

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FREEWILL BAPTIST ARKANSAS
STATE ASSOCIATION

which convened with the Alice Brook's Church,
Sharum, Randolph County, October 1, 2, 3, 4, 1936

The next annual session of this Association will be held at Branch, Franklin County, beginning on Thursday evening, before the first Sunday in October, 1937.

Eld. George Beene is to preach the annual introductory sermon.
Eld. J. D. Doyle is to preach the annual memorial sermon.

OFFICERS:

Moderator, Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport.
Moderator Emeritus, J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge.
Asst. Moderator, W. F. McGee, Russellville.
Corresponding Clerk, S. L. Woodard, Warren.
Clerk, Ralph Staten, Pocahontas.

EVANGELISTS:

Eld. J. R. Hartley, Rison.
Eld. W. M. Gwinn, Booneville.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Eld. F. M. Hudson, Moreland.
Eld. G. W. Million, Pocahontas.
Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport.

NOTE:—Please forward all funds, Minute and Burial, to the corresponding Clerks. What has your church done for these funds?
Recording Clerk.

LETTER FORM

To the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists:

We, the Association of Freewill
Baptists in annual session with Church
on 1937, have selected
..... to represent us in your honorable body which
convenes with church, on Sept. 30, 1937.

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; ministers, total
membership Received last year by experience and
baptism; Recommendation....., by letter....., dis-
missed by letter....., excluded....., died.....

Names and address of Ministers..... No. of Sunday
Schools..... Leagues..... Families taking
church paper..... Meetings held during year.....

Churches using F. W. B. literature..... Oldest church in
Association..... When association organized
..... Association comprises what coun-
ties.....

Moderator

Clerk

PROCEEDINGS:

Of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptist People

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Associational Clerks composing that part of the Church of God or Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptist of the Arkansas State Association, met in annual conference with the Alice Brook's Church, at Sharum, in Randolph County, October, 1-4, 1936.

The inception and the rest of the session was marked by a large representation from many localities of the state. A very spiritual and harmonious atmosphere prevailed throughout the session.

The people of Sharum community, assisted by Social Band Association, had made arrangements to serve the noon and evening meals at the Church ground.

The Insignia: Bades of honor were pinned on the conventional messengers from the several subordinate associations.

While waiting upon committee reports at intervals and in the optional services, the Hartford quartet directed by Prof. J. A. McClung, the Stamps Baxter Music Company represented by Prof. L. G. Presley, and Prof. J. W. Coffman, and Eld. J. D. Coffman with others rendered several numbers to the spiritual edification of the associational convention. The pianists were sisters, Elsie Lawless, and Willie Doyle.

THURSDAY EVENING

Exordium: The assembly was opened with singing by a large delegation. Eld. J. D. Coffman conducted the devotional exercises. Eld. F. M. Hudson led the evening prayer. Moderator Doyle announced the appointment of the following committees:

Temperance—J. E. White, G. W. Million, J. M. Holleman.

Program—Sister I. J. Brooks, W. F. McGee, A. N. Best.

Finance—J. H. Meeks, S. L. Woodard, J. J. West.

Resolution—J. D. Coffman, R. M. Moore, C. E. Riggs.

Obituary—J. R. Hartley, H. A. Lewis, Elmer Turner.

Non-Represented Associations—A. N. Best, J. J. West, Carl Davis.

Sunday Schools—W. F. McGee, Woodrow Tyler, Sister J. H. Hartsell.

Auditing—F. M. Hudson, J. E. White, J. E. Pratt.

Eld. J. D. Coffman preached the introductory sermon. Scriptural lesson, Matt. 23:1-16. Theme, Kingdom of Heaven Being Shut Up Against Men. Benediction by Eld. J. R. Hartley.

FRIDAY MORNING

The assembly was called to order at 8:30 by Moderator J. D. Doyle. The Moderator read Ps. 1 for a Scriptural lesson. Eld. D. C. Jones led the morning prayer. Eld. L. C. Doyle gave the Welcome address. Response by Eld. J. D. Doyle. The roll of associational letters was called for. The following were presented and their delegates seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship: Social Band, Big Springs, Saline, New Hope, Antioch, Little Missouri River, Arkansas, Polk Bayou, Zion Hope.

Organization being perfected, the moderator declared nominations in order of the election of officers for the ensuing associational year. The following were elected: Moderator, L. C. Doyle; Assistant Moderator, W. F. McGee;

State Clerk, Ralph Staten; Corresponding Clerk, S. L. Woodard.

Moderator L. C. Doyle assumed official duty. Rules of Decorum were read.
Intermission for

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service was opened with singing. Eld. H. A. Lewis led in prayer. The sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. Carl Davis.

Text, Matt. 16:27. Theme, The Second Coming of Jesus. Eld. H. A. Lewis followed. Eld. R. B. Venable pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Eld. J. D. Coffman opened with singing Jacob's Ladder. Prayer by Eld. R. B. Venable.

Verbal reports of Evangelists J. R. Hartley and L. C. Doyle were heard and accepted.

The State clerk read the report of the last State Associational conference that was published in the December, 1935, issue of the Gem, Purdy, Mo., and Dec. 4, 1935, issue of the Freewill Baptist, Ayden, N. C. The report was adopted as read.

The Antioch Association rendered some special numbers. Talks were given by the following ministers and delegates: A. N. Best, J. W. Coffman, F. L. Tackett, J. R. Hartley, L. C. Doyle, and Dr. Cole.

Eld. F. M. Hudson conducted the 3:00 p. m. service. Scriptural lesson, Ps. 23. Text, Gal. 6:7-8. Benediction, Eld. A. N. Best.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Devotional service was conducted by W. F. McGee. The sermon was delivered by G. W. Million. Lesson text, Eph. 5:25-27. Theme, The Church of God.

R. M. Moore was selected to preach the Memorial sermon. Benediction, J. H. Hartsell.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The resumption of business was begun at the stipulated time. The assembly was opened with singing by the congregation. The moderator read as the morning lesson, Rom. 12. The prayer was led by Gordon King.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted as read. See resolutions.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted as read. See resolutions.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted as read. See resolutions.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The Memorial service was opened with singing, followed with prayer by Ralph Staten. R. M. Moore preached the Memorial sermon. Scriptural lesson Ps. 145:5-9. Theme, God's Goodness, Mercy and Patience.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation opened with singing which was followed with prayer led by Bro. Harris.

The report of the Temperance committee was adopted as read. See reports of committees.

A verbal report of the committee of Non-Represented associations was accepted.

The report of the committee of Sunday Schools was adopted as read.

The report of the Auditing committee was adopted as read.

Motion prevailed to pay \$5 to each of the clerks of the State Association.

Report of the Program committee was adopted as read.

J. R. Hartley and W. M. Guinn were selected and indorsed as State Evangelists.

Motion sustained to include a report of the proceedings of Zion Hope No. 1 Association in the State Minutes.

Branch, Franklin County, was selected as the place for the next Annual Session of the Association.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

The congregation was opened with singing. J. E. White conducted the devotional service. The resolution of thanks was read. Prayer was offered by Ralph Staten. The sermon was delivered in the person of A. N. Best. Text, John 3:16. Gordon King followed.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The concluding service was opened with congregational singing. Prayer was offered by B. S. Foster. Devotional service was conducted by J. O. Hefner. The sermon was preached by J. D. Doyle. Theme, The Beauties of Heaven and the Miseries of Hell. L. C. Doyle followed. Motion sustained to adjourn to convene with the Branch church on Thursday evening, Sept. 30, 1937.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION

Thursday Evening

Devotional service—Local choir.

Introductory sermon—Eld. George Beene, Spring Valley.

Appointment of Program, Finance, Statistics, Resolutions, Obituary, and Non-Represented Associations committees.

Friday Morning

Music and devotion—J. W. Coffman.

Welcome address—J. S. Lovett, Magazine. Response—R. M. Moore, Star City.

Association called to order—Mod. L. C. Doyle, Newport.

Calls for associational, petitionary and corresponding letters.

Election of permanent officers.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum.

Appointment of committees on Church Policy and Doctrine, Temperance, Sunday Schools and League Organizations, Union of Church, Religious Education, Publication and Literature and Auditing.

Music and devotion—Member present.

Sermon—J. E. White, Warren.

Friday Afternoon

Devotional.

Call for tardy letters.

Report of State Clerk, Corresponding Clerk, Evangelists.

Roll call of Ministers and Deacons.

Sermon—Roy Hughes. Alternate—John Reel, Atkins.

Friday Evening

Music and devotion—Hartford Music Co. and Sister C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier.

Sermon—R. M. Johnson, Russellville. Alternate—W. A. Crouch, Hector.

Saturday Morning

Music and devotion—L. G. Presley.
Report of committees.
Unfinished business.
Talk by the young ministers.
Devotional.
Memorial Sermon—J. D. Doyle.

Saturday Afternoon

Music and devotion.
New business.
Election of evangelists.
Selection of the place for the next annual session.
Representation in Eastern or Western Association.
Sermon—Visiting minister.

Saturday Evening

Music and devotion—H. A. Lewis, Gid. R. B. Venable, Atkins.
Sermon—T. H. Dixon and W. M. Guinn.

Sunday Morning

Music and devotion.
Sunday School Address—I. J. Wilson, Charleston.
League Address—Elmer Turner, Branch.
Temperance Address—F. M. Hudson.
Music and devotion—Hartford Music Company.
Sermon—The Moderator.

RESOLUTIONS

Recommended in 1934

1. Be it Resolved that this body purchase a tent to be used for holding the state associational sessions in. The dimensions are to be 40x60. The said tent to be used, also by our state evangelists when needed. We earnestly recommend that each Freewill Baptist pay a ten cent fee within the next four months into the tent fund. The said money is to be collected by pastors and sent by church clerks to the Treasurer of the Evangelistical committee, Joe Phillips, Booneville.

2. Be it Resolved that this association elect an evangelistical committee of three members. The said committee to consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who are to look out for and act as an advisory council with the evangelists in regard to the work.

3. Be it Resolved that the evangelists assist in the collection of the Tent Fund.

4. Be it Resolved that the members of the subordinate associations contribute each year the sum of a three cent fee per member for the printing of state minutes and that the said collection be sent to the state association meeting by the clerks of the subordinate associations in care of their respective delegates.

Committee—A. N. Best, Homer Parker, Ralph Staten.

Recommended in 1935

1. Be it Resolved that the state Association ask each church in the state to pay the sum (\$1.00), one dollar per year to the corresponding Clerk and Treasurer. The sum collected to be divided as follows: 50c to be used for the publication and distribution of the minutes, and the other 50c to be sent to the church where the next session of the State Association will convene for the purpose of defraying the associational expenses. If there should be an insufficient amount sent in, that said amount is to be collected during that session of the body.

2. Be it Resolved that the Credential Committee be abolished by this body and that the said body recommend that each associational letter be read by the Clerk and be received or rejected by the associational body.

3. Be it Resolved that this associational body send two representative men of our doctrine in addition to the delegates to the national Association to assist the delegation in safeguarding the fundamental principles of the faith, doctrine and practice of the Freewill Baptist people.

4. We, the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptist, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Eld. Gattlen for his kindness in letting us use his tent during this session of the association, and we pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon him in the days to come.

Committee—R. D. Smith, W. P. White, J. R. Hartley, C. E. Riggs, W. S. Isbell.

Recommended in 1936

1. Be it resolved that we retain the 10c per member fee for the Burial Fund.

2. Be it resolved that each pastor act as responsible for \$1.00 of each church he pastors instead of the \$1.00 requested of each church and passed at the last session of the association to defray minute and associational expenses.

3. Be it resolved that nominee shall be considered elected only when he or she has received a majority of the votes that were cast.

4. (Tabled). Whereas, the Eastern and Western Associations have emerged into one body which is known as the National Association of Freewill Baptist, be it therefore Resolved that this association elect delegates at this session and petition for membership in the Western Association.

5. We, the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptist take this method of expressing our thanks to the Alice Brook's Church and community for their splendid hospitality, spirit of love and Christian fellowship shown us during our stay with them. We appreciate the presence and music rendered by the Hartford and Stamps-Baxter Music Companies, and Mrs. Mary Duty for the use of her piano. May God bless all we pray.

Committee—J. D. Coffman, R. M. Moore, C. E. Riggs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Temperance:—We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We view with alarm the great wave of lawlessness, crime and debauchery now sweeping over our nation, caused we believe largely by the return of the old time saloon and beer joint, into our state, and realizing the great destruction to good morals, civilization, and the souls of men, which it is bringing, we earnestly urge all Freewill Baptists to join with God-loving men and women in voting, and in other ways using their influence to banish the said saloons, beer joints, Sunday picture shows, and Sunday baseball from our state.

We urge all our parents in our great state to throw around their children and their neighbor's children, the benign influence of the family altar, the Sunday school, League work, and every other influence at their command, that will strengthen their power of resentment to the evils above mentioned, together with the swimming pools, dancing halls and all other such evil influences.

Committee—J. E. White, J. M. Holleman, G. W. Million.

(The above was amended as follows: That each church clerk file said report in churchbook).

Obituary:—Whereas, in looking over our records of each subordinate association, we find that there has been sorrow brought to thirty-five homes and the congregations of several communities have been saddened on account of vacant places brought about by the call of God unto them. While we have to bow to the will of God, our hearts are made sad; yet, we are made to rejoice because of the hope that all have in Christ Jesus. We know our loss is heaven's gain. Therefore, we do express our sympathy for the bereaved ones and earnestly pray for their comfort and consolation of the Spirit of Christ to be in their saddened homes. We trust that each of us shall strive to enter into the joys of our Lord where we shall behold His glory and unite with our loved ones in the home above.

Committee—J. R. Hartley, Elmer Turner, H. A. Lewis.

Finance:—We, your committee on Finance, have collected and turned over to the Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer forty-four dollars and forty cents, (\$44.40).

Committee—S. L. Woodard, J. H. Meeks, J. J. West.

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

The present Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer, S. L. Woodard, received from W. M. Guinn, his predecessor, the sum of seventy-one dollars and forty cents _____ \$ 71.40

Received since the last association—
 Received from one dollar fund _____ 10.00
 Amount collected during meeting _____ 44.40

 \$125.80

Disbursements:

To Sister J. L. BaShann _____ \$30.00
 For badges _____ 3.60
 Corresponding Clerk expense _____ 11.00
 State Meeting expense _____ 6.50

Total Disbursements _____ 51.10

Total Balance _____ \$74.70

The balance is to be divided as follows:

The Tent Fund _____ \$26.10
 The Minute Fund _____ 40.00
 The Burial Fund _____ 8.60

Total _____ \$74.70

New Disbursements: Transferred by Association.

To Corresponding and State Clerk \$5 each _____ \$10.00
 Minute Fund _____ 16.10

Total _____ \$26.10

Balance _____ \$48.60

Committee—F. M. Hudson, Jesse E. Pratt, J. E. White.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST

Eld. J. R. Hartley—Due to misplacement of record book, I submit the following in brief: Have put in the time of five and one half months during the past year. For said services rendered, I received \$5.10 above traveling expenses. Brethren, pray for me, that I may preach the gospel with more boldness.

ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION

The twenty-seventh annual session of Zion Hope Association met in annual conference with Welcome Home Church No. 1, August, 1936. The Moderator read the Matt. 23, for the Scriptural lesson. Prayer by Eld. G. M. Condley. Preaching by Eld. A. F. Taylor.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator read St. John 10 for the Scriptural lesson. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

Six churches were represented. The following committees were appointed:

Resolution—J. D. Coffman, A. F. Taylor, G. M. Condley.

Divine Service—Andy Treadwell, Audie Fisher, Ethel Bohamon.

Sunday School—C. T. Marable, J. W. Coffman, Mrs. Archie Gates.

Obituary—J. R. Bone, H. R. Condley, Susie Fisher.

Temperance—Mrs. W. A. Crouch, Mrs. G. M. Condley, C. A. Crouch.

Non-represented Churches—Lonzo Holsted, A. F. Taylor, J. D. Coffman.

Finance—W. D. Condley, G. M. Condley, H. R. Condley.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by G. M. Condley. Text, Solomon, 8:6. Subject, Jealousy and Love.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Moderator read Josh. 4 for the Scriptural lesson. Prayer by H. R. Condley.

Query: Who is the ungodly man spoken of in 1 Pet. 4:18? The rest of the afternoon was spent on the question.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Moderator read Col. 1 for the Scriptural lesson. Prayer by Moderator. Sermon by W. A. Crouch. Text, Phil. 4:11.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator read Titus 1 for a lesson. Prayer by A. F. Taylor. The report of all the committees were received and adopted as read.

Query No. 2: What are the duties of our Deacons? Question was discussed with much interest.

Query No. 3: What is meant in St. John 3:3? A very interesting discussion.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sermon by Jim Gilliam who is with the Missionary Baptist and was seated in council as an advisory member. Scripture lesson, Luke 11. Text, Ps. 1:6.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator read Luke 12 for a lesson. Motion carried to change the time of the Association's meeting to Thursday evening before the third Sunday in Sept., 1937. The next session will be at Welcome Home No. 2. A. J.

Latham was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: W. A. Crouch, Mod.; G. H. Voss, Clerk; C. T. Marable, Assistant Clerk.

Motion carried that Committee on Divine Service supply the pulpit for Sunday at 11:00 a. m.

SATURDAY EVENING

Sermon by J. D. Coffman. Scripture lesson, St. Jno. 17. Theme, God's Great Plan of Salvation.

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible School at 10:00 a. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by W. A. Crouch. The session climaxed with a Memorial Sermon.

Benediction by J. D. Coffman.

This was the best association we have had in several years. The entire session was characterized by good singing and a fine spirit of fellowship.

Eld. W. A. Crouch, Moderator. Glenn H. Voss, Clerk.

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

The Ministers, Deacons, Clerks and Messengers composing that part of the Church of God or Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptists of Social Band Association met in its sixty-second annual conference with the Pruett Chapel Church on August 13, 1936.

THURSDAY EVENING

The assembly opened with singing. Prayer by W. C. Forsyth. Introductory sermon by D. C. Jones. Used Amos 4:12 and I Pet. 4:18 as parallel texts. The benediction by Ralph Staten.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator for a lesson I Pet. 4. Prayer by Ambrose Cavenar. There were 13 churches represented. The following were elected as officers for the ensuing year: D. C. Jones, Moderator; Ralph Staten, Clerk. The Rules of Decorum were read. The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service—Gladys Stringer, Austin Cavenar, Pink Wooldridge.

Finance—Daily Hibbard, Woodrow Tyler, G. W. Dale.

Obituary—C. W. Rowland, Irvin Holder, Gene Davis.

Resolutions—Ambrose Cavenar, E. W. Tucker, C. L. Rickey, C. E. Riggs, R. S. Shelton.

Doctrine and Ordinance Observance—R. S. Shelton, E. W. Tucker, Ralph Staten.

Pastorless Churches—W. C. Forsyth, C. H. Constant, R. S. Shelton, E. W. Tucker.

Motion prevailed to place a Temperance and Sunday School Committee, composing of Pastor, Clerk, Deacons, in each local church.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sermon, W. C. Forsyth. Lesson, Luke 18. Theme, Our Opportunity.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Moderator read Ps. 78 for a lesson. Moved that Powell's Chapel be dropped from the church list. The Burial Association proposition was referred to the local churches. Devotional, Gene Davis.

FRIDAY EVENING

Devotional, Daily Hibbard. Sermon, E. W. Tucker. Text, Rom. 6:23. Theme, Sin.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to dismission. Moderator read Rom. 12 for a lesson. Prayer, C. W. Rowland. Delegates elected to the State Association were as follows: Mary Norris, A. B. Ford, Austin Cavenar, Wesley Wheeler, Woodrow Tyler. The roll call of Ministers and Deacons was made. W. A. Sneed dropped from Ministerial list. Has transferred to Polk Bayou Association.

C. E. Riggs was selected to preach the next annual memorial sermon. Ralph Staten was elected to preach the Introductory sermon. Hopewell church at Old Reyno was elected as the place for the next session of the Association.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Prayer, R. S. Shelton. Memorial sermon, R. S. Shelton. Lesson, Ps. 23. Text, Rev. 14:13. C. E. Riggs followed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer, J. O. Martin. Minister's reports were read and accepted. Devotional, Wesley Wheeler. Moved to delay the publication of minutes until after the State Association. Motion sustained to have the Unveiling service of D. M. Holder at 10:00 o'clock on the second Sunday in November. W. T. Shoffit, D. O. Jones in care of ceremonies.

SATURDAY EVENING

Prayer, E. W. Tucker. Devotional, Woodrow Tyler. Sermon, R. S. Shelton. Lesson, I Jno. 4. Text, Rom. 8:15. There were six conversions during this service.

SUNDAY MORNING

Devotional, W. C. Forsyth. The Presbytery—R. S. Shelton, C. E. Riggs, E. W. Tucker, J. T. Wheelless, C. L. Rickey ordained Henry Russell of Rickey Chapel as Deacon.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Devotional service, W. C. Forsyth. Sermon, C. E. Riggs. Lesson, Luke 22:1-31. Text, Luke 22:19. Theme or subject, The Lord's Supper. The Communion of the Saints and not of a Sect.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional service. Sermon, Ralph Staten. Lesson, St. Jno. 13. Text, Eph. 2:10. Subject, Footwashing the Ordinance Symbolical of the Descension and Ascension of Christ Jesus the Lord and Master. A goodly number participated in these services.

D. C. Jones, Moderator. Ralph Staten, Clerk.

Arkansas State Association

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(Reported by Committee and Adopted by Convention)
(See Report of Committee)

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living, Triune God; Composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; I 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 accepted, by being born to 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 again to gather his jewels home. Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Math. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. HOLY SPIRIT—We believe that 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; Eph. 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 Tim. 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 with all their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and was 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 CHRIST. Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:16:17; Rom. 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-24; Rom. 5-18.

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 into the glorified Kingdom above. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; 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. John 3rd chapter; Math. 19:13-22; Sec. 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. First 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, the 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. 3:14-15-16; 3:5-6; First Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Math. 28:19.

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 by our Lord 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; First Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Math. 26:26-27-28-29.

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; Exodus 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 scriptures 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 able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation tongue and people. Ephes. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; First Peter 2:5; Ephes. 2:20-22; 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. Second Thes. 1:1; Acts 16:5; Third John 1:10; Math. 18:17; Acts 20:28; 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 and 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 wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty they would backslide and if persistently continued would be eternally lost. Sec. 1:12; Second Cor. 9:10; Second Peter 1:4-8; First Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39. Apostasy: Second Peter 1:8-9; First Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; First John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; First Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; 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 that the government of the local church is with the body. Col. 1:18-19; Math. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Math. 21:42; Ephes. 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. I Cor. 6:11; II Thes. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; Sec. Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; Sec. Tim. 2:20-21.

19. THE RESURRECTION—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of righteous and the 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.

18. THE SOUL—The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into conscious state of happiness or misery according to the spiritual character here possessed. Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6-9; Luke 16:19-25; Math. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT—We believe that there will be a general, 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 eternal happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Math. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

Arkansas State Association

CONSTITUTION

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

each other, we therefore 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, 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, if found 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 the 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 Association, whose duty it shall be to send it by the hands of messengers, which money so sent shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer 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 members may deem it necessary.

Thirty-first Annual Session

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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Association	Moderators and Address	Clerk and Address	Received into Fellowship	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Ministers	Churches	Sunday Schools	Leagues	Membership
Antioch	John Reel, Atkins	E. O. Wright, Atkins	54	4		8	20	17	17	8	887
Arkansas	E. H. Forrest, Ola	Elmer Turner, Branch				4	16	14	14		800
Big Springs	Delbert Davis, Salem	Claud Davis, Moko					9	14	14		575
Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neel, Newhope	R. D. Smith, Newhope	8	3		2	13	8	8	6	357
Mt. Grove	O. D. Presley, Quitman	A. B. O'Guinn, Rosebud						3			132
New Hope	J. H. Hartsell, Rosebud	H. C. Holleman, Rosebud	28	3		9	19	13	13		717
Old Mt. Zion	W. E. Bland, LaRue	Isaac Lynch, Clifty									481
Polk Bayou	H. A. Lewis, Gid	Owen Harvell, Gid					18	12	12		750
Rich Mountain	T. H. Hornton	Virgil Joplin					16	8			320
Saline	J. E. White, Warren	L. I. Shelton, Warren	29	2		6	10	12	12	6	788
Social Band	D. C. Jones, Biggers	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	57	13		6	19	23	23	2	988
Tyronza	L. J. Smith, Lepanto	Minerva Hulsey, Tyronza									226
Union	H. H. Happirns, Rule	T. H. Griffith, Rule									1077
Zion Hope I	W. A. Crouch, Hector	Glenn Voss, Hector									481
Zion Hope No. II	C. M. Crouch, Hackett	J. W. Atwell, Rudy									270
Total			176	25		35	140	124	113	22	8849

NOTE: Some of the data in this table is not of the year 1936.