




MINUTES
of The
Twenty-Third Annual Session
of The
Union Association
of
Free Will Baptists


Held With
Oak Grove Church
August 30-31, September 1, 1922.


The next session will be held with Wolf Creek Church
on Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock p. m. before the
first Sunday in September, 1923.


Introductory Sermon by
Rev. Frank Smalley and Rev. Ora Keller.



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Nashville, Tennessee

Presented By

Rev. Lester Lemons

—1922—
PROCEEDINGS
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At 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon August 30, 1922. The Union Association of the Free Will Baptists met with Oak Grove Church in its twenty-third annual session.

Praise service by congregation.

Prayer by J. F. McCall.

The Moderator G. W. Scott, Sr. called for Introductory sermon, which was preached by Rev. H. M. Cope, Lesson 133 Psalm, Text Psalms 133-1.

Called for enrollment of ministers and deacons belonging to this Association. All present enrolled.

Moderator declared a quorum present and Conference ready for temporary organization.

Letters to the Association were called for and were referred to a Credential Committee composed of:

A. J. Kelsey, L. J. Gearing, M. B. Clift.

A Committee on Divine service was appointed:

Sam Royster, Sam Maxwell, A. W. Beit, Lue Butcher and Wm. Lakey.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the pulpit was occupied by A. M. Halford and L. W. Marler, Lesson Psalms 121, Text Psalms 121-1.

Thursday Morning

Praise by Congregation.

For a lesson the Moderator read the Church Covenant.

Prayer by Rev. Frank Smalley.

The credential committee in it's report recommended that letters and delegates from the following churches be received:

Pleasant Grove, Oak Grove, Happy Hill, Niangua, Pleasant Ridge No. 2, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion No. 3, Harmony, Little Vine, Stony Point, Union, Union Chapel, Lone Star, Turkey Creek, Wolf Creek.

Letter from Wright County quarterly meeting received and delegates seated.

The roll was called and all delegates given the right hand of fellowship and seated in council.

The Moderator declared a quorum present and conference ready for permanent organization.

Officers were elected for ensuing year.

Moderator, Rev. G. W. Scott Jr.; Assistant Moderator, Rev. M. B. Clift; Clerk, John S. Hickman; Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. T. Cole; Treasurer, Rev. Frank Smalley.

Called for corresponding Messengers:

Rev. B. F. Brown from Central Western Missouri and South East Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, responded.

Motion carried that Messenger be given the right hand of fellowship and seated in council

All Christians were invited to a seat in council.

Called for the reading of the bylaws:

By-laws read, and the Moderator declared the conference open for the transaction of regular business.

Called for corresponding letters:

Letters from Missouri Association of General Baptists read and received.

As a committee on business the following were appointed:

J. F. McCall, G. W. Scott, Sr., A. M. Halford, H. M. Cope, J. H. Plunk.

As a Committee on Obituaries the following were appointed:

A. J. Barnett, Elias Matney, Wm. Lakey.

Credential Committee reports:

We recommend that letters from the following churches be received and delegates seated: Union Grove No. 2, Clever Creek, Union. Motion carried that we receive the report.

Motion carried that we adopt the new Constitution and by-laws. No 3 by-law to read as follows:

Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

Motion carried that all ministers' wives be given a seat in Council.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. F. Brown.

Thursday at 11 o'clock pulpit occupied by Rev. Elias Matney and Rev. Ora Keller, Lesson St. John 15, Text John 3-7.

Committee on Divine service chose Rev. M. B. Clift, and Rev. L. J. Gearing to occupy the pulpit at 8 o'clock p. m.

Thursday Afternoon

Praise by Congregation.

For a lesson the Moderator read Timothy 4. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Barnett.

Call for report of Executive Committee.

Executive Board reports as follows:

We met September 2, 1921 and organized as follows:

Rev. G. W. Scott Sr., President; Rev. L. J. Gearing, Vice President; Rev. G. W. Scott Jr., Treasurer; A. W. Belt, Secretary; Thomas Edwards, Member.

On February 2, 1922 A. W. Belt received a letter from G. W. Scott Sr. requesting his resignation from Executive Board and Evangelistic work.

The Executive Board met at the home of G. W. Scott Sr. February 9, 1922 and accepted his resignation and appointed Rev. Clarence Ussery to fill place of G. W. Scott Sr. till Association meets August 30, 1922.

Met again February 24, 1922 and reorganized as follows:

L. J. Gearing, President; G. W. Scott Jr., Vice President; A. W.

Belt, Clerk and Treasurer; Thomas Edwards, Member; Clarence Ussery, Member.

We appointed Rev. Clarence Ussery, Rev. J. T. Cole and Rev. J. F. McCall to examine Bro. Wm. Wood for license.

We, the Council appointed by the Executive Board, met at Stony Point Church March 12, 1922, examined Bro. Wm. Wood, found him worthy and granted him license to preach the gospel until September 1, 1922.

L. J. Gearing, President; A. W. Belt, Secretary.

Motion carried that we accept the report of Executive Board.

Report of Treasurer called for.

Treasurer reported he turned all funds over to Clerk.

Clerk reports \$6.40 on hand.

Credential Committee reports:

We recommend that letters from the following churches be received and delegates seated. Mt. Zion No. 2, Pleasant Ridge, New Bethel No. One, Happy Home. Motion carried that we receive the report

Motion carried that we adjourn until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ora Keller.

Thursday night

Pulpit occupied by Rev. M. B. Clift and Rev. L. J. Gearing, Lesson St. John 10, Text Luke 18 19.

Committee on Divine service chose Rev. B. F. Brown and Rev. Frank Smalley to occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Friday Morning

Prayer service by Congregation

Scripture lesson St. John 14-16. Prayer by brother John Scott. Rev. L. M. Marler was elected Evangelist for one year.

Clarence Ussery's time having expired as a member of the Executive Committee, Rev. H. M. Cope was elected as a member of the Executive Committee for five years.

Motion carried that all churches failing to contribute funds for the printing of the Minutes receive none.

Motion carried that we extend Bro. Wm. Woods license for one year.

Written reports of ministers called for:

Report of L. M. Marler, sermons, 74, conversions witnessed 26, baptized 13, miles traveled 287, money received \$48.50.

Report of M. H. Williams, sermons 72, conversions witnessed 18, received into church 15, baptized 21, miles traveled 552, money received \$52.02.

Report of J. H. Plunk:

Sermons 30, miles traveled 300, received \$40.00.

Report of G. W. Scott Jr.:

Sermons 198, conversions witnessed 65, received into church 34, baptized 35, funerals preached 8, miles traveled 1,957, money received \$307.57.

Report of N. E. Snider.

Sermons 76, conversions witnessed 33, funerals 2, miles traveled 250, money received \$37.71.

Report of H. M. Cope:

Sermons 64, conversions witnessed 4, money received \$166.10.

Report of Elias Matney:

Sermons 70, conversions witnessed 18, received into church 5, baptized 4, ordained deacons 2, miles traveled 1,241, money received \$70.09.

Report of O. C. Keller:

Sermons 21, conversions witnessed 5, miles traveled 230, money received \$18.75.

Report of A. M. Halford:

Sermons 46, conversions witnessed 9, received into church 9, baptized 11, funerals 4, miles traveled 421, received \$46.73.

Report of Clarence Usery:

Sermons 117, conversions witnessed 71, received into church 29, baptized 32, ordained deacons 2, funerals 4, married 3, miles traveled 1,532, money received \$149.95.

Report of B. S. Moody:

Sermons 54, conversions witnessed 6, received into church 1 married 1, miles traveled 820, money received \$70.67.

Report of E. N. Delcour:

Sermons 90, received into church 15, baptized 5, money received \$90.00.

Report of L. J. Gearing:

Sermons 137, conversions witnessed 55, received into church 29, baptized 13, helped organize one church, deacons ordained 2, miles traveled 2,383, money received \$176 61

Report of G. W. Scott Sr.:

Sermons 118, conversions witnessed 36, received into church 25, baptized 2, ordained deacons 2, helped organize 1 church, miles traveled 894, money received \$55.52.

J. T. Cole reports:

Sermons 117, conversions witnessed 48, received into church 1, ordained deacons 5, miles traveled 3,616, received \$181.87.

E. Carpenter reports:

Sermons 25, conversions 3, marriages 1, miles traveled 186, received \$3.75.

M. B. Clift reports:

Sermons 137, conversions witnessed 19, received into church 11, baptized 5, funerals 12, miles traveled 975, received \$434 65.

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on ministerial standing:

D. R. Royster, Marion Long, A. W. Belt, Sam Maxwell, Albert Roley.

Motion carried that Rev. L. M. Marler be our Corresponding delegate to the General Baptist Association.

Motion carried that Rev. A. J. Barnett be our Messenger to Laclede Co. Association.

Motion carried that Rev. J. T. Cole be our Messenger to Central Western Missouri and Southeast Kansas Association.

Motion carried that Myrtle Kelley, Della Findley, Rosa Barnett, Maggie Owens, John Scott, Edward Truster, Stella Edwards, William Henson, Kingsley Findley, Richard Hutsell be our delegates to the State Association.

Committee on Ministerial standing reports all of our ministers worthy of yearly certificates.

Moderator calls for Minute money to be turned over to the Treasurer. Total amount of minute money received from churches \$35.40, from Clerk \$6.40 total \$41.80.

Motion carried that Rev. J. T. Cole make farewell address.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. Adjourned with

prayer by Bro. John Marler.

Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. pulpit occupied by Rev. B. F. Brown and Rev. Frank Smalley, Lesson Psalms 1, Text. Gal. 2-14.

Friday Afternoon

Lesson Matt 25, prayer by J. H. Plunk.

Motion carried that we receive letter from Mt. Olive Church No.

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Motion carried that we release all Committees appointed to act during this session

Motion carried that we extend our thanks to the Moderator and his Assistant for their wise and impartial rulings during this session.

A vote of thanks was extended by the entire delegation to the people of Oak Grove community for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

Motion carried that our next annual session be held with Wolf Creek Church and that Rev. Frank Smalley preach the introductory sermon with Rev. O. C. Keller as his alternate.

Motion carried that Treasurer turn all money over to the Clerk.

Motion carried that we pay our Clerk \$5.00 for his service during this session.

Motion carried that we have 600 Minutes printed.

Motion carried that we extend our thanks to our corresponding Messengers and their associations.

Motion carried that we extend our thanks to our Clerk and his Assistant for their service.

Farewell address by Rev J. T. Cole.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Wolf Creek Church on Wednesday at 4 o'clock p m. before the first Sunday in September 1923.

Adjourned with prayer by J. F. McCall.

Officers of this Association.

Rev. G. W. Scott Jr., Moderator, Graff, Mo., Rev. M. B. Clift, Assistant Moderator, Marshfield, Mo., John S. Hickman, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., Rev. J. T. Cole, Asst. Clerk, Norwood, Mo., Rev. Frank Smalley, Treasurer, Mansfield, Mo.

Obituary

Whereas the dark winged messenger of death has visited our homes since we last met in our Union Association and has taken from our homes those we have dearly cherished; but God's will be done, not ours. Our loss is Heaven's gain

Charley Coble, Amanda Wats, Mag Ussery, Laura Roley, Esther Wright, Elizabeth Bramhall, Ann Carder, Silas White, Standefer Ellis, G. W. Mason.

Ordained Ministers

A. J. Barnett	Norwood, Mo.
Roy Preston.....	" "
Clarence Ussery	" "
J. F. McCall	" "
O. C. Keller	Cold Springs, "
E. Carpenter	Seymour, "
G. W. Scott, Sr.....	Manes, "
B. S. Moody	Norwood, "
J. W. Housely.....	" "
A. M. Halford	Mansfield, "
J. W. Silvy	Seymour, "
L. M. Marler	Ava, "
Frank Smalley	Mansfield, "
J. H. Plunk.....	Mountain Grove, "
N. E. Snider.....	Upton, "
A. J. Kelsey	Hartville, "
L. J. Gearing	" "
J. T. Cole	Norwood, "
J. W. Love.....	" "
J. H. Claxton	Competition, "
H. M. Cope.....	Hartville, "
Z. W. Williams	Cabool, "
E. N. Delcour.....	Hartville, "
G. W. Scott, Jr.	Graff, "

Visiting Ministers

William Anderson.....	Norwood, Mo.
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J. E. Burney,.....	Hartville, Mo.
J. E. Seals,.....	Mansfield, "
B. F. Brown,.....	Hannon, "

Licentiates

Wm. Woods,.....	Norwood, "
Elbert Barnett,.....	" " "
Selph Jones,.....	Hartville, "

Ordained Deacons

John Kelley, Mack Davis, Oscar Yates, S. N. Royster, George Mings, W. E. Hutsell, H. E. Wilson, G. W. Edwards, George Hodge, Ruben Levan, U. S. Findley, David Bennett, David Findley, Dow Holt, Arthur Hopper, Luther Burke, Sam Maxwell, Rolla Ballard, John Maxwell, Al Massey, J. P. Dennis, Wm. Lakey, Calvin Ryan, James Young, John Nickle, L. D. Fletcher, M. H. Long, L. A. Butcher, A. M. Grogan, Thomas Edwards, H. J. Owens, James Kempton, J. A. Kempt, Richard Gosvener, O. C. Jones, F. Hanna, D. Sisco, James Claxton, J. F. Holman, Roy Claxton, Ed Robinett, James Letterman, Francis Letterman, Ode Garner, L. A. Stausch, Alfred Curtis, General Garner, T. J. Corbin, J. C. McCleary, A. W. Belt, L. J. Long, Dee Royster, J. D. Jackson, John Marler, Reuben Young, D. C. Claxton, Elihu Coday, J. S. Hickman, R. F. Claxton, J. D. Jones, Mat Jones, George F. Ragsdale, Albert Roley, F. F. Scott, J. H. Maxwell, Joseph Ratterree, Walter Klingensmith.

Delegates

Lula Hutsell, John Scott, W. M. Marah, Will Climer, Will Alexander, Percy Sell, Loyd Silvey, J. E. Cardwell, Ira James, Elmer Lindsay, W. D. Young, E. L. Truster, S. N. Royster, E. N. Caudle, Ethyl Hodge, Rheuben Revan, George Hozena, A. Hanna, Frank Buttram, F. M. Perryman, C. B. Austin, Wess Coxen, Ben Murr, Alice Robertson, Oma Curtis, Myrle Kelley, Leonard Muse, Jacob Gaddis, Will Kempt, Elmer Gosvener, Jesse Preston, Alva Raney, Laura Smith, Kingsley Findley, Della Findley, Ora Nickle, Lina Young, Everett Burke, Otto Hull, Neal Gray, Mose Gray.

Order of Business

Convened on Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Praise by Congregation. Prayer.

Clerk calls the Association into Conference.

Clerk calls the Moderator to the Chair

Moderator calls for Introductory sermon.

Enrollment of ministers and deacons.

Appoint Committee on Credentials.

Call for letters from churches.

Call for letters from quarterly meetings.

Call for petitionary letters.

Call for report of Committee on Credentials.

Seat delegates and Clerks and give right-hand of fellowship.

Call the roll.

Elect a Moderator and assistant.

Elect a Treasurer.

Invite all Christians to a seat in Council.

Call for Corresponding letters and delegates.

Seat delegates

Read the by-laws.

Appointment of Committee.

Call for appeals from quarterly meetings.

Announce preaching each day at 11 o'clock and at night.

Announce that Conference will open each day at 8:30 a. m. and
at 2:30 p. m.

Call for report of Executive Board.

Call for Treasurers report.

Call for report of Corresponding delegates.

Elect member of Executive Board.

Miscellaneous business.

Call for ordination of Ministers.

Any pastorless churches.

Call for Ministers written reports.

Call for examination of Ministers.

Issue Certificates of standing.

Elect an Evangelist.

Elect Corresponding delegates.

Elect delegates to State Association

Report of Committee on obituaries.

Report of other committees.
 Number of Minutes to be printed.
 Call for money for minutes.
 Elect some one to deliver farewell address.
 Call for vote of thanks for Moderator.
 Call for a vote of thanks for the church and community.
 Select a place for the next annual session.
 Select some one to preach the introductory sermon.
 Final report of Committee on Divine service.
 Discharge all Committees.
 Adjourn with prayer.

Church Clerks

Belle Ellis,	Marshfield, Mo.
W. T. Robertson,	Bendavis, "
Versa Garner,	St George "
Mary Lowery,	Smittle, "
John Nickle,	Hartville, "
M. O. Shelton,	Mansfield, "
Ivy McCoy,	Lynchburg, "
Pearl Moody,	Norwood, "
Riley Hutsel,	Graff, "
L. A. Stausch,	Niangua, "
Albert Roley,	Seymour, "
Ezra E Vestal,	Grove Spring, "
Earl Royster,	Competition, "
Myrtle Beck,	Ava, "
J. A. Young,	Hartville, "
Vick Murrell,	Seymour, "
Mora Weaver,	Grove Spring, "
J. H. Findley,	Macomb, "
Aza Long,	Norwood, "
Effie Denton,	Huggins, "
A. W. Belt,	Hartville, "
Eula Shudy,	Cold Spring, "
Elizabeth Kempt,	Norwood, "
Ora Kelley,	Hartville, "

Minnie Burk,Norwood, “

By-laws

1.—The Clerk or assistant Clerk, and in their absence the senior Minister in years shall call the association into Conference, and if a quorum be present the Moderator or in his absence the assistant shall take charge; and if neither are present, then the senior Minister in years shall act as Moderator.

2.—All persons declared by Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to seat in this association and accepted by this body, are hereby made full members of this association.

3.—Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, a less number shall adjourn until that number is present.

4.—Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer and closed by prayer.

5.—All christians shall be entitled to a seat in council, and may take part in all discussions, but members only, shall be allowed to vote.

6.—Any ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two thirds majority of all members voting.

7.—This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

8.—It shall be the duty of the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain the leave of the Moderator.

9.—All business, except routine, shall be brought before this body by committees; but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association then such business may be presented to this body by any member but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

10.—All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all members of the committee who favor them, and if such names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the Clerk shall not read such resolution or report.

11.—The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a christian spirit or when he thinks it will lead to discord and division.

12.—Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address

the Moderator by the appellation, "brother Moderator" but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

13—No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, or twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.

14—No one shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or uses words that cast reflections upon the denomination of one or more of its members.

15—This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

16—Any one violating these bylaws shall be subject to a public reprimand by the Moderator

17—A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects, except to amend the constitution and bylaws or overrule the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

18—These bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association.

Constitution'

From long experience we the Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and Churches are convinced of the necessity of combination of Quarterly Meetings and Churches to perpetuate our union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence among each other in our union, therefore, we propose to maintain and keep the orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan and form of government:

Article 1. This Association shall be called The Union Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings and Churches as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

2. The acting members of the conference of this Association shall be two delegate from each church, chosen by the members of their respective churches, while in conference, together with all ministers, deacons and church clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting and the other shall be the Permanent Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually, and hold their

office until their successor shall be elected; a permanent Clerk who shall be Treasurer and shall superintend the printing of minutes; an Executive Board of five members whose duties shall be to transact all business of this Association when this body is not in session, and whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years; and at expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected. And further, if any vacancies occur between sessions of the Association the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

4. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Quartesly Meeting or church maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practices in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sabbath schools, missons, temperance and education, may be received into this Association by presenting a petition asking to be received, and by a vote of this Association, when such vote shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

5. This Association shall have power to discipline its Quarterly Meetings and churches, exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons to license or ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of dicipline and doctrine as the Quarterly Meetings of churches may refer them; to make any rules or by laws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its constitution; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of its Quarterly Meetings or in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any acclesiastical power over the Quarterly Meetings or churches composing this Association.

6. The sessions of this Association shall be held with only such curhres that call for it by a vote of the church while in conference, and when two or more churches make such request for the same session, it shall be decided by a vote, and the majority of all votes cast shall be final.

7. The session of the Association shall convene annually at 3 o'clock p. m. on Thursday on or about the first full moon in September

or October, as this body may choose, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings and churches composing this Association to represent themselves by delegates, and send written reports. The Quarterly Meetings are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, ministers licensed or ordained, and appeal if any have been taken. The churches are to report their spiritual standing, benevolent work, names and addresses of their ministers and clerks, the names of their deacons, meeting days and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to them through their Committees; and transact such other business, not repugnant to this constitution nor to the usages of the denomination, as in their judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the Quarterly Meeting and churches within the limits of this Association.

8. It is the duty of this Association to provide for the general union of the churches to point out their interests and aid them in securing pastors, to put out Evangelists and other ministers in places where the Gospel is most needed, and require a written annual report of each minister belonging to this Association.

9. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two thirds majority of all members voting at any regular session of this Association, when written notice setting forth the exact intended alterations or amendments have been given at the previous regular session.

Freewill Baptist 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 devotion, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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 bond 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 able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 Sabbath Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Freewill Baptist 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 Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitu-

tion and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are:
1. Repentance of 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 influences of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the God 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 immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.**

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

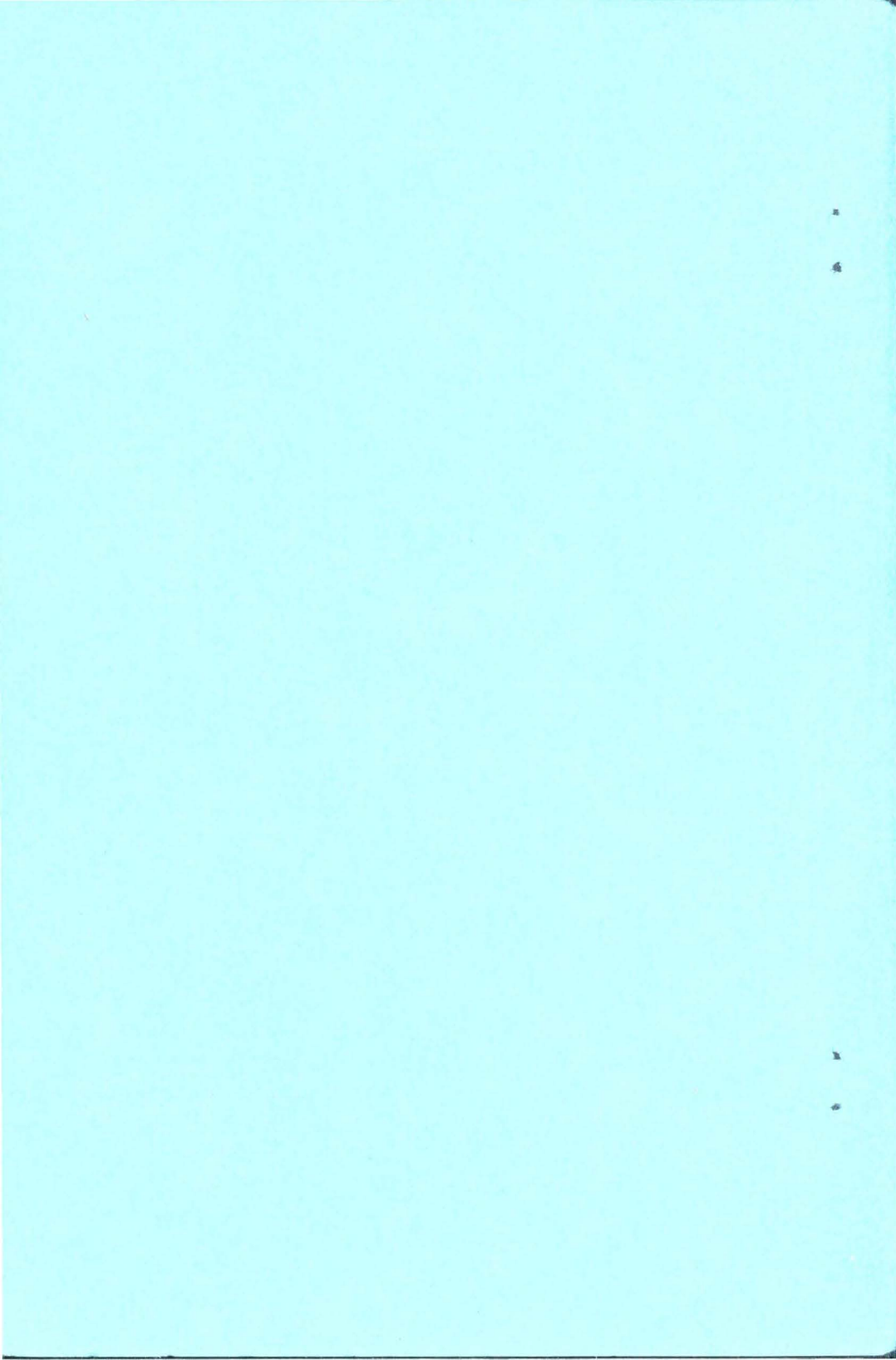
15. **Resurrection, Judgment and Final Retribution.** The Script

ures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of Judgment; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

Statistical Table of Churches

CHURCHES	Membership	Contribution for Minutes	Received by letter	Received by Experience	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died
Pleasant Grove	51	\$1.00	2				
Rock Springs		1.00					
Mt. Olive, No. 2	24	1.00		3			
Hartville	54	1.00		1	1		
Wolf Creek	57	2.00		2	1		
Pleasant Ridge, No. 2	31	1.25	4	8	2		
Union Grove, No. 1	38				2	5	
Union Chapel	116	1.50	2	7	4		2
Niangua	104	1.50		4		3	2
Harmony	40	2.00		2			2
Mt. Zion	102			4	6	6	
Happy Hill	40		2		2		
Turkey Creek		1.50					
Pleasant Hill	148	1.50					
Lone Star	30	1.65					
Little Vine	27	1.00		3			
Pleasant Ridge	53	1.00					
No. 1	44	1.00					1
Oak Grove	208	5.00	24	21	5		1
Mt. Zion No. 2	90	1.50	2	7	1		2
Clever Creek Union	79		1		8		
Union Grove No. 2	52	1.50				2	
Mt. Olive Church No. 1	65		4	2	4	2	1
Stony Point Union	39	1.50	23	16	1		
New Bethel	25	1.00		6			







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