

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Free Will Baptist
State Association

HELD WITH

Union Grove Church, Atkins, Pope County, Ark.
September 28 to October 1, 1933

ELDER L. C. DOYLE, Newport, Ark.-----Moderator
W. F. McGEE, Russellville, Ark.-----Clerk
E. O. WRIGHT, Atkins, Ark.-----Corresponding Clerk

Executive Board—Elder F. M. Hudson, Moreland; Elder George
W. Milliam, Pocahontas; Elder L. C. Doyle, Newport.

1933 MINUTES OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The thirty-sixth annual session of that part of the church of GOD or CHRIST, commonly known as Free Will Baptist State Association, met in annual conference with Union Grove Church three miles East of Atkins, Pope County, Arkansas, September 28, 29, 30, and October 1, 1933.

Ordained Ministers and Deacons, Associational Clerks and elected delegates from the different subordinate associations, constituted the working body of the assembly.

The inception marked one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held by this assembly.

The Insignia: Two hundred and fifty badges of honor prepared by the clerk were pinned on an elated, etiquette, ethical, band of conventional messengers from the several subordinate associations.

Large crowds attended every session, numbering from one to three thousand. One thousand and forty-eight took lunch at the table Saturday noon.

The people of Union Grove community assisted by the Antioch association had made arrangements to serve the noon and evening meals at the church. All meats were barbecued by Uncle Dick Hunter of Russellville (colored). Seven beeves, five muttons, twelve goats, some pork and one hundred and fifty chickens were barbecued. About one thousand loaves of bread furnished and coffee to the amount of \$46.00. The people finished supplying the table with all kinds of delicious eats. The meats were well cooked and nicely handled which brought compliments from every partaker. The arrangements were new and well carried out by those in charge. Everyone seemed to enjoy this part.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Exoridum: Opening song directed by W. M. Guinn, No. 130 in Hartford book. No. 104 by G. I. Eakin. Scripture lesson 12th chapter of Romans by Moderator L. C. Doyle. Quartet by the Blue Birds. Prayer by L. C. Doyle. Audience sang, "What Wondrous Love is This."

Introductory Sermon: Eld. W. B. Maddox of Pearson, Arkansas, selected for this hour by the last convention, read as a lesson, seven verses of the thirteenth chapter of first Cor. Text, "Charity or Love." Brother Maddox in the vigor of manhood filled with the spirit of the occasion proved himself equal to the task by way of introduction of one of the greatest and most harmonious conferences ever held by the Free Will Baptist in Arkansas. Moderator Doyle added some very appropriate remarks and appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service: G. I. Eakin, J. H. Marrelson and H. H. Adkinson.

On Credentials: Herbert Holliman, J. W. Coffman, Uphrey Hartsill.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order at 8:30 by Moderator L. C. Doyle. Scripture lesson tenth chapter of Romans. Song, "Living Right Will Win". Prayer by Eld. A. N. Best.

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

Antioch: Delegates, J. J. West, R. B. Burris, C. A. Nickols, Arthur Chaple, Wesley Lowery. Ministers, J. A. Venable, Moderator, R. B. Venable, R. M. Johnson, John Reel, W. R. Jobe, R. A. Johnson, H. J. Walker, Fred Duvall. Deacons, W. J. Wright, C. A. Loyd, Lester Duvall, G. B. Maxwell, W. F. McGee, N. A. Stanton, Cleve Bowden, John Harris, Forest Flower, J. M. Rollen. Honorary Delegate, Mrs. G. W. Burris.

Arkansas: Ministers, W. M. Guinn, A. N. Best, Ben F. Black. Deacon, Joe Philops.

Big Springs: Not represented.

Little Missouri River: Delegates, Opal Bell, Jewel White, Ritta Lowery, Elsie Loveless, Roy Hughs, Edith Brooks. Minister, Homer Parker. Clerk, R. D. Smith.

New Hope: Delegates, J. L. Holliman, J. L. Patrick, Bertha Tullas, Olevia Tullas, Jaunita Myrick. Ministers, C. E. Wilson, J. W. Moore, J. A. Stephens, S. A. Morgan. Deacons, D. F. Nowell, A. D. Ferguson, J. D. Craig, W. L. Linton, J. F. Dallis, R. E. Sellers. Honorary delegate, Mrs. Jim Moore.

Old Mt. Zion: Not represented.

Polk Bayou: Delegates, Charles Lewis, A. T. Branch, Mrs. J. R. Ballew, Mrs. J. R. Dillon, Vay, Fay, Lena. Vernia

Watkins. Ministers, L. C. Doyle, H. A. Lewis, H. H. Adkins. Deacons, J. R. Ballew, E. E. Reed, J. R. Dillon.

Saline: Delegates, H. C. Dyre, J. A. Brown, Jewel Cook, Loiton Colbart, Jessie Brown, Ethel Taylor. Ministers, J. R. Hartley, J. E. White. Deacons, W. W. Clark, R. F. Taylor, J. H. Harrelson, Walter Bryant.

Social Band: Ministers, G. W. Millian, Ralph Staten. Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton.

Union: Not represented.

Zion Hope No. 1: Delegates, W. B. Caudle, M. A. Coffman, J. W. Coffman, Bessie Caudle. Ministers, T. H. Dixon, W. A. Crouch, Dave Thompson, A. F. Taylor, G. M. Condley, L. L. Hill. Deacons, H. W. Coffman, W. C. Condley, H. R. Condley.

Zion Hope No. 2: Delegates, Frank Francis, Mrs. C. M. Crouch. Ministers, C. M. Crouch, Moderator, Arthur Joslin.

We your committee on credentials find that the above named ministers, deacons, associational clerks and delegates are present and legal representatives of their respective associations in this meeting.

Herbert Holliman, J. W. Coffman, Uphrey, Hartsill, *Com.*

The organization was then made perfect by the usual greeting. All christians were invited to take part in the clasping of glad hands.

The election of officers: Eld. L. C. Doyle, of Newport, Moderator. Eld. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, assistant moderator. W. F. McGee of Russellville, clerk and treasure. E. O. Wright, of Atkins corresponding clerk.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—E. C. Adkins, A. N. Best, and Ralph Staten.

Finance—Joe Philops, Walter Bryant, Carell Chapman.

Sabbath Schools—D. A. Thompson, Homer Parks, J. E. White.

Temperance—J. R. Hartley, J. J. West, J. W. Moore.

Obituary—J. R. Ballew, Emmit Wilson, O. A. Ashcraft,

Recess til one P. M.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song No. 86 by W. M. Guinn. Song No. 161 by G. I. Eakin. Preaching by C. E. Wilson of Greenbriar. Scripture lesson 18th

chapter of First Kings, beginning with 17th verse to the 21st. Text, First Kings 18:21 (And Elijah came unto all the people and said "how long halt ye between two opinions? If the lord be GOD follow him: but if bail, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. We certainly enjoyed the various points brought forth by this young minister of the many trials and test of Elijahs God during his prophecy in the days of wicked kings and worhsip of idle God's.

Eld. A. N. Best concluded the service in a very able way. Invocation by Eld. J. K. Jobe of North Little Rock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Songs No. 155 and 72 directed by W. B. Maddox. Scripture lesson fifty-fith chapter of Isaiah. Song No. 76 by G. I. Eakin. Prayer by Roy Watkin. Song No. 166 by G. I. Eakin.

Minutes of the previous meeting read by the clerk and approved of by the body.

Brothers, B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo., and W. L. Cecil of Oklahoma was seated as advisory members. Song, "Amazing Grace" directed by W. L. Cecil who sang a part of several old songs in a very spirited way.

Song No. 158 by Jesse Marble. Song No. 130 by Cleve Bowden.

Resolution No. 1 and 2 adopted.

Brother B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo., made a very interesting talk in the interest of the GEM PAPER of which he is editor and publisher. The clean biblical writings that make up this little paper are very instructive and helpful to our membership; therefore we urge our members to send in one dollar for subscription and get the paper.

Special song by the Blue Birds, "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven For You". By special request Eld. W. A. Crouch of Hector made a ten minute talk, subject, "Why I am a Free Will Baptist". Eld. Crouch very clearly outlined the freedom of the will through all ages showing, that God made Adam his own free moral agent and that it had never at any time been taken from man stating that John, Christ and God were baptist because they baptized with water, Holy Spirit and Fire; we being heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ are baptist. Therefore we assume the name of Free Will Baptist which is scriptural in origin, doctrine, practice and name.

Ten minutes talk on Sabbath Schools by H. M. Hopper of Lamar. Song No. 55 by Cleve Bowden. Talk by J. W. Coff-

man. Song 124 by J. W. Coffman. Talk by Eld. Dave Thompson. Song No. 28 by Cleve Bowden. Prayer by W. R. Jobe.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Songs No. 100 and 144 by J. W. Coffman. Songs No. 64, 113 and 130 by Cleve Bowden. Special Song, "Jerico Road" by W. H. Parker, Charley Foster, Edith Brooks and Opal Bell. Devotional services conducted by Eld. E. C. Adkins. Prayer by Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Greenbriar. Song, "Amazing Grace" by W. L. Cecil of Oklahoma.

Preaching by Eld. W. M. Guinn of Booneville, Scripture lesson Ephes. 2:19, 20, 21. The Blue Birds sang "Do Depression in Heaven" and "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You" two fine numbers. Text, First Cor. 3:11. "For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." The Extra-mundane principles outlined in this theme by the speakers, very clearly showed that this foundation was laid in the Garden of Eden in time to save the first one that needed salvation; righteous Able being the first piece of material on the foundation as given in the scriptures. Because, his offering pleased GOD. Eld. R. M. Johnson of Moreland very ably concluded the service. The edifice of the occasion was fine. The spirit of excessive interest and joy crowned the service. Dismissed by W. L. Cecil.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song directed by W. M. Guinn. Scripture lesson the fourth chapter of Psalms by the moderator. Prayer by Eld. S. A. Morgan of Vilonia. Song No. 99 and 130 by the class. Prayer by Herman Lewis. Songs No. 41, 118 and 86. A very interesting talk by Bro. W. L. Cecil was enjoyed by all present.

At this interval Luther G. Presssley and wife with their splendid ladies quartet, Olevia and Mildred Tullas, Ople Cartwright and Morecio Sowell made their arrival. The convention was very much honored by their talented presence and favored with a number of splendid songs suited to the occasion by them, which was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all present. Two special songs were rendered by this Sunbeam quartet.

We consider at this time that we had two of the best ladies quartets in the state present. The other, Vay, Fay, Lena and Vernia Watkins, two sets of twins from the same family, from Balews Chaple Church, Grubbs, Ark., and are referred to in our minutes as the Blue Birds. Believe it or not, they all can sing.

Song directed by Luther G. Pressley. Members together with Luther G. Pressley and wife were seated as delegates. Members of other denominations were invited to participate in the advisory council.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted. Song directed by Luther G. Pressley, who used the Stamps-Baxter book, of which he is representative.

Two songs by the Blue Birds: "Beautiful Promise" and "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You". Class song by Luther G. Pressley. Song by the Sunbeam quartet girls, "Lord I's done what you told me to do". Song by the Blue Birds, "Read the Bible". Recess til 1:30 P. M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, SATURDAY

Song directed by Cleve Bowden No. 22. Song directed by Luther G. Pressley. Again this service was assigned to Eld. W. R. Jobe of Atkins who read as a scripture lesson the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Invocation by Eld. H. J. Walker of Scranton. Song No. 30 by G. I. Eakin of Atkins. 28 names of those who have departed this life since last association were presented to the messenger of the hour who's incentive was to elate the extacy of the extramundane estate of the eminent lives once lived with us, but whose souls are now bathing in heavenly seas of rest, awaiting the redemption of the body. The speaker in his eloquent delineation continued to pay the highest respect to the noble christian lives of his subjects, admonishing the surviving relatives and friends of the deceased to be faithful and true in every condition of life. Closing with the wonderful revelation of John 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the LORD from henceforth: yea, sayeth the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their work do follow them". Song No. 28, "When the Evening Shadows Fall". The susceptible audience in the consumating moments listened with interest to some very interesting thoughts presented by Eld. E. C. Adkins by way of conclusion.

NOON

One thousand and forty-eight participants encircled the table bounteously and deliciously prepared by the good people of Union Grove community and others and enjoyed the refreshments of the noon hour together.

AFTERNOON SESSION, SATURDAY

Opening song No. 6 by J. W. Coffman. The assembly was favored at this time with a splendid talk by Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Greenbriar. Song 36 and 46 by Luther G. Pressley. Prayer

by Eld. R. B. Venable of Atkins. Special song by the Sunbeam quartet "On the Jerico Road".

Resolution No. 4 adopted. Elders T. H. Dixon, W. M. Guinn and J. R. Hartle made their report as state evangelist. Report of Auditing committee, report of W. F. McGee, clerk and treasurer, report of committee on finance was received.

Ballews Chaple, Grubbs, Ark., 15 miles Northeast of Newport on highway No. 18 was selected as the next place of meeting, to begin Thursday night, October fourth, 1934. Eld. W. R. Jobe to preach the introductory at seven thirty, Thursday night, with Eld. A. N. Best as alternate. Eld. M. A. Thompson of Jerusalem to preach the memorial sermon Saturday at eleven o'clock with Eld. G. W. Million of Pocahontas as alternate.

Special song by the Blue Birds. Song by Nora and Cora Duvall, two little twin girls, granddaughters of Eld. and Mrs. R. B. Venable. Reading and song by Wilmalee Virden, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Virden, and granddaughter of W. F. McGee and wife. W. M. Guinn at this interval made a special request that the Blue Birds sing "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You" for some special ones who were unsaved; mentioning some of their names. The beauty and granduers of Heaven were so forcefully brought out in these songs; the pressure was more than the audience could bear; conviction seized upon many of the unsaved and as a result there were nine conversions witnessed and several who had grown cold and indifferent were reclaimed. Parties who had not spoke to each other for more than a year laid aside their indifferences and greeted each other with a christian love. The spirit of the convention possibly reached its climax at this interval when seemingly the whole audience burst into praise and shouted for joy. Both saint and sinner showed their intensive interest in the victory which marked an unusual happening at the close of a business session.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song by W. M. Guinn No. 22. Song No. 86 by G. I. Eakin. A well prepared article on League work was read by Lovenia Eakin of Atkins. This was a boost to league workers and we hope to see every church with a good working league. Song No. 86 by Walter Bryant of New Edinburg.

The following young ministers made ten minutes talk: Ralph Staton, Pocahontas, J. E. White, Star City, W. H. Parker, Glenwood. John Reel, Atkins. Song No. 2 Cleve Bowden. "He is Coming Again" and "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You" by the Blue Birds.

Preaching by Eld. G. W. Million of Pocahontas. Text Jer. 6:16. Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk there in, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Judge Million in his decorum, carefully compiled the scriptures relative to his subject and his exegesis of them pertaining to the travel of man, from a penitent sinner, through the ordeal of repentance and new birth into the old paths; the good way, the journey of a christian life, closely correlating the old and new scriptures on this subject, in his eloquent way, held the interest of an eager patient audience for more than an hour. Eld. T. H. Dixon very ably concluded the service. More than three thousand people attended this service and heard these representative men. It will be noted in the records as one of the best services of the occasion.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Many of the delegates left for their homes Sunday morning but a large congregation again assembled at the church for the final service. Opening songs No. 9 and 2 at ten o'clock by Lee Tackett of Atkins, Invocation by Eld. R. A. Johnson of Deleware.

A talk on Sabbath Schools by B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. was a real feast. Brother Brown is editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem paper in his home town and is well informed on the line of Sunday School work and his talk certainly was instructive. Song "Rock of Ages."

Preaching by Eld. J. R. Hartley of Rison. Scripture reading the 13th chapter of First Corinthians. Text, first Cor. 13:13 "and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Eld. Hartley spoke at length on the three fundamentals of his subject showing their relation to each other; but at the same time earnestly contending that Charity or Love is the greatest and without it the other two would be dead or void of consideration.

Eld. W. R. Jobe of Atkins in his usual spirited, eloquent way took up the subject by way of conclusion and led the galaxy further into the merits of GODS Boundless LOVE; showing that it is the animating guiding star of our faith in GOD as our creator, and JESUS CHRIST as our savior and the hope of eternal rest and happiness beyond this life. That it is not a conjecture; but is well known by those who have been by the way of cross and felt a saviors redeeming cleansing power.

REPORTS OF THE DIFFERENT COMMITTEES

Sabbath Schools: We your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following: We find that there is a growing interest in the Sabbath School work among all denominations 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 us by inspiration: believing that the commentations of the Free Will Baptist lesson plans to be more nearly in harmony with BIBLE and historical events, and commentators to be individuals who have carefully compiled and interviewed the former sacred writings, and through their discriminating abilities are giving helpful and valued information. Therefore we urge our literature to be used as much as possible and the Sabbath School work to be carried on more extensively among our people and the state Sunday School convention given stronger support. Five associations report a membership of 1800 students. We urge others to report in the next association.

D. A. Thompson, J. E. White and W. H. Parker, *Com.*

Temperance: We your committee on temperance bring the following report: Since we have been fraudulently overcome by the cunning element of brewers and the barriers of the eighteenth amendment has been torn down and again our (what is called a christian) nation is being flooded with strong drink in every form over our protest; Being helpless to protect ourselves by being denied the right to vote as an American citizen because of the depression and not having a poll tax receipt: Be it resolved that we stand firm as a denomination against all such crookedness; and for better laws and morals of our beloved country. We further ask the cooperation of all others who sympathize with us in the removal of this great evil.

J. R. Hartley, J. J. West and J. W. Moore, *Committee.*

Obituary: We your committee on Obituaries find that there has been 28 deaths out of our membership since last association, as follows: Polk Bayou 5, Social Band 10, New Hope 4, Antioch 4, and Zion Hope No. 2, 5. Having lived in the faith, their records clear, our loss is heavens gain. Looking through a flow of tears with sorrowing hearts; we can see through an eye of faith and know that death will never knock on Heavens door; therefore we bow in humble subhission to the will of Him who doeth all things well. Eleven o'clock services Saturday were devoted to the memory of these worthy subjects.

C. E. Wilson, J. R. Ballew, O. A. Ashcraft, *Committee.*

Resolutions: No. 1—Resolved that the State Association receive and maintain a fund for the burial of its ministers. Said fund to be accumulated by an assessment of ten cents on each mem-

ber in the state. Each church have a committee appointed by its moderator to collect said fund and send it to the corresponding clerk of the state association. Each church letter to the respective association shall show the amount collected and turned in by said church committee, which in turn will report same to the state association with an itemized statement of the amount collected.

It shall be the duty of the auditing committee to compile these reports with the report of the corresponding clerk for their report. The corresponding clerk shall be under bond and shall place said moneys in the Postoffice or First National Bank for safe keeping. Upon the proof of death of any worthy minister in the state by the moderator and clerk of his association the clerk is hereby authorized to pay in accordance to the amount of funds in his possession any amount not to exceed One hundred dollars (\$100) to his widow, undertaker or anyone in authority. Should there be any question of legality in any form, the clerk is authorized to with-hold payment and present the claim to the state association for final decision.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

Total balance carried over from last year.....	\$69.15
By the request of clerk, money sent in by churches.....	21.32
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	\$90.47
Paid out for printing 500 minutes.....	\$27.00
Paid out for 250 badges.....	2.50
Postage and other disbursements.....	4.57
Clerk fees.....	15.00
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	\$49.07
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Total balance accounted for.....	\$41.40
Moneys turned in by the finance committee.....	30.00
Moneys sent in since the meeting.....	2.00
By R. D. Smith, Clerk, Little Missouri River.....	12.00
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Grand Total.....	\$85.40

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

Report of Auditing Committee: We your committee have made a careful examination of the records and report of W. F. McGee as clerk and treasurer and find that the records are neatly kept and all moneys accounted for that has been paid into this treasury, as far as we can understand they are now correct.

J. E. White, C. A. Nickols, W. H. Parker, *Committee.*

Committee on Finance: We have collected and turned over to the treasurer \$30.00 and to the Corresponding Clerk on the ten cent assessment has been turned over some \$4 or \$5.

Joe Philops, Walter Bryant, Carrel Chapman, *Committee.*

Final Report on Resolutions: We very gratefully extend to the good people of Union Grove community and the Antioch Association our most heartfelt thanks for their hospitality during our stay with them. We feel that the efforts that you have made for our comfort and happiness while with you has never been excelled. You are to be congratulated and deserve much credit for your untiring efforts in caring for this great assembly in such a liberal manner.

We further wish to thank the Blue Bird quartet, The Sunbeam quartet, Luther G. Presley and wife and all others who put the song service over in such a spirited way. All of which we contribute to the glory of God and our happiness. May GOD add his richest blessings to all.

Ralph Staten, A. N. Best, E. C. Atkins, *Committee.*

STATISTICAL TABLE—STATE ASSOCIATION

Associations	Moderators	Address	Clerks	Address	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No Churches	No. Ordained Ministers	Membership
Antioch	J. A. Venable	Casa	E. O. Wright	Atkins	20	3	4	4	14	25	852
Arkansas	W. M. Guinn	Booneville	O. C. Hunt	Waldron	62	4	2		13	15	798
Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neal	New Hope	R. D. Smith	New Hope	26	0	0	3	10	10	329
Big Springs	J. H. Griffith	Mountain Home	Guy Hargraves	Mountain Home	23	0	0	0	8	9	426
New Hope	C. E. Wilson	Greenbriar	J. F. Dallsos	Vilona	72	5		4	13	14	750
Old Mt. Zion	W. E. Bland	LaRue	Horace Knox	LaRue	41	2		5	10	9	650
Polk Bayou	H. A. Lewis	Gid	E. E. Reid	Guion	82			5	12	25	800
Saline	J. E. White	Star City	S. L. Woods	Warren	69				10	11	832
Social Band	G. W. Million	Pocahontas	Ralph Staton	Pocahontas	111	18	11	10	21	21	864
Union Association	H. H. Hopkins	Rule	T. H. Griffith	Rule					27	36	1077
Zion Hope No. 1	W. A. Crouch	Hector	Audrie Fisher	Hector	23	0	4	0	9	10	400
Zion Hope No. 2	C. M. Crouch	Hackett	Roy Purdom	Fort Smith				5	9	15	270
Tyronza	<i>Not Represented</i>								6	7	226
Rich Mountain	<i>Not Represented</i>								7	8	320
TOTAL									169	215	8594

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Little Missouri River Association, that part of the church of GOD or Christ commonly known as Free Will Baptist, met with Union Church, New Hope, Pike County, Arkansas, Thursday night, August 31, 1933.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. G. W. VanHorn. Text, first Cor. 13:13 "And now abideth faith, hope, charity."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order at 8:30 by Moderator E. J. O'Neal. Opening song, "Amazing Grace". Prayer by J. A. Karr. Song, "Won't it be Wonderful There". Letters of the different churches were read and messengers seated by the right hand of christian fellowship. The hand of greeting and hearty welcome were extended to all christians present.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Mt. Joy—Delegates: J. T. Crow, L. S. Rodgers, C. L. Tedder. Minister, E. J. O'Neal.

Pleasant Grove No. (1)—Delegates: J. M. Bell, D. D. Coffman, Bill Collins. Deacons: R. D. Smith, M. E. Young, M. J. Smith. Ministers: W. A. Hearron, W. E. Pinkerton.

Fairview—Delegate: M. S. Almond. Minister: J. A. Karr.

Glenwood—Delegates: W. M. Lawless, Bill Lowery, Roy Hughes. Deacon: R. K. Berry. Minister: Homer Parker.

Pleasant Hill—Deacon: R. D. Hill.

Speed Well Church—Represented by letter.

Petitionary Letters—Pleasant Home Church received in the association. Delegates: Sisters, Viola Thomas, Fannie Mileum. Deacon: G. H. Thomas.

The election of permanent officers as follows: E. J. O'Neal, Moderator, R. D. Smith, clerk. Rules of order read by the clerk. Homes assigned the delegates. Song, "Living Right Will Win." Recess til 2:30 with prayer by W. E. Pinkerton.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE FRIDAY

Preaching by Rev. J. A. Karr. Scripture lesson, second chapter of second Peter. Text, second Thes. 2:13. Theme: "The Importance of Sound Doctrine."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by the congregation. Prayer by Homer Parker. Motion carried to leave the printing of the minutes optionary with the clerk; as to where he will have them printed—with the state minutes or separate.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
Resolution—J. A. Karr, G. W. VanHorn, W. A. Hearron.
Finance—L. S. Rodgers, C. L. Tedder, M. S. Almond.
Arrangements—W. M. Lawless, J. T. Crow, Bill Collins.
Obituary—M. E. Young, J. D. Hill, R. K. Berry.
Sunday School—J. M. Bell, D. D. Coffman, W. R. Porter.
Temperance—M. J. Smith, W. M. Lowery, W. E. Pinkerton.
Non Represented Churches—Fannie Mileum, Viola Thomas, Homer Parker.

By motion, Resolution No. 1 of the last association was ordered printed in this minute.

The following delegates were elected to represent this association in the state meeting. Opal Bell, Jewel White, Ritta Lowery, Elsie Lawless, Roy Hughes, Edith Brooks. Recess until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. J. A. Karr. Text, James 2:8. Theme, "Selfishness".

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "Reunion". Prayer by W. R. Potter. Motion carried that this association recognize a legal church at New Hope. Song, "I'll Fly Away". Recess until 1:30 P. M. Prayer by G. W. VanHorn.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. W. A. Hearron. Text, Math. 16:18. Subject, "The Church an Organic Body".

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by the congregation. Prayer by M. S. Almond. Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance: We your committee on finance find that the following churches have agreed to pay the following amounts as minute funds.

Mt. Joy	\$2.20
Pleasant Grove No. 1.....	2.30
Glenwood	2.50
Pleasant Home35
Carried from last association	5.35
Total	<u>\$12.70</u>

Non Represented Churches: We find that Athens, Mt. Zion, Bissells Chapple churches not represented. We insist that these churches be persuaded to represent in our next association.

Obituary: We find that the Lord in his wisdom has seen fit to call from labor to reward, Sister Mary Sharp of Pleasant

Grove, Bro. Rily Simmons of Mt. Joy, an infant child of Bro. Roy Hughes of Glenwood. We very much regret to give them up; but bow in humble submission to the lords will, trusting that our loss is heavens gain.

Pleasant Grove No. 1, was selected as the next place of meeting. Arrangements for the quarterly meetings were as follows: To meet with Mt. Joy church Friday night before the first Sunday in December. To meet with Glenwood church Friday night before the second Sunday in March. To meet with Pleasant Home church Friday night before the third Sunday in June.

Temperance: We your committee on temperance submit the following: Intemperance is disloyal to both the law of nature and morals, and always harmful, and many times destructive to both soul and body. Abstainance is the first and best safeguard; Therefore we urge all true hearted christians to unite with us in an effort to rescue fallen man whose morals have been lowered by this tragic demon, and its fighting influences.

Sabbath Schools: We your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following: We feel the great need of more and better Sunday Schools, that Sunday School is a great institution of learning to lead our children to Christ. We urge the use of our literature when possible.

Motion carried that we endorse the Home Mission Work; urge each church to carry on a home mission society and league work for the young people.

Resolution No. 1 of last association: Resolved that we have no pulpit affiliations with the NO CHURCH FOLKS.

Resolution No. 1: Resolved that the Moderator and clerk of this association look after our church property near Langley, known as the Hall, and see that it is not trespassed on by the Apostolic Holiness as this has been reported, or any one else who might anticipate trespassing.

Resolution No. 2: Resolved that we extend to the good people of New Hope community our heartfelt thanks for their kindness in caring for us during our stay with them. Every thing for convenience and comfortableness was planned by these lovers of good church society. Such kindness may be equaled but never excelled. We pray GOD'S richest blessings on you all.

Minutes of the meeting read and approved. The assembly was adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church No. 1, two miles Northwest of New Hope, Pike county, Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1934.

E. J. O'NEAL, *Moderator.*

R. D. SMITH, *Clerk.*

New Hope, Arkansas.

STATISTICAL TABLE—LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

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CHURCH	Moderator	Address	Clerk	Address	Ministers	Received	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Membership
Pleasant Grove	W. A. Hearron	New Hope	Fletcher Sharp	New Hope	2	3	2	0	2	115
Glenwood	Homer Parker	Glenwood	Roy Hughes	Daisy	2	4	0	0	1	108
Mt. Joy	E. J. O'Neal	New Hope	Etta Crow	Daisy	2	8	0	0	1	43
Pleasant Home	W. A. Hearron	New Hope	Viola Thompson	Hopper	0	0	0	0	0	15
Speedwell	W. R. Potter	Langley	B. Consor		0	1	0	0	0	9
Fair View	W. E. Pinkerton	New Hope	Charley Almond	Kings	1	0	0	1	0	9
Pleasant Hill	E. W. Hill	Langley	Lessie Hill	New Hope	0	0	0	0		3
Mt. Zion					2					8
Athens					1					13
Total					10	16	2	1	4	333

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. 14:13-12; 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 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. 24:41.

5. The Fall of Men—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 irresistible 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 that all the combined force 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; Jude 1st. chap.

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 sanctification of the body (which is held under subjection) will take place in the resurrection. I 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 soul 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, Deacons and Association clerks.

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, moderator, county, postoffice, Sabbath of meeting, and the amount paid for Minute Fund.

3. The members thus chosen and convened, to be denominated the State Association of Freewill Baptists, being composed of the subordinate Associations of the State of Arkansas, and the Association to have no power to Lord it over

God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power of the 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 arise, 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Association called to order by Moderator, or in his absence the Clerk.
3. Letters from the Association of this Association called for, read and messengers invited to seats.
4. Right hand of fellowship.
5. Call for letters from newly organized Associations.
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 Committee: (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.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Adjournment.

MESSENGER'S CREDENTIALS

TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF ARKANSAS

We, the _____ Association of Free Will
Baptist in annual session with _____ Church
on _____ 193_____ have selected

As messengers to represent us in your honorable body, which
convenes with _____ Church _____ County
_____ town, Thursday night before the
first Sunday in October 193_____.

Bidding you GOD'S Speed in all your deliberations for the
cause of CHRIST and his Kingdom. Our association is composed
of _____ Churches _____ Ordained Ministers. Total Member-
ship _____; Received since last association _____; Dis-
missed by letter _____; Excluded _____; Died _____; Paid
Committee on Finance for State funds _____; For Ministers
funeral expenses _____; For Home Mission _____;
For other purposes _____; Total _____. No. in Sun-
day School _____; No. in League work _____.

Moderator _____

P. O. _____

Clerk _____

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Ministers in attendance _____

Deacons in attendance _____

Delegates in attendance _____