

Minutes
OF THE
Nineteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Stone Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
of Central Indiana

MET WITH THE

FLORIDA STATION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF ANDERSON

ANDERSON, INDIANA

October 20, 21, 1978



Rev. P. A. Dixon, Moderator ----- Anderson, Ind.

Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Asst. Moderator ----- Anderson, Ind.

Bro. John Crisp, Clerk ----- Anderson, Ind.

Rev. William Hellars, Asst. Clerk ----- Anderson, Ind.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY NIGHT:

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Appointment of all Committees
5. Presby appointed

SATURDAY MORNING:

1. Calling roll of Delegates
2. Reading of Rules
3. Calling for letters from Churches
4. Invitation for new Churches
5. Invitation for Office of Elder

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

1. Committee Report
2. Report on Temperance
3. Report on Sunday School
4. Report on Prayer Meeting
5. Report on Resolution
6. Finance Report Minutes Ordered
7. Report on Obituaries
8. Old and New Business
9. Appointment for next meeting place
10. Expressing Thanks to Host Church
11. Adjournment

MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 1978

The Stone Association of Central Indiana met with the Florida Station Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson, Indiana for the Nineteenth Annual Session.

Called to order by the former moderator, Rev. Elwood Sluss.

Had a song led by Bro. Willie Ledbetter, "Mansion Over The Hilltops".

Prayer led by Bro. Marion Donathan, Devotional reading I Peter 5:1-11.

Floor was opened for new officers.

Motion carried:

Rev. P. A. Dixon serve as moderator.

Rev. Willie Ledbetter as asst. moderator.

Bro. John Crisp serve as clerk.

Rev. William Hollars as asst. clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

East 38th Street of Anderson—Bro. Bill Langford, Sis. Wilma Hooten, Sis.

Marie McQueary, Bro. Joe Vaughn, Sis. Edna Vaughn.

First Church of Muncie—Sis. Ann Calandrelli.

Mt. Carmel of Indianapolis—No delegates.

Mt. Hope of Anderson—No delegates.

Mt. Olive of Muncie—Sis. Louise Beaty, Sis. Opal Bailey.

First Church of Dunkirk—Bro. Roger McCormick.

Bradford Pike of Marion—No delegates.

Florida Station of Anderson—Bro. John Lamb, Bro. Cecil Carpenter, Bro.

Cecil McDonald (Alt.)

Burlington Drive of Muncie—Bro. John Maness, Sis. Nettie Maness.

Warrington of Wilkinson—Sis. Becky Delph, Bro. Jerry Kauffman.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Pulpit Committee: Chairman Rev. James O. McCowan, Rev. Elwood Sluss, Rev. Thurman Key.

Temperance: Chairman Rev. William Simmons, Bro. Bill Langford, Bro. John Maness.

Sunday School: Chairman Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Bro. Joe Vaughn, Sis. Edna Vaughn.

Prayer Meeting: Chairman Rev. Marion Donathan, Bro. Cecil Carpenter, Bro. Braden Looper.

Resolution—Chairman Rev. James O. McCowan, Rev. T. L. Page, Rev. Elwood Sluss.

Obituaries: Chairman Bro. Ernest Clayborn, Bro. Nathan Mullinix, Bro. John Lamb.

Finance: Chairman Bro. Charles Crabtree, Bro. Arel Beaty, Bro. Dan Baker.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED

Chairman: Rev. T. L. Page, Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Rev. James O. McCowan, Rev. William Simmons, Rev. William Hollars.

Motion made and carried to adjourn for preaching hour.

Rev. Dooley Hollars brought the message from I Sam. 3:1-3.

Good service enjoyed by all.

9:30 SATURDAY MORNING

Called to order by Moderator Rev. P. A. Dixon. Had song "In The Sweet By And By." Had prayer.

Devotional reading, II Cor. 5:1-21. Proceeded to recognize visiting ministers, Rev. Gilbert Mata, Tennessee and Rev. Dooley Hollars, Marion.

Called roll of delegates, all present.

CALL FOR LETTERS

East 38th Street Church of Anderson	read and passed
First Church of Muncie	read and passed
Mt. Carmel Church of Indianapolis	read and passed
Mt. Hope Church of Anderson	no letter
Mt. Olive Church of Murcie	read and passed
First Church of Dunkirk	read and passed
Bradford Pike Church of Marion	read and passed
Florida Station Church of Anderson	read and passed
Burlington Drive Church of Muncie	read and passed
Warrington Church of Warrington	read and passed

Rev. P. A. Dixon ask for reading of rules before Invitation of New Churches and Invitation for Office of Elder.

Rules of Association and Conference were read.

Invitation for office of Elders: Bro. Dooley Hollars came forward. Presby gave report on examination of Bro. Dooley Hollars and he was examined and passed. Motion made and carried to accept Bro. Dooley Hollars.

Invitation for new churches: South Marion Church came forward as the church had voted to join our Conference. Presby report was made and motion made and carried to accept South Marion Church.

Rev. James O. McCowan gave testimony of how the Lord had answered prayer over the past year. Churches have been set back in order and a new church had come into the Conference.

Rev. Willie Ledbetter suggested changing order of business by reading of rules before the invitations of new churches and Elders. Motion made by Rev. James O. McCowan and carried to change order of business.

Motion made and carried to adjourn the morning session of business for the 11:00 o'clock worship hour.

Right hand of fellowship given to the South Marion Freewill Baptist Church.

Message brought by Rev. William Simmons, Romans 10:13,14 (The Importance of Witnessing). Good service, enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Met back at 1:30 P.M. Had a song "Tell It To Jesus." Had prayer.

Delegates were seated. Called to order by the Asst. Moderator. Devotional reading was for James 1:22-25.

Roll call for delegates, 4 absent.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The word temperance means a moderation of such things as eating and drinking, but also means a total avoidance of certain things, also a total avoidance of sin. We on the committee feel that alcoholic beverages is a sin.

The only temperance is a total avoidance of such. We also feel that alcoholic beverages should be abstain from, not from feeling, but of love

of God and our Brothers and Sisters, to be a good example to the world.

Romans 14:21 reads, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor 'anything' whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

We need to be temperate in our eating and over the tongue and also abstain from food or fast for spiritual needs.

James 3:2 reads, "If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

Temperance is one of the fruits of the spirits. We also believe that this is the job of the Holy Spirit to guide us in temperance. Our ministers and teachers need to teach more to our churches on temperance.

Rev. William Simmons (chairman)

Bro. Bill Langford

Bro. John Maness

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the close of Jesus' ministry, He commanded us to go teaching the Kingdom of God, Matthew 28:18-20. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and Earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things what so ever I have commanded you! And lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." Amen.

We your Sunday School Committee want to stress the importance of faithfulness in both studying and sharing God's Word.

In this way, God's spirit can meet the needs of each one as in no other part of the services, a successful Sunday School doesn't place the burden upon a few. But each one taking part in working together for the spiritual growth of everyone. This requires study, prayer, and visitation. We challenge each church to stress the need of faithfulness to the class each week and to study the lessons, both carefully and prayerfully.

Rev. Willie Ledbetter (chairman)

Bro. Joe Vaughn

Sis. Edna Vaughn

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee on Prayer Meeting believe our churches should come together for prayer meeting. For the early church had an hour of prayer for in Acts 3:1 we see the disciples going to the house of prayer and God even commanded it in the Old Testament for in Deut. 12:5-8 and Psalms 84:4 God tells who will be blessed in prayer and praise. We find praying together and hearing one another's burdens all of our churches would grow. If our people would learn the worth of prayer. For in Acts 12:5 prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God. It's needful then even before prayer for revival to our nation.

Rev. Marion Donathan (chairman)

Bro. Cecil Carpenter

Bro. Braden Looper

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

We cannot walk hand in hand with men that seek to destroy the deity of Christ and reject the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. We recommend that all churches institute Bible study for both the young and old. We also believe

that every child of God should give his best to the service of God, upholding the word of God, the Bible which is the Doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church.

We strongly oppose homosexuality including lesbianism and all other forms of sexual deviation. We believe these to be sinful acts and perversion of the God-given sexual drives. (I Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 1:24-28) .We reject any attempts to accept homosexuality as normal behavior. Therefore, we will not knowingly accept as a candidate for the ministry, or any other office, any person who condones or engages in any such acts. Furthermore, we reserve the right to dismiss from fellowship of this association any church which knowingly accepts or upholds any officer or member who engages in the immoral acts nor will we accept any church into this association which condones such practices.

We stand opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment and the women's rights movements to be unbiblical and seek to destroy the dignity of womanhood and undermine the home. We believe the woman was elevated to a place of dignity by our Lord and that she shares equally with man the right to salvation and God's blessings. (Matt. 11:28; Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:32; Acts 10:34; Rom. 10:12; I Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:25.

Rev. James O. McCowan (chairman)

Rev. James E. Sluss

Rev. T. L. Page

Motion made and passed that the last two paragraphs of the Report on Resolution be permanently placed in the Declaration of Rights. Sections 27 and 28.

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on finance report an offering of \$130.00. We recommend that 250 minutes be printed. We also recommend that our church to be more faithful in giving to our conference, and association by every one taking a part in giving to our conference and association.

We are able to do more in the Kingdom of God, and God will bless us for giving.

Bro. Charles Crabtree (chairman)

Bro. Wallace Bailey

Bro. Dan Baker

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee, report that the following have gone to be with the Lord: Sis. Melba Hughes, East 38th St. Church of Anderson; Sis. Bernice Brown, Mt. Carmel Church of Indianapolis; Bro. James Beaty, Mt. Olive Church of Muncie; Bro. Oran Davidson, Burlington Dr. Church of Muncie; Bro. Ovid Ramsey, Burlington Dr. Church of Muncie.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. Ernest Clayborn (chairman)

Bro. Nathan Mullinix

Bro. John Lamb

PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR YEAR 1977-1978

October 22, 1977

New Presby met at 38th St. Church in Anderson. Bro. Johnnie Miller was elected as clerk of the Presby.

Bro. Johnny Hummel from East 38th St. Church came before the Presby to be questioned to come into our conference as a minister of the Gospel.

Bro. Hummel has been under license from the Gospel Light Association for a period of four years. He has not been ordained yet. Bro. Hummel was questioned by Presby. A decision was made to recommend that the church send him back in the next conference to be licensed.

January 13, 1978

Presby met at the East 38th St. Church for regular conference business. Bro. Johnny Hummel came to the Presby with a letter from the East 38th St. Church for the purpose of examining him for a license to preach the Gospel. After examination he was passed and licensed for one year.

March 9, 1978

Presby was called in special meeting at the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Muncie, Indiana. In the absence of Bro. Johnnie Miller, Bro. James Sluss was chosen to replace in this session.

Discussion was brought to the floor about Bro. Johnnie Miller having problems. Presby decided to go talk to him and try to help him.

Bro. Charles Crabtree came to the Presby with church letter from Mt. Olive Church recommending that he be reinstated as Deacon of the church. After examination by Presby he was passed and reinstated.

March 12, 1978

Presby met in special meeting at Warrington Free Will Baptist Church. After talking to Bro. Johnnie Miller the Presby recommended that he be relieved of his job on the Presby Board for the remainder of this year.

We also talked to the Deacons of the church and recommended that they work with the church and the pastor and try to overcome their problems with the help of God.

April 14, 1978

Presby met in regular session at the Burlington Drive Church in Muncie. Due to Bro. Bill Hollars being scheduled to preach in the Preachers and Deacons meeting, Bro. Marion Donathan was appointed to replace him in this session.

Rev. James Sluss was appointed for clerk of the Presby for the remainder of this year.

Bro. Danny Baker came to the Presby with church letter from Florida Station Church of Anderson recommending him for the office of Deacon in the church. After examination Bro. Baker was passed and will be ordained.

July 14, 1978

Presby met in regular session at the Florida Station Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson. Bro. Ernest Clayborn came to the Presby with church letter from the Burlington Drive Church of Muncie requesting that he be examined for the office of Deacon. After examination he was passed and ordained Saturday, July 15th.

Bro. Gilbert Mata came to the Presby to be examined to pastor the Warrington Church, he was referred back to the church to bring a letter, the letter was delivered to the Presby on Saturday, July 15th but we haven't talked to Bro. Mata as of this date.

September 30, 1978

Presby met in special meeting at the South Marion Church of God, Marion, Indiana. In the absence of Bro. Bill Hollars, Bro. P. A. Dixon was appointed to replace him in this session.

Rev. Dooley Hollars came before the Presby with church letter from Florida Station Free Will Baptist Church recommending that the Presby examine him and, if found competent, to ratify his credentials. After

examination Bro. Hollars was passed and will have his credentials ratified.

The church was called to order by the chairman of the Presby. The Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant were read, and they were accepted by the church. There were 21 charter members present. The church then elected officers: Bro. Dooley Hollars, Pastor; Sis. Learlene Burke, Clerk.

Meeting was adjourned and turned over to pastor.

October 16, 1978

Presby met in regular session at the Florida Station Free Will Baptist Church of Anderson. In the absence of Bro. T. L. Page, Bro. P. A. Dixon was appointed to replace him in this session.

We received a letter from the Eastern Division Stone Association Free Will Baptist in Tenn. recommending Bro. Gilbert Mata to pastor in the Stone Association of Central Indiana.

We have also received a letter from the Warrington Church stating that Bro. Mata has been chosen as their Pastor. After talking to Bro. Mata he was passed by the Presby and sent back to pastor the church.

Bro. Tolbert Roberts came to the Presby with letter from the South Marion Free Will Baptist Church recommending that he be examined to have his Deacon credentials ratified to be a Deacon in this church. After examination was passed and will have his credentials ratified.

EVANGELIST REPORT

Oral report passed as given.

LICENSED MINISTER REPORT

Bro. Johnny Hummel gave oral report, passed as given.

Rev. James O. McCowan made motion that we drop the Traveling Evangelist position. Rev. William Hollars would have plenty of opportunity helping the churches without pastors. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES

Rev. T. L. Page	2 years
Rev. Marion Donathan	1 year
Rev. William Hollars	3 years

Rev. Simmons discussed trying to get trustees closer together.

Old business: Rev. William Simmons wanted clarification of the offering to the Orphans Home. Rev. James O. McCowan clarified that \$100.00 is to be sent to the Orphans Home each year.

New business: Rev. T. L. Page discussed the necessity of training at the conference level. Would like to appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of having a Bible Institute to help train young Christians, teach doctrine, Sunday School teachers, etc.

Rev. Dooley Hollars: Anything we could do would be a help. We are in great need of Sunday School teachers. We also need to know our Doctrine. We could all use improvement. The people want to understand, and we need something to help keep the young people in the church.

Rev. James O. McCowan made a motion for Rev. T. L. Page to be the chairman of an investigative committee to study the possibility of such a program. Motion carried.

Motion made that Rev. Page appoint two other members. Motion carried. Rev. P. A. Dixon and Rev. Dooley Hollars were appointed.

Rev. James O. McCowan wanted to discuss changing the Preachers and Deacons meeting to a time of fellowship, where everyone would be invited. The Preachers and Deacons voted to recommend this to the Association. Motion made to change the Preacher and Deacon to a night of fellowship. Motion carried.

Motion made to leave Rule 28 as is. Motion carried. Presby business will still be conducted on this night.

Appointment of next meeting place of the Association goes to the South Marion Church. Motion to go to the South Marion Church made and passed.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We are thankful to the host church for the good fellowship and also to the ladies of the church for the good lunch.

Motion made and passed to let Rev. Mata speak. Rev. Mata had a check for the Children's Home.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Offering for the Children's Home — \$46.45.

Dismissed with prayer until 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY EVENING

Called to order by the Asst. Moderator. "Praise Him" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" were sung by the congregation.

Service was then turned over to the Moderator to conduct the benefit song service for Rev. Benton Hargis. Each church was represented by a group of singers. Good, spiritual service enjoyed by all. A total of \$1606.23 was donated to Bro. Hargis.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 1. That all power of the church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, that they may have a right through their representatives, to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

Section 2. That a Christian church is a society of believers in Christ, and is a divine institution. Jesus Christ being the head of the Church and the Bible the only rule of our faith and practice.

Section 3. That no rule of faith and doctrine shall ever be established in the Free Will Baptist Church contrary to the Bible.

Section 4. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys the Gospel should ever be deprived of church membership.

Section 5. Every member has inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the law of God, or the law of their country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Section 6. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of un-Christian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the word of God, or the rules of the Church.

Section 7. The Church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

Section 8. There may be three grades of association established in the Free Will Baptist Church. First the Monthly Association, second, the Annual Association, third the General Association.

Section 9. That the church has the right to select their leaders and delegates to the annual association.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of each church to select two deacons and one clerk.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the different church clerks to keep a correct minute of all their church meetings in a book provided for that purpose.

Section 12. Each church represented in the annual association shall be entitled to two delegate voters, whose membership does not exceed 50 and one additional for every 25 over 50.

Section 13. That for the purpose of ordaining elders, there shall convene a Presby. Said Presby shall consist of five ordained ministers. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants that may come before them for license and ordination, and if found competent, shall ordain them or set apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try ministers and deacons, composing the association, for immorality, propagation of un-Christian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the word of God or the rules of the church, on proper testimony: their word to be final. Any member of the Presby being absent at a meeting the chairman has the right to select another ordained elder to take his place in that session of business. Also that the Clerk of the Presby have the right to appoint a chairman for the session of Business. In absence of regular Presby member the chairman may not appoint more than two to serve in that session of business.

Section 14. No minister shall be ordained to the office of elder unless they meet the requirements as stated in I Tim. 3:1-7, and pass a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification, the door of the church, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet, and transaction of church business in general.

Section 15. Any one who desires the office of elder shall take the following steps before presenting himself for ordination. He must come to the Presbytery recommended by church letter for license; He must be a member of the church that recommends him, and if found competent they shall issue license; after he has had his license one year, he shall go before the Presbytery with church letter recommending him for ordination, and if found worthy on second examination, they shall ordain him.

Section 16. That for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended by their Conference or Association we receive them and ratify their license or credentials.

Section 17. It shall be the duty of the Conference or Association to give a letter of dismissal and recommendation to any ordained minister,

if in good standing, wishing to leave our association. The letter must state, good only for a period of ninety (90) days.

Section 18. It shall be the duty of any minister coming before the Presbytery for license or ordination, or to have their credentials ratified, that they must belong to a Free Will Baptist Church in Stone Association, and bring a letter of recommendation from same.

Section 19. That any minister being called from another Association to pastor a church in Stone Association of Central Indiana, must come before presbytery for examination.

Section 20. Forbidding any one hereafter having more than one wife, to be ordained for either a minister or a deacon. Also that if and when any of the present ministers or deacons become the husband of more than one wife or marry a woman with a living husband, his ordination would automatically be annulled.

Section 21. No woman will be licensed or ordained to the office of elder.

Section 22. Be it resolved that all members be in subjection unto their elders and unto those who would have rule over them in the Lord.

Section 23. Be it resolved that no minister be allowed to aid or abet either directly or indirectly in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks or to indulge in the sale of them. Be it further resolved that no minister or member of the Free Will Baptist Church be allowed to drink. Be it further resolved, that no member of this church shall tolerate the sale or manufacture or use of intoxicating drinks, such as liquors, wines or beers in their homes or on their premises.

Section 24. It shall be the duty of any member wishing to leave the Free Will Baptist Church to call for a letter before leaving.

Section 25. Licensed or ordained ministers coming from another Free Will Baptist Conference or Association must bring a letter of recommendation from the same.

Section 26. Only an ordained minister of this body may serve as a member of the Presbytery.

Section 27. We strongly oppose homosexuality including lesbianism and all other forms of sexual deviation. We believe these to be sinful acts and perversion of the God-given sexual drives. (I Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 1:24-28). We reject any attempts to accept homosexuality as normal behaviour. Therefore, we will not knowingly accept as a candidate for the ministry or any other office any person who condones or engages in any such acts. Furthermore, we reserve the right to dismiss from fellowship of this association any church which knowingly accepts or upholds any officer or member who engages in these immoral acts nor will we accept any church into this association which condones such practices.

Section 28. We stand opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment and the women's rights movement. We believe such movements to be unbiblical and seek to destroy the dignity of womanhood and undermine the home. We believe the woman was elevated to place of dignity by our Lord and that she shares equally with man the right to salvation and God's blessings. (Matt. 11:28; Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:32; Acts 10:34; Rom. 10:12; I Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:25).

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1. No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved party complies with the directions given by our Lord in St. Matthew 18: 13, 17

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the deacons of the church to go to any transgressing member, talk to them and they shall have until the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the church to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes. It shall also be the duty of the deacons to look after the widows in their daily ministrations. Rom. 16: 17; II Cor. 12: 21; II Cor. 13: 1.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain the church and preachers. I Cor. 16: 1, 2; II Cor. 9: 7; Luke 10: 7; I Cor. 9: 4.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the minister on receiving members in the church, to ask the applicant the following questions: First—"Do you feel that you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?" Second—"Are you a believer with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the son of God?" Third—"Are you willing to walk in all His precepts?" We take members into the Free Will Baptist Church by Conversion, Letter or Recommendation. Matt. 22: 37; Acts 8: 37; John 13: 1, 17; I Cor. 11: 20, 22; Luke 22: 18, 20; Matt. 26: 26, 29.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one eternal God, the Creator and Upholder of all things and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one. St. John 1: 1; I Cor. 8: 6; St. John 10: 30.

Article 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice: II Pet. 1: 19-20; II Tim. 3: 14-17; Dan. 10: 21; Acts. 1: 16-17; Matt. 21: 42.

Article 3. We believe that man is unable to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in, by reason of sin, only by the grace of God through the exercise of faith. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:5-7; Eph. 2:3.

Article 4. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matt. 3:14-16; Matt. 3:5-6; I Pet. 3:21; John 3:21; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:18-20; I Cor. 11: 20-29; John 13:1-7; Matt. 26:26-29.

Article 5. We believe that no minister has the right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly ordained. I Tim. 4:14; Acts 8:17-19; II Tim. 1; Heb. 6:2.

Article 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58; John 11:25; II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rom. 2:4-5; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:11-15; Matt. 25:41; Acts 17:13; Isa. 33:14

Article 7. We believe according to the Scriptures; Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6:1-7; that after man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost if he shall fall from Grace, it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him unto the favor of God. Heb. 6:1-7; I John 5:16.

Article 8. We believe that a man can make shipwreck of his faith and be lost. Rom. 8:38-39; I Cor. 10:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27-28; Phil. 1:6; II Chron. 15: II Pet. 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:16; I Cor.

10:12; Heb. 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4-5; Acts 1:25; Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:19; Phil. 3:11-14.

Article 9. We believe that sanctification is the work of God's Grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in the Spiritual Birth, constantly growing in the Grace and the Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and becomes final at the end. Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; I Thess. 5:19-23; John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20-21.

Article 10. We believe that all Christians have a right to the sacramental table upon the principles of their acceptance with Him, for St. Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." I Corinthians 11:28.

Article 11. We believe that no person is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church except those that have the witness within themselves.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Pastor. It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the word, to have the general superintendence of the church. To be himself an example of the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

Deacon. The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the Presby. Ordination consisting of charges, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table. To distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Clerk. It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the church covenant, and the names of the members, all the proceedings of the church, and the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. They also sign all the letters and other communications made by authority of the church.

Treasurer. The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be their duty to keep a regular account of all the money received and make a report of the same annually to the church or as often as the church requires. Funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church.

RULES OF CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION

1. The Association and Conference when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at any time and he shall rise and address the moderator.

3. No person shall be interrupted by anyone except the moderator until he is through speaking, nor shall the moderator, unless he breaks the order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any personal reflection on him who has spoken before.

5. No person shall speak more than two times on any one subject without leave of the Association.

6. No member shall address each other except by the appellation of brother or sister.

7. No member shall laugh or whisper in the time of public speech.
8. No members shall absent himself from the Association without leave.
9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association may think it necessary.
10. No person shall speak more than five minutes at any time without leave of the association or conference.
11. Any person who shall knowingly break any of the association or conference rules shall be reprovved by the moderator.
12. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it by standing vote. When they fail to do this they shall be reprimanded by the moderator.
13. When two or more members rise at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to speak.
14. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, he shall also appoint three (3) members of the Presby, the first appointed being the Chairman. The Chairman will then appoint the other two members.
15. The Pulpit committee shall consist of three ordained authorities of this association.
16. Visiting ministers have the right to speak only with leave of the conference or association.
17. The member first named on a committee shall be the chairman.
18. The moderator in case of a tie may cast the deciding vote.
19. No minister shall have a right to vote in the conference or association unless he is in good standing with his church and association.
20. No one has the right to vote except ordained authority and delegates of this association.
21. For the purpose of doing conference and association business the ordained authority and delegates will be placed in separate sections of the building during business session.
22. To rotate conference and association from church to church and not to visit any church twice until all have been visited.
23. All ministers are required to fill out a ministers report form, if they fail to do so their name will be placed in the Minutes as ministers who made no report.
24. If any minister fails to appear for two consecutive sessions of our quarterly meetings that the Presby go see them.
25. All delegates must register at the beginning of the conference and association, if they fail to do this they lose the right to vote in this conference or association.
26. Anyone coming to the Presby must present themselves to the Presby on Thursday night in the association and on Friday night in the conference.
27. All delegates must be present throughout each conference and association in order to have privilege to vote in the business session.
28. All ministers and deacons who fail to attend the ministers and deacons meeting each quarter shall be admonished by his pastor, and should he be absent two out of three meetings he shall be admonished by Presby.

Name of Church and Address	All Building Expenses									
	Inclined	Declined	Membership	Publication and Education	Home For Children	Home And Foreign Missions	Other Ministers	Paid Evangelist	Paid Pastor	
Burlington Drive Church 1211 Burlington Dr., Muncie, Ind.	2	1	34	\$ 0	\$114.71	\$ 804.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$2,060.00	\$ 0
Bradford Pike Church 400 E. 100 N., Marion, Ind.	2	0	23	320.21	320.00	160.00	225.00	220.00	505.00	8,081.12
East 38th Street Church 1125 E. 38th St., Anderson, Ind.	0	4	163	1,512.23	126.39	3,826.72	0	1,812.79	5,425.00	31,669.72
First Church of Dunkirk Dunkirk, Ind.	5	10	45	435.01	368.12	0	205.00	547.41	1,970.00	4,017.16
First Church of Muncie R.R. 2, Yorktown, Muncie, Ind.	0	0	46	391.03	166.82	174.00	0	175.00	1,326.45	2,305.00
Florida Station Church Anderson, Indiana	10	0	60	524.95	512.00	460.97	0	953.13	5,900.00	12,209.66
Mt. Carmel Church 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Ind.	6	10	35	536.31		150.00	0	311.00	7,475.00	4,946.05
Mt. Hope of Anderson 2026 Hendricks St., Anderson, Ind.										
Mt. Olive Church Wheeling Pike, Muncie, Ind.	0	1	60	63.77	0		10.00	120.00		3,712.62
Warrington Church Warrington, Indiana	11	1	38	1,135.52	166.00	211.00	932.44	55.00	2,532.35	4,402.74

South Marion Free Will Bapt., 3730 S. Bosto St,
Marion, Ind.

MINISTERS' REPORT

	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Revivals Conducted	Contributions
Rev. P. A. Dixon	1	115	78		8	3	10	8	\$5,500.00
Rev.. William Hollars	0	150	8	0	0	0	0	2	
Rev. Marion Donathan	1	105	5	5	6	6	4	0	1,900.00
Rev. Willie Ledbetter	1	102	30	10	11	4	5	4	5,900.00
Rev. James O. McCowan	1	110	21	2	2	4	6	2	
Rev. Thurman L. Page	1	60	10	6	7	0	2	1	7,675.00
Rev. Wm. Simmons	1	100	9	0	0	1	3	2	2,022.31
Rev. James E. Sluss	1	77	19	2	0	3	2	2	999.22

Ministers who made no report: Rev. Benton Hargis, Rev. Thurman Key.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev Marion Donathan, Dunkirk, Ind.	Ph. 768-6180
Rev. P. A. Dixon, Anderson, Ind.,	Ph. 378-5312
Rev. William Hollars, Anderson, Ind.	Ph. 644-2474
Rev. Benton Hargis, Muncie, Ind.	Ph. 289-1187
Rev. Thurman Key, Anderson, Ind.	Ph. 378-7613
Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Anderson, Ind.	Ph. 642-9234
Rev. James O. McCowan, Muncie, Ind.	Ph. 289-2606
Rev. Thurman L. Page, Indianapolis, Ind.	Ph. 545-5152
Rev. James E. Sluss, Gas City, Ind.	Ph. 674-6543
Rev. William Simmons, Anderson, Ind.	Ph. 643-7233

CHURCHES, PASTORS, DEACONS AND CLERKS

Church—Burlington Drive, 1211 Burlington Dr., Muncie, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. James O. McCowan, 1627 Luick Ave., Muncie, Indiana
Deacon—Bro. Nathan Mullinix, Bro. Ernest Clayborn.
Clerk—Sis. Joan Estep, 2703 Sycamore Ave., Muncie, Indiana.

Church—Bradford Pike, 400 E. 100N, Marion, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. James E. Sluss, 413 E. N. A. St., Gas City, Indiana
Deacons—Bro. Scott Buckler
Clerk—Sis. Priscilla Bradshaw, 1423 W. 13th St., Marion, Ind.

Church—East 38th Street, 1125 E. 38th St., Anderson, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. P. A. Dixon, R.R. 1, Box 117, Anderson, Indiana
Deacons—Bro. Gene Sells, Bro. Brader Looper, Bro. Joe Calvert.
Clerk—Sis. Mary Sells, R.R. 10, Box 238, Anderson, Indiana

Church—First Church of Muncie, R.R. 2, Yorktown, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. William Simmons, 2505 Halford St., Anderson, Indiana
Deacons—Bro. Arel Beaty, Bro. Randle Price, Bro. William McDowell.
Clerk—Sis. Loretta Price, R R. 1, Box 342, Daleville, Indiana.

CHURCH—First Church of Dunkirk, Dunkirk, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. Marion Donathan, 342 Lincoln Ave., Dunkirk, Indiana
Deacons—Bro. Fred Sampley, Bro. Tommy Walker, Bro. Paul Skeens.
Clerk—Sis. Gladys Donathan, 342 Lincoln Ave., Dunkirk, Indiana.

Church—Florida Station Church, R.R. 5, Box 5166, Anderson, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. Willie Ledbetter, 3020 Helms Rd.
Deacons—Bro. John Crisp, Bro. Dan Baker.
Clerk—Sis. Linda Crisp, R.R. 5, Box 97A, Anderson, Indiana.

Church—Mt. Carmel, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. T. L. Page, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, Indiana
Deacons—Raymond Doss, Bro. Kenneth McKim.
Clerk—Doris E. Patter.

Church—Mt. Hope 2026 Hendricks St., Anderson, Indiana
Pastor—
Deacons—Bro. Roger Phillips.
Clerk—Sis. Donna Hatman, 4523 State Road 9, N. Anderson, Indiana.

Church—Mt. Olive, R.R. 7, Box 477A, Wheeling Pike, Muncie, Indiana
Pastor—Rev. Thurman Key
Deacons—Bro. Wallice Bailey.
Clerk—Sis. Etna Conatser, 3205 North Belaire, Muncie, Indiana.

Church—Warrington Free Will Baptist Church, St. Rd. 109, Wilkinson, Ind.
Pastor—Rev. Gilbert Mata
Deacons—Bro. J. B. Peek, Bro. Steve Delph.
Clerk—Sis. Becky Delph, R.R. 1, Wilkinson, Indiana.

CONFERENCE ORDER OF BUSINESS

SATURDAY MORNING:

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Electing Moderator and Assist. Moderator
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Pulpit Committee Report
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Reading of Rules
7. Recognized visiting Ministers
8. Calling for letters from Churches

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

1. Calling Delegates to order
2. Licensed Ministers Reports
3. Traveling Evangelist Report
4. Any Old or New Business
5. Invitation for Office of Elder
6. Invitation for new Churches
7. Presby Report
8. Appointment of Next Meeting place
9. Expressing Thanks to Host Church
10. Offering for Children's Home
11. Adjournment