

**ELEVENTH ANNUAL
SESSION**

1908

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
WHICH CONVENED WITH**

LIBERTY CHURCH

LOGAN COUNTY, ARK'

SATURDAY 11. A.M.

OCT. 24, 25 26 1908

The Next Annual Session Will be Held With
Branch Franklin County Ark. On Saturday
Before The Fourth Sunday In October 1909 At
11 O'clock A. M. Introductory Sermon To Be
Preached By Elder J. R. Hartley

E. N. Sanders Mod. J. H. Garrison Clerk.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 11th annual session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, held with Liberty church, Logan county, Arkansas, October 24-26.

Introductory sermon preached by Elder W. C. Austin and J. F. Crafton; text Cor. XIII, 13, on October 24 at 11 o'clock.

The moderator being absent, Elder E. N. Sanders was elected moderator protem. On prevailing motion adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Saturday evening session met at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. R. Hartley. Elder I. S. C. Satterwhite came in and took his place as moderator, and called for letters and delegates from the subordinate associations and received the following letters and delegates:

Arkansas Association—by J. F. Potts, J. S. Lovett, E. N. Sanders, R. L. Hunter, M. J. Lovett, M. E. Hunter and W. Reynolds.

Antioch Association—By letters and Delegates R. C. West, G. W. Burris, M. M. Burris, W. P. Lewallen and H. D. Thomas.

Mt. Zion Association—By letters and Delegates J. H. Garrison, Berry Looper, J. S. Willis and Sarah Stark.

Mountain Home Association—By delegates J. T. Martin, Silas Sherley, C. Keck, W. M. Halstead and Arabelle Sherley.

On prevailing motion Sarah Stark was seated as delegate from Mt. Zion Association and Arabelle Sherley from Mountain Home Association.

Old Mt. Zion Association—By letter.

New Mt. Zion Association---By letter and Delegates W. R. Burnett and J. C. Pollard.

Hamburg Association---Not represented.

Polk Bayou Association---By letter and Delegate J. F. Crafton.

Saline Association---By letter and Delegate J. R. Hartley.

Tyronza Association---Not represented.

Association went into permanent organization by electing Elder E. N. Sanders, Moderator; J. H. Garrison, Clerk and Treasurer. The moderator extended the right hand of fellowship and delegates and ministers were seated in order.

The rules and order of business was read by the Moderator and the following committees were appointed:

On supply of the stand---C. Keck, R. L. Hunter and R. C. West.

On Finance-- J. R. Hartley, Silas Sherley and J. F. Potts.

On Resolutions--W. C. Austin, G. W. Burris, I. S. C. Satterwhite, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Temperance---J. E. Crafton, J. S. Lovett and W. R. Burnett.

On Obituaries---H. J. Walker, R. A. Johnson and A. M. Tally

Motion carried to adjourn until Monday morning at 8 o'clock

Monday morning session at 8 o'clock. House called to order and Scripture lesson read by the Moderator. Singing and prayer by Brother I. S. C. Satterwhite.

Committee on Ministers' Roll --J. A. Stark, W. R. Goodall and J. T. Martin.

Motion prevailed to refund \$3.65 minute fund to Mountain Home Association.

Election of J. T. Martin by majority vote for treasurer of Orphan Home Fund.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Monday afternoon session opened by singing and prayer.

Report on resolutions called for.

No. 1. Resolved, that it is the sense of this Association that the churches in the state of Arkansas appoint from each church one active member to collect and solicit contributions to build an Orphans' Home.

No. 2. Resolved, that we commend the ministry and laity for the advancement that has been made in our denomination since our last annual meeting. The churches have increased in membership and spiritual work and the support of the ministry and distressed circumstances are manifested, and the ministry has taken a deeper interest in pastoral work.

No. 3. We recommend the appointment of Elder W. C. Austin as our agent of this Association to co-operate with the Oklahoma State Association in the interest of the Orphan Home work.

No. 4. Resolved, that our clerk be empowered to prepare the manuscript and have the minutes of the Association printed and distributed to the different subordinate associations.

No. 5. Resolved that each subordinate association make a full statistical report to the next State Association.

No. 6. Resolved that we endorse the Free Will Baptist Banner as our official organ and recommend that our Brethren solicit subscription for the same and that they report their ministerial work to the Banner for publication.

No. 7. Resolved that we have printed credentials for our ministers, and that Bro. Austin do the printing of the same.

Motion prevailed that J. T. Martin after being elected Treasurer of Orphans Home Fund make a bond of Five Hundred Dollars. The bond to be approved by the Moderator. Bond to be made in 30 days from this association and is to be raised in amount as is seen necessary by the Moderator and deposited in clerk's office.

No. 8. We your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following report. That we will as a denomination, condemn the use of all intoxicating drinks in every form and that we will urge our denomination to become active workers against intemperance and we further pledge ourselves that we will not vote the sale of intoxicating liquors in our state.

We, your committee on finance, find \$29.64 on hand, amount paid over to the Clerk of the Association and receipted for same.

J. R. Hartley, Chairman.

Obituaries. We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the following deaths since our last annual meeting:

From Mt. Zion Association---Brother J. A. Russell, Sister Ella Teal and Sister Gertie Bradley.

From Saline Association—N. D. Blake and Ona Blassengame.

Union Band Association—Sister Sarah Parker.

Polk Bayou Association—Sister Melissa Crafton.

Antioch Association—Sisters Rose Henderson and Mattie Coffman.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones and will say that as we mourn their absence from among us, their trials are over. Therefore let us press forward to meet them where troubles and trials are no more.

Supply of the stand. We, your committee on Supply of the Stand, beg leave to report as follows:

Saturday night, J. F. Crafton and J. S. Lovett; Sunday 11 E. N. Sanders; Sunday night, W. C. Austin, communion and feet washing; Monday 11, W. R. Burnett, A. M. Tally, text Mark 11-22; Monday night, I. S. C. Satterwhite, text Gen. 3-15.

The next annual session of the State Association will be held at Branch, Franklin county, Arkansas, on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October 1909, at 11 o'clock a. m. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder J. R. Hartley.

Resolution of Thanks. We, the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, extend our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community, and especially to the good sisters for their kindness shown us during our stay among them:

J. H. Garrison, Clerk.

E. N. Sanders, Moderator.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

L. G. Wilson, Gage, Ark. E. H. Stonecypher, Anderson, Okla.
 T. H. Collinsworth, Bluffton, Ark. E. N. Sanders, Magazine, Ark.
 G. S. Rodgers, Havana, Ark. J. T. Ross, Havana, Ark. G. W. Ewing, Midland, Ark. J. L. Redwine, Danville, Ark. W. W. Mangum, Danville, Arkansas; W. R. Goodall, Bluffton, Arkansas; Thomas Williams, Mansfield, Arkansas; A. A. Davis, Casa, Arkansas; A. W. Holder, Carterville, Oklahoma; J. R. Collins, Waldron, Arkansas; W. F. Ferguson, Oden, Arkansas; Grant Webb, Boles, Arkansas; J. N. Dearman, Chismville, Arkansas; A. M. Griffin, Selfo, Texas; A. H. Heffley, London, Arkansas; F. M. Holland, Barber, Arkansas; Thomas Jackson, Oden, Arkansas, W. M. Mankins, Boles, Arkansas, T. J. Mantooth, Ratcliff, Arkansas, W. T. McVay, Telephone, Texas, H. E. Morgan, Waldron, Arkansas, A. Norris, Cawthorn, Arkansas, W. H. O'Bar, Donald, Arkansas, A. J. Phillips, Hackett, Arkansas, R. E. Sessions, Stringer, Arkansas, John M. Prince, Tag, Arkansas, James Redding, Mena, Arkansas, W. H. Snow, Webb City, Arkansas, W. M. Swift, Webb City, Arkansas, Richard Turner, Branch, Arkansas, O. S. Hunt, Stringer, Arkansas, J. S. Lovett, Driggs, Arkansas, J. A. Stark, Silex, Arkansas, I. S. C. Satterwhite, Dover, Arkansas, J. G. Carter, Clarksville, Arkansas, H. J. Walker, Geren, Arkansas, R. A. Johnson, Utley, Arkansas, W. C. Austin, Panama, Oklahoma, A. M. Tally, Lamar, Oklahoma, J. F. Crafton, Sydney, Arkansas, J. H. Finney, Judsonia, Arkansas, J. R. Hartley, Toledo, Arkansas, O. A. Ashcroft, McKinney, Arkansas, F. M. Hudson, Moreland, Arkansas, Jesse Jeffreys, Moreland, Arkansas, J. T. Burris, Moreland, Arkansas, J. M. Patrick, Toledo, Arkansas, H. W. Wood, Toledo, Arkansas, J. A. Griffin, Droughton, Arkansas, D. H. Heffley, Spence, Arkansas, Matt Heffley, Vender, Arkansas,

Rules of Order

1. At every setting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be deavoid in all debates.
3. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
4. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question:— Shall this be discussed? If negative the question shall be dismissed.
5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and vote taken.
6. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
7. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without leave of the Moderator.
8. All questions decided by a majority of members present.
9. No person shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
10. In the future sessions of the Association arrangements shall be so as to insure two or more sermons each day or other equivalent devotional exercises.
11. The rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the association.
12. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptised, upon the confession of our faith in Jesus Christ, being convinced of the necessity of a combination or association to perpetuate a union and a communion amongst us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, do therefore adopt this constitution for our better government.

1. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers and members chosen by different associations in our union, not exceeding five from each association and on producing letters shall be entitled to a seat.

2. Letters from different associations are to express their number of fellowship, the number received by experience, letters of recommendation, the number dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since the association.

3. The members thus chosen to be denominated the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of sundry associations in the state of Arkansas—the association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have no ecclesiastical power over the association, reserving the right of withdrawing from any association becoming disorderly, provided, however, the association shall have power, for good cause to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction and to exclude the delegates from its sessions when they or the church are disorderly or fail to keep a good report.

4. The Association to have a Moderator Clerk and Treasurer who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. Newly constituted association may be admitted to the union which are proposed by letter and delegates, and upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the Association giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

7 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the numbers in each church, the distribution being at the discretion of the association.

9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of minutes of the Association on a book to be kept by the Association for this purpose.

10. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed and signed by the moderator and clerk before the close of the association.

11. Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by a majority vote of the members present.

Section 12. It is the duty of this Association to see after the union of churches.

Section 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.

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

Arkansas State Association

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in one true and living God the Father Son and Holy Ghost and these three equal in divine essence and power and glory. Rom. 1: 21; 1 John. 5: 7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments are the words of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 4: 2; John 10: 30.

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 just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint but by choice being partakers of the sinful nature attained power. But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor. then he by the grace of God tasted death for every man. Gen. 1: 31 Heb. 2: 9

4. We believe that Christ, by his death, burial resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all mankind upon the principle of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men every where to repent; therefore look unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved for I am God and there is none else. Matt. 4: 17. Isa. 45: 22 Acts. 20: 21

5. We believe that all adult persons must be regenerated and borned of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John. 3: 3. Rom. 5: 1--13

6. We believe that regeneration is an instantaneous renewal of the hearts by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receive a new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve him. Hence as babes require constant food for bodily development the new born babes in Christ require spiritual food that they

may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of christain manhood. John. 3: 3- 5 Ezk. 36; 26. 7. Heb. 12; 14 Rev. 21: 27 Gal. 5; 21 Tit. 5; 5; Eph. 2: 10; Rom. 8; 16 matt. 13

7. We believe that the doctrine Sanctification or holiness as taught in the Bible is applicable to the soul or inner man and to it alone, sanctification of the body will not take place until the resurrection of the dead when the mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruptible Jeffrey John 3; 6, 1 Cor. 6; 11. Phil. 3; 21.

8. We believe that all Christian 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 a right to the tree of life, and enter through the gates into the City. Cor. 10; 12 13. Rev. 22; 14. John, 15; 2-- 6. Heb. 10' 26.

9. we believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and woman who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have give themselves to the Lord and to one another: having agreed to keep up good disciplin according to the rule of the gospel- 1 Cor. 1; 2--10.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government there of, is with the body Col. 1 18 Matt. 18; 17--18.

11. We believe that baptism by immersion is the apostoli mode, even the burial of a believer in water, and that Christ who is our life showed this humble example to his children and commanded them to walk therein. Matt. 3; 4--16 Matt. 28: 19--20 Mar. 1; 9--11.

12. We believe that God in his goodness displays power to grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying his servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instruction of his blessed word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. He bids us freely come and nothing prevents the salvation of any, but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 1, 23. Eph. 1, 7. Rev. 22, 17r

13. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the

washing of the saint's feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that the keeping of the Lord's day holy and abstaining from worldly lusts and carnal cares and assembling of our selves together are ornaments which prepare and beautify the soldier of the Cross to march onward in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26,28 John 13,14,15. Ex 20, 8, 10. Heb. 10,25.

14. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in Lord Jesus Christ, and none the right to administer the same Only those who are called of God and have come under presbytery of elders. Tit 1, 15. Mark 26,26.

15 The soul is immortal hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery according to the moral character here possessed. Ecl. 12 17. Phil. 2,23 Luke 23,43. Matt. 17,3,22. Act. 7,59. Matt. 10,25 2Cor. 5 8. Luke 16,22,26. Rev. 6,9.

16. We believe that there will be general or universal judgment when all men shall be judged according to the deeds done in the body whether good or bad and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment. Act. 17,21 1 Cor. 15,24. Rev. 2,10. Rev. 2,11. 6 Peter 3,22,12. Ecl. 9,10, 2 Cor 5,19. Ecl. 12,14. Matt. 25,26. 2 Thos. 1,8,10. Rom. 6,29. 2 Peter 1,14. Mark 3,43,44. Jude 7,. Rev. 14,11. and 21,7,3,26, Mark -141,4 Rom 23. 3,6,10

17 We believe it is 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 and washing the Saints' feet, to invite all Christians. Heb. 10,25. 2 Cor. 11 82,72.

Order of Business.

1. Call the church in conference by the Moderator.
2. Call for peace of the church.
3. Invitation for brothers and sisters to sit with us in conference.
4. A call for reading minutes of last meeting.
5. A call for confession.
6. Call for unfinished business.
7. Call for miscellaneous business.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Adjournment.

Articles No. 6, 8 and 12 in the Constitution should read as sociations instead of churches.



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