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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE

**Houston Church, Perry County,
Ark., Oct. 26-28, 1901.**

**REV. GEO. H. WILLIAMS, Mod.,
Houston, Arkansas.**

**S. A. LAWRENCE, Clk.,
Houston, Ark.**

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by Moderator, or, in his absence, by the clerk.
3. Letters from the subordinate associations of this association called for and read, and messengers invited to seats.
4. Call for letters from newly organized associations.
5. Corresponding associations.
6. Right hand of fellowship.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading rules of order and minutes of last association.
9. Appointment of following committees:
 - (a) Resolutions.
 - (b) Finance.
 - (c) Arrangement of preaching.
 - (d) Temperance.
 - (e) Sabbath Schools.
 - (f) Obituaries.
 - (g) Condition of non-represented associations.
 - (h) Union of associations.
10. Reports of committees appointed by last association, and other unfinished business.
11. Reports of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

J. D. Crockett

MINUTES.

Association opened at 10 o'clock a. m. on Oct. 26, 1901. Brother J. H. Johnson being absent, Brother A. A. Davis preached the introductory sermon, text Gal. ii. 18. The clerk being absent, J. W. Phelps acted as clerk pro tem.

Letters from subordinate associations called for. Antioch association presented letter with delegates, as follows: J. P. Eakins, G. H. Thompson, R. C. West, R. B. Rainwater and W. P. Cypert.

Mt. Zion association presented letter and delegates, as follows: I. S. C. Satterwhite, J. E. Partair, V. D. Pitts, J. M. Partridge and Jesse Carter.

Eastern Arkansas association represented by letter and delegates as follows: C. Kech, Sister Kech and B. H. Benefield.

New Hope association represented by letter and delegates as follows: J. H. Reynolds, J. W. Phelps, Geo. H. Williams, J. A. Dunn and J. A. Phelps.

A call was made for a permanent moderator and clerks for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Brother Geo. H. Williams as moderator, S. A. Lawrence recording clerk and J. A. Phelps corresponding clerk.

Rules of order read by moderator.

Appointing of committees by moderator as follows: On supply of pulpit—W. H. Davis, J. E. Partain and R. C. Chaple. On resolutions—J. W. Phelps, I. S. C. Satterwhite and S. A. H. Morgan. On state evangelist—G. W. Burris, J. E. Partain and J. H. Reynolds.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee on temperance—J. A. Dunn, W. D. Pitts and B. H. Benefield. On Sabbath Schools—C. M. Summer, J. A. Reasener and E. H. Sanders. On obituaries—G. H. Thompson,

R. A. Johnson and G. W. Ewing. On finance—J. E. Partain, W. N. Womack and Jesse Carter. On non-representation—I. S. C. Satterwhite, S. A. H. Morgan and E. N. Sanders.

Committee on resolutions reported as follows on justification: Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God, and in consideration of the atonement of Christ accepted by faith the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the Divine favor through Christ's atonement, is the foundation of the sinner's redemption; yet without repentance and faith it can never give him justification and peace with God.

Resolved, That we advise establishing a press for the publishing of our own literature, and that it be done by joint stock company, so as to do all of our own printing, such as church papers, minutes, etc.

Resolved, That we favor the selection of an evangelist to work in the bounds of this state.

Resolved, That the moderator appoint a committee to organize Sunday Schools in each district, and report at next state association.

Sunday school organizers for Eastern Association—G. W. Ewing, Belleville, Ark. Mt. Zion Association, Jesse Carter, Lamar, Ark., and J. E. Partain, Dover, Ark. New Hope Association, L. R. Harville, Stanley, Ark. Antioch Association, G. W. Burns, Atkins, Ark. R. C. Chapple, Divide, Ark. F. M. Hudson, Moreland, Ark.

MONDAY, OCT. 28.

The house was called to order by the moderator, who read the 6th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. R. C. Chapple. Report of committee on the evangelist:

They recommend Rev. J. H. Johnson, of Tyronza, Poignsett county, Ark., for state evangelist.

Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint a committee from each association to raise funds for Brother Johnson's support. Following committees were appointed:

New Hope—J. A. Dunn, Conway; W. C. Parish, Rosebud; T. R. Gray, Greenbrier. Mt. Zion—Jesse Carter, Lamar; V. D. Pitts, Hagarsville; I. C. Satterwhite, Dover. Antioch—R. C. Chapple, Divide; G. W. Burris, Isabella; F. M. Hudson, Dover. Eastern Arkansas—C. Kech, Paris; D. S. Lofland, Granby; W.

C. Chapple, Southern Home. Western Arkansas—W. H. Oborr, Donald; W. M. Mankin, Bole; James Redding, Mena; H. Baer, Springfield. New Mt, Zion, J. C. Pollard and Millie Pollard, Gaither.

Committee on finance report \$11.35 received from delegates and by contribution.

Committee on obituaries reported as follows: Eastern Arkansas 5, Mt. Zion 3, New Hope 2, Antioch 4.

On temperance: Resolved, That intemperance is a direct course to nine-tenths of all crimes; it makes widows, orphans and unhappy homes, and is a curse to the human family in the sight of God.

On Sunday Schools: Resolved, That it is the duty of each church to maintain a Sunday School and to use our own literature.

On motion, we tender our thanks to the kind people of Houston.

Moved and seconded that our next annual meeting be held with the Paint Rock church, Logan county, Ark., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1902, Rev. G. H. Williams to preach the introductory sermon, and A. A. Davis, alternate.

G. H. WILLIAMS, Moderator.
S. A. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—T. H. Rail, J. T. Burris, R. E. L. Norris, Adkins, Ark.; F. M. Hudson, Moreland, Ark.; J. C. Vaughn, Northwood, Ark.; J. H. Treadwell, C. S. Thompson, Hector, Ark.; W. D. Isbell, J. M. Miller, Appleton, Ark.; W. R. Jobe, Russellville, Ark.; L. T. Freeman, Fowler, Ark.; Jesse Jeffreys, Divide, Ark.; J. B. Vaughn, Cleveland, Ark.; G. W. Sutton, Dover, Ark.; W. L. Morrison, J. S. King, Piney, Ark.; S. A. H. Morgan, Houston, Ark.; J. A. Reasner, Utley, Ark., S. C. Smith, Delaware, Ark.

Eastern Arkansas Association—D. S. Lafflan, Gravelly, Ark.; G. W. Ewing, Belleville, Ark.; R. W. Richards, Ark.; G. S. Rodgers, Riley, Ark.; A. A. Davis, Neeley, Ark.; W. F. Ferguson, B. C. Harris, Gravelly, Ark.; J. W. Hedge, Bluffton, Ark.; C. A. Crosslin, Bluffton, Ark.; J. H. Shivey, Greenville, Ark.; B. R. Lovitt, Chismville, Ark.; J. T. Rose, Carley, Ark.; R. C. Short, Hot Springs, Ark.; E. N. Sanders,

Magazine, Arkansas; R. W. Bartholomew, Idell, Arkansas.
New Hope Association—G. H. Williams, J. W. Phelps, C. M. Summers, Houston, Ark.; Wm. Dike, Mayflower, Ark.; J. H. Reynolds, G. A. Dalton, Enolia, Ark.; J. S. Wankler, Rosebud, Ark.; J. W. Daniel, El Paso, Ark.; A. J. Alford, Beebe, Ark., W. B. Moore, Quitman, Ark.

Mt. Zion Association—J. S. C. Satterwhite, Dover, Ark.; J. T. Locks, F. G. Jones, Hagarsville, Ark.; John Russell, Rev. Whisernant, J. M. Prince, Lamar, Ark.

The following resolution was adopted: That we congratulate Rev. Elisha Sanders on his most excellent and highly appreciated sermon on the Gospel plan of salvation, and we feel that it is worthy of publication. G. W. GWINN.

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 forward all things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and 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 Gospel ordinances, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, its poor and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over each other in love, 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 we are able to 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 in-

fluence 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 denominational and educational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and 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.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long experience, we, the members of the Freewill Baptists Church of Christ, being baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of subordinate associations to perpetuate a union and a communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better government.

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different subordinate associations in our union not exceeding five delegates each. Provided all ordained ministers shall be full ex-officio members when present.

Sec. 2. Letters from different associations shall express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, and that have been dismissed, excluded, died or restored; also time and place of meeting, with name and P. O. address of the Moderator and the Clerk.

Sec. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall have any ecclesiastical power over the associations composing this body, reserving the right of withdrawing from any association becoming disorderly.

Sec. 4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Recording Clerk and Treasurer, and a Corresponding Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

Sec. 5. Newly constituted associations may be admitted into this union, which shall petition by letter and by delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly, may be received into the Association by the right hand of fellowship being extended to them.

Sec. 6. No query from any association shall come under the consideration of this body unless it has first been discussed in the body in which it originated.

Sec. 7. All motions made and seconded shall come under the considerations of the Association unless withdrawn by unanimous consent.

Sec. 8. This Association is to endeavor to furnish the subordinate associations with minutes of this Association in proportion to the number of members in each subordinate association, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the Recording Clerk to keep a file of the minutes of each association in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the Corresponding Clerk shall conduct the correspondence.

Sec. 10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contributions of the subordinate associations, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of their messengers; which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, and he shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received until paid out as it may direct.

Sec. 11. The Association, in case of failure of any subordinate association to attend, may inquire the cause.

Sec. 12. It is the duty of this Association to see after the union of the associations.

Sec. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association shall adjourn.

Sec. 14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

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.