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THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists met with Pleasant Grove Church, in Franklin county, Thursday, October 4, 1923.

House called to order by Moderator. Singing by Association.

Scripture lesson, 116th Psalm. Song, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer by Elder S. A. Morgan. Preaching by Bro. Dempsey Coffman, concluded by Bro. J. D. Doyle; text, Heb. 11:1, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen."

Bros. W. H. Hale, R. A. Johnson, and Sister G. W. Burris were appointed as Committee to supply pulpit.

Adjourned until Friday 8:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

House called to order by Moderator. Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. R. A. Johnson. Clerk being absent, Bro. Geo. Been was selected to take his place; A. E. Duvall, assistant.

Committee to Supply Pulpit reported as follows: Bros. W. A. Hearron and W. G. Field were selected to preach at 11:00 o'clock, a. m.

Report of various Associations called for, and were received as follows:

Arkansas Association—E. G. Kilburn, R. Q. Corley and wife, C. R. Loney, W. W. Shaver.

Antioch Association—A. E. Duvall, W. J. Jobe, J. S. Willis and G. B. Maxwell, M. M. Burris, A. R. Lowry, and Jess Looper. and Jess Looper.

New Hope Association—S. A. Morgan.

Little Missouri River Association—J. E. O'Neal.

Mt. Zion Association—Represented by letter.

Old Mt. Zion Association—A. L. Webb, C. Knox, Anna Webb, and A. H. Morris.

Polk Bayou Association—W. R. Hale, J. R. Ballew and Tennie Ballew.

Saline Association—Elder J. R. Hartley.

Social Band Association—Wayne Tucker and Geo. Million.

Tyronza Association—No report.

Zion Hope Association—T. H. Dixon and J. D. Coffman.

Union Association—Represented by letter with request that they send ten dollars to help defray the expenses of the State Association.

Big Springs Association—Represented by letter.

Bro. F. E. Shanks made a statement, after which a Committee composed of the following members were appointed: R. A. Johnson, T. H. Dixon and S. A. Morgan, to investigate Bro. Shank's ordination.

Oklahoma delegates seated as advisory messengers.

Business Session.

Elder J. D. Doyle elected Moderator, Elder George Been, assistant. A. E. Duvall elected Clerk; Elder O. C. Hunt, assistant.

Committee on Resolutions—E. J. O'Neel, J. R. Hartley, C. Johnson and J. S. Willis.

Rules of order read by Bro. Been.

Three o'clock, p. m., was set to hear the report of Bros. W. A. Hearn and W. G. Field.

Report of Bro. Been on condition of New Mt. Zion Association.

Recess Fifteen Minutes.

Called together by singing.

Clerk instructed to send minutes to New Mt. Zion Association and to put their Minutes in State Minutes. Send same to W. R. Barnett, Hill Top, Arkansas.

Scripture reading, 4th chapter of 1st Timothy. Prayer by Bro. Hartley. Preaching by Bro. W. A. Hearn, concluded by Bro. W. G. Field. Text, 16th verse, 4th chapter 1st Timothy, "Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them, for in doing this, thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee."

The Moderator announced that Bros. S. A. Morgan and R. A. Johnson would conduct services at night.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator at 2:30. Scripture reading, 5th chapter Psalms.

The following Committees were appointed:

Temperance—I. J. Wilson, W. F. McGee, C. Knox, G. B. Maxwell and R. M. Johnson.

Sunday School—G. W. Burris, W. W. Shaver, W. G. Field, A. L. Webb, and J. S. Willis.

Memorial—J. D. Coffman, W. J. Jobe and Reuben Venable.

To Find or Learn Cause of Certain Associations Not Representing—O. C. Hunt, S. A. Morgan, W. F. McGee.

On Union—W. M. Guinn, G. B. Maxwell, J. R. Ballew, T. H. Dixon.

Report of Oklahoma delegates received and Bros. J. D. Doyle, E. J. O'Neel, R. M. Johnson, O. C. Hunt and George Been were appointed as Committee to confer with Oklahoma delegates and report Saturday morning.

Report of Committee to investigate ordination of Bro. Shanks received.

A motion to appoint a Board of Ordination to Bro. F. E. Shanks carried. Elders R. A. Johnson, S. A. Morgan and T. H. Dixon were appointed.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Bro. Wayne Tucker and Bro. T. H. Dixon would preach at 11 o'clock, a. m. Saturday morning.

The Moderator announced that Elders O. C. Hunt and R. N. Johnson would conduct the services at night and Elders E. J. O'Neel and Been at 11 o'clock, a. m., Sunday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called together at 8 o'clock by Moderator. Singing by Association. Scripture lesson, 1st chapter Revelations, by Bro. Been. Prayer by Bro. Been.

Committee on Final Resolutions—S. A. Morgan, J. R. Hartley and E. W. Tucker.

Reading of Report of J. N. Johnson received and motion carried to pay him amount due him by Association, for printing and mailing Minutes.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools received and committee discharged.

Report of Memorial Committee received and Committee discharged.

G. W. Burris, George Been and W. F. McGee were selected as State Missionary Board. Resolution No. 3 adopted. Resolution No. 4 adopted.

Resolution No. 5 adopted and the Clerk ordered to send a copy to W. J. Bryan, the Globe-Democrat, the Arkansas Gazette, and the Arkansas Democrat for publication.

Report of Investigating Committee received and committee discharged.

Oak Grove Church, in Logan county, was selected as place to hold next State Association. Location of said church is eight miles east of Scranton, in Logan county, and those coming on the St. Louis and Iron Mountain route will stop at Spadra; those coming on the Rock Island will get off train at Summers.

Bro. H. P. Jones elected to preach the introductory sermon; Bro. George Been, alternate.

A motion to have our Minutes printed by the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist, if the work were done as cheaply, carried.

Resolutions No's 6 and 7 adopted.

A motion to appoint a committee to attend the meeting of the Co-Operative Association which convenes at Tecumseh, July 30 to Aug 2, 1924, carried. The members of the Committee are as follows: George Been, O. C. Hunt, J. S. Lovett.

Report of Temperance Committee adopted.

Report of Committee to Investigate Ordination of Bro. Shanks received.

Resolutions 8, 9, 10 and 11 adopted.

Bros. R. A. Johnson, C. Johnson and R. M. Johnson were appointed to put Bro. Shanks and the Association he represented in order.

Motion to increase the Missionary Board from three to five carried.

Bro. E. W. Tucker and Bro. Theodore Doyle were appointed on the Missionary Board with Bros. Burris, McGee and Been.

Report of Committee to confer with Oklahoma Delegates adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee adopted.

Report of Committee to confer with Oklahoma Delegates received.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elders E. W. Tucker and T. H. Dixon from the text, "He saved others; himself he cannot save." Mark 15:31.
Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator. Scripture reading, 1st chapter Ps. Prayer by Bro. Fields. Report of G. W. Burris, financial secretary, accepted.

Report of Executive Committee received.

Brother Been elected Chairman of Executive Board; Bro. George Burris elected Corresponding Clerk. Bro. T. H. Dixon was elected as delegate to Oklahoma State Association. Short talk by Brother J. R. Hartley.

Motion to adjourn, to meet on Thursday night before the First Sunday in October, 1924, at Oak Grove, in Logan county, 8 miles east of Scranton. Get off the train at Spadra, on Iron Mountain Route, and at Summers on Rock Island Route.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Memorial Committee, submit the following:

We find that the Heavenly Father has called from labor to reward the following Brethren and Sisters:

Old Mt. Zion—Sisters Martha Blackburn, aged 82, and Goldie Donaghey.

Polk Bayou—Four.

Antioch—Sister Julia McCoy, Atkins, and two others.

Arkansas—Ten.

Zion Hope No. 1—Sister Myrtle Langford Churchill, of Walnut Grove Church.

These have been called from labor to reward. While it has been our loss on earth, it is Heaven's gain. May we all meet them where we shall never part again.

J. D. COFFMAN,
R. B. VENABLE,
W. J. JOBE,

Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, submit the following report:

The official work of the Executive Committee has been very little the past year, the spirit throughout the state being harmonious, with no new or unfinished business for the committee.

GEORGE BEEN, Chairman,
W. F. McGEE, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows:

We urge our pastors and laity to study and practice the recommendations offered by the Sunday School Committee at our last Association, as they are very practical, useful and good.

We recommend that our Sunday School leaders put forth a special effort to reach those not interested in Sunday Schools by visiting, inviting and urging them to become active in the work.

We further recommend and urge our teachers to study harder to prepare themselves for the great task to which they have been called, inasmuch as the destiny of the children many times depends on them. No Sunday School can get higher than its teachers.

G. W. BURRIS, Chm.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION.

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TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

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

That we endorse Amendment No. 18 to our Federal Constitution and the Volstead Act, and we condemn the action of some who are trying to restore light wines and beer.

I. J. WILSON, Chairman.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee of Investigation, submit the following report:

After examining Bro. F. E. Shanks, we find him to be orthodox in the faith and practice of Free Will Baptists, and we recommend that this honorable body bid him Godspeed in his work for the Master.

T. H. DIXON, Chairman.

CORRESPONDING CLERK.

Report of G. W. Burris, Corresponding Clerk:

Expenses as follows:—

250 Letter Heads	\$ 2.50
Bond	2.50
Ledger50
Postage	8.10
Badges	2.30

TOTAL.....\$15.90.

G. W. BURRIS, Clerk.

REPORT OF BRO. J. N. JOHNSON.

Total received	\$81.79
Total expended for postage and printing Minutes	\$130.75
Balance due me	\$48.96

FINANCIAL AGENT'S REPORT.

Arkansas	\$ 42.50
Antioch	100.00
Big Springs	5.68
Little Missouri	15.00
Mountain Home	
New Hope	31.03

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New Mt. Zion	_____
Old Mt. Zion	15.55
Polk Bayou	81.30
Saline	32.30
Social Band	_____
Tyronza	_____
Union	_____
Zion No. 1	2.25
Zion Hope No. 2	_____
TOTAL	\$295.86

GEORGE W. BURRIS, Financial Ag't.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Resolution No. One—Resolved, that we elect a Home Missionary Board of three members, one to be financial agent of the Association. This board to be given control of the missionary work in Arkansas, but have no power to make debts or contracts against this Association without first having the authority of this body while in session, regularly called. The Board may elect a home missionary, who shall be under the supervision of said board. He, the home missionary, shall be sent to the places which need his assistance most. They shall pay said missionary from the funds available in the treasury. Also that the board shall settle annually with the Association, giving a full report of the work done and the places visited by the missionary and the amount paid him, and the missionary shall also report the work he has done and the number of places attended, miles traveled and amount received by him.

Resolution No. Four. Resolved, That the State Association may exclude any Association that walks disorderly or teaches heresy.

Resolution No. Five. Resolved, That we, the Free Will Baptist State Association, go on record as condemning the doctrine of Evolution, because we believe that it is doing more to spread skepticism, infidelity and atheism than any other thing or doctrine now in existence.

Resolution No. Six. Resolved, That all ministers take up the matter of building church houses and urge each church thereon.

Resolution No. Seven. Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Bro. J. N. Johnson, for his untiring work as Clerk of the State Association, from 1917 to 1923, and that we regard him a Christian gentleman of the highest type, and ask that this Resolution be spread on the Minutes.

Resolution No. Nine. Resolved, That this Association appoint a

Committee to visit Oak Hill Church and set it in order, with the help of Bro. Shanks.

Resolution No. Ten. Resolved, That the State Association publish no Minutes for any subordinate Association unless said Association pays for them.

Preaching at night, October 6, by Brs. O. C. Hunt and R. M. Johnson. Text, 2 Timothy, 4:6-7.

Resolution of Thanks. Be it Resolved, That we, the Free Will Baptist State Association, assembled at Pleasant Grove Church, near Charleston, Franklin County, Arkansas, tender to the good people of Pleasant Grove community our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality shown us while among them, and that we pray God's blessings upon this hospitable community.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience, we, the Association of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of combination of Associations to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we therefore purpose 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.

2. Letters from the different Associations are to express their number in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, restored, and that have died since our 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 Association, 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 and 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. This Association is to endeavor to furnish the subordinate Associations 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 Treasury 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, the Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are equal in divine essence, power and glory. John 1:1; 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, 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 3:16-17; 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 conditions 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 all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and beside me there is none else. Rom. 5:6-21; Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Heb. 11:16.

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; 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 Ghost whereby the penitent sinner receives a new life, becomes a child of God and is disposed to serve Him. As babies require constant food for bodily development, the new born babe in Christ requires spiritual food that he may develop by a gradu-

al growth into full stature of Christian manhood. John 3:5; Ez. 36:26-7; Titus, 3:5; Gal. 5:1-21; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12-13; 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 applies 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 incorruptible shall put on incorruption. 1 Cor. 6:11; Rom. 7:17-25; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 35:54.

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 in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ in a passive state, thereby adopting them heirs of his kingdom. Matt. 19:13-14; 8:10.

10. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful followers 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. Matt. 18:15-20.

. We believe that the church is the family of God, the redeemed in the aggregate of Adam's race from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things of every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 12:5; 10:17.

12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government is with the body. Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18-21; Matt. 18:17-18.

13. 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 1:8-11; Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:16.

14. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be continued until His second coming. Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. We believe that there will be a general 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. 3:17; 11:9; Matt. 12:36-37; 2 Thes. 1:8-9; Rev. 6:12-17; 20:12; 21:8; 14:11; Luke 16:23; 2 Cor. 5:10.

18. 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 words 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. Acts 9:15; 1 Tim. 4:16; 1 Cor. 1:23; 1 Tim. 1:15-16.

19. We believe in a divine call to the ministry, that the minister should heed the admonition of Paul to Timothy to study the Scriptures, that the church donate of their substance as the Lord prospers them to the support of their pastors, and that ministers may have better opportunities to store their minds with that spiritual food so necessary to Christian development. To this end we recommend 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 Subordinate Associations called for, read, received and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Election of permanent officers.
6. Call for petitionary Associations.
7. Reading Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
8. Appointment of following Committees: (a) Arrangement for Preaching, (b) Resolutions, (c) Finance, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Associations, (h) Union of Associations.
9. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

10. Report of new committees.
11. New business.
12. 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 decided 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. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

LAW OF SUPPER.

The Lord's Supper was instituted for God's people. They all have equal rights to the supper and that right is a birthright. For by one spirit we are baptized in one body. (Cor. 12:13.) This is not a water baptism, but a spiritual baptism.

Again Christ says—"I am the door, by me if any man enter, he shall be saved." John 10:3.) "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:4.) Christ is not water baptism and yet He

is that door. There is but one door and Christ says He is that door; and he that cometh in by the door should have full fellowship and equal rights with all Christians. Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not to the church, but to himself. It is a personal matter in judging and in eating.

The church that does judge and exclude any of God's people is not acting and keeping the instructions given to the Church of Corinth. To thus judge and exclude one of the children of God is to offend the child so judged and excluded. Now listen to Christ. "He that offends one of these little ones that believes in me it were better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." (Matt. 18:6; Cor. 10:30; 31-32.)

It is contended that they of the same faith and order should be entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. I admit that the true faith is the means by which men become Christians. If this is what is meant by the same faith I shall not object. We are agreed, but if sect is to be inferred, I object. As to order, if nothing but Gospel order is meant, very well, but I do not think that one child of God should dictate what church he should belong to, or order that he may be in the right church, for the church is but an organic body of Christians, and simply placing your name on the roll book of the best church on earth does not make you a Christian, neither will a like process in the worst church make a sinner. The Eunuch believed and was baptized. What church did he join? Here is faith and here is order. Now I ask, if the Eunuch were to wish to commune with some of the churches would he be allowed the right? No, he is not of the same faith and order; yet he is admitted into Heaven, but nay, he could not be admitted to a sectarian table. At the Lord's table all the people have a perfect right to be whom he may, and when the supper is set and all God's people are not invited it is not the Lord's Supper, but a sectarian supper, so we being many are one body in Christ, and every member one of another. (Rom. 12:15.) And the way we become one body is by being baptized into that body, and of course this is a spiritual baptism. He that gets in by water baptism, the same is a thief and a robber, and when anyone gets into that body in a legal way he has a right to all the benefits and privileges of that body, for we being many are one bread and one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread, (1 Cor. 10:17.) By partaking we exhibit a oneness of that body. Who is meant by we? It certainly means all Christians of all ages. When you come together tarry for one another, be of one mind, but let the word of God control the mind. If it had ever been intended by the Savior that the supper should be guarded as some attempt to guard it, God would have endowed the judge with

wisdom to discern the pure from the impure. But the standpoint from which they judge is water baptism and a legal administration of the same, so if baptized by immersion, and a legal administration, this settles the matter and Christian character is left entirely out, by which some make a woeful mistake, for after all this precaution, some have been found unworthy of the least privileges of the church. To admit immersion to be the only mode of baptism, and a true believer receiving it, is this not all right? Some would say yes, if by a legal administrator. This is all that is wanting. Is it not a purely personal matter? If so he has been as truly baptized as anyone. It is the duty of the preacher to baptize and the applicant to be baptized. When this is done each have performed a personal duty. If I have never been baptized and had to wait until I found one whom I knew to be legal administrator, I would never have been baptized at all, as I can never know the heart of a man. Two acting in concert, one acting in good faith and the other not—the one is blessed and the other is not.

Every Christian is strictly responsible for his own act and not for another. Simon, the sorcerer, believed and was baptized, and by a legal administrator, and yet it was discovered that he was not a Christian. So we see that baptisms by legal administrator does not confer any claims on him to any Christian rights, as this case proves it to be a personal matter, as we clearly see that the apostle did his duty and Simon did not, or vice versa. The apostle, inspired as he was, did not discern the evil in Simon's heart, neither can we know the heart of a man. When we do our duty it is ours. When an applicant, it is his. So we find that faith, repentance, the Christian duties, are all personal, and accountable unto God and unto man. Various are the opinions of men, and the way we account for them is in the capacity of men, and if we use the capacity that God has given us, do not think that we should be eternally condemned for what we cannot help. The Church of Christ is divided into many members, but it is one spiritual body and Christ is the head, and they should have the same care, one for the other, as the natural body has for its members, yet they all should subserve the same interest in that body.

Should Christians all commune together at the Lord's Table? I answer, what the Lord has joined together let no man put asunder.

We have something more than forty-three states in the Union. They are all equal, free and independent states, yet they are united, and have one great central point at which to meet and testify that they are free and independent states, and yet but one nation. All Christians should have one central point at which to meet and

let the world know that they are one. Let that be the Lord's Table. Christians feel alike if they do not think alike.

They can preach together, pray together, sing together and love together, and should they commune together? And will not they all meet at last in the same holy and happy land together? Then a union and free communion is forced upon us.

Christ said at the last supper He would drink no more of the fruits of the vine with us until He drank anew in His kingdom. Then all Christians of all ages will sit around one communion table in Heaven. As we find ourselves assembled thus around one Lord's table in Heaven, so should it be on earth.

District Association Minutes.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION.

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists, met with Mulberry church, Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1923.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. S. Lovett. Opening song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Bro. J. F. Morrow, after which Bro. I. J. Wilson conducted a prayer and praise service. The second chapter of Titus was read by Bro. O. C. Hunt, who then preached the introductory sermon, using as a text, 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the word." He was followed by Bro. Mark Harris.

The body adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. O. C. Hunt.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at the time appointed. Opening song, "Sweet By and By." As a Scripture lesson the first chapter of James was read by Bro. J. S. Lovett, who then offered prayer. Song.

The Moderator called for letters from the different churches, and the following were received: King's Creek, Harmony, Pleasant Ridge, Mt. Olive, Mt. Olive No. 2, Walnut Grove, Brooklyn, Pleasant Grove, Mulberry, Anitoch, Freedom, Bush Chapel, Mt. Pisgah.

The Moderator declared that the delegates present from these churches would compose the Arkansas Association of Freewill Baptists. Moderator then read the Rules of Order and declared the body ready for business.

The letter from King's Creek church was read again, and by motion and second the delegates from this church were received with the understanding that the straighten up certain disorders that were existing in the membership.

By motion an unanimous consent of the body the present Moderator and Clerk, Bros. J. S. Lovett and O. C. Hunt, were retained for the ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Service—R. Z. Corley, E. G. Kilburn, H. P. Maxfield.

Resolutions—Bros. George Rogers, Mark Harris, L. F. Thomas, W. M. Guinn.

Finance—Bros. Joe Phillips, Evan Lovett, B. Oller.

Obituary—Bros. A. A. Hunter, W. M. Smith, Boyd Perkins.

Sabbath Schools—Sisters Mary Phillips, Lou Shaver, Lizzie Guinn.

Temperance—Sisters Maud Moore, Ida Looney, Lizzie Smith.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that Bros. L. F. Thomas and C. C. Kitchens would conduct the service at eleven o'clock.

By motion adjournment of the business session was taken until two o'clock, p. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Eleven o'clock service met at 11:30. Song. The thirteenth chapter of 1 Cor. was read by Bro. L. F. Thomas. Prayer by Bro. I. J. Wil-

son. Preaching by Bro. L. F. Thomas; text, 1 Cor. 13:13, "Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Followed by Bro. C. C. Kitchens.

Dismissed by Bro. J. S. Lovett.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30. House called to order by the Moderator, after which he read the ninth chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. A. A. Hunter. Song.

By order of the Moderator the letter from Mt. Olive No. 2 was read and a statement was made by Bro. L. F. Thomas, who promised to pay \$1.50 as Minute money for that church. By motion the letter was received.

Bush Chapel church was received. Motion and second that we rescind the motion concerning the King's Creek Church and the subject be deferred until Monday. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the Moderator be given the power to disband the Credentials Committee.

Motion that the business part of this Association stand adjourned until eight o'clock Monday morning; carried.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. J. S. Lovett preach Saturday night. Prayer led by Bro. Mark Harris. Dismissed by the Moderator.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Met at seven-thirty. Song. Prayer by Bro. Mark Harris. Prayer and praise service conducted by Bro. W. M. Guinn. Scripture lesson read from Dan. 11:34-40, by Bro. J. S. Lovett, who preached from the theme contained in these verses.

Committee reports that Bro. W. G. Fields preach at 11 o'clock Sunday. Dismissed by the Moderator.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Met at eleven-thirty. Song. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Lovett. The service was then turned over to Bro. W. G. Fields, who read as a Scripture lesson, John 3:1-12, and preached, using as text John 3:5, "Jesus answered, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Dismissed by Bro. W. G. Fields.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Met at 3:30. A scripture lesson, John 10:1-18, was read by Bro. A. N. Best, who offered prayer and then preached from the text, Eph. 2:14, "For he is our peace who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." The service was concluded by Bro. J. S. Lovett; prayer by Bro. A. N. Best; dismissed by Bro. J. S. Lovett.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Met at 7:30. Song; prayer by Bros. A. N. Best and J. S. Lovett. Bro. Mark Harris read a Scripture lesson from Jeremiah 7:23, and then preached on the Lord's Supper and Foot Washing, after which

a great number engaged in this ordinance. Dismissed by Bro. J. S. Lovett.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8:30. Song. The 23rd Psalm was read by Bro. I. J. Wilson. Prayer by Bro. A. A. Hunter. Song.

The roll of churches was called and a quorum was found present.

By motion of the body Bro. W. G. Fields of the First Oklahoma Association, was seated as corresponding delegate, and Bros. C. C. Kitchens and J. G. Copeland were seated as advisory members.

By motion and second of the body the report of the Temperance and Sabbath School Committees were received and the Committees discharged.

Partial Report of Resolutions Committee.

Resolutions No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4 were reported and by motion of the body were adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Report was returned to the Committee for further consideration.

By motion and second of the body the business session was adjourned until 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. W. M. Guinn. Dismissed by Bro. J. S. Lovett.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE.

Met at 11:30. Song; prayer by Bro. J. G. Copeland. The first division of the Psalms was read by Bro. W. G. Fields. Prayer by Bro. O. C. Hunt; Bro. Fields then preached; text, Ps. 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Followed by the Moderator, who also dismissed the service.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 3 o'clock. Song; prayer by Bro. I. J. Wilson.

The final report of the Obituary Committee was received and adopted.

Resolution No. 5 was received and adopted.

Bros. Evan Lovett, J. E. Phillips, E. G. Kilburn, J. H. Jones and W. G. Hogue were selected by the body as a Credentials Committee and were elected by acclamation.

Resolution No. 6 was received and adopted.

Motion that Resolutions No's. 7 and 8 be adopted without discussion, and the Resolutions Committee be finally discharged, carried.

Volunteers for delegates to the State Association were called for and the following brethren and sister responded: Bros. E. G. Kilburn, W. M. Smith, W. W. Shaver, R. Z. Corley and wife. Alternates—Bros. J. D. Hale, R. A. Payne, A. A. Hunter, J. H. Jones, and W. B. Hogue.

By a motion and second of the body Bro. A. A. Hunter was liberated to preach the Gospel and the Clerk was ordered to write and present to him his license.

Motion and second that we grant that the next Association be given to Antioch church, carried.

Bro. W. M. Guinn was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. A. A. Hunter was elected alternate.

Motion and second that we have the Minutes of this Association printed with the Minutes of the State Association. Motion carried.

Motion and second that the business part of this body adjourn to meet with Antioch church on Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1924. Motion carried.

Prayer by Bro. I. J. Wilson. Dismissed by Br. W. G. Fields.

J. S. LOVETT, Moderator
Chismville, Ark.

O. C. HUNT, Clerk,
Waldron, Ark.

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE.

Met at eight o'clock. Song. Prayer. Scripture lesson, Luke 16:-19-31; read by Bro. J. S. Lovett, who afterward preached on the subject of Eternal Punishment, after which an altar call was made and several responded and obtained pardon and were attached to the church at that place. The congregation was dismissed in the midst of rejoicing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Resolutions Committee.

Resolution No. 1.—Be it Resolved, That on this 3rd day of September, we do rescind the action of the Association of September 1, of non-seating King's Creek Church. Be it also resolved, That we, the Arkansas Association, in session, ask that any and all ordained ministers, who are not complying with the Church and Association rules quietly surrender their credentials to the deacon of the church he may be a member or, or to the Moderator of our Association.

Be it further, Resolved, That we, the Arkansas Association, ask the surrender of the credentials of Bro. Pitsco and his wife, Mary Pitsco, and Bro. M. R. Reed until the next Association or until confession is made.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 2.—Resolved, That the Arkansas Association have a Bible School taught in the bounds of this Association, and that we get some minister of our faith who can teach our doctrine, which we believe is the doctrine of the Bible.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 3.—Be it Resolved, That our ministers preach more doctrinal sermons, in order that not only the world, but those of our denomination may know our doctrine.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 4.—Resolved, That this Association of Freewill Baptists support our Colleges and papers to the extent of our ability and that each member should subscribe for at least one of our papers.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 5.—Be it Resolved, That as our body has no Credentials Committee, that this Associated body elect a credentials committee, composed of ordained deacons of this body, to serve until the next Association.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 6.—Be it Resolved, That we recommend that the printing of our minutes be given to our publishing house, The New Morning Star, Tecumseh, Okla.

Signed: W. M. Guinn, Chm.

Resolution No. 7.—Resolved, That we retain Resolutions No's 1, 3, 4, and 6 of last year, which are as follows:

(1). Resolved, That this Association shall be composed of the Ministers and Deacons of the Freewill Baptist Church only, and with three elected delegates, who shall present letters.

(3). Be it Resolved, That we patronize our printing companies in printing our Minutes and in ordering our Sunday School literature in preference to all others when prices and quality of work are considered.

(4). We also advise that our people pay their pastor a satisfactory sum, and that we have a finance committee of one in each of our churches to look after that interest for their individual church.

(6). Be it Resolved, That each of our ministers of this Association preach to their respective churches once a year on the support of the ministry.

Bro. Guinn's Resolution that the church notify each minister of this Association one month before it meets, of the time and place of meeting, requesting them to be present, was also retained.

W. M. GUINN, Chairman.

Committee on Temperance.

We, the Committee on Temperance, find that the law of Prohibition has been beneficial in the communities in which we live, and we find that the word of God teaches us that "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Prov. 20:1. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night; till wine inflame them." Isa. 5:11. "They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine." "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth the color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," Prov. 23:30-32.

We think that strong drink and "dopes" wreck more homes and cause more crime than any one thing. We, the Freewill Baptists, object to the use of strong drinks in any form and we pray God that this Association accept this repost in honor to our country.

MAUD MOORE,
IDA LOONEY,
MINNIE SMITH,

Committee.

Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that the death angel has visited the homes of our Association and called from this world to the Home of the blest beyond, the following members:

From Harmony Church, Sister Lillie Stevenson, who was born September 12, 1884, and died April 15, 1923, age 38 years, 8 months and 3 days.

From Mt. Pisgah Church, Sister Mary Catherine Ernest Banks, who was born October 13, 1849; died April 25, 1923, age 74 years, 6 months, 12 days. Also, Sister Ida Freeman, date of death and age not reported.

From Black Ridge, Bro. L. F. Thamas decaesed this life May 9, 1923, age 33. Died in the triumph of the Lord.

From Mountain Grove, Sister Miranda Ewin, born March 8, 1853; died July 23, 1923.

From King's Creek—Bro. B. J. Slate, died April 2, 1923; age 71 years.

From Mulberry, Bro. Taylor Jones departed this life March 7, 1923; age 75 years. Sister Willie Bogal, date of death not known; age 22 years.

From Mt. Olive, Sister Bernice Burnett, died November 8, 1922. Age 65 years.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your Sabbath Schools Committee, report as follows: We believe the Sabbath School is the very seed-bed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Solomon said, "Bring up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." Our Sabbath Schools are a school master to bring children unto Christ; it is the strand of the church. We find that most all our churches have Sunday Schools and use Freewill Baptist literature, and we believe a good Sabbath School is a great help to the building up of a church, and that each member should be urged to take part in it to make it a success for the Lord; and that we use Freewill Baptist literature as far as possible, and that we take our church paper that our minds may be impressed with Bible literature instead of novels.

MRS. W. M. GUINN,
MRS. J. E. PHILLIPS,
MRS. SHAVER,
Committee.

Committee on Finance.

We, the Committee on Finance, report that we have received from different churches as follows:

For Arkansas Association	\$ 30.60
For State Association	8.25
Total	\$38.85

E. R. LOVETT,
B. OLLER,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Postoffice</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	MEETING DAYS SUNDAY	MEMBERSHIP	PAID ON MINUTES
Antioch	Branch	Franklin	J. S. Lovett	R. B. Robinson	Wm. Smith, J. J. Bullock . R. A. Boydston	2	37	\$3.00
Brooklyn	Ratcliff	Franklin	W. M. Guinn	O. F. Perkins	O. J. Perkins, Ruby Perkins		27	1.50
Bush Chapel	Waldron	Scott	O. C. Hunt	Howell Hunt	Presented by Letter	4	18	1.50
Freedom	Mansfield	Scott	O. C. Hunt	Manda Smith	W. E. Smith, Minnie Smith	2	23	2.00
Harmony	Waldron	Scott	O. C. Hunt	H. P. Maxfield	H. P. Maxfield	1	38	1.20
King's Creek	Mansfield	Scott	L. F. Thomas J. S. Lovett A. N. Best	Alice Morton	Will Hogue, Willa Hogue		16	1.50
Mt. Olive	Chismville			E. R. Lovett	E. R. Lovett	3	40	2.50
Mt. Olive No. 2				Florence Morton	Represented by Letter			1.50
					Allen Churchman,			
Mt. Pisgah	Boles	Yell	O. C. Hunt	Andy Womack	Whit Hunt	3	44	2.65
Mulberry	Gravelly	Franklin	W. M. Guinn	Elmer Wilson	Bee Blaylock, Byron Oller		80	5.00
Pleasant Grove	Charleston		J. S. Lovett A. N. Best	W. A. Stubblefield	Sis's Loony, Shaver, Loony		127	3.00
					Lizzie Guinn, Maud Moore			
Pleasant Ridge	Washburn	Sebastian		Mary Phillips	Mary Philips, Neal Philips	1	90	5.00
Walnut Grove	Chismville	Logan	J. S. Lovett	J. E. Sutton	R. Z. Corley		29	2.00

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ben Black, Barber, Ark.
F. M. Holland, Barber, Ark.
J. M. Dearman, Branch, Ark.
O. C. Hunt, Waldron, Ark.

J. S. Lovett, Chismville, Ark.
W. M. Guinn, Chismville, Ark.
W. M. Swofford, Spadra, Ark.
D. M. Herrill, Waldron, Ark.

G. S. Rogers, Blue Mountain, Ark.
I. J. Wilson, Gravelly, Ark.

LICENSED MINISTERS

A. A. Hunter, Hon. Ark.
A. N. Best, Chismville.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER.

The Little Missouri River Association met with Mt. Joy Church, Daisy, Pike county, Arkansas, August 31, 1923.

Eld. E. J. O'Neal elected Moderator and W. J. Smith, Clerk.

Delegates received as follows: Piney Grove Church—W. W. Lancaster, Dequeen, Ark. Union Grove church, represented by letter. Sweet Prospect—Bros. C. D. Fox, G. W. Tinsley and Cila Anne Barrentine, Kirby Ark.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Bro. G. W. Tinsley. Adjourned until 2:00 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Delegates received as follows: Mt. View Church—Bros. R. Parker, Joe Parker and R. Hunter. Mt. Joy Church—Rev. L. S. Rogers, John Crow, J. H. Tidder and S. H. Bransom. Pleasant Grove No. 2—Bros. H. C. Marsh, Charley Vaught and H. B. Lawless. Church of Glenwood—E. D. O'Neal, G. W. Lawless and T. J. Brooks. Fairview—M. S. Almond. Mt. Zion Church, Langley, Ark.—H. A. Cobb and C. N. Cogburn. Pleasant Grove No. 1—W. C. Davis, W. J. Smith and F. D. Sharp. Rock Springs Church No. 1, Albert Arkansas—A. C. Markham, Robert Beezly and B. W. Porter. All delegates received the right hand of fellowship by Moderator.

The following committees were appointed:

Arrangements—L. S. Rogers, H. C. Harsh, R. Carter.

Resolutions—George Lawless, J. H. Tedder and W. M. Rogers.

Temperance—H. C. Marsh, George Lawless and Rev. B. Lawless.

Finance—F. D. Sharp, W. W. Lancaster and S. H. Bransom.

Memorials—J. H. Coffman, E. W. Hill and Rev. C. D. Fox.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. Hunter, William Porter and H. A. Pate.

The deacons' and Ministers' credentials were received and committee discharged.

The next session of the Little Missouri Association will be held with Pleasant Grove Church No. 1, near New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas, beginning on Friday night before the first Sunday in September, 1924.

Resolutions of thanks adopted.

E. J. O'NEAL, Moderator.

W. J. SMITH, Clerk.

The Reports of Committees were not with the Minutes, hence their omission.

A. E. DUVALL, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

(First name after Church is Pastor, Second name, Clerk.)

	New Members	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Mem- bers
Mt. Zion—J. H. Coffman; Miss Laramore, Langley....	10	0	0	27
Pleasant Grove—Wm. Porter; J. B. Lawless, Langley....	0	0	0	35
Mt. View No. 1—J. H. Coffman; R. Parker, Athena....	1	0	0	32
Glenwood—J. H. Coffman; G. W. Lawless, Glenwood....	0	0	0	15
Pleas. Grove No 1—E. J. O'Neal; F. D. Sharp, New Hope	0	1	1	82
Piney Grove—A. A. Powell; Mrs. M. H. Quate, DeQueen	0	0	0	14
Rock Springs No. 1—E. W. Hill; Dora Buzby, Albert	0	0	0	22
Fairview—John Oliver; Ollie Almond	0	2	0	31
Union Grove—G. W. Wood	0	0	0	6
Total	11	3	1	264

NEW MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

New Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists, Thirtieth Session, was held with Pilgrim's Rest Church, September 15 and 16, 1923.

Introductory sermon by Bro. S. M. McWilliams; Scripture lesson, St. John, 1st chapter. Text, St. Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," etc.

The following Churches were represented: Pleasant Grove—Dora Dodson, Clent Allred and wife. Cecil Cove—Bro. Tom Edwards and Sisters Emma Edwards and Ethel Jones. Shady Grove—Sister Cynthia Sisco and Bros. S. M. McWilliams and E. B. Staley. Pilgrim's Rest—Bro. Will Bartlett and wife and Sister Annie Curnutt.

Letters from other Associations called for but none received.

Election of officers resulted as follows: K. R. Jones, Moderator; T. F. Jones, Clerk.

The Rules of Order were read.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Divine Service—Sisters Cinthia Sisco and Bartlett, and Bro. Tom Edwards.

Arrangements—S. M. McWilliams, W. R. Burnett and E. B. Staley.

Temperance—Sisters Burnett and Sisco and Bro. McWilliams.

Sunday Schools—Sisters Annie Curnutt, Dora Dodson and Bro. Will Bartlett.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Scripture lesson, 5th chapter Matthew. Prayer by Bro. W. R. Burnett.

Motion to receive bill of arrangement carried. Motion to have Minutes printed, carried. Motion that Bros. K. R. and T. F. Jones superintend the printing of the Minutes carried. Motion carried to keep up correspondence with our sister Associations.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Lesson read, 15th chapter of 1st Cor. Prayer by Bro. Jones. Motion to receive report of committees and discharge same, carried.

Bros. S. M. McWilliams, K. R. Jones and T. F. Jones volunteered to represent us in the Union Association.

Bro. T. F. Jones selected to forward letter to State Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Temperance Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following:

1. We believe that the liquor traffic is one of the worst curses to civilization, and that it is a curse to men in all walks and ages of life, and we urge that all of God's people pray and help our leaders to drive this monster from our land.

S. M. McWILLIAMS,
MRS. W. R. BURNETT,
CINTHIA SISCO,

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, feel that we are about our Father's business when we are teaching the Word in its purity in the Sunday School, and we ask that every child of God within the bounds of New Mt. Zion Association read daily the Word of God for Christ's sake, to strengthen us in the inward man; to give us daily a message to some sin-sick soul and a Christ-like spirit to deliver it.

May the prayers of New Mt. Zion Association be as the prayers of one righteous man in behalf of the Sunday School.

ANNIE CURNUTT,
DORA DODSON,
WILL BARTLETT,
Committee.

Memorials Committee.

We, your Committee on Memorials, submit the following:

The Lord in His Wisdom has called from the walks of men the following members: Bro. G. W. Slape, Bro. W. W. Shore, Bro. J. M. Richardson, and Bro. J. W. Kelley. We sympathize with the bereaved, but our loss is Heaven's gain. We should all try to live so that when the summons comes we shall be prepared to join that innumerable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death, go thou not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust. Approach thy grave like one who wraps the draperies of his bed about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Voted to hold the next Association with Cecil Cove Church, three miles east of Compton, Newton county, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1924. E. B. Staley was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. McWilliams, alternate.

Bro. T. F. Jones was elected Presiding Elder for the quarterly meetings for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we offer our heartfelt thanks to the good people of this community for their kindness and hospitality while in their midst.

STATISTICS.

Received by experience	4
Number of deaths	4
Total Membership	127

K. R. JONES, Moderator.
T. F. JONES, Clerk.

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION.

Second Annual Session of New Hope Association of Freewill Baptists, convened with Bethel Church, White county, Arkansas, Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in September, 1923.

House called to order by Moderator. Elder J. S. Moore preached the introductory sermon. Scripture lesson, 35th chapter of Isaiah; text, St. John 6:44, Prayer by Bro. Doc Lawson.

After preaching the Moderator, S. A. Morgan, made some announcements, after which the congregation dismissed, to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Called together by singing, by request of Moderator. G. K. Elliott read the 13th chapter of Romans. Song. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Moore. Song.

The Association then held a business session with the following results: Bro. J. A. Stephens was elected Moderator, and Bro. G. K. Elliott, clerk.

The Moderator called for letters from the various churches and the following responded: Sharon, Mt. Bethel, Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove and Bethel.

Letters from different churches were read and approved, and delegates seated after the right hand of fellowship was extended.

Committee on Divine Service was named, viz: Bros. J. W. Hawk, F. W. Linton, Mack West. Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Committee to supply pulpit reported that Bro. J. A. Stevens would preach at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Song, "Jesus Knows His Own."

Scripture lesson, 13th chapter 1st Corinthians; prayer by Bro. Morgan; text, 1st Cor. 13:13. Song. Dismissed by Bro. J. S. Moore.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2:30. Song. Scripture reading, 1st chapter Psalms. Prayer by Bro. Craig. Rules of order read.

Following Committees appointed by Moderator:

Business Committee—Bros. S. A. Morgan, J. S. Moore, and Craig.

Sunday Schools—Sisters Johnson, Holleman, and Nettie West.

Memorials—Bros. Cohorn, Warren Chandler and Tom Craig.

Non-Represented Churches—Bros. Dood Crockett, C. Lawson, and Oliver.

Finance—Sisters America Johnson, Pearl Linton and Stephens.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. Morgan would preach Friday night.

Song. Dismissed by Bro. Morgan.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Prayer and praise service, conducted by Bro. Stephens. Scripture lesson, 14th chapter St. John; text, 1st Tim. 3:16. Dismissed by Bro. Moore.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met at appointed time. Moderator read 3rd chapter 1st John; prayer by Bro. Mote.

Moderator made second call for letter from churches; letter from Oak Grove church received. Bro. Dallas represented Center Point church by statement. Letter received and delegates seated. The name of church represented by Bro. Dallas is Bethel.

Temperance Committee appointed as follows: Bros. Dallas, Loyd and Ferguson.

Moderator called for reading of the minutes of last meeting. Minutes not present.

Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee reported as follows: Resolved, That we elect Bro. Elliott as our Treasurer for State and Home Mission funds; adopted.

No. 2. Resolved, That we have our minutes printed in the State Minutes and use our money we have in the Treasury as Minute funds. Adopted.

No. 3. Resolved, That we recommend that each member pay 5 cents for State Missions and 25 cents for Home Missions. Adopted.

No. 4. Resolved, That we ask each member to pay one dollar to their pastor each year; adopted.

No. 5. Resolved, That we change the time of the meeting of our Association from Thursday night to Friday evening at 2 o'clock; adopted.

No. 6. Resolved, That we offer our thanks to this church and to the people of this community for their hospitality and kindness to us while among them, and that we pray God's blessings upon them.

G. K. ELLIOTT,
S. A. MORGAN,
J. S. MOORE,

Committee.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. Mote would conduct the services at 11 o'clock.

Moderator asked Bro. Dallas to make a statement of the finances. Statement received and clerk discharged: Adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. Moore.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by Bro. Mote, opened by singing and prayer. Scripture lesson 15th chapter St. John. Text, St. John, 3:16. Dismissed by Bro. Morgan.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. Jim Brooten.

Committee appointed for Home Missions—Oak Grove Church, Bro. Loyd; Bethel Church, Bro. Hawk; Mt. Bethel, Bro. Chandler; Sharon, Bro. Stephens; Mc Carmel, Bro. Patrick; Bailey's Chapel, Dermont Smith; Pleasant Grove, Bro. Willis; Union Hill, Bro. Meridy Stone; New Hope, W. S. Waymire; New Heart, Bro. Isaacs; Center Point, Bro. Dallas.

Sabbath Schools Committee.

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

Whereas, according to public records, Sunday School is a means of bringing about a better civilization, and whereas, we find that 98 per cent of all church members have come up through Sunday Schools, and whereas, we find that there are only eight Schools in this Association, we therefore recommend that our people organize and maintain a Sunday School in every church.

NETTIE WEST,
MRS. S. F. JOHNSON,
SOPHIE HOLLEMAN, Com.

Memorial Committee.

We, your Memorial Committee, submit the following report:

We find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst the following members: Mt. Bethel Church, Bro. I. Johnson and Sister E. A. Wallace. Bailey's Chapel, Bro. E. K. Atkins. May we all strive to win that crown that is laid up in Heaven for us all who do His will.

W. C. CHANDLER, Chairman.

Temperance Committee.

Temperance Committee reported as follows: We condemn all liquor traffic and urge that all members abstain entirely from intoxicating liquors as a beverage, knowing that it has made wives unhappy and children to suffer. It has also made widows of wives who might have lived in happy homes; it has made orphans of children who might have had the love of a kind father; it is the greatest enemy to God and the Devil's best friend. We therefore condemn the traffic and pray that all Christians unite with us in driving this monster from the land.

J. F. DALLAS, Chairman.

Motion to receive the reports and discharge the Committees, carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

J. S. MOORE—Pastored two churches, traveled 1550 miles, preached 112 sermons, conducted four funeral services, baptized 28. Received \$90.45. Pray for me that I may do more in the future.

S. A. MORGAN.—Pastored 4 churches, held 5 revivals, helped Bro. Moore at Bailey's Chapel, conversions 16, baptized none, married one couple, sermons 100, miles traveled 886, received \$77.50.

BRO. STEPHENS.—Pastored one church, held one revival, assisted in three others, baptized one, traveled 300 miles, received \$8.00.

Moderator called for volunteers to go to State Association. Bro. S. A. Morgan volunteered. The Moderator then appointed the following delegates: Bros. Lee Holleman; Dallas, Loyd, Stone, Waymire; Elliot Smith, Tullos C. Lawson and Mack West.

Oak Grove church was given next Association, and Bro. S. A. Morgan was selected to preach the introductory sermon. Motion to adjourn to meet with Oak Grove church at 2:00 o'clock p. m. Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1924.

J. A. STEPHENS, Moderator.
G. K. ELLIOTT, Clerk.

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

The Eighty-Second Annual Meeting of Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists was held with Shady Grove Church, August 10 and 11, 1923.

The Association was called to order by Moderator, Eld. George Been. Bro. C. C. Massey being absent it fell to Eld. Been's lot to preach the introductory sermon. But as this was the day set aside by President Coolidge for the different churches to hold services in honor of our deceased President, Warren G. Harding, Bro. Been spoke principally along this line, using as a text, "So Help Me God."

After the introductory sermon, letters from the different churches composing this Association were called for. The following responded with letters and delegates:

Mt Zion—Loy Archer, Berry Puryear and Leonard Morris.
New Hope—A. L. Webb, C. Knox and Truman Allred.
Hickory Grove—Alvin Cook, J. T. Lynch and W. E. Lynch.
Christian Home—M. L. Sanders and J. D. Sanders.
Coal Gap—Not represented.
Clifty—W. J. Nelson, Ed Parker and Tom Smith.
Pilgrim's Rest—Represented by letter.
Cottage Hill—Not represented.
Sugar Creek—Albert Ellington.
Antioch—J. G. Wilson.
Highland—Not represented.
Shady Grove—John Henson, Will Townsend and Rosa Henson.

Letters from sister Associations were called for, and Union Association responded with letter and Arthur Jennings, D. W. Briley and J. H. P. Jones as delegates.

Election of Moderator and Clerk resulted as follows: Eld. Geo. Been, re-elected as Moderator; Truman Albert, Clerk, and H. E. Boydston, assistant clerk.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read by Moderator, and the following committees were appointed:

Resolutions—J. H. P. Jones, C. Knox and J. G. Wilson.
Preaching—Will Townsend, Loy Archer and Alvin Cook.
 Association adjourned until 3:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by reading third chapter of Second Peter, and prayer by Bro. Been.

The remainder of the Committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—A. L. Webb, Leonard Morris and J. T. Lynch.
Temperance—G. C. Bland, J. H. Jones and D. W. Briley.
Sunday Schools—Mrs. D. W. Briley, Berry Puryear and Eld. J. H. Roberts.,

Obituaries—J. W. Allred, Loy Archer and John Henson.

Condition of Non-Represented Churches—Albert Ellington, J. G. Wilson and W. E. Lynch.

Union of Churches—W. J. Nelson, Eld. J. H. Roberts and Tom Smith.

Reports of outstanding committees were then called for. The Home Mission Board made a report. Report was received, the board heartily commended for their work, and the committee was retained.

Reports of ministers were called for, and the following responded with oral or written reports: J. G. Wilson, W. O. Johnson (by proxy) J. H. Roberts, G. C. Bland, George Been, J. W. Allred. Motion carried to receive reports of these brethren as given, but not requiring reports to be printed in Minutes.

Adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Saturday. Eld. J. W. Allred and J. H. Roberts to preach Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Opened by singing, and reading 13th chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. Jesse Ross.

Reports of Committees were called for. Committee on Resolutions made a partial report, and were held for further work.

Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, feel that we are about our Father's business when we teach or are taught the Word in its purity, and that the Sunday School is essential. We ask that every child of God within the bounds of Old Mt. Zion Association and her sister Associations read the Word daily and ask God for Christ's sake to strengthen us in the inward man, and to give us daily a message to some sin-sick soul and a Christ-like spirit in which to deliver it. Oh, may the prayers of the Association be as the prayers of a righteous man in behalf of the Sunday Schools. And we would suggest that the pastors of all churches do all in their power to maintain Sunday Schools.

We further recommend that each church make a report of its Sunday School in its letter to the Association.

J. H. ROBERTS,
BERRY PURYEAR,
D. W. BRILEY, Com.

Temperance Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, pray that the children of God in every church in Old Mt. Zion Association do all in their power against the sale or use of intoxicating liquors; and may we ever be as becometh God's children—temperate in all things.

J. H. P. JONES,
S. C. BLAND,
D. W. BRILEY, Com.

Non-Represented Churches.

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find Coal Gap, Hickory Flat and Highland are in destitute condition, and Cottage Hill not represented. We recommend the Home Mission Committee investigate these churches.

J. G. WILSON,
W. E. LYNCH,
ALBERT ELLINGTON,
Committee.

Union of Churches.

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, beg to submit the following:

As far as we have investigated we find union and fellowship with all the churches in Old Mt. Zion Association.

J. H. ROBERTS,
T. B. SMITH,
W. J. NELSON, Committee.

Committee on Obituaries.

We find that God in His wisdom has called from labor to reward one sister, Martha A. Blackburn, from Mt. Zion church, and one sister, Goldie Donaghey, from Christian Home church.

J. S. HENSON,
LOY ARCHER,
J. W. ALLRED, Committee.

GOLDIE E. DONAGHEY, daughter of Joseph L. and Lucy A. Lane, was born in Madison county, Arkansas, June 3, 1898, and died September 9, 1923. She was married November 25, 1918, and was the mother of two children. She professed a hope in Christ in August, 1914, and lived a devoted Christian life until God called her home. She was a cheerful companion and loving mother.

Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, find the churches have sent by their delegates the following amounts: Sugar Creek, \$3.75; New Hope, \$2.80; Mt. Zion, \$2.75, and \$1.00 for State Minutes; J. G. Wilson 35c; Christian Home, \$2.75; Hickory Grove, \$1.25; Shady Grove, \$2.10; Clifty, \$2.05; Pilgrim's Rest, \$1.75. Total, \$19.55, and \$1.00 for State Minutes.

J. T. LYNCH,
A. L. WEBB,
LEONARD MORRIS, Com.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

Eld. J. H. P. Jones and Eld George Been conducted the Memorial Service Saturday at 11 a. m., using as a text, Numbers 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous; let my last end be like His."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by singing, and reading 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians. Prayer by Eld. George Been.

*Resolutions.***BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That we have 500 copies of our Minutes printed, and reserve 50 copies each for our Sister Associations, and that H. E. Boydston superintend the printing and distribution of Minutes.
2. That we keep up a Memorial of our dead.
3. That we keep up correspondence with our sister Associations with letter and delegates. Eld. George Been, J. D. Sanders and M. L. Sanders are to write and bear the letter to Union Association.
4. That we represent in State Association by letter and delegate. A. L. Webb, Anna Webb, C. Knox and Mrs. Ethel Barker volunteered to go as delegates.

5. That we correct Article 4 of the Constitution to read, "The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk."

6. That we correct Article 1 in Rules of Order to read, "Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer."

7. That we amend Article 2 of the Constitution, that the churches in sending in their letters may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up a memorial of our dead.

8. That the next Association be held with Hickory Grove church, beginning at 10 a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1924.

9. Eld. J. H. Roberts to preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. G. C. Bland to be his alternate.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

<i>Church</i>	<i>Organized</i>	<i>Retiring Pastor</i>	<i>Pastor-Elect</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	RECEIVED BY EXPERIENCE	RECEIVED BY LETTER	DIED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	TOTAL
Mt. Zion	1886	J. W. Allred	Geo. Been	Berry Puryear, Spring Valley			1		2	46
New Hope	1886	J. W. Allred	J. W. Allred	Loyd Bland, Larue				3		96
Hickory Grove	1882	G. C. Bland	Geo. Been	I. T. Lynch, Clifty				4		59
Christian Home	1892	Geo. Been		Meda Lee	1	1	1	1	2	70
Coal Gap—not rep.										
Clifty	1896	J. W. Allred	G. C. Bland	Lawrence Capps, Mundell	6	1				60
					2					84
Hickory Flat—Not rep.		Geo. Been		Myrtle Savage, Spring Valley	6					47
Pilgrim's Rest	1911	J. W. Allred	J. B. Johnson	Elsie Miller	1	6				23
Cottage Hill	1912	W. M. Savage	J. H. Roberts	R. R. Bray, Garfield						16
Sugar Creek			W. M. Savage	J. A. Smith, Marble				2		21
Antioch										
Highland—Not rep.		G. C. Bland	J. S. Smith	Rosa Henson, Sedalia	16	8	2	10	4	522

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION.

The Polk Bayou Association of Freewill Baptists met with Harmony Grove Church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1923. Introductory sermon by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

House called to order at 9:30. Scripture lesson by J. A. Huskey; prayer by J. R. Ballew. Bro. C. H. Palmer called to the chair to preside.

The delegates were seated by extending the right hand of fellowship, and Bro. L. C. Doyle elected Moderator.

Committees appointed as follows:

Credentials—J. R. Ballew, W. H. Richardson and A. N. Poole.

Resolutions—J. D. Doyle, J. H. Meeks and J. R. Ballew.

To Supply Pulpit—J. H. Sides, W. H. Hales, M. A. Wolf.

Report of Churches were received as follows:

Ballew's Chapel—No. members 125; deaths 2; paid pastor, \$74.19. Requested that Bro. Kaffa be restored to the ministry. W. M. Padgett, pastor; O. J. Wodman, Clerk.

Lane's Chapel—No. members, 75; paid pastor, \$150.00; J. D. Doyle, Pastor; Mrs. W. H. Hales, Clerk.

Divine services conducted by Bro. M. D. _____ (name omitted.)

Mt. Harmony—No. members, 100; added during year, 53; paid pastor, \$106.20. C. H. Palmer, pastor; C. C. Huskey, clerk.

Pine Hill—Members received during year, 20; No. deaths, 2; total membership, 30; paid pastor \$23.05; C. H. Palmer, Pastor; J. W. Baxter, Clerk.

New Hope No. 1—Members received during year, 6; membership, 68; M. G. King, Pastor; D. A. Rowlett, Clerk.

Poole's Chapel—Members received during year, 19; total membership, 63; M. A. Wolf, applicant for license; also we ask that the Association endorse J. P. Mateny's credentials. A. N. Poole, Clerk.

New Hope No. 2—No. members received during year, 10; total membership, 29; paid pastor, \$10.90; recommended Bro. H. A. Lewes for license. C. H. Palmer, Pastor; H. H. Adkinson, Clerk.

Love Divine—Total membership, 97; paid pastor, \$93.50. J. D. Doyle, Pastor; W. H. Dobbs, Clerk.

Oak Grove—Members received during year, 14; No. deaths, 3; total membership, 58; M. G. King, Pastor; J. P. Richey, Clerk.

Resolutions Committee reported as follows: Resolved, That this Association call for Bro. Whittlow's credentials and ask the County Clerk to cancel same.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Divine services conducted by Moderator. Letters taken up. Committee appointed to examine Bros. M. A. Wolf and H. A. Lewes as applicants for license, also to investigate the endorsing of Bro. Mateny's credentials, and for renewing Bro. Kaffke's credentials. Committee reported favorable.

Love Divine Church was selected as the place to hold the next annual Association. W. H. Hales, J. P. Doyle, H. Colbert and J. R. Ballew were elected to represent Polk Bayou Association in State Association.

Motion to have our Minutes printed with State Association Minutes, carried.

Adjourned to meet with Love Divine church on Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1924.

L. C. DOYLE, Moderator,
J. A. HUSKEY, Clerk.

SALINE ASSOCIATION.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Saline Association of Freewill Baptists met with Macedonia church on August 30, 1923, at 10 o'clock a. m. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. R. Hartley, and went into election of a Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer, which resulted in the election of Elder J. M. Patrick Moderator and J. H. Meek, Clerk and Treasurer.

The names of messengers attending were enrolled as follows:

Willoughby—Elder L. W. Wheeler, Edna Ferrand, G. W. Ferrand.

Spring Hill—S. M. Sled, Oma Gates.

Mt. Pleasant—Elder J. M. Estell, W. L. Estell, M. C. Pennington.

Pilgrim's Rest—A. A. Anderson, B. F. Sowrheaver, W. H. Campbell, Elder J. R. Hartley.

Macedonia—Deacons W. A. Bryant, D. D. Trambell; Elders W. C. Bryant, B. H. McClellen, C. E. Huddleston; H. P. McClellen, E. L. Parnell, M. E. McClellen, Lillie Bryant, Sister P. E. Buck; Elders J. J. Trambell, Lee Parkman.

Pleasant Grove—G. S. Wilson, Edgar Flemin, B. W. Barnabas, Deacon.

Free Hill—Elders J. M. Patrick, O. A. Ashcraft, H. W. Wood, Lizzie Ashcraft.

Pleasant Valley—D. H. Houser, W. Y. Mann, Deacons; G. W. Doggett, Maggie Doggett, Elder W. P. White.

Pine Hill—W. S. Cook, A. R. Owens, B. A. Smith, Jewel Cook.

Gum Grove—Elder J. J. McDaniel, W. H. Golden.

Cancell's Chapel—Elder J. C. Moring, J. S. Pate, Ben Austin, Deacons; Mark Hagler, T. J. Bunyard.

Harmony—J. H. Meek, J. R. Orr, Elders; J. N. Pate, Deacon; J. N. Taylor, J. E. McMahon, S. I. Andrews, Isabell McMahon.

Called for Petitionary Letters. None. Corresponding Letters, none. Dismissed until 2 o'clock, p. m.

Elder W. C. Austin preached the introductory sermon; text, Heb. 5th chapter, 11th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Committees were appointed as follows:

To investigate the standing of Elders J. J. McDaniel and H. W. Golding—D. H. Houser, O. A. Ashcraft, J. C. Morning, G. S. Wilson.

After investigation and examination committee reported that they found the two brethren in good standing.

Divine Service—W. A. Bryant, W. S. Cook, J. N. Pate.

Temperance—H. W. Wood, J. C. Moring, G. S. Wilson, S. I. Andrews, Oma Gates.

Sabbath Schools—E. A. Buck, L. W. Wheeler, W. Y. Mann, B. H. McClellen, B. F. Sowrheaver, Bessie Smith, J. J. McDaniel, G. W. Doggett, Maggie Doggett.

Credentials—B. F. Ausbin, D. H. Houser, B. W. Barnabus, W. S. Cook, W. P. White.

Education—J. R. Hartley, J. C. Moring, Lee Parkman, W. C. Austin.

Dismissed until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

House called to order, and prayer by J. M. Patrick, Moderator. Reports of Ministers were called for and the following were received:

Reports of Ministers.

I have preached at one Mission point, and helped in two meetings; preached three funerals. Help received, \$15.68. Pray for me that I may do more for the Lord.—ELD. J. C. MORING.

Brethren—I have pastored five churches this year; received 24 members; baptised 18. I am called to pastor 5 churches next year. Help received, \$114.00.—ELD. J. M. PATRICK.

Brethren: I have no pastoral work this year. I have assisted in five protracted meetings. There were added to the church during those meetings 22 members. Sermons preached, unknown; married one couple. Pray for me that I may do more for the cause next year.—ELDER J. J. TRAMMELL.

Brethren: On account of afflictions I have not preached very much. I did some mission work; helped in some meetings. Pray for me and mine.—ELD. O. A. ASHCRAFT.

Brethren: I have pastored two churches, and preached at some mission points; sermons preached not known. Baptised 5, preached one funeral. Help received: From Pine Hill, \$36.00; from Pilgrim's Rest, \$8.00; at mission points, \$4.00. Brethren, pray for me that I may preach this gospel of Christ with more boldness.—ELD. J. R. HARTLEY.

Dear Brethren: I beg to report that I have done some mission preaching.—ELDER LEE PARKMAN.

Brethren: I have pastored two churches; sermons preached, unknown; members received into the church, 38; baptised, 23; help, \$203.15; traveled 900 miles. Pray for me and mine.—ELD. W. P. WHITE.

Brethren: I have not had any pastoral work this year. I preached some at Pine Hill. Help received, \$3.60. Pray for me that I may do more next year.—ELD. H. W. WOOD.

Dear Brethren: I have pastored two churches this year. Members received, 6; baptised 6; amount of sermons preached, unknown; funerals, 4; amount received all told, \$76.50. Pray for me and mine.—ELD. J. M. ESTELLE.

Brethren: I beg leave to report that I have not done much work this year. I have not been able to do much. Pray for me and my family, that I may do more next year.—ELD. J. J. McDANIEL.

Brethren: I have only preached a few sermons this year. Traveled 75 miles; help received, \$23.50. Pray for me that I may do more for the Lord and His cause.—ELD. L. W. WHEELER.

Brethren: I have done no pastoral work this year. Pray for me that I may have the opportunity to work more than I have for my Master. Yours in Christ.—ELD. W. H. GOLDEN.

Dismissed until 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to order at 1:30 by the Moderator. Prayer by H. W. Wood.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Temperance.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit our report as follows: We are opposed to intoxicants in any form, for it is a curse to mankind, and an enemy to the church. We recommend that our brethren use their influence against drinks in all its forms.

H. W. WOOD Chairman.

Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows: We find seven churches have Sabbath Schools, and we recommend that the pastors of the several churches urge the churches to have a Sabbath School, and we recommend that each church make a report to the Annual Association.

W. Y. MAN, Chairman.

Committee on Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst six of our beloved brethren and sisters, namely: From Pleasant Valley, J. A. Houser; Harmony, Fannie E. Edwards; Pilgrim's Rest, Sister J. E. Lunsford and Bros. J. H. Carnett, Billie Smith; Macedonia, L. W. Parkman. All strong in the faith of the Lord. We mourn the loss, but we bow to the Lord's will. Our loss is their eternal gain.

O. A. ASHCRAFT, Chairman.

Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We find that there has been paid for Minutes, State Delegates, Church Extension, Missions and Clerk hire, \$49.12.

H. W. GOLDEN, Chairman.

Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: We denounce and condemn Darwinism and Evolution in any form where it conflicts with the teachings of Holy Writ, believing it to be instrumental in the hands of the Devil in leading our children from God into ignite infidelity. We therefore oppose it being taught in our public schools, Colleges and Universities. We believe in education of the highest type. We recommend that our people patronize and support the Tecumseh College of Freewill Baptist at Tecumseh, Okla., as much as possible.

W. P. WHITE,
J. R. HARTLEY,
J. C. MORING,

Committee.

SALINE ASSOCIATION.

Committee on Credentials.

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

We find that we have 13 ordained ministers, all in good standing, so far as we know. Names and addresses as follows:

Elder J. M. Estell, Hamburg, Ashley county.
 Elder J. M. Patrick, Herbine, Cleveland county.
 Elder W. P. White, Warren, R. F. D. 1, Bradley county.
 Elder J. J. McDaniel, Kingsland, Cleveland county.
 Elder O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine, Cleveland county.
 Elder J. R. Hartley, Rison, Cleveland county.
 Elder L. W. Wheeler, Warren, Bradley county.
 Elder H. W. Wood, Pine Bluff, Route 7, Box 87, Jefferson county.
 Elder Lee Parkman, New Edinburg, Cleveland county.
 Elder W. H. Golden, Kingsland, Cleveland county.
 Elder D. F. Dotson, Cabot, Route 2, Pulaski county.
 Elder J. C. Moring, England, Route 3, Lonoke county.
 Elder J. J. Trammell, New Edinburg, Cleveland county.

R. F. OSBORN, Chairman.

Dismissed to meet Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The house was called to order and prayer by the Moderator.
 Called for resolutions and the following were received:

No. 1. Resolved, That we hold our next Association with Pine Hill church; by W. S. Cook, adopted.

No. 2. Resolved, That we send a delegate to the State Association; by J. R. Hartley, adopted. J. R. Hartley was elected delegate, and J. M. Patrick alternate.

No. 3. Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the good people at and around Macedonia church for their kind hospitality during our stay with them. By J. R. Hartley; adopted.

No. 4. Resolved, That this Association instruct our delegate to the State Association to vote for our state to go into the Co-Operative Association. By J. R. Hartley; adopted.

No. 5. Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with Pine Hill church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1924, at 10 o'clock a. m., about 6 miles north of Star City, Lincoln county. Elder J. M. Estelle to preach the introductory sermon, and J. R. Hartley, alternate. By J. H. Meek; adopted.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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LETTER FORM

To the State Convention of Freewill Baptists
of Arkansas:

We, the _____
Association of Freewill Baptists, in annual session with
_____ Church
on _____, 192____, have selected

to represent us in your honorable body which convenes
with Oak Grove Church, Logan county, Thursday night,
before the first Sunday in October, 1924. Bidding you
God's speed in all your labor for the advancement of the
cause of Christ and His Kingdom.

Our Association is composed of _____ Churches:
_____ Ordained Ministers; Total Membership _____
Received last year: By experience and Baptism _____;
By Recommendation _____; By Letter _____;
Dismissed by letter _____; Excluded _____; Died _____;
Excluded _____; Died _____.

_____ Moderator.

Address _____

_____ Clerk.

Address _____