham	Stony Point
Minnie Cox	Sutton
Peral Hart	Walnut Ridge

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolve that we give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for the gracious hospitality shown the Social Band Association during this Annual Meeting.

Jeral Dean

Melvin Shelton

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PROGRAM FOR THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ELNORA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

October 7-8, 1988

Friday Evening

7:30 Singing, Scripture, Prayer

7:45 Special Singing, Host Church

8:00 Message: Bro. Paul Bean

Alternate: Bro. Gene Cullum

Saturday Morning

9:00 Singing, Scripture, Prayer

9:15 Devotional: Bro. Lowell Graham

9:25 Welcome: Host Church

Response: Bro. Theron Russell

9:30 Seating of Delegates, Recognition
of Visitors, Business Session

10:45 INTERMISSION

11:00 WORSHIP

Message: Bro. Tommy Timms

Alternate: Bro. John Redfern

12:00 LUNCH

Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists

Rt. 1 Box 274

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hoxie, AR 72433

Check No.	Date	Receipts	DISBURSEMENTS		Balance
			Paid To	Amount	
	8/31/87				\$ 309.75
133	9/23/87		Wal-Mart (Sup.)	\$ 5.82	\$ 303.93
134	9/24/87		Post Office	\$ 20.64	\$ 283.29
135	10/13/87		B. Privett	\$ 100.00	\$ 183.29
	10/28/87	\$858.22			\$ 1,041.51
136	11/04/87		Ozark Journal	\$ 252.10	\$ 789.41
137	11/13/87		Scholarship Fund	\$ 15.00	\$ 774.41
138	11/27/87		Ark. F.W.B.	\$ 360.22	\$ 414.19
139	11/27/87		S.B. Home Missions	\$ 10.00	\$ 404.19
140	11/27/87		Elnora F.W.B.	\$ 130.00	\$ 274.19
141	12/28/87		Post Office	\$ 10.75	\$ 263.44
142	01/14/88		B. Privett	\$ 50.00	\$ 213.44
	02/25/88	\$425.00			\$ 638.44
143	03/04/88		Jones Office Supply	\$ 4.68	\$ 633.76
144	03/05/88		Ozark Journal	\$ 131.98	\$ 501.78
145	03/09/88		Ark. F.W.B.	\$ 25.00	\$ 476.78
146	03/09/88		S.B. Home Missions	\$ 25.00	\$ 451.78
147	03/16/88		Wal-Mart (Sup.)	\$ 6.41	\$ 445.37
148	03/17/88		Post Office	\$ 10.75	\$ 434.62
149	04/08/88		B. Privett	\$ 100.00	\$ 334.62
	06/09/88	\$650.87			\$ 985.49
150	06/20/88		Wal-Mart (Sup.)	\$ 9.02	\$ 976.47
151	06/23/88		Post Office	\$ 12.15	\$ 964.32
152	06/24/88		Mt. Home F.W.B.	\$ 145.00	\$ 819.32
153	07/14/88		B. Privett	\$ 100.00	\$ 719.32
	07/18/88	\$1,825.00			\$ 2,544.32
154	07/22/88		Alice Brooks F.W.B.	\$ 145.00	\$ 2,399.32
155	VOID		VOID		\$ 2,399.32
156	VOID		VOID		\$ 2,399.32
157	08/04/88		Ark. F.W.B.	\$1355.00	\$ 1,044.32

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Social Band Association

CHURCHES	Membership					S E N
	Total	Rec.	Dis.	Dec.	Bap.	
Alice Brooks	139	13	0	1	5	80
Arbor Grove	123	13	0	0	12	158
Clear Lake	11	2	1	1	0	18
Coffman	33	1	1	1	0	37
Corning First	45	4	0	1	0	40
Eastvale	32	5	0	0	2	32
Elnora	142	14	6	4	10	92
Faith Corning	22	2	0	0	3	35
Faith Jonesboro	94	3	0	1	0	94
Grandview	56	0	0	1	0	27
Harmony	46	4	0	2	0	40
Jonesboro 1st	111	12	5	1	2	95
Mountain Home	43	5	6	0	1	65
New Bethel	17	0	0	0	0	22
Northside	135	17	9	3	2	75
O'Kean	99	9	3	0	0	80
Oak Grove	71	7	1	1	9	48
Old Reyno	195	12	2	2	5	100
Paragould	42	0	0	1	0	61
Pioneer	17	0	0	0	0	22
Pocahontas	205	5	5	3	1	130
Poplar Valley	60	0	5	2	0	50
Pruett Chapel	39	0	0	0	0	28
Rickey Chapel	39	0	0	1	0	13
Stony Point	13	0	1	1	0	35
Sutton	262	5	5	1	2	175
Thorn Grove	24	0	0	0	0	16
Walnut Ridge	217	21	1	1	6	200
Warm Springs	22	3	2	0	4	42
TOTALS	2149	152	48	26	63	1720

of Free Will Baptists

CTS EN	WA EN	MM EN	ORD MIN	LIC MIN	ORD DEC	FEES
0	12	10	2	0	1	50.00
0	0	0	2	0	0	50.00
0	0	0	2	0	1	50.00
25	0	0	1	0	2	50.00
0	0	0	1	0	0	50.00
25	0	0	1	0	2	50.00
0	13	0	1	0	4	50.00
0	0	0	0	1	2	50.00
94	10	10	2	0	2	50.00
18	0	0	0	0	0	50.00
0	12	0	1	0	2	50.00
30	12	6	3	0	5	50.00
30	11	0	1	0	0	50.00
8	0	0	1	0	1	50.00
0	0	0	2	2	2	
0	12	0	1	0	1	50.00
0	10	0	1	0	4	50.00
60	10	9	2	0	4	50.00
0	14	12	3	0	2	50.00
0	7	5	2	0	1	50.00
75	24	0	1	0	1	50.00
30	0	0	1	0	1	50.00
16	0	0	0	1	1	50.00
0	0	0	0	1	1	50.00
0	0	0	1	0	0	50.00
0	25	8	2	2	6	50.00
0	0	0	1	0	0	50.00
80	16	0	1	0	1	50.00
0	9	0	1	0	2	50.00
416	173	60	36	7	48	1350.00

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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 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.

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 any time by a majority of the members of the Association.
4. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
5. 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 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 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: 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, Judgement, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrec-

tion 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 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 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 appellate 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.

* AMENDMENT to #10. Since it is the belief of the Social Band Association of Free Will Baptists as well as the belief of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, and the National Association of Free Will Baptists that the local church is autonomous, we do not feel it necessary for us to set any standards other than those already given in the Bible, and the commonly accepted standards set forth and practiced among Free Will Baptists everywhere.

A common process for all candidates for licensing and/or ordination ought to be:

1. A divine call from God.

2. The recognition of one's calling to the ministry by his local church.

A. The local church should first be convinced that an individual has indeed been called of God.

B. The person called has the burden of proof concerning his calling to the gospel ministry and field of work.

3. The local church may request that the Presbytery Board examine a candidate to determine his qualifications and to discern his desire to serve. This request must be made in the quarterly church letter, and it must state the precise reason for requesting the examination (for example - licensing, renewing or extending a license, ordination, or to be received into the Social Band Association as an ordained minister).

4. The Presbytery Board will examine each person according to the request of the local church, and it will then report its findings to the Association along with any recommendation(s) they may have.

5. Any ordained minister who is a member of the Association in good standing may ask questions of any person who is to be examined (whether for licensing, ordination, etc.) as to their calling, doctrinal beliefs, practices, or interpretation of what Free Will Baptists believe. This may be done in writing signed by the person who is asking the question(s), or by requesting to meet with the candidate in the presence of the Presbytery Board, or with permission from the moderator a question may be asked from the floor. We urge discretion please.

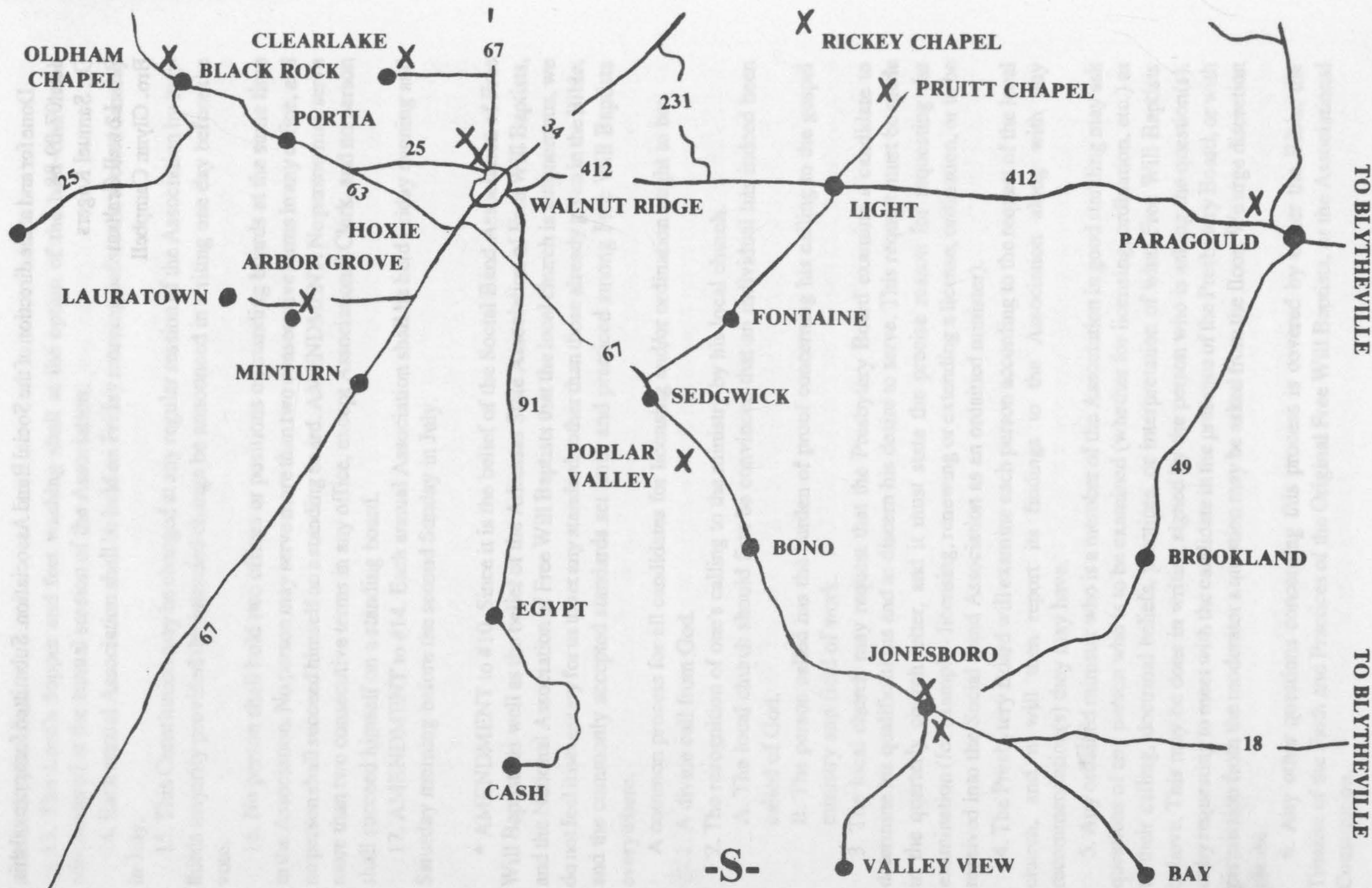
6. Any other questions concerning this process is covered by either the Bible, the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, or the Associational Constitution.

Done for and at the direction of the Social Band Association. Submitted for approval this date 07-09-88.

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