

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
STONE ASSOCIATION

OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
of Central Indiana

AT THE
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
MUNCIE, INDIANA

OCTOBER 21, 22, 1983

Rev. James E. Sluss, Moderator	Gas City, IN
Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Ass't Moderator	Anderson, IN
Rev. John G. Crisp, Clerk	Anderson, IN
Bro. Randal Price, Ass't Clerk	Muncie, IN

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 in 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.

ASSOCIATION ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY NIGHT:

1. Calling Delegates to Order
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Appointment of Committees
5. Presby Appointed

SATURDAY MORNING:

1. Roll Call of Delegates
2. Reading of Rules of Conference and Association
3. Recognize Visiting Ministers
4. Call for Church Letters
5. Presbytery Report
6. Licensed Minister Report
7. Traveling Evangelist Report
8. Financial Report
9. Invitation for Office of Elder
10. Invitation for New Churches
11. Offering for Children's Home

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

1. Roll Call of Delegates
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Report on Temperance
 - b. Report on Sunday School
 - c. Report on Prayer Meeting
 - d. Report on Resolution
 - e. Finance Report
 - f. Report on Obituaries
3. Trustee Elected
4. Old and New Business
5. Appointment of Next Meeting Place
6. Expressing Thanks to Host Church
7. Adjournment
8. Offering for the Conference

CONFERENCE ORDER OF BUSINESS

SATURDAY MORNING:

1. Calling Delegates to Order
2. Electing Moderator and Ass't Moderator
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Pulpit Committee Report
5. Reading of Minutes
6. Reading of Rules
7. Recognize Visiting Ministers
8. Call for Church Letters
9. Presby Report
10. Licensed Ministers Report
11. Traveling Evangelist Report
12. Financial Report
13. Offering for Children's Home

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

1. Roll Call of Delegates
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MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 1983

The Stone Association of Central Indiana met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Muncie at Muncie, Indiana for the Twenty-Fourth Annual Session.

The meeting was called to order by the Asst. Moderator, Rev. Willie Ledbetter. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Randal Price. Prayer was led by Rev. Marion Donathan. Scripture reading was from I Cor. 13:1-13.

The floor was opened for election of new officers. Motion carried:

Rev. James E. Sluss serve as Moderator

Rev. Willie Ledbetter serve as Asst. Moderator

Rev. John G. Crisp serve as Clerk

Bro. Randal Price serve as Asst. Clerk

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

East 38th St. Church — Bro. Frank Norris, Bro. Joe Vaughn, Sis. Edna Vaughn, Sis. Mary Sue McCowan, Sis. Ethel Adkins, Sis. Mary White, Alt.

First Church of Muncie — Bro. Amos Wright, Bro. Odell Estep

Mt. Carmel Church — Represented by letter.

Mt. Hope Church — Represented by letter.

Mt. Olive Church — Bro. Tony Lobretto, Sis. Janie Lobretto

First Church of Dunkirk — Bro. Ed Sanders, Bro. Jack Cook, Sis. Sue Sanders, Alt.

Bradford Pike Church — Bro. Randall Brashear, Bro. Melvin Hurd

Valley Grove Church — Bro. Ron Ledbetter, Sis. Becky Ledbetter, Bro. Bill Langford, Sis. Mary Langford

Burlington Dr. Church — Bro. John Maness, Sis. Nettie Maness

Warrington Church — Represented by letter.

South Marion Church — Bro. Bob Porter, Bro. Austin Rawlings

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Pulpit Committee: Chairman Rev. Thurman Key, Rev. William Hollars, Rev. Larry G. Majors.

Temperance Committee: Chairman Rev. Fount Childers, Bro. Bill McDowell, Bro. Odell Estep.

Sunday School Committee: Chairman Rev. Fred Lucas, Bro. Charles Crabtree, Bro. Larry Bailey.

Prayer Meeting Committee: Chairman Bro. Fred Sampley, Bro. Paul Skeens, Bro. Ed Sanders.

Resolution Committee: Chairman Rev. Gary Marcum, Bro. Bob Owsley, Bro. Melvin Hurd.

Obituaries Committee: Chairman Bro. Frank Marcum, Bro. Ron Ledbetter,
Bro. Bill Langford.
Finance Committee: Chairman Rev. Everett Bilbrey, Bro. John Maness, Bro.
Nathan Mullinix.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED

Chairman Rev. Dooley Hollars, Rev. Marion Donathan, Rev. Gary Marcum, Rev. Everett Bilbrey, Rev. John G. Crisp.
Motion was carried to adjourn for the worship service. The congregation sang, "Won't It Be Wonderful There." We then had an altar of prayer. Testimonies and songs were shared.
The service was then turned over to Rev. Gary Marcum, who brought the message from II Sam. 19:33, "Absalom."

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James E. Sluss. Bro. Randal Price led congregational singing. Prayer was led by Bro. Raymond Doss. Scripture reading was from Ps. 27:1-14.

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

Two absent.

READING OF THE RULES OF CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION

RECOGNIZE VISITING MINISTERS

The Moderator recognized Rev. Paul Masters of New Castle, IN, and Rev. Woodrow Pinkleton of Marion, IN. Both, Rev. Masters and Rev. Pinkleton will be joining this body later in this Association.

CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS

East 38th St. Church	Read and passed
First Church of Muncie	Read and passed
Mt. Carmel Church	Read and passed
Mt. Hope Church	Read and passed
Mt. Olive Church	Read and passed
First Church of Dunkirk	Read and passed
Bradford Pike Church	Read and passed
Valley Grove Church	Read and passed
Burlington Dr. Church	Read and passed
Warrington Church	Read and passed

South Marion Church Read and passed

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None present.

INVITATION FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER

Motion was carried to give Presby Report before invitation for office of elder. Rev. Everett Bilbrey gave the Presby Report. Motion carried to accept as given. Rev. Fred Lucas will receive the right hand of fellowship along with Rev. Woodrow Pinkleton and Rev. Paul Masters.

Motion made and carried to move on to the afternoon agenda.

LICENSED MINISTERS REPORT

Bro. Mark Sluss gave an oral report. Motion carried to accept as given.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST REPORT

No report was given due to the absence of the traveling evangelist.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Oral report was given by Rev. John G. Crisp. Motion carried to accept as given.

TRUSTEE ELECTED

Rev. Willie Ledbetter was elected to serve for three years as a trustee.

Rev. Gary Marcum	1 year
Rev. John Crisp	2 years
Rev. Willie Ledbetter	3 years

Motion was carried to adjourn the morning session of business and to receive an offering for the Children's Home. An offering of \$54.61 was taken for the Children's Home. Special singing was done by Bro. and Sis. Fred Sampley. Testimonies were given. The service was then turned over to Rev. Fred Lucas who brought the message from Luke 18:1-8, "God Will Avenge His Own."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We were called to order by the Moderator Rev. James E. Sluss. Bro. Bobby Owsley led congregational singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Gary

ROLL CALL OF DELEGATES

Two absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance, being a fruit of the Spirit, should be evidenced in the life of every believer. Temperance means moderation and self-control in all phases of living. (I Cor. 9:25; Rom. 14:21)

In Titus 2:6 we are instructed to be sober minded. This and other Scriptures, we feel, condemns the use of alcohol and drugs.

In I Cor. 9:27, Rom. 8:13 and Gal. 5:24, we are commanded to keep the flesh or outward man crucified and under subjection to the spiritual or inward man. This is another area of temperance we should strive to attain.

Another area of temperance should be in the control of the tongue since the tongue can be very destructive in "killing" young converts, "killing" a brother's influence, causing church divisions, etc. (James 3:2-8).

Rev. Fount Childers, Chrm.

Bro. Bill McDowell

Bro. Odell Estep

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 whatsoever 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. Fred Lucas, Chrm.

Bro. Charles Crabtree

Bro. Larry Bailey

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We your committee on Prayer Meeting believe it is the most important function of the church. For as in Isa. 56:7, God said His house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. He says in Luke 18:1 that men should not faint but should always pray. We believe each church should promote prayer meeting services. Heb. 10:25 says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

I Sam. 12:23, tells us that we should not sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. We believe that prayer meetings are the backbone of the Church. Pray without ceasing, I Thess. 5:17.

Bro. Fred Sampley, Chrm.
Bro. Paul Skeens
Bro. Ed Sanders

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

We, in accordance to the scriptures are "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. Knowing that He is returning for a "Peculiar people, zealous of good works," exhort our fellow believers to live with this hope. Titus 2:14.

Realizing we truly live in the last days, do understand the need for active evangelism, striving to fulfill the Great Commission. Mt. 28:19,20. Knowing our lives must be holy, righteous, godly, and that we must endeavor to live blameless before all men. II Pet. 3:14.

We must firmly stand against the liberal movements that seek to destroy the Diety of Christ, minimize the necessity of the new birth, and void the redemptive works of Christ, through their mishandling of God's Word and use of inaccurate translations of the Bible. We encourage our ministers and teachers to warn our people of those false teachers and of the faulty translations and their numerous inadequacies. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:20,21.

Rev. Gary Marcum, Chrm.
Bro. Bobby Owsley
Bro. Melvin Hurd

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on finance report an offering of \$160.00. We recommend that 230 minutes be printed. We would like to thank all the churches for their faithful giving and support of our Conference and Association that we can continue the work of the Lord.

Rev. Everett Bilbrey, Chrm.
Bro. John Maness

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee, report the following have departed this world for a home eternal in Heaven: Bro. Berman Robinson, E. 38th St. Church; Bro. Roy Martin, Valley Grove Church; and Sis. Alice Hinder, Mt. Hope Church.

Bro. Frank Marcum, Chrm.
Bro. Bill Langford
Bro. Ron Ledbetter

PRESBY REPORT FOR 1983

October 22, 1982

The new Presby Board met in Association for purpose of organization. Rev. Everett Bilbrey was selected to serve as clerk of the Presby.

April 15, 1983

Presby met in regular conference at Mt. Hope F.W.B.C. of Anderson.

Rev. Fred Lucas came to us with letter from the Mt. Olive Church to have his credentials ratified to preach the Gospel.

Bro. Lucas was passed to have his credentials ratified pending a letter of good standing from the White River Association of F.W.B.C.

April 16, 1983

Presby met in regular conference at Mt. Hope F.W.B.C. of Anderson.

Bro. Hollins Hinds came to us with letter from Burlington Drive F.W.B.C. of Muncie to be examined for the office of Deacon and if passed to have his credentials ratified. After examination Bro. Hinds was passed and issued new credentials.

April 27, 1983

Clerk of Presby received letter of recommendation concerning Bro. Fred Lucas from White River Association of F.W.B.C.

Notified clerk of the Association (at first opportunity) to issue Annual Ministerial Certification as per conference vote dated April 15, 1983.

July 10, 1983

Presby met in special called meeting at Bradford Pike F.W.B.C. of Marion.

Bro. Bobby Owsley came to us with letter from Bradford Pike Church of Marion to be examined for the office of Deacon. After examination Bro. Owsley was passed and ordained.

July 15, 1983

Presby met in regular conference at Mt. Carmel F.W.B.C. of Indianapolis.

Bro. Mark Sluss came to us with letter from Mt. Olive Church of Muncie to be examined for license to preach the Gospel. After examination, he was passed and licensed.

Bro. Butch DuBois came to us with letter from the Valley Grove Church of Anderson to be examined and if passed, licensed to preach the Gospel.

After examination, passed and issued license.

July 16, 1983

Presby met in regards to Rule 24 of Conference and Association. Decided to make contact with ministers who have failed to appear at the last two Quarterly Conferences and set up a time for Presby to meet with them.

September 24, 1983

Presby met in special called meeting at Valley Grove F.W.B.C. of Anderson concerning Rule 24 of Conference and Association.

Presby spoke with ministers who have failed to appear at the last two Quarterly Conferences. After the Chairman of the Presby expressed the purpose of the meeting, we heard from the ministers as they were called. After some discussion (contents of which are in Presby minutes) with the ministers the Presby expressed its desire and the Association policy to help our Brothers in the Lord and our Sister Churches in any way possible within the framework of our Association's Declaration of Rights, Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith and Rules of Conference and Association (and the LOVE OF GOD!)

October 9, 1983

Presby met in special called meeting at the South Marion F.W.B.C. of Marion, Indiana.

Bro. Woodrow Pinkleton came to us with letter from the South Marion Church to have his credentials ratified to Preach the Gospel.

Bro. Pinkleton was passed to have his credentials ratified pending a letter of good standing from the North Central Indiana Association of General Baptist.

October 20, 1983

Received letter of good standing for Bro. Woodrow Pinkleton from North Central Indiana Association of General Baptist dated October 14, 1983.

October 20, 1983

Presby met in Association at the First F.W.B.C. of Muncie, Indiana.

Bro. Paul Masters came with letter from the First Church of Muncie to have his credentials ratified to Preach the Gospel. Bro. Masters presented letter of good standing from the Northern Ohio Conference of F.W.B.C.

After examination, passed to ratified.

Bro. Amos Wright came with letter from the First Church of Muncie to be examined for the office of Deacon.

After examination, passed to ordain. Will be ordained this Association.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was made concerning the establishment of a Home Missions Board within the Association. Motion made, "To assemble a Home Mission Research Board of five that will research and assemble information pertaining to the structure and implementation of policies of a Home Mission and Church Extension Board. This Research Board to meet and return recom-

mendations back to our body for approval and set-up of a Home Mission and Church Extension Board under direction of the Stone Association." Motion carried. Home Missions Research Board will consist of Rev. Fred Lucas, Chrm.; Rev. Gary Marcum, Rev. Dooley Hollars, Bro. Ron Ledbetter, and Rev. Everett Bilbrey. Discussion was made concerning time table for the Board to report back to the Conference. The Board shall report back at the soonest possible date.

Motion made and carried to place the Free Will Baptist Covenant in the minutes.

Discussion was brought to the floor concerning the Central Indiana Stone Association joining the National Association. A motion was made to join the National Association. Motion was seconded. The motion was defeated by a vote of 17 yes votes to 23 no votes.

Motion was made to change the Saturday evening worship service to the afternoon immediately following the afternoon session of business, effective in the January 1984 Conference. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Randal Price discussed the discrepancy in the minutes and in the Annual letters concerning "Church and Building Expenses." Motion made to change minutes to read, "All Other Church Expense." Motion carried.

Rev. Gary Marcum made motion to add the yearly average of the Sunday School to the minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion was made concerning standardizing the order of business in the Conference and the Association. Motion made to move the Presby Report, Licensed Minister Report, Traveling Evangelist Report, and Financial Report to the morning session of business, and to standardize the Invitation for Office of Elder and Invitation for New Churches. Motion carried.

Clerk read a letter from the South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists requesting a letter of recommendation for Rev. Jerry Graham. Motion carried to send letter of recommendation.

Asst Clerk read a letter from Steve Marcum. Motion carried to send a letter of recommendation.

Discussion was made concerning the election of the Traveling Evangelist. Motion carried that Rev. Dooley Hollars serve as the Traveling Evangelist for the next year.

Discussion was brought to the floor to decide if the Association wanted a Youth Committee for the coming year. Motion was carried to establish a Youth Committee. The committee will consist of Rev. Everett Bilbrey, Chrm.; Bro. Amos Wright, and Bro. Charles Crabtree.

Motion was carried that the Association have a Teacher's Training session this year. Motion carried that the Pulpit Committee arrange the Teacher's Training.

Discussion was made concerning the Chairman of the Fellowship meeting.

Motion carried that Rev. Fount Childers serve as Chairman of the Fellowship Meeting.

Discussion was made concerning the needs of Rev. T. L. Page. Motion carried that we send Rev. T. L. Page an offering of \$400.00 from the Conference.

Motion carried to have a Conference sponsored song service for Bro. Page. Motion carried to have the benefit song service at the First Church of Muncie and to let the pastor and deacons coordinate the service.

Discussion was made concerning an Association deacon board to help the needy.

APPOINTMENT OF NEXT MEETING PLACE

Motion carried to go to the Mt. Hope Church of Anderson on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October 1984.

EXPRESSING THANKS

The Moderator, Rev. James E. Sluss, expressed our thanks to the First Church of Muncie for their fine hospitality.

The Moderator asked the body for the proper procedure concerning an ordination service when one member of the Presby is absent.

Motion was carried to use the four members of the Presby present during the ordination service.

We then had prayer and went on to the ordination service. Bro. Amos Wright and his wife came forward. Rev. Everett Bilbrey gave the charge to Bro. Wright. The Presby then prayed and laid hands upon Bro. Wright. The right hand of fellowship was then given to Bro. and Sis. Wright. Testimonies were given. Motion carried to adjourn this session of business until the evening service. An offering was received for the Conference of \$37.65.

SATURDAY EVENING

The service was opened by the Asst. Moderator, Rev. Willie Ledbetter. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Randel Price. An offering of \$32.25 was received for the Conference. Prayer was led by Bro. Jerry Miller. Special singing was done by the singers of the First Church of Muncie. The service was then turned over to Rev. Thurman Key, who brought the message from Matt. 20:1-16; Matt. 9:37,38, "Lord Send Laborers to the Harvest." Testimonies were given.

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 fellow-man.

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 to be duly recognized as an organized body with the right to be represented by delegates. Without two deacons, the body shall be required to represent by letter.

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. Anyone 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 anyone 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 steward 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 Testa-

ments 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. 2:19-21.

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 and 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.

CHURCH	S.S. Yearly Average	Increased	Decreased	Membership	Publication and Education	Home for Children	Home and Foreign Missions	Paid Evangelists	Paid Pastor	All Other Church Expenses
BRADFORD PIKE CHURCH	35	2	10	23	\$ 319.69	\$ 60.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 3,207.38
BURLINGTON DR. CHURCH	47	14	2	43	\$ 477.44	\$ 35.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 8,361.13
EAST 38TH ST. CHURCH	124	9	3	191	\$1,812.95	\$ 200.00	\$3,136.91	\$1,406.82	\$ 7,620.00	\$44,263.08
FIRST CHURCH OF DUNKIRK	74	5	18	55	\$ 416.10	\$ 563.25	\$ 81.32	\$ 950.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$17,073.74
FIRST CHURCH OF MUNCIE	80	7	10	59	\$1,057.27	\$ 189.91	\$ 300.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,196.69
MT. CARMEL CHURCH	32	0	0	24	\$ 634.48	0	\$ 383.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 9,270.00	\$ 218.51
MT. HOPE CHURCH	34	3	8	53	\$ 84.87	0	0	\$ 410.00	\$ 2,700.53	\$ 8,700.26
MT. OLIVE CHURCH	47	7	11	31	\$ 915.74	0	\$ 54.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,971.42
SOUTH MARION CHURCH	56	6	7	45	\$1,245.46	0	0	\$1,600.00	0	\$15,667.86
VALLEY GROVE CHURCH	102	3	5	124	\$1,265.80	\$1,534.53	\$1,426.51	\$ 974.01	\$14,463.59	\$33,267.05
WARRINGTON CHURCH	25			30						

Minister's Report	Churches	Sermons	Conversions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Revivals Conducted	Contributions
Rev. Everett Bilbrey	1	165	26	5	8	4	1	1	\$ 4,630.00
Rev. Fount Childers	1	135	20	7	1	4	4	0	\$ 2,650.00
Rev. John Crisp	0	51	9	0	0	2	0	1	\$ 1,230.00
Rev. Marion Donathan	0	49	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Rev. Dooley Hollars	1	104	11	6	3	0	0	2	\$ 800.00
Rev. William Hollars	0	104	1	0	1	2	0	1	0
Rev. Willie Ledbetter	1	78	15	3	4	1	6	1	\$17,032.12
Rev. Fred Lucas	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 25.00
Rev. Gary Marcum	1	66	6	2	6	1	0	0	\$ 2,250.00
Rev. Gilbert Mata	0	103	73	0	0	0	0	10	\$ 5,000.00
Rev. James E. Sluss	1	61	12	7	0	1	0	1	\$ 1,345.00

Ministers who made no report:

Rev. P. A. Dixon
Rev. Thurman Key

Rev. Larry Majors
Rev. Thurman L. Page

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Rev. P. A. Dixon, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 378-5312
Rev. Marion Donathan, Dunkirk, IN	Ph. (317) 768-6382
Rev. Dooley Hollars, Marion, IN	Ph. (317) 664-4056
Rev. William Hollars, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 644-2474
Rev. Thurman Key, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 378-7613
Rev. Willie Ledbetter, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 642-9234
Rev. Fred Lucas, Muncie, IN	Ph. (317) 288-0878
Rev. Larry G. Majors, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 642-0747
Rev. Gary Marcum, Anderson, IN	Ph. (317) 644-5488
Rev. Paul Masters, New Castle, IN	
Rev. Gilbert Mata, Crossville, TN	Ph. (615) 484-3335
Rev. Thurman L. Page, Indianapolis, IN	Ph. (317) 545-5152
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Rev. James E. Sluss, Gas City, IN	Ph. (317) 674-6543

CHURCHES, PASTORS, DEACONS, AND CLERKS

Church — Bradford Pike, 400 E. 100 N., Marion, IN 46952

Pastor — Rev. Gary Marcum, 4402 McKinley Ave., Anderson, IN 46014

Deacons — Bro. Scott Buckler, Bro. Bobby Owsley

Clerk — Sis. Nina Martin, 1303 Manor Dr., Marion, IN 46952

Church — Burlington Dr., 1211 Burlington Dr., Muncie, IN 47302

Pastor — Rev. Everett Bilbrey Jr., 707 N. Elm St., Dunkirk, IN 47336

Deacons — Bro. Nathan Mullinix, Bro. Hollins Hinds

Clerk — Sis. Linda Garrett, 1804 E. 18th St., Muncie, IN 47302

Church — East 38th St., 1125 E. 38th St., Anderson, IN 46014

Pastor — Rev. P. A. Dixon, R.R.1 Box 117, Anderson, IN 46011

Deacons — Bro. Braden Looper, Bro. J. B. Peek

Clerk — Sis. Marie McQueary, 507 Anderson Rd., Chesterfield, IN 46017

Church — First Church of Dunkirk, Dunkirk, IN 47336

Pastor Deacons — Bro. Fred Sampley, Bro. Paul Skeens, Bro. Tommy Walker

Clerk — Bro. Donald E. Adkins, 833 Liberty St., Albany, IN 47320

Church — First Church of Muncie, R.R.2, Yorktown, IN 47396

Pastor — Rev. Fount Childers, 2320 E. Purdue St., Muncie, IN 47303

Deacons — Bro. William McDowell, Bro. Randal Price, Bro. Amos Wright

Clerk — Sis. Helen Maxine West, P.O. Box 102, Selma, IN 47383

Church — Mt. Carmel, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, IN 46218
Pastor — Rev. T. L. Page, 5602 E. 26th St., Indianapolis, IN 46218
Deacon — Bro. Raymond Doss
Clerk — Sis. Doris E. Potter, R.R.6 Box 170, Greenfield, IN 46140

Church — Mt. Hope, 2026 Hendricks St., Anderson, IN 46014
Pastor — Rev. Larry G. Majors, 2416 Morton St., Anderson, IN 46014
Deacon — Bro. Floyd Riddle
Clerk — Sis. Janie Carr, 1805 Jefferson St., Anderson, IN 46016

Church — Mt. Olive, R.R.7 Box 477A, Wheeling Pike, Muncie, IN 47302
Pastor — Rev. James E. Sluss, 413 E.N. "A" St., Gas City, IN 46933
Deacons — Bro. Wallace Bailey, Bro. Charles Crabtree
Clerk — Sis. Cathy Bailey, R.R.7 Box 216, Muncie, IN 47302

Church — South Marion, 3730 S. Boots St., Marion, IN 46952
Pastor — Rev. Dooley Hollars, 702 W. 8th St., Marion, IN 46952
Deacons — Bro. Tolbert Roberts, Bro. Garland Webb, Bro. Don Clark, Bro.
Edward Hall
Clerk — Sis. Monika Hollars, 3724 S. Boots St., Marion, IN 46952

Church — Valley Grove, R.R.7 Box 118, Anderson, IN 46011
Pastor — Rev. Willie Ledbetter, 3020 Helms Rd., Anderson, IN 46013
Deacons — Bro. Cecil McDonald, Bro. Frank Marcum
Clerk — Sis. Linda Crisp, R.R.5 Box 97A, Anderson, IN 46011

Church — Warrington, St. Rd. 109, R.R.1, Wilkinson, IN 46186
Pastor — Rev. William Parsons, 2721 Mounds Rd., Box A-11, Anderson, IN
46013
Deacons —
Clerk — Bro. Jody Morrow