

MINUTES
OF THE
Twentieth Annual Session
OF THE
Arkansas State
Association
OF
Freewill Baptists

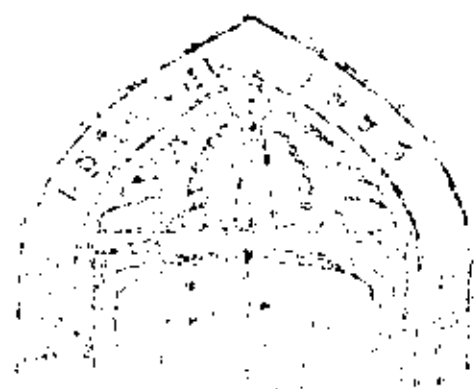
HELD WITH
CROSS PLAINS CHURCH
POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

October 26-29, 1917.

ELD. J. M. PATRICK, *Moderator, Rowell, Ark.*

J. N. JOHNSON, *Clerk, Blaine, Ark.*

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Minutes.

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists met with Cross Plains Church, Pope County, Arkansas, October 26-29, 1917.

Elder W. P. White of Saline Association, who was to preach the Introductory Sermon Friday night, being absent Elder J. R. Hartley filled the stand and preached to a large audience. Scriptural lesson, Twelfth Chapter of First Corinthians.

Prayer. Song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Text, First Corinthians, 12-13: "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one spirit."

Announcements by Moderator, Eld. J. M. Patrick.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called together at 8:30 a. m., by singing, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

The Moderator opened the Association by reading the Fourteenth Chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Moderator. Song, "Lead Me Jesus."

Letters from the different Associations called for, and the following presented: Antioch, Old Mt. Zion, Zion Hope No. 2, Zion Hope No. 1, Arkansas, Saline.

Messengers present were as follows:

Antioch—W. S. Ferrell, J. N. Johnson, F. M. Nichols, Berry Looper and L. O. Wilkins.

Old Mt. Zion—Geo. Been.

Zion Hope No. 2—A. J. Philips and O. D. Dugan.

Zion Hope No. 1—W. A. Treadwell, W. P. Riley, W. J. Blackwell, W. A. Crouch and J. D. Coffman.

Arkansas—O. C. Hunt and A. N. Best.

Saline—J. M. Patrick and J. R. Hartley.

Tyronza—L. A. Savage.

Motion carried that the statement made by Elder L. A. Savage about the condition of the Tyronza Association be accepted.

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

Being duly organized, nominations were declared in order for Moderator for the ensuing year. Elders J. M. Patrick, J. R. Hartley, S. A. Morgan and Geo. Been were nominated. Brother J. M. Patrick receiving a majority vote, was declared elected.

By motion of W. J. Blackwell Elder Patrick was unanimously elected Moderator.

Brothers W. F. McGee and J. N. Johnson were placed in nomination for Clerk, J. N. Johnson was elected.

By motion J. N. Johnson was unanimously elected Clerk.

Brother Geo. W. Burris of Russellville was unanimously re-elected Corresponding Clerk.

Brothers John Vaughn, F. M. Nichols and W. F. McGee were appointed as a Committee on Divine Service and reported that Elders L. A. Savage of Tyronza Association and K. Dunkin of Antioch Association would preach at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Closed with prayer by O. C. Hunt.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICES.

Song, "Come Thou Fount." Scriptural lesson, Ninth Chapter of the Acts. Song, "Softly and Tenderly." Prayer by L. A. Savage. Song, "Lord, Give Us the Old Time Power." Preaching by Elder L. A. Savage. Text, Acts 9:6: "And he trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what will thou have me to do?' And

the Lord said unto him, 'Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.'"

Services were ably concluded by Elder K. Dunkin.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "A Charge to Keep I Have." Prayer by A. J. Phillips.

By order of the Moderator the Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Divine Service—John Vaughn, F. M. Nichols and W. F. McGee.
Resolutions—W. J. Blackwell, L. A. Savage, Geo. Been and A. N. Best.

Finance—Geo. W. Burris, W. S. Ferrell and William Treadwell.

Temperance—S. A. Morgan, A. J. Phillips and J. S. Parker.

Sabbath Schools—W. F. McGee, K. Dunkin and C. S. Thompson.

Obituary—J. A. Venable, O. D. Dugan and Dempsey Coffman.

Union and Non-Represented Associations—J. R. Hartley, R. B. Venable and Berry Looper.

The report of the Committee, appointed at the last Association to draw up a new code of Articles of Faith, was called for, and the Committee called for more time. By motion the committee was given until Monday.

Motion carried that Resolution No. 2, adopted in 1916, be re-adopted and carried another year.

Motion carried to send two delegates to represent the Freewill Baptists of Arkansas in the Co-Operative General Association to be held with North View Church, near Tecumseh, Okla., at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., December 26, 1917. Brothers J. M. Patrick and Geo. W. Burris receiving the highest number of votes, were declared elected delegates, with J. R. Hartley and W. F. McGee alternates.

By motion the Association adjourned until 8 o'clock, a. m., Monday.

Closed with prayer by Elder Geo. Been.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Singing by class. Preaching by Elders A. N. Best and R. B. Venable. Scripture lesson, Thirteenth Chapter of St. John. Prayer by A. N. Best. Song. Text, John 3:15-16: "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE, SUNDAY.

Singing by class. Preaching by the Moderator, Elder J. M. Patrick. Scripture lesson, Fifty-Third Chapter of Isaiah and the Nineteenth Chapter of St. John. Song, "A Charge to Keep I Have." Prayer. Song. Text, Psalms 111.3: "His work is honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth forever."

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Prayer service conducted by Brother Thos. Dixon. Preaching by S. A. Morgan and I. J. Wilson. Scripture lesson, Third Chapter of Galations. Song. Prayer by S. A. Morgan. Song. Text, First Corinthians 13.13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity."

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was opened pursuant to adjournment. Song. Prayer by I. J. Wilson. Moderator called Clerk to chair while he made a few remarks about the work of the body.

Bro. Geo. W. Burris presented a gavel to the Moderator and made a nice talk.

Report of Committees on Temperance, Obituary, Sabbath Schools and Non-Represented Associations received and committees discharged.

Report of Elder J. R. Hartley, State Evangelist, received. By motion Brother Hartley was elected again for the ensuing year.

Motion carried to suspend the rules and complete the work of the Association without preaching service at 11 o'clock.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Corresponding Clerk and pay his account.

Report of Committee on Finance received and committee discharged.

Motion carried that the auditing of the Treasurer's books be received through the Finance Committee.

By motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the expense of the delegates to the National Convention.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 3.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 4.

By motion the Clerk was ordered to have a letter form printed in the minutes.

Elder J. B. Vaughn of Moreland was elected to preach a Memorial Sermon at the next Association with A. F. Taylor as alternate.

The next session of the State Association will convene with Liberty Church, located in Logan County, 14 milest west of Dardanelle, on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918.

Elder L. A. Savage was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and K. Dunkin alternate.

Motion carried to have 1,100 minutes printed and the Clerk to superintend the printing of same.

A committee of three were appointed to look after Communion Service at the next Association. Geo. W. Burris, W. F. McGee and R. A. Johnson were appointed.

Owing to sickness and other unavoidsable causes the committees appointed to revise the Articles of Faith were unable to get together and the committee was retained another year.

The Clark was ordered to read the minutes and the same was adopted as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918.

Closed by prayer.

J. N. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*

ELD. J. M. PATRICK, *Moderator.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

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

We indorse the national move of prohibition and urge our ministers and deacons to abstain from intoxicants, and the laity as well. To indulge in such would lower them as Christians.

S. A. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATION.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Associations submit the following:

We find that Polk Bayou, Little Missouri River, New Mount Zion, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, and Rich Mountain not represented for causes unknown.

J. R. HARTLEY, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report:

We believe Sabbath Schools to be a great help to the churches and communities in which they are carried on. Therefore we indorse it as a part of our religious work, and urge the membership, pastors, and deacons to organize and maintain Sabbath Schools for the good of our children, that their minds may be impressed with Bible literature instead of novels, and as they grow into years of accountability, their mental talents may develop into ways of Christianity.

W. F. MCGEE, *Chairman.*

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

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REPORT OF CORRESPONDING CLERK.

Printing	\$3.85
Postage	2.80
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Total	\$6.65
GEO. W. BURRIS, <i>Corresponding Clerk.</i>	

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance wish to report the following:

We find in the treasury in settlement with

W. F. McGee	\$27.13
Public contribution	26.35
Zion Hope No. 1	5.00
Zion Hope No. 2	2.50
Antioch	10.00
Arkansas	5.25
Tyronza	2.00
Saline	5.00
Old Mt. Zion	3.00

Total	\$86.23
GEO. W. BURRIS, <i>Chairman.</i>	

EVANGELIST'S REPORT.

Brethren, since our last Association, I have traveled 1,400 miles, preached 108 sermons, received for membership 23, baptized 15, helped to receive \$74.90; traveling expenses \$39.15; number of conversions not known.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HARTLEY.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

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

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—Sister Blythe, age unknown.

Zion Hope No. 1 Association—Bro. Walter Felkins, Sister Treadwell, Margurite Kesner, Nettie Aday, Fannie Dean, and Mattie Branch.

Antioch Association—Bro. Henry Johnston and Bro. Shackelford.

Mt. Home Association—Elder J. T. Ross.

Old Mt. Zion Association—Sister Dona Clifton, Bro. Alva

Shrader, Sister Katy McGinnis, Mrs. Mary R. Wilson, Sister Margurite E. Wilkes, and Bertha Armour.

Tyronza Association—Bro. Robert P. Kerr, age 66; belonged to the church 42 years.

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 Savior.

O. D. DUGAN, *Chairman*.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that Section One of the Constitution of the State Association be amended as follows: The State Association shall be composed of five Messengers chosen by each District Association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers, who come properly credentialed by the churches of which they are members. Said credentials to be renewed annually.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that this Association have a memorial sermon preached annually and that this Association elect some one to preach the same.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved whereas many of our ministers have come long distances and have made great sacrifices to attend this Association. We highly commend them for their support and presence, and earnestly request that all ministers be present at the next Association.

Resolution No. 4. Resolved, that we extend the heartfelt thanks of this Association to the good people of Moreland and vicinity for the hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May God's choicest blessings ever be theirs for their kindness.

W. J. BLACKWELL, *Chairman*.

MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE.

J. M. Patrick, Moderator, Rowell; J. R. Hartley, Evangelist, Rison; I. J. Wilson, Gravelly; A. J. Philips, Hackett; O. D. Dugan, Midland; A. F. Taylor, Russellville, Rt. 4; T. H. Dixon, Appleton; R. B. Venable, Moreland; J. K. Dunkins, Lamar; L. H. Hopper, Lamar; L. A. Savage, Whitton; S. A. Morgan, Mayflower; R. A. Johnson, Delaware; H. A. Singleton, Moreland; C. S. Thomson, Appleton; Geo. Been, Spring Valley; O. C. Hunt, Waldron; A. N.

Best, Chismville; R. M. Johnson, Moreland; Jesse Jeffries, Moreland; G. S. Rogers, Blue Mountain; J. S. Parker, Hagarville; B. Vaughan, Moreland; J. A. Venable, Hattievville, J. T. Burris, Moreland.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Old Mt. Zion Association—J. G. Wilson, Huntsville; G. W. Lynch, Clifty, Rt. 1, Box 14; S. G. Moses, Huntsville; W. T. Webb, Spring Valley, Rt. 1; W. O. Johnson, Harris; W. S. Copeland, Odell; K. A. Moses, Huntsville; W. M. T. Todd; J. J. Rider; G. C. Bland, Larue; John Garven, Spring Valley, Rt. 1; M. P. Chopps, Mundell; J. H. Robert, Spring Valley; J. S. Turney, Glade; J. S. Smith, Marble; R. A. Smith, Marble; Sam Garven, Spring Valley; E. S. England, Rhea; E. M. Houston; Geo. Been, Spring Valley.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association—Henry Shuman, Mansfield; J. K. Davis, Hackett; A. J. Philips, Hackett; O. D. Dugan, Midland;

Arkansas Association—J. S. Lovett, Chismville; J. N. Dearman, Ratcliff; O. C. Hunt, Waldron; I. J. Wilson, Gravelly; S. A. Morgan, Mayflower; W. W. Little, Walnut Tree; G. W. Garner, Blue Ball; M. R. Reade, Midland; G. W. Ingram, Hackett; J. G. Lewis, Walnut Tree; D. M. Serrill, Park; J. F. Marrow, Blue Ball; J. L. Redwine, Gravelly; W. M. Swafford, Barber; W. A. Ford, Waldron.

Tyronza Association—L. A. Savage, Whitton; Frank Cook, Marked Tree.

Zion Hope No. 1 Association—A. F. Taylor, Russellville; J. M. Prince, Tag; E. L. Hill, Appleton; T. H. Dixon, Appleton; H. B. Savage, Watts; C. S. Thompson, Appleton; Arthur Reid, Cleveland; N. A. Reid, Appleton; Bobbie Taylor, Watts.

Saline Association—J. M. Patrick, Rowell; J. R. Hartley, Rison; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine; W. P. White, New Edinburg; W. H. Golden, Kingsland; J. J. McDaniels, Kingsland; J. F. Brown, Kingsland; M. E. Bridges, Star City; Lee Parkman, New Edinburg; H. W. Wood, Rison; E. Gamble, Warren; J. M. Estell, Hamburg.

Antioch Association—R. M. Johnson, Gumlog; J. A. Venable, Hatterville; J. B. Vaughn, Moreland; Jesse Jeffries, Gumlog; E. Henderson, Atkins; R. B. Venable, Atkins; N. S. Coffman, Moreland; G. H. McDaniel, Dublin; J. K. Dunkin, Clarksville; Dave Thompson, Appleton; Fred Duvall, Atkins; R. A. Johnson, Delaware; F. M. Hudson, Moreland; J. T. Burris, Moreland; C. Johnson, Scranton; H. J. Walker, Scranton; Lewis Hopper, Lamar; H. E. Singleton, Moreland; Esom Baker, Scottsville.

LETTER FORM.

To the State Association of Freewill Baptists of Arkansas.

We theAssociation of Freewill Baptists in annual session with.....Church on1918, have selected to represent us in your honorable body which convenes withChurch on October1918. Bidding you God's speed in all your labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ and his Kingdom. Our Association is composed ofChurchesordained Ministers totaled membership.....Received last year by experience and Baptism.....Recomendation..... by letter.....dismissed by letter.....excluded..... died ModeratorClerk

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 State Association shall be composed of five Messengers chosen by each District Association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers who come properly credentialed by the churches of which they are members. Said credentials to be renewed annually.

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, postoffice, 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; 1 Cor. 8:6; John 10:30.

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; 2 Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy

commandments, where by 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; 17 Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ by his death, burial and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers its 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. Rom. 5:6-21; Mat. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Matt. 9:13.

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; Matt. 19:28; 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; 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; 1 Peter 2:2.

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. Cor. 10, 12:13; Rev. 22:14; Rom. 11, 20-21; 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; Acts 10:34-35.

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. 1:18-21; 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; Rom. 6:1-6.

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. Act. 9:15; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:15-16.

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 1:1-16; Mark 16:16; Matt. 3:8-9; Acts 10:47; 1 Tim. 4:14-16.

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 spiritual character here possessed. 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. Eccl. 1:14; Matt. 12:36-37; Rom. 14:10; Heb. 9:27; 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 saint's 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; 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. 2:15; 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.
 1. 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 subject without special leave from the body.

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

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

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

9. At the future session 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. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

Statistical Table.

Associations	Moderator	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Ord'd Min.	No. Churches	Membership
Antioch-----	C. Johnson-----	Scranton----	W. F. McGee-----	Atkins-----	39	--	42	2	21	16	650
Old Mt. Zion-----	G. C. Bland-----	Larue-----	Miss Annie Means--	Spring Valley----	35	3	1	5	20	16	683
Zion Hope No. 1--	T. H. Dixon-----	Appleton-----	Dempsey Coffman--	Appleton-----	26	9	--	6	10	16	492
Zion Hope No. 2--	A. J. Phillips----	Hackett-----	O. D. Dugan-----	Midland-----	--	--	--	2	4	2	55
Arkansas-----	I. J. Wilson-----	Gravely-----	O. C. Hunt-----	Waldron-----	--	--	--	--	15	15	401
Saline-----	J. M. Patrick----	Rowell-----	J. H. Meeks-----	Rison-----	43	29	--	5	--	12	698
Tyronza-----					--	--	--	--	2	7	216
				Total:-----	143	41	43	20	72	84	3195