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The Twelfth Annual session of the State Association of the Free Will Baptist met with Branch Church, at Branch, Franklin County, Arkansas, on 23, 24 and 25 of October 1909. House called to order by the Moderator; prayer by Elder E. N. Sander.

Annual sermon delivered by Elder J. R. Hartley.

The Clerk being absent C. E. Evans was chosen clerk, pro tem

Letters from different Associations were called for and received six, which were received and the righthand of fellowship was given by the Moderator; the letters are, to-wit:

Mt. Zion, represented by letter and delegates.

Mountain Home, represented by letter and delegates.

Arkansas, represented by letters and delegate.

Old Mt, Zion, by letters only.

Hamburg, represented by letters and delegates.

Saline, represented by letters and delegates.

Tyronzia, not represented.

The Association then went into permanent organization by electing Elder J. R. Hartley Moderator, and C. E. Evans, Clerk.

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

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met promptly at 2 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

House called to order by Moderator; prayer by Elder J. R. Hartley,

Motion to seat brother J. S. Willis as delegate from Mt. Zion Association.

### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On supply of the Stand—Brothers J. F. Potts, C. Keck and J. S. Willis.

On Finance—Brothers Wm. Halsted, T. M. Nichols and R. L. Hunter.

On Resolutions—Brothers W. C. Austin, J. G. Carter and J. T. Ross; with Moderator and Clerk.

On Temperance—Brothers A. W. Howlder, J. M. Estell and A. N. Best.

On Obituaries—Brothers Silas Sherley, Silas Lovette and J. G. Rogers.

On Enrollment of Ministers—Brothers R. A. Johnson, R. L. Brandon and A. Thomas.

On Sunday School—Sister Keck, Silas Lovette and A. W. Howlder.

Motion to adjourn until Monday at 8:30.

### MORNING SESSION

Monday morning 8.30 met pursuant to adjournment.

House called to order by Moderator, who led the prayer.

Scriptural lesson. James 4.

Roll call of delegates and a quorum found present the Association proceeded with business

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES CALLED FOR.

On Resolution—received and discharged

Motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2, p. m. House called to order by Moderator,

who led the prayer,

Motion to suspend the Rules of Order and hear the report of James Martin, Treasurer for the Orphans' Home; the report was received, which showed \$24.51 on hand; after which brother James Martin asked the Association to receive his resignation which was received. E. N. Sanders was selected Treasurman for the Orphan Home and placed under a \$1,000 bond.

Moved that all reports concerning the Orphan Home be reduced to writings

Report of Committee on Divine Services—Stand filled Saturday night by Elder J. G. Carter and R. A. Johnson. Text Psalms 45:4. Sunday at 11 a. m., by Elder W. C. Austin. Text Eph 2:20 Sunday at 7:30 p. m., by Elder J. M. Estell and A. N. Holder. Text Luke 15:22 Monday at 11 a. m., by Elder A. N. Best and G. S. Rogers. Rev 4:5, 6 Monday night at 7:30 p. m., by Elder J. R. Hartley and W. C. Austin. Text ——— J. F. Potts, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee—We beg leave to report that we have collected \$10.00, paid same to the clerk and took his receipt for same. R. L. Hunter, Chairman.

Report of Temperance Committee—We beg to report that intemperance is the direct or indirect cause of nine tenths of all the crimes on earth; and that we will not tolerate the drinking of one dram, as dram drinkers are compromisers of the devil. The drinkers of intoxicants are murders of women, robber of children and builders, of monopoly. We also favor the suspension of any Freewill Baptist Minister who is a dram drinker. And be it further resolved, That this is the sense of this body; that we use our influence to impose the above resolution. A. N. Best, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Enrollment for Delegates—reports the following: Mt. Zion, C. E. Evans J. S. Willis, W. C. Austin and J. G. Carter; Hamberg J. M. Estell; Mountain Home, W. T. B. Walker. Wm. Halsted, C. Keck; Silas Sherley and sister Keck.

Saline Association Delegate—J. R. Hartley

Arkansas Association Delegates—J. F. Potts, W. C. Gayson, R. L. Hunter, E. C. Best. R. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Obituaries—no report

Report of Committee on Sunday School—We, your committee, report that we find that Mt. Zion has two Sunday schools; that Mt. Home has two; that Hamberg has two; that Arkansas has four; that Saline two. We recommend that our preachers urge our people to take more interest in the Sunday school question, and try to establish a Sunday school in each church.

A. W. HOLDER, Chairman

Report of Committee on Resolutions report as follows:

Resolution No. 1, Resolve, That this Association appoint a committee of five or more to revise our Articles of Faith, and that each article be followed with the scriptural quotations, and prepared in pamphlet form. Be it further resolved, That this committee draw forms for church conference; also for receiving members and forms for holding our quarterly conference and associations, and the above be published in book form, so that our church work will be uniform in its work.

No. 2. Resolve, That this Association appoint a Board of two or five to superintend the raising of money and the building of the Orphan Home, and that this body recommend that this Board put in the field five or more good men to raise funds for the building of the Orphan Home;



and this Board to have report blanks printed, and, that each traveling agent make a report each week, of what he is doing

No. 3. Resolve That this Association form a Stock Company and take shares in the Free Will Baptist Banner, and make it one of the best papers in the South.

No. 4. Resolved, That this Association order the Banner Publishing Co. to print 1,000 copies blank Credential; 500 Church Letters for dismissing members, 500 subordination Association blanks; and the pastors call on their churches for money to pay for same

No. 5. We recommend that we ad to our Articles of Faith "That we believe the scriptures teach the support of the Ministry, and it is duty of our preachers to teach the same.

No 6 Resolve that we extend our thanks to the Missionary Baptist church at this place for dismissing their meeting on Saturday night to attend our service.

No 7. Resolve that we extend our heart felt thanks to the good people of Branch and surrounding country for their kindness toward us while we were with them. May the blessings of the heavenly Father rest on them.

#### ROLL OF MINISTERS.

J G Williams, Gage, Ark.; T M Collinsworth, Bluffton, Ark.; E N Sanders, Magazine, Ark.; G S Rogers, Havana, Ark.; J T Ross, Havana, Ark.; G W Ewing, Mindland, Ark.; J L Redwine, Danville, Ark.; W W Mangum, Danville, Ark.; W R Goodall, Bluffton, Ark.; Thomas Williams, Mansfield, Ark.; A. N. Davis, Casa, Ark.; A W Hodder, Corlesville, Okla.; J R Colliens, Walden, Ark.; Grant Webb, Boles, Ark.; J N Dearman, Chismville, Ark.; A N Griffin, Selfa, Texas; A H Hefley, London, Ark.; F M Holland, Barber, Ark.; W M

Mankins, Boles, Ark.; H E Morgan, Waldron, Ark.; A J Phillips, Hackett, Ark.; J R Hartley, Toledo, Ark.; W C Austin and A M Tally, Lamar, Ark.; J G Carter, Clarksville, Ark.; J A Stark, Silev, Ark.; H J Walker, Geren, Ark.; A N Holder, Bellville, Ark.; A A Davis, Casey, Ark.; J W Green, Magazine, Ark.; A Norris, ———, Ark; J M Estell, Hamburg, Ark.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ORPHAN HOME

W C Austin, E N Sanders, J M Estell, A N Howlder J G Carter

COMMITTEE TO REVISE ARTICLES OF FAITH

Silas Lovette, A N Best, J R Hartley, W C Austin J G Carter, E N Sanders and J M Estell

Pleasant Hill Chereh being chosen for place to hold next State Association, and Elder J G Carter to preach the annual sermon.

The Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, at Bluffton, Yell County, Arkansas, on Saturday, before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1910, at 11 o'clock a. m

J R HARTLEY, Moderator.

C E EVANS, Clerk





# RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

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

5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.

7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

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



# CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, being regularly baptized, upon the confession of our faith in Jesus Christ, being convinced of the necessity of a combination of association to perpetuate a union and a communion among 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 deacons on producing letters shall be entitled to a seat.

2 Letters from different association 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 Free Will Baptist, 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, that the association shall have power, for good cause to, revoke the license or credential of any minister, licensed or ordained by any association within its jurisdiction and to exclude the delegates from its sessions when they or the associations are disorderly or fail to keep a good report.

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

5 Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the association which are to petition by letters and delegates, and

upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly may be received into the association, the association giving the right hand of fellowship.

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

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 This association is to endeavor to furnish the associations with minutes of the association in proportion to the numbers in each association, 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 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 uninn subordinate associations.

SECTION 13 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association adjourns.

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



## 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. 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 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 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 should taste death for every man. Gen. 1:31; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and 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 everywhere to repent; therefore look unto Me and be ye saved of all the ends of the earth, 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 born 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 heart by the Holy Spirit whereby the penitent sinner receives 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 Christian manhood. John 3:3-5; Ezek. 36:26-7; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:1-21; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; John 5:25-26; James 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:17. Mustard seed, Matt. 13:31. Growing seed, Mark 4:26.

7. We believe that the doctrine of Sanctification or Holiness as taught in the Bible is applicable to the soul or inner man and to it alone, and that the 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 incorruption. Jeffreys; John 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:11; Phil. 3:21.

Adopted as a substitute.

8. 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 have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of 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 women who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up good discipline 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 thereof is with the body. Col. 1:18; Matt. 18:17-18.

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

12. We believe that God in His goodness displays power of 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 to come and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 1:23; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17.

13. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' 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 ourselves 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 the 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 16:16.

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. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 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; 6 Peter 3, 17:3; 22, 31 and 32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 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 13,41,41; Rom. 2,6,10.

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. 11:27-28.