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1932 Minutes of the State Association of Free Will Baptists

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the Free-Will Baptist State Association convened with Macedonia church of Saline association, seven miles south of New Edinburg, Cleveland County, Arkansas, Thursday, September the twenty-ninth, at 7 o'clock p. m., and remained in session over Sunday, October the 2nd, 1932.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song directed by Walter Briant of Macedonia church. The session was favored with some fine quartets by the Hartford Boys, J. A. McClung, H. E. Biggs, Sam McCallum and Z. D. Lee. Song directed by Sam McCallum, all of which led the audience into a real working spirit of devotional liberties.

Eld. J. R. Hartley of Rison, Ark., and one of the four state Evangelists, delivered the introductory sermon to a large attentive audience. Scripture lesson: Twenty-first chapter of Rev. Text Rev. 21:25 (For the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there). Bro. Hartley though, in his declining years and feeble health, but renewed in spirit, felicitously brought one of the best messages of his ministerial career.

Moderator J. D. Doyle being absent, W. F. McGee, clerk, appointed Brothers J. H. Holliman, J. J. West and J. H. Harrelson as a committee on divine service. Dismissed by J. R. Hartley to meet at nine o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, "In the Sweet By and By," directed by W. M. Guinn. Moderator J. D. Doyle being absent, Assistant Moderator W. M. Guinn opened the business session at 9:15; Song, "Living Right Will Win," directed by Bro. Guinn; Song, "Wonderful Message of Love," directed by Z. D. Lee; Scripture lesson, First chapter of First Peter and prayer by Eld. A. N. Best; Song, "I'll Fly Away," directed by L. L. Brown. Moderator appoints J. H. Meeks, A. N. Best and Lee Dover as credential committee.

Letters from the different associations called for, the following presented and their messengers seated in the conference:

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION: Delegates: J. J. West, T. V. Johnson, Lee Dover, Chalmer Duvall and Gladys Burris. Ministers: W. R. Jobe and Mod. J. A. Venable, R. B. Venable, R. M. Johnson, and E. O. Wright, clerk. Deacons: W. J. Wright, W. F. McGee.

ARKANSAS—Delegate: Buster Burt. Ministers: W. M. Guinn, A. N. Best, Elmer Turner. Deacon: W. M. Smith.

BIG SPRINGS—Not represented.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER—Delegates: Mrs. I. J. Brooks, Hattie Parker, Mrs. W. A. Herrin and Joneva Berry. Ministers: W. A. Herrin, W. H. Parker. Deacon and clerk: R. D. Smith.

NEW HOPE—Delegates: L. G. Sellers and wife, J. I. Horton, Tullas Berth, J. M. Holliman, Stella Newell. Ministers: S. A. Morgan, J. W. Moore, C. E. Wilson, W. B. Maddox, J. H. Hartsell, O. B. Pressley, J. A. Stevens,

F. E. Chanler. Deacons: H. T. Holliman, T. H. Reedy, E. F. Nowell, R. E. Sellers, L. Crockett, O. D. Ferguson, R. L. Teague. J. F. Dallas, Clerk. Honorary Delegate: Mrs. Jim Moore.

OLD MT. ZION—Represented by letter.

POLK BAYOU—Delegates: Vay Watkins, Fay Watkins, Daisy Dillon. Minister: Louis Doyle. Deacon: J. R. Ballew.

SALINE—Delegates: L. L. Brown, R. E. Scroggins, Nolen Jeffries, W. A. Cook, E. H. Willis. Ministers: W. P. White, J. E. White, J. R. Hartley, J. M. Estell, J. M. Patrick, O. A. Ashcraft. Deacons: W. W. Clark, J. H. Meek, J. H. Herrelson, E. L. Parnell, D. D. Tramell, R. F. Taylor, W. A. Briant. S. L. Woodard, Clerk.

SOCIAL BAND—Minister: Wayn Tucker. Clerk: Ralph Staton.

UNION ASSOCIATION—Not represented.

ZION HOPE—Delegates: Jack Dixon, Sister Vergie Condley. Ministers: A. F. Taylor, W. A. Crouch, T. H. Dixon. Deacons: W. D. Condley, G. M. Condley.

TYRONZA—Not represented.

RICH MOUNTAIN—Not represented.

We the committee on credentials report the above named delegates, ministers, deacons and associational clerks all present and members of the 1932 state association body of Free Will Baptist.

The organization was made perfect by the usual greeting in which all Christians were invited to take part in clasping glad hands.

At this interval a splendid quartet was rendered by the Hartford boys, then came the introduction of four sisters; two sets of twins of the same family, 18 and 24 years old, Vay, Fay, Lena and Verina Watkins, who did some splendid quartet singing. They were from Grubbs, Ark. Polk Bayou association, Ballews Chapel church and was given the name of Blue Birds by W. F. McGee. Recess until 1:30 p. m.

11 O'Clock Service: Preaching by Eld. L. C. Doyle. Scripture lesson beginning with the 18th verse of the first chapter of First Peter. Text, New Birth; John 3:7 (Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again). Bro. Doyle in a very able and tedious manner, beautifully pictured the great lesson taught by our savior to Nic-o-de'mus of the change from sins dark way into the light and liberties of a Christian life. The audience were gloriously edified by this wonderful message. Dismissing prayer by J. R. Hartley.

AFTERNOON SESSION FRIDAY

Opening song No. 31, Scripture lesson, second chapter of second Peter. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Herrin. Song directed by W. M. Jeffries. Motion to seat J. A. McClung, H. E. Biggs, Sam McCollum, Z. D. Lee and Sister Ethel Wilson as advisory members carried.

Election of officers. W. M. Guinn, L. C. Doyle, J. R. Hartley and W. A. Crouch was nominated for moderator. L. C. Doyle of New Port, was elected. W. F. McGee of Russellville, was unanimously re-elected clerk and treasurer. Elmer Turner of Branch was re-elected corresponding clerk.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTION—T. H. Dixon, W. A. Herrin and J. R. Hartley.

FINANCE—J. R. Ballew, A. N. Best and W. B. Maddox.

TEMPERANCE—W. A. Morgan, J. M. Estell and E. W. Tucker.

OBITUARY—E. O. Wright, C. E. Wilso nand Will Clark.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—Mrs. I. J. Brooks, Rosella Johnson and O. G. Pressly.

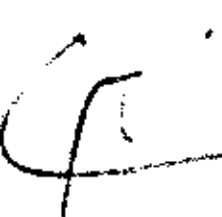
UNION OF ASSOCIATIONS—A. N. Best, Johnie Moore, J. A. Venable.

Special song—"Standing On the Outside," by the Hartford boys. Special request that this song be sang tonight just before preaching.


Report of committee that W. A. Herrin preach tonight and W. P. White conclude the service.

Verbal report of J. R. Hartley on non-represented associations was received. Recess until 8:30 Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. Patrick.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

 Songs Numbers 39 and 22, directed by L. L. Brown. Devotional services conducted by W. B. Maddox. Prayer by W. J. Crockett. Song directed by Sam McCollum. Fifteen minutes talk by J. A. McClung was very much enjoyed. Special song by the Blue Birds. Prayer by J. R. Hartley. At this interval the audience was favored again with the wonderful song, "Standing Outside," by the Hartford boys. That spirited instructive message brought at this time by Eld. W. A. Herrin was not without it's signification. Text Math. 7:13, "Enter in at the strait gtae," St. Luke 13:14, "Strive to Enter in at the Straight Gate." Eld. Herrin defined these words from both the Hebrew and Greek translations, giving their potent meaning with the climax of his theme that the Christian should not only enter the gate, but be energetic and strive to enter. The concluding remarks by Eld. W. P. White were soul-stirring and uplifting. Song, "God Will Take Care of You," by W. M. Jeffries and wife, Essie. Closing invocation by Eld. W. R. Jobe.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

 The delegation was called in business session at 8:30 a. m. Scripture lesson, nineteenth chapter of Psalms. Theme of lesson, "The Creatures Shew God's Glory." Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Green Briar worded the opening prayer. During this invocation a great revival broke out which lasted almost throughout the morning session. It seemed that everyone in the house was rejoicing. Never before have we witnessed a revvial at the opening of a business session. The moderator seemingly completely lost control, business of the meeting lay on the table while the people rejoiced. This finally emerged into a round table talk and the following partly deliberated themselves: Brothers A. N. Best, W. F. McGee, W. J. Wright, W. P. White, O. A. Ashcraft, J. E. White, W. A. Crouch, Lige, Parnell, R. E. Sellers, J. M. Patrick, Sisters Nowell, Chanler, and Herrin. Reading by Mrs. Ethel Wilson, "The Judgment." Talk by J. R. Hartley, W. H. Parker and W. M. Guinn.

By motion Eld. L. B. Mosley, Missionary Baptist minister, was seated as an advisory member. Recess until 1:30.

MORNING SESSION SATURDAY

X Opening song No. 36, directed by W. M. Guinn. Quartet by L. L. Brown, Erston Curry, W. M. Jeffries, Essie Jeffries, "I Wonder What I'll Do." The standing time of the hour for Memorial services was consigned to Eld. W. R. Jobe, who spoke in honor of the lives of those who have deceased since our last meeting. Scripture lesson, seven verses of the fourteenth chapter of Revelations, Text St. John 14:16, "I will pray the father and he will give you another comforter." The brilliant lives led and governed by this comforter were blessings to humanity and pointed out by the speaker as glittering diamonds from the rough whose robes were washed and made white in the blood of the lamb. and now in their ultramundane state, their souls basking in the sunlight of God's love, in an association that will never break up. The speaker in his eloquent delineation continued to pay the highest tribute of respect to the lives of his subjects, who are now waiting the redemption of their bodys. Closing invocation by W. A. Herrin.

AFTERNOON SESSION SATURDAY

Song directed by L. L. Brown. Scripture lesson, First Psalms by assistant Moderator W. M. Guinn. Two quartets by the Blue Birds. Invocation by S. A. Morgan. Song, "I'll Live On," by the class.

Resolution No. 1 adopted. Report of the Clerk, Auditing Committee, Sabbath Schools, Corresponding Clerk, and Temperance received. Talk by W. F. McGee and W. A. Herrin on the Temperance report was followed by the request of the body that it be sent to the state papers for publication. Ballews Chapel of Grubbs, Ark., and Union Grove of Atkins was contesting places for the next place of meeting. The vote was 33 to 35 in favor of Union Grove which is three miles Northeast of Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas. The meeting to convene Thursday, 7:30 p. m., September the 28th and will be in session over Sunday, October the 1st, 1933. With Walter B. Maddox of Pearson, Ark., to preach the introductory sermon. W. A. Herrin of New Hope and W. R. Jobe of Atkins as his alternates.

T. H. Dixon of Chicoto, Okla., Geo. W. Been of Spring-Valley, Ark., W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Ark., and J. R. Hartley of Rison, Ark., were re-elected as state evangelists.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song No. 22, directed by L. L. Brown, "Listen Dady". Devotional services was consigned to the young ministers with ten minutes to talk and was conducted by Eld. C. E. Wilson of Green Briar, Ark., who led in the opening prayer and made the opening talk. Others that followed were Elds. G. M. Condley of Hector, J. H. Heartsell of Rose Bud, J. E. White of Star City, W. H. Parker of Glenwood, Ralph Stanton of Pocahontas, W. H. Jeffries, failed to get the address.

This was one of the most striking events of the entire session, to say that we are really proud of these young ministers and the noble Christian, ministerial talent that they exemplified in this service would be a very mild term of expression. Eld. J. W. Moore whose son was in this number and Eld. O. G. Pressley paid their respects to the boys with words more precious than gold. At this point we were favored with a suitable song by Nolen Jeffries and wife. Song by the class "Go On," Special song by the Blue Birds.

✓ Preaching by Eld. T. H. Dixon, Text Isaiah 28:30, "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." The speaker affirmed that the church of God or Christ is the redeemed in the aggregate from the covenant that God

made with man in the garden of Eden to the restitution of all things; That righteous Able was saved by his offering in faith and that the last man saved would have to be saved in the same manner; and that any other theory of setting up a church after richous Able's day would be to short a man to stretch himself on or to narrow for hmi ot wrap himself in; that all who are saved are saved in the church to wrap himself in; that all who are saved are saved in the church of God or Christ and not out of it. He, in an exegetical, predicated manner outilned a few of the different theories set forth by other churches and creeds, showing where these theories are too short and too narrow to meet the conditions of the great plan of salvation in all ages.

This the close of the business session the delegation, visitors with the community engaged in a very emotional hand greeting. Dismissed by W. A. Herrin with a very pointed feeling prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Many of the delegates left for their homes Sunday morning but again a large crowd gathered at the church at 10 o'clock opening song directed by J. E. Moore. Prayer by Eld. A. F. Taylor. Thirty minutes talk on Sabbath School by W. F. McGee. Preaching at 11 a. m., by Eld. W. A. Crouch of Hector. Text 11 Cor. 4:18. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. In visualizing the theme of this subject Eld. Crouch in his discrimination very clearly marked the distinction between the temperal or neutral things and the eternal or spiritual things pointing with joy to the words of the apostal Paul, 'Though the outward man perish, yet the inward is renewed day by day. For we walk by faith, not by sight.' Eld. A. F. Taylor and J. M. Patrick added some very interesting remarks. Eld. Patrick though very feeble, expressed the appreciation of the Macedonia church and Saline Association for this wonderful meeting in their midst. Final invocation by J. M. Patrick.

Ministers present: J. A. Stevens, Vilona; J. M. Estell, Crossett; L. C. Doyle, Newport; C. E. Wilson, Greenbriar; J. R. Hartley, Rison; G. M. Condley, Hector; J. E. White, Star City; J. H. Hartsell, Rose Bud; O. D. Pressley, Quitman, W. P. White, Warren, W. B. Maddox, Pearson; Eld. Wayne Delak-laine; S. A. Morgan, Vilona; Elmer Turner, Branch; O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine; A. N. Best, Chismville; Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, W. H. Parker, Glenwood; J. A. Venable, Casa; R. B. Venable, Atkins; W. A. Crouch, Hector; A. F. Taylor, Dover; W. R. Jobe, Atkins; W. M. Guinn, Booneville; T. H. Dixon, Checotah, Okla.; W. A. Herrin, New Hope; J. M. Patrick, Herbine, W. H. Jeffries.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

✓ We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report the following: We find that there is a growing interest in the Sabbath School work throughout the state and that there is a greater instinct for bible helps and literature to promote the individual to a more clearer understanding of the lessons given up by inspiration. Believing that the commentations of the Free Will Baptist lesson plans to be more nearly in harmony with the Bible and historical events and the Commentators to be individuals who have carefully interviewed the former sacred writings and through their discriminating abilities are giving valued information. Therefore, we urge that our literature be used as much as possible and the Sunday School work be carried on more extensively, and the state convention given stronger support.

Mrs. I. J. Brooks, Rosella Johnson, O. G. Pressley, *Committee.*

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

✓ We, your committee, report the following number of deceased members from their respective associations since our last meeting. Antioch 7, Arkansas 3, Saline 10, New Hope 3, Little Missouri River 2, Social Band 4. A total of 29 who have passed to their final reward and in whose memory the 11 o'clock service Saturday with Eld. W. R. Jobe as speaker was a tribute of respect. While their loss will be keenly felt by all who knew them yet we with prayerful hearts submit our all to him who doeth all things wel and strive to join them in that great association above where parting will be no more.

E. O. Wright, C. E. Wilson, W. W. Clark, *Committee.*

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

Amount as shown from last association	\$95.15
To be paid by W. J. Wright	\$ 5.00
Clerk fees	15.00
Printing badges	3.25
Postage and stationary	2.27
Total disbursements	\$25.52
Total balance	\$69.63

W. F. McGee, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, submit the following: After making a cursory perusal of the records and reports of clerk and treasurer, W. F. McGee, we find them neatly kept and as far as we can understand they are correct.

Nolen Jeffries, J. E. White, and Ralph Staton, *Committee*

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING CLERK

To the Arkansas State Association, Brethern: I have written seventy letters to the ministers of our state in regard to some important work and encouraged he organization of mission circles in each assembly.

I have been in touch with four Eastern and three Western State Associations. The auxiliary work in the East and West I find to be of great value to the cause. I have compiled six special letters on this work and have endeavored to get it established in a few places. I ask the cooperation of all concerned in making my mission intrusted to me a success.

Elmer Turner, *Corresponding Clerk, Branch, Ark.*

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

✓ We, the Free Will Baptist of Arkansas, stand firmly for the retention of the eighteenth amendment and pledge our support to all in authority for the enforcement of the prohibition laws. We most emphatically deny that the eighteenth amendment is in any way responsible for the great crime wave now existing; while we oppose any entangling political allowances, we call upon all of our members in their individual capacities to vote against all persons running on wet platforms or known to be wet themselves. We urge our members to boldly and freely use their rights as American citizens; the only way that will count for or against this great issue. We cordially invite the cooperation of all other denominations or creeds who wish to stand for good morals and laws to protect them in this Beloved Denominated Christian Nation of ours; which was purchased by the blood of our forefathers and handed to us with its wonderful laws to govern.

Be it further resolved: that we do not want any revenue that is derived from any intoxicating beverages, Red Light districts, or any other immoral institutions of destructive elements for the sustenance of our institutions of learning. We believe that these institutions can and should function from revenues obtained from property and corporation that are creditable and we can point to with pride.

S. A. Morgan, J. M. Estell and E. W. Tucker, *Committee*

RESOLUTION NO. (1): Be it resolved that we insist on a better and more uniform system of the Home Mission work. Each church is urged to organize a home mission. Each society to be a unit within it's self, having it's own president, secretary and treasurer elected by it's membership. Each society to be an auxiliary of the church in which it is organized.

It shall be their duty to collect funds for incidental expenses, such as paying of pastor, printing of minutes, sick benefits, etc.

That 10c of each dollar collected be given to the home church, and 10c go to the state association treasurer to help defray it's expenses; the 80c to be kept in the mission treasury, to be paid out by their secretary as directed by the body when necessities require their help.

Each Home Mission Society shall be under the supervision of it's home church.

W. A. Herrin, T. H. Dixon, and J. R. Hartley, *Committee*

RESOLUTION NO. (2). Final Resolution. Resolved: That we extend to the good people of Masedonia and vicinity our heart-felt thanks for their generous hospitality in caring for us during our stay with them. Everything for convenience and comfortableness was well planned at a great sacrifice by these lovers of good society. Such kindness may be equaled but never excelled. We pray God's richest blessings upon you all.

Committee.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, purpose, power, and glory. St. John 1:1; Cor. 8:6; 1 John 5:7; St. John 10:30.

2. Christ—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God; was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the creation; left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity,

sin excepted, by being born of the virgin Mary, manifested his power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's new tomb, arose from the dead the third day, completing the great plan of salvation; walked and talked with his disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that he will descend to gather his jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 7:26-28, 24:50-53; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19, 15:22-41; Acts 1:9-12.

3. Holy Spirit—We believe the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and its coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide. Judges 6:34, 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. The Bible—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to Heaven, and only infallible rule of faith and practice. II Peter 1:19-21; II Timothy 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Math. 21:42.

5. The Fall of Man—We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed, with promises of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great Enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the Law of God, fell under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming of Christ. Gen. 1:27, 2:16-17; Romans 11:11-35, 5:18; Psalms 37:23-24.

6. Redemption, Salvation, Adoption—We believe that Jesus Christ, by his birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension, paid the purchase price of the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come to Him upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance in the glorified Kingdom above. Hebrews 9:12, 1:4; Gal. 3:13, 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; St. John 3:16; Isa. 45:22.

7. Conditions of Salvation—We believe that all persons dying in infancy, and all idiots, are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the Law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father, and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ or God. John 3rd chapter; Math. 19:13-22; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. Salvation Free—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel. I Peter 1:9; 13:25; 2:9; 24:25; Rev. 22:17.

9. Baptism—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in which is represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of elders are qualified to administer the same. Math. 3:14-16; 28:29, 3:5-6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47.

10. Communion and Feet Washing—We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate his broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper, and should be invited; "let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted at the same time that the supper was

instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until his second coming. Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Math. 26:26-29.

11. The Sabbath—We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements, and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted. Exodus 20:11, 31-12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Math. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. Call to the Ministry—We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irrestable with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise their native gifts according to the scripture with a full reliance upon Him He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose. Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Math. 28:19.

13. The Invisible Church—We believe that the invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21, 2:20-22; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Acts 2:47; Math. 16:18.

14. The Visible Church—We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the gospel. II Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5, 20:28; III John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Rev. 1:4, 11, 20.

15. Perseverance—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from his hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy; II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17, 6:1-6, 3:12; I St. John 5:16, I Tim. 4:1-2; St. John 15:1-7; Math. 12:31-32.

16. Christ the Head of the Church—We believe that Christ is the great head of the Church, and the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Math. 16:18, 21:42; Heb. 12:23; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. Sanctification—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the santification of the body (whcih is held under subjection) will take place in the resurrection. 1 Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Timothy 2:20-21.

18. The Soul—The soul is endless, 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 23:24, 16:19-25; Rev. 6:9; Math. 10:28.

19. The Resurrection—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and wicked. When the resurrection shall take place the esoul and body shall be reunited, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. Math. 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

20. Judgment—We believe that there will be a great universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13, 20:12-13, 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Acts 17:31.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, we, the Association of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised 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 order and rules of our Association according to the following plan 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 different Associations shall 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, modeerator, 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 Association, reserving the right of withdrawing from any Association becoming disorderly.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, 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, of found orthodox in the faith of the Free Will 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 the Minutes.

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

10. The Association shall have a fund for her support, which shall be supplied by voluntary contribution of the Association, whose duty it shall be to send it to 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 held 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 the majority of the members may deem it necessary.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with a prayer.
 2. Those who speak shall rise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.
 3. All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.
 4. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
 5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.
 6. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without special leave from the body.
 7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
 8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.
 9. At the future sessions of this Association arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which shall be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and that the chair announce just before adjournments who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
 10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, or in his absence the Clerk.
3. Letters from the churches of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
6. Corresponding Associations.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading Rules of Order and Minutes of last Association by Chairman or Clerk.
9. Appointment of the following Committees: (a) Resolutions; (b) Finance; (c) Arrangements of Preaching; (d) Temperance; (e) Sabbath Schools; (f) Obituaries; (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches.
10. Report of Committees appointed at last Association, and other unfinished business.
 1. Report of new committees.
 12. New business.
 13. Adjournment.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Associations	Moderator	Address	Clerks	Address	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Ordained Minister	No. Churches	Membership
Antioch	W. R. Jobe	Atkins	E. O. Wright	Atkins	65	10	12	7	25	18	800
Arkansas	J. S. Lovett	Chimsville	O. C. Hunt	Waldron					15	13	780
Big Springs	J. H. Griffith	Moputain Home	Guy Hargraves	Mountain Home							
Little Mo. River	E. J. Oneel	New Hope	R. D. Smith	New Hope	27	8		2	8	8	350
New Hope	J. W. Moore	Quitman	J. F. Dallas	Vilonia	75			3	13	15	775
Old Mt. Zion	W. E. Bland	La Rue	Horace Knox	Laa Rue	41	2		5	9	10	650
Polk Bayou	L. C. Doyle	New Port	E. E. Reed	Grubbs					24	14	800
Saline	J. E. White	Star City	S. L. Woods	Warren	67			10	9	9	800
Social Band	G. W. Millian	Pocahontas	Ralaph Staton	Pocahontas	61	38		4	17	20	844
Union Association	H. H. Hoppirns	Rule	T. H. Griffith	Rule					36	27	1077
Zion Hope	Dave Thompson	Jesusalem	Dave Taylor	Dover							
Tyronza	Not Represented										
Rich Mountain	Not Represented										

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