

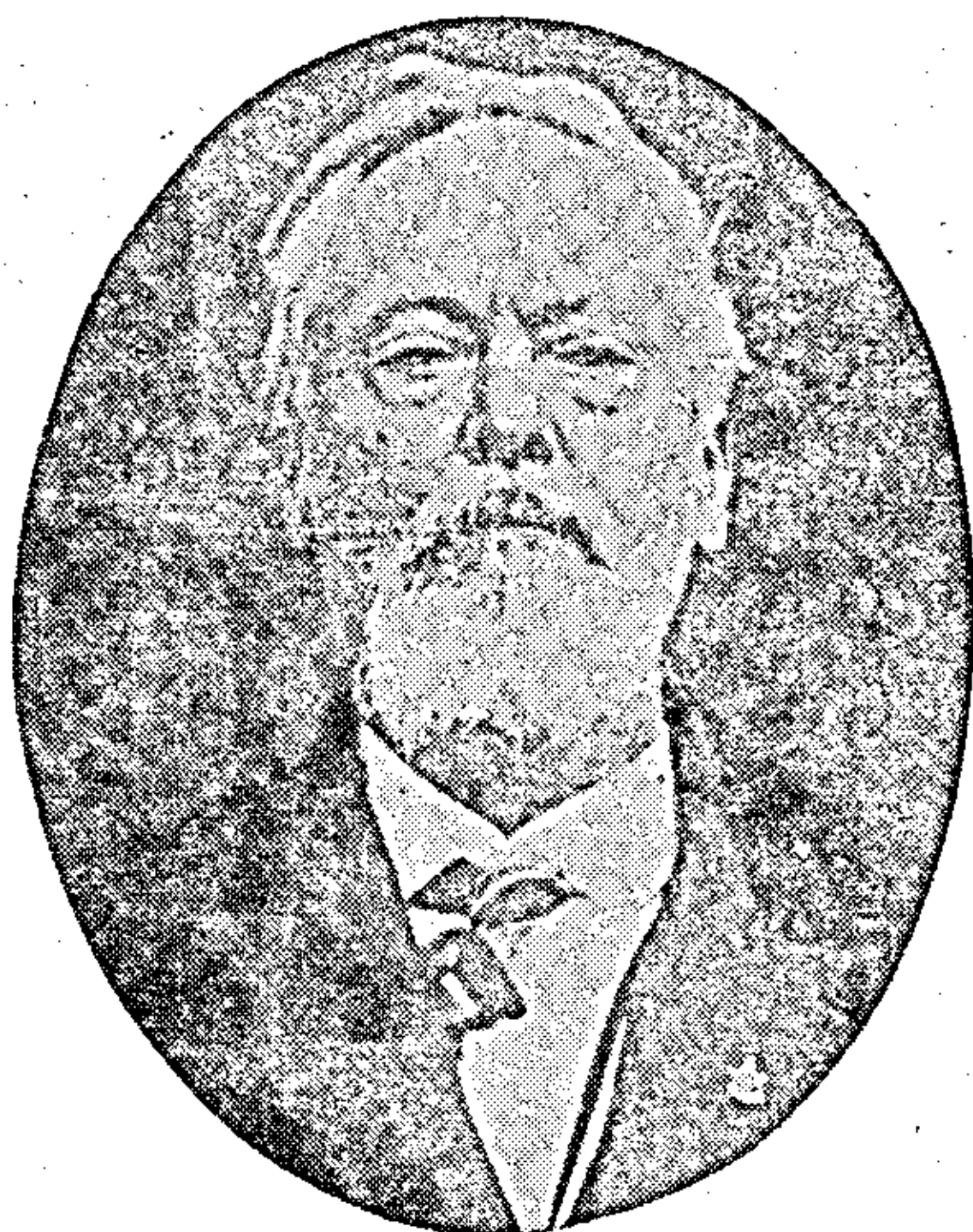
MINUTES
OF THE
Nineteenth Annual Session
OF THE
Arkansas State Association
of Freewill Baptists

HELD WITH
St. Joe Church
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

October 20-23, 1916.

ELD. J. M. PATRICK, Moderator.

W. F. McGEE, Atkins, Ark., Clerk.



ELD. J. M. PATRICK.

OFFICERS.

J. M. PATRICK	Moderator	-----	Rowell, Ark.
J. H. COFFMAN,	Assistant Moderator	-----	Langley, Ark.
W. F. McGEE,	Clerk	-----	Atkins, Ark.
J. W. COFFMAN,	Assistant Clerk	-----	Appleton, Ark.
G. W. BURRIS	Corresponding Secretaries	{	Russellville, Ark.
J. A. BROWN			Glendale, Ark.

MINUTES

The 19th Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists met with St. Joe Church, Pope County, Arkansas, October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1916.

Eld. H. W. Wood, who was to have preached the Introductory Sermon on Friday night, being absent on account of sickness in his family, Eld. A. J. Phillips of Zion Hope No. 2, assumed the hour and preached to a large audience. Text: Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Concluding remarks by Eld. J. M. Patrick of Saline Association.

Saturday Morning Session.

Met at 9 a. m. Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by Clerk W. F. McGee, who called Eld. J. M. Patrick to the chair and dedicated the work of opening the Conference to him. Eld. Patrick opened the Association in the usual way with prayer. Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Bro. J. W. Coffman was appointed as Reading Clerk.

On roll call, the following Associations were represented by their messengers:

Little Missouri River Association—J. H. Coffman.

Zion Hope No. 2—A. J. Phillips.

Arkansas Association—J. S. Parker.

Saline Association—J. M. Patrick, J. R. Hartley.

Zion Hope No. 1—W. J. Blackwell, J. R. Coffman, J. D. Coffman.

Old Mt. Zion—Geo. W. Been.

Antioch Association—F. M. Nichols, G. T. Gipson, W. S. Ferrell, P. N. Clemons, G. W. Burris.

Mountain Home Association—G. W. Ewing, G. S. Rogers.

The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to all messengers present. All Christians were invited to take part in the hand-shake covenant.

Being duly organized, nominations were declared in order for the election of Moderator for the ensuing year.

Elds. J. M. Patrick, J. H. Coffman and J. R. Hartley were placed in nomination. Eld. J. M. Patrick receiving a majority of all votes, was declared the State's Moderator.

Bros. W. F. McGee and J. W. Coffman were placed in the nomination for Clerk. W. F. McGee, receiving a majority vote, was re-elected Clerk.

Bro. J. W. Coffman was then made Assistant Clerk, and J. H. Coffman, Assistant Moderator.

Motion to elect Bros. G. W. Burris of Russellville and J. A. Brown of Glendale as Corresponding Secretaries by acclamation carried.

Eld. Coffman in the chair. Eld. Patrick paid his respects in a very gratifying way to the Conference for the honor conferred upon him by his election as Moderator.

A warm talk by G. W. Burris, who said it was through his corresponding with other Associations that this State Association was organized, and it had grown to a great organization; but for the past few years the Associations had failed to represent at the state meeting from some cause, but we have a wonderful gain over the last few years. Bro. Burris said that he was going in the field for a larger representation at the next annual session.

W. F. McGee paid his respects for the honor of being selected as Clerk of the State Association; also for being able to secure the meeting of this noble body of Christian workers of the great state of Arkansas at his home church and there serve it as Clerk. And in submitting himself to the service he joined hands with all the officers and members for a greater representation at the next session.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30, carried.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. Cogman.

11 O'clock Service.

Eld. J. R. Hartley of Saline Association, who was alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon, being present, and in the absence of Eld. Wood, proceeded to fill the rulings of the last Association. Scripture lesson, 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Song, "Oh, Land of Rest." Prayer. Song, "Revive Us Again." Text: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Opened in regular order. Scripture lesson, 119th Chapter of the Psalms. Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Prayer by Elder R. A. Johnson.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service—Bros. J. A. Venable, R. B. Venable, R. B. Burris.

Resolutions—G. W. Burris, R. A. Johnson, A. J. Phillips, J. R. Hartley.

Temperance—W. J. Blackwell, Cordus Johnson, F. M. Nichols, G. T. Gipson.

Sabbath Schools—Jess Looper, J. D. Coffman, J. H. Horshfield, Geo. Been.

Obituaries—P. N. Clemons, Dave Thompson, G. W. Ewing, L. M. Pitts.

Finance—G. W. Burris, W. S. Ferrell, H. E. Singleton, Fred Duvall.

Motion made to adjourn the work of the Association until Monday morning at 8:30, carried.

Prayer by W. F. McGee.

Saturday Night Session.

Singing by the class. Preaching by Eld. J. H. Coffman and Cordus Johnson. Text, Jonah 1:6, "So the shipmaster came to him and said unto him: What meanest thou, oh, sleeper? Arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not."

Sunday Morning Session.

Sabbath School was opened by Bro. J. W. Coffman. Scripture lesson, 6th Chapter of Ephesians.

11 O'Clock Service.

Song, "Lord, I'm Coming Home." Prayer by Moderator. Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Preaching by Moderator J. M. Patrick to a large audience. Text: 1st Corinthians 10:15, "I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say." This thoughtful and well read man was at his very best. From the beginning to the closing ode profound interest held the entire audience firmly in the grip of things beautiful, instructive, and which lured on to what is highest and best in Christian life. Gravity, seriousness, profundity and sincerity, borne along on a gliding stream of choice rhetoric and tender eloquence were the chief features of this great address. He boldly invaded the vast territory of the past and easily brought to light the condition

of man from the Garden of Eden to the present time. Grace and beauty accompanied the speaker all along the way.

Services ably concluded by F. M. Hudson.

Sunday Evening Service.

Preaching by Eld. Geo. Been. Scripture lesson, 2nd and 3rd Chapters of Hebrews. Text: Heb. 2:2, "For if the Word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation,"

Concluded by Jesse Jeffries.

Sunday Night Service.

Singing by the class. Prayer services conducted by G. W. Burris.

Preaching at 7:30 by R. A. Johnson. Text: Mark 16:15, 16, 17, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues."

Concluded by R. M. Johnson.

Monday Morning Session.

Opened pursuant to adjournment in regular order. Opening song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Scripture lesson, 4th Chapter of Timothy. Prayer by Moderator. Song, "Glory to His Name." Roll call by the Clerk.

By motion of G. W. Burris, delegates from Mountain Home and Old Mt. Zion Associations were seated and their letters received.

Talk on Sabbath Schools by various members.

Recess 15 minutes.

Song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You."

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools received, and committee discharged.

A good talk on "The Union and Doctrine of the Free-will Baptists throughout the State," by Eld. J. H. Coffman was enjoyed by all present.

Motion that Bro. J. M. Voss, the Clerk of Zion Hope Association No. 1, be made a member of this body, carried.

Report of Committee on Temperance was received and committee discharged.

Resolution presented by Bro. J. W. Blackwell on "The Army," carried.

Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

11 O'Clock Service.

Song, "Nearer, My God to Thee." Prayer by Jesse Jeffries. Song, "And That's Enough for Me." Preaching by Dave Thompson. Text: Gen. 6:3, "And the Lord said My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

Concluded by A. J. Phillips.

Monday Afternoon Session.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. M. Patrick.

Report of Committee on Finance was received and committee discharged.

On motion of the Association, W. F. McGee was made Treasurer.

Committee on Resolutions reported Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Moderator calls Clerk to the chair.

Motion to table Resolution No. 2 carried. No. 3 lost, No. 4 carried, No. 5 lost, No. 6 carried.

Moderator calls Eld. Coffman to the chair.

Motion that the words, "Such of" be inserted in Line 2 of Article 14, after the word "and."

Motion that we ask all District Associations to adopt and copy the Articles of Faith of the State Association, carried.

Motion carried that a committee of five be appointed to present at the next sitting of the Association a Code of Articles for State's adoption, to be copied by the subordinate Associations, and to be amended or annulled only by the State Association when in session. Said committee was appointed, viz: J. M. Patrick, J. H. Coffman, Geo. Been, F. M. Hudson and J. A. Brown.

By motion, if no one could go to Patten's Burg, Mo., to the national meeting of Freewill Baptists on December 27, the Clerk send a letter of correspondence to that meeting.

Moreland was selected for the next meeting, on Friday night before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1917.

Eld. W. P. Whight of Saline Association was selected to preach the introductory sermon.

A motion carried that we correspond with Alabama Association.

Intermission for a short time.

Monday Night Session.

Singing by the class. Prayer by E. Henderson. Preaching by J. M. Patrick and Jesse Jeffries. Text: Numbers 10:29, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel."

This was the closing exercises of the Association and profound interest was shown in the solemnity of the closing ode, "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

J. M. PATRICK, Moderator.

W. F. McGEE, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, the whiskey interests of this state are making strenuous efforts to pass Act No. 2, thereby repudiating the Statewide Prohibition Law passed by the last Legislature, and all other Temperance laws of the State, and

Whereas, in order to deceive many of the honest voters they have falsely named it "An Act for Local Self Government," therefore be it

Resolved, by this State Association of Freewill Baptist Churches of the State of Arkansas, now in session at St. Joe, Pope county, Arkansas, that we enter our solemn protest against said Act, and the nefarious efforts being used for its passage. And be it further

Resolved, That we earnestly request and urge the brotherhood throughout the State who are legal voters, to go to the polls on November 7 and cast their votes against said Act No. 2; and also ask the sisters to use all legitimate means in their power to help the defeat of this effort of the Whiskey Trust to again foist upon the people this upas blighting, soul destroying traffic.

W. J. BLACKWELL, Chm. Committee.

Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas, it has been currently reported and discussed by some of the religious press of this and other states that General Funston, commanding general of the U. S. Troops on the Mexican border, has recently attempted to abridge or restrict religious liberty that was given as the birthright of every American citizen, therefore be it

Resolved, by the State Association of Freewill Baptists in session with St. Joe Church, Pope county, Arkansas, that if such above reports

be true, we hereby enter our solemn and earnest protest against this attempted arbitrary and dangerous usurpation of power.

W. J. BLACKWELL, Com.

Resolution No. 2—Be it resolved, that the Treasurer of this Association be empowered to ask each Freewill Baptist church in Arkansas to donate one dollar to this Association, said money to be used for the advancement of this organization. Resolved further, that the Treasurer keep a record of all business of the Association, and that his books be audited by a committee appointed at each session of the Association.

G. W. BURRIS, Com.

Resolution No. 3.—Resolved, that we send Messengers to all Freewill Baptist Associations in the state not represented in this body, and urge them to represent in our next annual meeting. We also extend this request to the United Baptists.

G. W. BURRIS, Com.

Resolved, That this State Association put out an Evangelist for the incoming year. We recommend J. R. Hartley of Saline Association, and that he be given credentials signed by the Moderator and Clerk, for this work.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, ask leave to report as follows: We as Freewill Baptists believe that Christ commissioned the Church to teach all nations, and that they teach from the pulpit and in the Sabbath Schools, that the Bible may be taught, and such other helps as are Scriptural, and that we make a strong effort to maintain Sabbath Schools in all of the churches, and that each church make an annual report to their District Association, forward a general report to the State Association, so as to show our interest and labor in the Sabbath Schools.

J. D. COFFMAN, Com.

Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following report:

Little Missouri River.....	\$ 2.00
Saline	6.00
Zion Hope No. 1	2.00
Arkansas	1.25
Mountain Home25
Antioch	6.00
Old Mount Zion	2.00
By Contribution	14.50
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W. S. FERRELL, Com.

Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we extend the heartfelt thanks of this State Association to the good people around St. Joe for the hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May God's richest blessings ever be theirs for their kindness.

G. W. BURRIS, Com.

Obituary

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.

LAFAYETTE BOWEN

SARAH STARKS

B. N. COWELL

BELLE WADE

ZION HOPE NO. 1

(THREE DECEASED.)

ZION HOPE NO. 2.

L. W. TUCKER

BRO. HAGGARD

We find that the Lord has called from labor to reward the above named Brothers and Sisters. We mourn with those who mourn over the loss of their loved ones, but say, "Weep not as those who have no hope, for they are at rest."

May we all continue in the faith unto the end, and then wear a crown of Glory with Christ our Saviour.

G. W. EWING, Com.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Old Mt. Zion—J. G. Wilson, Mante; G. W. Lynch, Clifty, Route 1; S. G. Moses, Whitener; W. T. Webb, Spring Valley, Route 1; John Garvin, Spring Valley, Route 1; J. H. Roberts, Spring Valley, Route 1; W. O. Johnson, Sydenham; W. S. Copland, Fayetteville; K. A. Moses, Huntsville; W. P. Caps, Mundell; G. C. Bland, Larue; J. S. Turney, Larue, T. S. Sims, Moderator.

New Mt. Zion.—J. A. Kesner, Kingston; J. M. Berden, Delmar; W. R. Burnett, Hilltop; J. M. Richardson, Compton; John Harington, Delmar; S. M. McMillon, Delmar; W. C. Curnentt, Compton; W. C. Watts.

Arkansas Association—W. M. Swift, Webb City; W. M. Snow, Webb City; J. N. Dearman, Ratcliff; O. C. Hunt, Waldron; J. S. Lovette, Chismville; J. M. Wilson, Gravelly; A. N. Best, Chismville; S. A. Morgan, Bluffton; W. W. Little, Walnut Tree; I. J. Wilson, Gravelly; W. M. Taylor, Ola; G. W. Garner, Blue Ball; J. G. Lewis, Walnut Tree; G. W. Ingraham, Mansfield; M. R. Read, Greenwood; I. J. Wilson, Little Cedar; J. M. Wilson, Macedonia; I. J. Wilson, Mt. Olive, No. 2.

Zion Hope No. 1.—J. M. Prince, Tag; J. H. Treadwell, Northwood; D. J. Coffman, Gumlog; M. A. Thompson, Appleton; N. A. Read, Appleton; H. B. Savage, Watts.

Zion Hope No. 2.—A. J. Phillips, Hackett; M. R. Reed, Huntington; Hughey Shuman, Mansfield; J. K. Davis, Hackett; O. D. Dugan, Midland.

Saline Association—W. P. White, New Edinburger; J. H. Patrick, Rowell; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine; J. R. Hartley, Herbine; J. McDaniel, Kingsland; J. F. Brown, Kingsland; Bro. Golden, Kingsland; T. D. White, Lehigh; G. E. White, Lehigh; Bro. Graves, Warren; Riley Ruthler, New Edinburg; M. E. Bridges, Rest; J. M. Estell, Hamburg; H. T. Wood, Ailsworth, Okla.; Bettie Woods, Ailsworth, Okla.

Mountain Home Association—A. W. Holder, Belleville; W. W. Mangum, Danville; G. S. Rogers, Havana; R. L. Sisk, Magazine; G. W. Ewing, Millard; J. T. Ross, Blue Mountain.

Antioch Association—R. M. Johnson, Gumlog; R. E. L. Duvall, Atkins; J. A. Venable, Atkins; J. B. Vaughn, Moreland; Jesse Jeffries, Atkins; E. Henderson, Atkins; R. B. Venable, Gumlog; H. J. Walker, Geren; J. W. Curran, Russellville; W. C. Smith, Pottsville; Garl Duvall, Gumlog; N. S. Coffman, Gumlog; H. E. Singleton, Gumlog; G. H. McDaniel, Dublin; K. Dunkin, Clarksville; Arthur Reid, Cleveland; Dave Thompson, Atkins; Fred Duvall, Atkins; R. A. Johnson, Utley; J. T. Burris, Moreland; F. M. Hudson, Moreland; J. A. Starks, Silex; Esom Baker, Scottsville; J. A. Lemons, Gumlog; Cardus Johnson, Delaware; W. H. Whisnant, Silex.

Little Missouri River—E. J. O'Neil, Langley; J. H. Coffman, Langley; Curtis Coffman; R. Potter; J. H. Busby; J. A. Barton.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the Associations of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Associations to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we therefore propose to keep orders and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Associations in our union, and each Association is entitled to five Messengers. All ordained ministers and deacons of our faith and order shall be members when present.

2. Letters from the different Associations are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and that have died since last association; and the name of the clerk, moderator, county, post-office, Sabbath of meeting, and the amount paid for Minute Fund.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the State Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of the subordinate Associations of the State of Arkansas, and the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power of the Associations, reserving the right of withdrawing from any Association becoming disorderly.

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

5. New Associations may be admitted into the Association by letter or delegates, if found to be orthodox in the faith of the Freewill Baptists, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the members making it.

7. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the Association with the minutes of this Association in proportion to the number of members in each Association, the distribution being at the discretion of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of Minutes.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the Associations whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of the messengers, which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose, and he shall be accountable to the Association for all money received by him until paid out as they may direct.

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

12. It is the duty of the Association to see after the union of the Associations.

13. Amendments to this plan 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 men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall. 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. 1:27, Gen. 2:16,17; Gen. 3:6; John 3:16; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely to all men 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; Isaiah 45:22, John 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 1:6-14, Gal. 6:15, Titus 3:5, John 3:1-13, Rom. 8:9.

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

babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food that he may develop by a gradual growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5, Ez. 36:26-7, Jer. 32:29, Titus, 3:5, Heb. 12:14, Gal. 5:1-21, Eph. 2:10, Rom. 8:16, John 1:12, Matt. 13:31, 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 this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruptible body shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11, Rom. 7, 8; Phil. 3, 21; 1 Cor. 15, 44.

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. 1 Cor. 10, 12:3; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11, 20-21; John 3, 24. Heb. 10, 26; John 15:2-6.

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 rules of the Gospel. John 1, 7. Matt. 18, 15-20.

10. We believe that the church is the family of God, in the aggregate composed of all the redeemed from righteous Able to the restitution of all things from every nation, kindred and tongue. Matt. 16, 18; Acts 2, 47; Heb. 12, 23; Eph. 1, 22.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18; Matt. 18:17-18.

12. 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. 3:5-16; Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; Acts 8:38.

13. 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.....3:78, 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:15-16; John 3:4-18.

14. We believe that only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, have a right to baptism and those only who have been called of God and have come under the Presbytery of Elders have

a right to administer the same. Titus 1:15; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9, Acts 10:47.

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 spiritual character here possessed. Eccl. 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9.

16. We believe that there will be a 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, and the righteous into eternal happiness. Rom. 1:5; Eccl. 1:14; Matt. 12:36-37; Rom. 14:10; Heb. 9:27; Matt. 12:41; Matt. 24:46; Mark 9:34-46; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11; Rev. 21:8; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

17. We believe it is the duty of each church to assemble themselves together at least 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, according to the rule of the gospel. Mark 14:24-25; John 15:4-5; 1 Cor. 11th chapter; 1 Cor. 1:2-10; Heb. 10:25; 2nd Cor. 11:27-28.

18. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister shall heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scripture, that the churches donate of their substances as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, that said ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommended that each church have a finance committee of three to consist of two deacons and a clerk to collect and store such funds. 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the clerk.
3. Letters from the Associations of this Association called for, 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 by Chair or Clerk.
9. Appointment of following committees: (a) Resolutions, (b)

Finance, (c) arrangement of Preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Associations, (h) Union of Associations.

10. Report of committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.

11. Report of new committees.

12. New business.

13. Adjournment.

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 just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Association	Moderator	Post Offices	Clerk	Post Office	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Churches	Membership
Antioch.....	Jesse Jeffries....	Atkins	W. F. McGee	Atkins	66	22	19	4	26	20	907
Old Mt. Zion....	G. C. Bland	Larue.....	Geo. Been	Spring Valley.....					24	18	650
Zion Hope No. 2	M. R. Reed	Huntington ..	O. D. Dugan	Midland				2	5	4	114
Zion Hope No. 1	J. M. Prince ...	Tag.....	J. M. Voss	Appleton	49		40	3		7	481
Arkansas.....	J. S. Lovette....	Chismville....	R. P. Robinson....	Branch.....					18	12	450
Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neal....	Langley.....	Curtis Coffman....	Albert.....	27		3		8	7	280
Saline	J. M. Patrick ...	Rowell.....	J. R. Hartley.....	Herbine	112		6		13		765
Mountain Home.	G. W. Ewin.....	Millard.....	G. S. Rogers	Havana.....					6	4	100
				Totals.....	254	22	68	9	110	82	3747