

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION NO. 2**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**HELD WITH**

The Free Will Baptist Church at Mountainburg, Ark.,  
beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday  
in August, 1947.

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Eld. Oscar Crabtree, ..... Assistant Moderator  
Wayne Bonewell ..... Clerk  
Sister Robbie Koundart, ..... Assistant Clerk

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## PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty-third Annual Session of Zion Hope Association No. 2 met with the Mountainburg Church on the thirty-first of July, 1947. Meeting was called together by the past Moderator, Elder Rupert Pixley. Songs were sung by the audience, followed by prayer.

Brother Charles Graham filled the stand. Scripture read from Hebrews 13th chapter. Brother S. A. Smith followed.

Brother Charles Graham was elected Moderator and Brother Oscar Crabtree assistant.

Wayne Bonewell was elected Clerk, and Sister Robbie Koundart Assistant Clerk.

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### FRIDAY MORNING

Conference was called to order by the Moderator.

Songs by the audience. Scripture was read from the tenth chapter of St. John.

Letters were called for, read and delegates seated.

#### Committees Appointed:

**Divine Service**—Sister Gregory, Sister Sonea Smith and Doilene Dipboye.

**Arrangement Committee**—Brothers Jimie Fields, Clyde Peters and Jim Gregory.

**Sunday School**—Sister Beckie Spears, Bro. Melvin Watkins, Brother Andy Teague.

**Obituary Committee**—Brothers Ervin Brown, Doile Dipboye and Gilbert Pixley.

North Side Church of Fort Smith was accepted into the Association.

Motion carried to adjourn until one o'clock.

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### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Bro. Earl Jones to fill stand, followed by Bro. Doyle Dipboye. Bro. Jones' text from 15th chapter of John.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference opened by song. Scripture reading from eighth chapter of Matthew.

Partial report of Divine Service Committee.

Bro. J. B. Lovette took the stand for the 2:30 service. Scripture read from Isaiah.

Two visiting brothers from Eureka Springs, Brother V. E. Purdom and Bro. Hendricke, were seated with us. Bro. Purdom made a wonderful talk on the goodness of God.

Closed by song and prayer.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Bro. T. J. Robertson. Text taken from eighth chapter of Hebrews. Bro. Gilbert Pixley followed and brought a wonderful message.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference opened with song. Prayer by Bro. Sam Sutherland.

Scripture was read from the fifth chapter of Matt. by the Moderator, Charles Graham.

Bro. Ben Pixley is confined to his bed and not able to fulfill his obligation of preaching the Memorial Service; so Bro. Sam Sutherland was chosen to fill the stand in his stead.

Report of the Obituary Committee was read and received. They report five deceased: Sister Ama Lonia Dipboye, Sister Nomia Bailey, Bro. C. M. Church, Bro. William H. Bowen and Bro. T. L. Crawford.

The Sunday School Committee reported that fourteen churches have good Sunday Schools.

### ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The Memorial Service was delivered by Brother Sam Sutherland, with a very touching address, using Gal. 1:5, also a few verses in 21st chapter of Revelation. Brother Charles Graham followed, using some verses in the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was opened with song, and prayer by Bro. Albert Rozelle.

Scripture was read from the 3rd chapter of Matthew by Moderator, Bro. Charles Graham.

The final report of Committee on Divine Service was accepted and the committee was discharged.

Our Evangelist made his final report which was rec. Bro. Glenn Dipboye was elected as our Associational

Evangelist for the coming year.

The Arrangement Committee handed in their report.

We elected a Tent Committee: Bro. Charles Graham, Bro. Tommie Robertson and Bro. Albert Rozelle, after which our Arrangement Committee was discharged.

Our next Association will go to the Mountainview Church. Bro. Sam Sutherland will preach the Introductory Sermon, with Bro. Tommie Robertson to follow.

Bro. Rupert Pixley will preach the Memorial Service, with Bro. Joe Lovett to follow.

It was voted that Bro. Ray Purdom give the Bill of Thanks.

Report of the Credentials Committee was handed in and accepted.

Motion carried that we just keep the Ordaining Committee that we had.

The Divine Service Committee handed in their final report. Report accepted and committee discharged.

The 2:30 Service opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Gilbert Pixley.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye filled the pulpit, using Luke 9:23. Bro. Arthur Joslin followed, using the 4th and 17th chapters of St. John.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye was elected to have minutes printed.

We elected the following delegates to represent us at the State Association, which convenes at Ft. Smith, Ark. Bro. Burl Osburn, Bro. Marcus Polk, Bro. James Gregory, and Sister Willis Robertson.

Bro. Crabtree offered the Bill of Thanks, as Bro. Ray Purdom had to leave before he could give the Bill of Thanks.

Motion carried to adjourn..

Dismissed by prayer.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A good service was reported for Saturday night, Eld. Aubrey Rozelle bringing the message.

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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The Committee having chosen Eld. Albert Rozelle and Eld. P. J. Mullen to preach at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, we are sure they had a good service.



Moderator, Eld. Charles Graham; Assistant Moderator, Eld. Oscar Crabtree; Clerk, Wayne Bonewell; Assistant Clerk, Robbie Koundart.

**Post Script**—We haven't listed the names of delegates and other things, that we often do, as a number of the letters were missing from the table; and it wouldn't be fair to list part of them and leave others out. We have rewritten the reports, but have handed in the record of proceedings just as written by the clerks. We have done our best; and we are sending this minute to the press five days after the Association. We thank the Clerks for their careful and good work, which has helped us so much in getting the minutes to the press so soon.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Supervisor of the printing of the minutes.

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### CHURCHES REPRESENTED

First Ft. Smith Church

North Side Church, Ft. Smith

Loche Church

Graphic Church

Independence Church

Pleasant Grove Church

Freedom Church

81 Church

New Hope (Adams) Church

Kennerchapel Church

Catcher Church

Shady Grove Church

Mountainburg Church

One Church, 88 (Lone Elm) not represented.

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### FINANCIAL REPORT TO THIS ASSOCIATION

| Churches .....              | State Asso. | Zion Hope | Evangelist |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Freedom Church.....         | \$25.00     | \$2.50    | \$5.00     |
| Mountainburg Church ....    |             | 2.00      | 3.00       |
| Kenner Chapel .....         | 25.00       | 1.00      | 1.00       |
| Ft. Smith, Armor Ch.....    | 2.00        | 2.00      | 2.00       |
| North Side, Ft. Smith ..... | 2.00        | 2.00      | 10.00      |
| Pleasant Grove .....        | 3.25        | 4.00      | 2.00       |
| Mountainview .....          |             | 2.50      | 3.00       |
| Catcher .....               |             |           | 2.00       |

|                    |            |      |
|--------------------|------------|------|
| Independence ..... | 1.00       | 3.00 |
| Shady Grove .....  | 4.00 2.65  |      |
| New Hope .....     | 10.00 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Loche .....        | 1.00       | 1.00 |
| 81 Church .....    | 2.00       | 2.00 |
| Graphic .....      | 1.00       | 2.50 |

Totals ..... \$71.25 \$25.65 \$38.50

\$11.25 goes for printing minutes.

Wayne Bonewell, Clerk-Treasurer.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

(By the treasurer of the fund to care for the State Association and for printing minutes of the same).

Given to me personally by the churches:

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|------------------------------|---------|
| First Ft. Smith Church ..... | \$35.00 |
| Catcher Church .....         | 25.00   |
| Shady Grove Church .....     | 15.00   |
| 81 Church .....              | 25.00   |
| 88 (Lone Elm) Church .....   | 25.00   |
| Loche Church .....           | 11.50   |
| Mountainview Church .....    | 25.00   |
| Mountainburg Church .....    | 25.00   |

Given to me by Clerks of the Assoc. as given to them:

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Freedom Church .....              | 25.00 |
| Kenner Chapel Church .....        | 25.00 |
| New Hope (Adams) Church .....     | 10.00 |
| First Ft. Smith Church .....      | 2.00  |
| North Side Ft. Smith Church ..... | 2.00  |
| Pleasant Grove Church .....       | 3.25  |
| Shady Grove Church .....          | 4.00  |

Total Receipts ..... \$257.75

There are three churches that have not yet sent or given me what was asked for, but they have informed us that they will pay. Some of this money sent to the Association was for printing State minutes, but is being placed with the other, and a check for the minutes written on that fund.

The State Association meets at the First Free Will Baptist Church, on Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3,

Chairman and Treasurer of the Finance and Arrangement Committee to arrange for the State Meeting.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, OR ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Committee on Credential, report that we have 8 ordained ministers who have complied with the rules of this Association and made a written report; they are as follows:

I have pastored one church, conducted four revivals.  
Signed—Eld. Charles Graham, Mt'nburg, Ark.

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I have preached 70 sermons, pastored one church, conducted three revivals, witnessed five conversions, preached two funerals, traveled 140 miles, received \$78.00. My expenses were \$26.60, leaving a balance of \$51.40.  
—Eld. T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., R2.

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I have preached 14 sermons, traveled 245 miles. Would liked to have done more, but have been handicapped, due to poor health.

—Eld. Ray Purdom, Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.

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I have preached 72 sermons, pastored two churches, conducted four revivals, witnessed sixteen professions, and six additions to the church, preached one funeral, traveled 2,219 miles, received \$250.17, expenses \$60.40.

—Eld. S. A. Southerland, Charleston, Ark., R. F. D.

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I have preached 208 sermons, conducted 14 revivals, witnessed 139 conversions, baptized 40, moderated one organization, preached six funerals, traveled 7,500 miles, received \$1,191.30, expenses \$170.00, balance \$1,021.30.

—Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Vanburen, Ark., Route 3.

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I have preached 25 sermons, conducted two revivals, witnessed five professions, and five additions to the church, organized one church.

—Eld. J. A. Joslin.

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I have preached 69 sermons, pastored one church, con



ducted six revivals, witnessed 12 conversions, baptized three, preached one funeral, traveled 2,335 miles, received \$323.23.

—Eld. Aubrey Rozelle, Vanburen, Arkansas, R2.

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I have preached 103 sermons, pastored one church, conducted three revivals, witnessed 47 professions, baptized 8, with 43, additions to the church, organized one church, preached one funeral, traveled 2,600 miles, received \$965.20.

—Eld. Doyle Dipboye, Vanburen, Arkansas, R3.

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I have preached 78 sermons, pastored two churches, conducted one revival, witnessed thirteen conversions, thirteen additions to the church, traveled 5,305 miles, received \$155.85, expenses \$106.10, balance \$29.75.

—Eld. Albert Rozelle, Vanburen, Ark., Route 1.

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We also have other ministers in good standing, but have not sent in a written report; they are as follows:

Burl Nye, J. H. C. Jordan, R. E. Pixley, S. A. Smith, P. J. Mullen, Ray Rose, D. D. Peters, Earl Gentry, Oscar Crabtree, Loyal Rice, Gilbert Pixley, A. C. Sebasten, J. B. Lovett, Tom Nolan, J. C. Swartsenborg, Henry Hart and N. C. Goldsmith.

We also have three: Virgil Walper, Sam Robertson and J. A. Card, as to their standing we do not know.

Committee:

Eld. T. J. Robertson  
Eld. Aubrey Rozelle  
Eld. J. H. C. Jordan,

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## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We have fourteen churches and all have Sunday schools in good condition. We urge that parents take their children to Sunday school, and, also that the Sunday schools elect teachers who are Christians, and have a desire in their hearts for the salvation of lost souls.

Committee:

Beckie Spears  
Andy Teague  
M. M. Watkins.

## REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Friday Morning—Bro. Earl Jones and Eld. Doyle Dipboye.

Friday Afternoon—Eld. J. B. Lovette and Eld. J. H. C. Jordan.

Friday Night—Eld. T. J. Robertson and Eld. Gilbert Pixley.

Saturday Afternoon—Eld. Glen Dipboye and Eld. J. A. Joslin.

Saturday Night—Eld. Aubrey Rozelle.

Sunday Morning—Eld. Albert Rozelle and Eld. P. J. Mullen.

### Committee:

Sister J. E. Gregory

Sister Rosena Smith

Sister Doylena Dipboye.

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Obituary, report the following: Sister Norma Baley, William H. Bowen, and other more complete records have been handed in, which are as follows:

We regret to report the departure of one of our oldest and most beloved ministers, Eld. C. M. Church, who was born at Nago, Arkansas December 24, 1879, and departed this life at his home in Ft. Smith, Ark., April 5, 1947. Funeral was conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Ark. April 8, 1947, by Rev. Ben Pixley. Burial was at Nago, Ark. He was 67 years of age. He was converted at the age of 23, and began his ministry at the age of 40.

Bro. Church was a member of the Cottonwood Free Will Baptist Church at the time of his death, but in the past had been a member of different churches in the Association. He was an active minister in this Ass'n, also in the Robert McGee, Eureka and Eastern Okla. Associations. He was influential, lived a clean life, wielded a great influence and was a great warrior for his Chief and Commander, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is now missing in action, but we'll meet him on the other shore, where we'll celebrate the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sister Anna Laura Dipboye was born December 24, 1875, and departed this life November 27, 1946, at the age of 70 years. She gave her heart to God in early womanhood. She loved the cause of Christ; and, although she was not a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, she attended it for the last few years, and supported it. She has two sons who are ministers in this Association, and one daughter who is a Methodist minister's wife. She was the mother of eight living children, and often said that she believed they would all finally be saved.

Funeral service was conducted on November 29, 1946, by Eld. Ben Pixley and Eld. Charles Graham, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Ark.

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T. L. Crabtree of the Catcher community, near Vanburen, Ark., departed this life July 22, 1947. At the age of 54 he was the father of eleven children, was converted and united with the Catcher Free Will Baptist Church in July, 1945, and was a true member of the Catcher Church at the time of his death. He was a good neighbor and a man of God, loved by those that knew him. Since his conversion was a great influence for the cause of his Redeemer, he will be greatly missed by the church and community, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted August 1, 1947, at Ocker Funeral Home by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Committee:

Doyle D. Dipboye  
Irving Brown.

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#### REPORT OF ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Arrangement Committee, wish to make final report, as there has not been anything come before us. We ask to be discharged.

Committee:

J. E. Fields  
Clyde Peters  
J. E. Gregory.

**Post Script**—Before this committee was discharged there was a tent committee elected from this Association, which are as follows: Eld. Charles Graham, Eld. Albert

Rozelle and Eld. T. J. Robertson.

The chairman of the State Committee is Eld. Ralph Staten, Airport Branch, Walnut Ridge, Ark. Any minister wanting the tent for a revival in this Association has to work through the tent committee of this Association, and this committee contacts the State Committee, who directs the travel course of the tent. The object of the committee is to consider the locality and need of the tent. The tent is to be used for the State Ass'n, but the State Ass'n had in mind using this tent in town where it is needed for a revival; the State did not want to turn the tent over to just any one asking for it; so they ask that a committee be appointed to investigate the need, and so forth. I was on the State Committee that made the plan; and am adding this explanation so we wont become confused. —Eld. G. G. Dipboye.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELIST'S REPORT

(From August, 1946 to August, 1947)

I have traveled 7,500 miles in the service, preached 208 sermons, witnessed 139 conversions during services rendered, conducted fourteen revivals, baptized forty, moderated one organization, have visited every church in the Association several times, some more than others, according to circumstances and necessities. I have responded to needy calls, revivals and other work, and during spare time have conducted some revivals in other associations, but have not neglected the call of this Association. It has been my motto for several years to give my service and interest to a new church, or to a community wanting a revival, or to a weaker church, or to an inconvenient church solicting my service, and to build and not hinder. I have tried to promote peace and harmony among the churches and brethren with an unbiased feeling and a heart of love. My assistant, Bro. Albert Rozelle, has been a great help to me in this work.

#### Financial Report

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| New Hope (Adams) Church ..... | \$ 6.00 |
| 81 Church .....               | .6.00   |
| Loche Church .....            | 2.50    |
| Pleasant Grove Church .....   | 65.00   |
| Independence Church .....     | 65.00   |
| First Ft. Smith Church .....  | 110.00  |



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|---|-----------|
| Graphic Church .....  | 6.00      |
| Mountainview Church .....   | 50.00     |
| Kennerchapel Church .....   | 25.00     |
| Freedom Church .....  | 65.00     |
| 88 (Lone Elm) Church .....  | 4.50      |
| Mountainburg Church .....   | 25.00     |
| Catcher Church .....  | 25.00     |
| Shady Grove Church at Hackett.....  | 3.00      |
| North Side Church at Ft. Smith.....   | 111.30    |
| Total from churches within this Ass'n.....                                    | \$569.30  |
| For Revival Work in other Associations.....                                   | \$475.00  |
| Personal offerings, including tithe:  |           |
| Eld. Douglas Peters .....   | \$25.00   |
| Mrs. May Franklin .....   | 10.00     |
| Rev. Scott .....  | 3.00      |
| Eva Rose .....  | 15.00     |
| Eld. Ray Rose .....   | 20.00     |
| Albert Franklin .....   | 4.00      |
| Eld. Aubrey Rozelle .....   | 3.00      |
| Eld. R. E. Pixley .....   | 7.00      |
| Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Bayha .....   | 20.00     |
| Jesse Smith .....   | 16.00     |
| Other offerings .....   | 15.00     |
| Grand Total, all Receipts.....  | \$1191.55 |
| Epenses .....   | 175.00    |
| Balance .....   | \$1016.55 |
| Eld. G. G. Dipboye, Associational Evangelist,<br>Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3. |           |

### POOR PILGRIM AND STRANGER

Written by and printed in memory of Grandpa Davis,  
the late Rev. J. K. P. Davis.

—1—

I am a poor pilgrim and stranger  
Turned out in this world to roam;  
I have no continuing city  
Or one I can call my own.  
I've heard of a heavenly railroad,  
I've heard of a heavenly train,  
Where Jesus alone is the agent,  
Salvation by faith is His name.

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### Chorus

Sometimes I'm sorely tossed and driven  
And I know not where I roam;  
I've heard of a city called Heaven  
I've started to make it my home.

#### —2—

Our fathers and mothers crossed over,  
Our brothers and sisters are there;  
No money could purchase their tickets,  
For Jesus paid their fare.  
This track was decreed in Heaven  
Before our world began;  
The rolling stock is the free agent,  
"By Grace and through Faith" is the plan.

#### —3—

The agent he wrote me a ticket  
When I was about sixteen;  
He never did charge me a penny  
But told me to always keep clean.  
The world and the flesh and the Devil  
Tried hard our train to derail,  
But we hear the sweet voice of Jesus,  
My word shall not utterly fail.

#### —4—

My good old companion has left me,  
She boarded that Heavenly train;  
When Jesus comes back for His jewels  
He'll bring her back with Him again,  
Repentance and Faith are conditions,  
Baptism to all a command;  
If you fail to wash your feet aftersupper  
You're building your house on the sand.

#### —5—

And now before taking the Supper  
Examine yourself one and all;  
Then freely partake of the emblems,  
Was the great admonition of Paul.  
Be sure you take oil my brother  
In vessels along with your lamps;  
For we all have to pass through the tunnel  
And the devil has robbers and tramps.

## FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Post Office .....

Date .....

We, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptist, worshipping at ..... met in conference and elected the following delegates to represent us in Zion Hope No. 2 Association, when convened with..... Church, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

Delegates .....

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Alternates .....

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### Statistics:

State of Religion .....

Condition of Sunday School.....

Condition of Prayer Meeting.....

Meeting Days .....

We paid our pastor, Elder..... \$.....

Called Elder ..... as our pastor for ensuing year.

Ordained Deacons: .....

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Ordained Ministers .....

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Resident Members.....; Nonresident Members.....;

Total Membership.....; Average Number of Sunday School

Pupils.....; Number of Officers.....; Condition of

League.....; Amount for Foreign Missions \$.....;

Amount for Revival Work \$.....; We sent \$.....for

printing of minutes of this Association. We sent \$.....to

help represent and support State Association. We sent \$.....  
 for our Ass'n evangelist. Value of Church Property \$.....  
 Moderator .....  
 Clerk .....  
 Remarks' .....  
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## RULES OF ORDINATION

1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the human heart?  
 Answer—No.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of  
 innocence? Answer—I Do.

3. Do you believe in a Full and Free Salvation to all who  
 will accept it on the Gospel terms? Answer—I Do.

4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with  
 water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost  
 is the only baptism? Answer—I Do.

5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to  
 Repeat Baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.

6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Bap-  
 tism are Gospel Ordinances and are to be taught and practiced  
 until He comes again? Answer—I Do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice  
 the same God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help  
 of God.

8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those  
 who persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer—I Do.

## RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened  
 and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he  
 may request.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part  
 in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator.  
 Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a mem-



ber opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory—Romans 1:20; 1st John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written and revealed Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice—Matt. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law, and fell under the just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He, by the Grace of God, should taste death for every man—Gen. 3:7-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else"—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—John 3:3.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God—John 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16.

7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life; for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28:19-20; Romans 6:2-5.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come—1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children—Mk. 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God, have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a Pastor, Deacons and Clerk, chosen by the church and continue in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving

members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the Pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat"—1 Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God—Gal. 6:10; 1 John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust, to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God—Mt. 25:31-34; 1 Cor. 15:42-45; 2 Thess. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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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 the 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 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.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday 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.