### MINUTES

of the

## FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

# FREEWILL BAPTIST ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Held with Mt. Pleasant Church, Ashlev County September 28 - October 2, 1938

The next annual session of this Association will be held at Newhope, Pike County, beginning on Wednesday evening, before the first Sunday in October, 1939

#### **OFFICERS:**

Moderator, Eld. W. A. Hearron, Newhope

Moderator Emeritus, Eld. J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge

Asst. Moderator, W. F. McGee, Russellville

Clerk, S. L. Woodard, Warren

Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton, Rye

Eld. J. E. White is to preach the annual introductory sermon Eld. W. A. Crouch, Alternate Eld. L. C. Doyle is to preach the annual memorial sermon Eld. M. A. Thompson, Alternate

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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

NOTE:-Church Duties 100 per cent.

#### LETTER FORM

To the Arkansas State Association of Freewill Baptists:

Aggoriation of
We, the Association of
Freewill Baptists in annual session with
Church on, 1939, have selected
to represent us in your
honorable body which convenes with
church, on Sept. 27, 1939. 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; Recommen-
dation, by letter, dismissed by letter
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and address of Ministers
Schools Leagues Families
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When association organized
Association comprises what counties
Moderator
Clerk

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

### Of the Forty-First Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association and Leagues of Freewill Baptist People

The Ministers; Deacons, Delegates, and Associational Clerks composing that part of the church of God or Christ, commonly known as Freewell Baptist of the Arkansas State Association, met in annual conference with the Mt. Pleasant Church, near old Milo, in Ashley county, September 28 - October 2, 1938.

The inception and the rest of the session were marked by a large representation from many localities of the state. A very spiritual and

harmonious atmosphere prevailed throughout the session.

The people of Milo community had made arrangements to serve

the noon and evening meals at the church grounds.

The Insignia: Badges of honor were pinned on the conventional

messengers from the several subordinate associations.

While waiting upon committee reports at intervals and in the optional service, 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, Prof. Nolen Jeffres with others rendered several special numbers to the spiritual edification of the associational convention. The pianists were Sister Elsie Lawless, Sister J. E. Mc-Mahon, and A. A. Hollis.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Exordium: The assembly was opened with singing by a large delegation. W. F. McGee called the house to order. J. W. Coffman conducted the devotional exercises. Eld. J. E. White led the evening prayer. Sermon, The Future of our Youth, by Eld. Ralph Staten. Benediction by A. F. Taylor.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Opened with singing. Scripture reading by Moderator W. F. Mc-Gee. Ephesians 6. Prayer, Joe Venable.

#### The Young People's Work

Devotional—Edith Collins. Prov. 19—Drunken came to poverty by truth and sell it not.

Election of officers: Eld. Charles Staten, president; Eld. Roy Hughes, vice president; Edith Collins, secretary; Elsie Lawless, assistant secretary; program committee, Sister W. A. Hearron; State Organizer, Eld. J. E. White; Ralph Staten, assistant.

Talks:

History of Strong Drinks. Elsie Lawless. Relation of Liquor and Crime—Charles Staten.

Has Repeal Made Things Better?—Roy Hughes.

#### Program from Newhope Church

Inspirational talk by L. E. Duncan, Tuplelo, Miss.; Prayer: W. S. Isabell. Preaching by Eld. Haas, Missippippi: Text-The Church and Its Mission. Dismissed for the noon hour by prayer.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing by the class and Hartford Quartet. Prayer by Joe Venable. Devotional by W. A. Crouch. Prayer.

1. Program Committee—Sister W. A. Hearron, Sister T. J. Brooks,

Eva Dover.

2. Statistical Committee—Sister Elsie Lawless, Beulah Staten, Lonnie Brown.

Program by Saline Association. Intermission.

Round table discussion on young people's work. Dismissed by John Reel.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Opening song by Hartford Quartet. Song service directed by Lonnie Brown. Devotional service led by Bro. Jenkins. Evening prayer led by Eld. W. P. White.

Eld. W. A. Hearron preached the introductory sermon to a large attentive audience.

Scripture lesson: St. Matthew 7:21-24. Text: (Whosoever heareth these things of mine and doeth them).

Pulpit Committee-Lee Tackett, Roy Smith, G. W. Doggett.

Benediction-Eld. W. P. White.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

The assembly was called to order at 9:00 by Moderator W. F. McGee. Class singing. The Moderator read Ps. 1 for a Scriptural lesson. Eld. J. R. Hartley led the morning prayer. The roll of associational letters was called for. The following were presented and their delegates seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship:

- 1. Antioch Association—Roscoe Crouch, J. J. West, T. L. Tackett, Ed Chronister, Charles Nichols.
  - 2. Arkansas-Not represented.
  - 3. Big Spring—A verbal report.
- 4. Little Missouri River—Edith Brooks Collins, Elsie Lawless, Mary Hughes, Roy Smith, Essie Hearron.
  - 5. Newhope—Sister C. E. Wilson.
  - 6. Old Mt. Zion—By Letter.
- 7. Polk Bayou—Daisy Dillion, Horace Doyle, Charles Lester, Fay Watkins, G. E. Richardson.
- 8. Saline—G. W. Doggett, Louis Barker, L. T. Shelton, Sister W. P. White, Eva Blassingame.
  - 9. Social Band—Beulah Staten.
  - 10. Tyronza—Not represented.
  - 11. Zion Hope 2—Not represented.

The visitors of other denominations were invited to take part in giving advice and also made welcome by the body. Motion and second to seat M. L. Hollis, J. M. Haas, L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude of Mississippi State Association. Eld. L. W. Wheeler's letter was read before the assembly.

Organization being perfected, the Moderator declared nominations in order of the election of officers for the ensuring associational year. The following were elected: Moderator, W. A. Hearron; Assistant Moderator, W. F. McGee; State Clerk, S. L. Woodard; Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton.

Intermission for eleven o'clock service.

Service was opened with singing, "Come, Go With Me." Hartford Quartet, director by J. A. McClung, sang a special song number. Prayer. Sermon by Eld. M. L.Hollis, Reading Amos 4:6-12. Text: Prepare to Meet Thy God. Subject: Judgment of God. Prayer, Eld. Ralph Staten. Hartford Quartet, "Standing Outside." Bro. W. F. McGee pronounced the benediction.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Special singing by Hartford Quartet called the assembly together. A public collection was given Hartford Quartet for their fine spirit and service. Prayer by Eld. John Reel. A short talk was given by the retiring officials. Moderator W. A. Hearron assumed official duty. Rules of Decorum were read. Moderator W. A. Hearron announced the appointment of the following committees:

Temperance-W. A. Crouch, John Reel, J. H. Hartsell.

Finance—J. J. West, M. A. Wolf, H. C. Dyer.

Resolution-L. C. Doyle, W. S. Isbell, J. E. White.

Obituary-J. W. Coffman, J. C. Moring, Sister I. J. Brooks.

Non-Represented Association—R. B. Venable, M. G. King, W. W. Clark.

Sunday School-Charles Staten, Edith Collins, Louis Barker.

Auditing-H. R. Conley, L. C. Doyle, Jesse Looper.

League-Elsie Lawless, Beulah Staten, Eva Dover.

Minister Roll-Ralph Staten, Sister W. A. Hearron, Charles Nichols.

Intermission for 30 minutes to do committee work,

Badges of honor were pinned on the conventional messengers from the several subordinate associations.

Motion and second to adjourn until 9:00 Saturday morning, October 1, 1938.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

The assembly was called together by singing. Quartet, directed by J. W. Coffman. Quartet, directed by Charles Staten. Class song directed by A. A. Hollis. Devotional led by Eld. John Reel. Prayer, Eld. C. E. Wilson. A. A. Hollis directed two song numbers. Evening Sermon, Eld. G. S. Jenkins. Scripture reading, Luke 2:24-45. Text: The Lost Christ. Benediction by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

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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 First Corinthians 13. The prayer was led by W. S. Isbell.

Call for committee reports:

The report of the Non-Represented Association was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

The Sunday School Committee's report was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

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

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

Intermission of 30 minutes.

The resumption of business.

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

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

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

#### Eleven O'Clock Service

The Memorial service was opened with singing and quartets, followed with prayer by Sister C. E. Wilson. Rev. C. E. Wilson preached the Memorial sermon.

Scriptural lesson, Job 14:11. Theme, To speak comforting words to the bereaved ones, and the joys of their deceased. Song, directed by Nolen Jeffers. A handshake. Eld. L. C. Doyle pronounced the benediction.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation opened with singing directed by Nolen Jeffers, followed with prayer led by Rev. W. A. Crouch.

The report of the Temperance Committee was adopted as read. Committee discharged.

The report of the Auditing committee was adopted as read. Committee discharged.

Newhope, Pike County, was selected as the place for the next Annual Session of the Association.

A ten-minute intermission.

Moderator W. A. Hearron appointed the following to collect one dollar from each church in his Association: J. J. West, Antioch; Elmer Turner, Arkansas; Carl Davis, Big Spring; John Crow, Little Missouri River; C. E. Wilson, Newhope; Isaac Lynch, Old Mt. Zion; Theodore Doyle, Polk Bayou; L. I. Shelton, Saline; Ralph Staten, Social Band; T. H. Griffith, Union; J. W. Atwell, Zion Hope No. 2. You should have this money collected and sent to L. I. Shelton one month before the State Association meets.

Motion and second to cancel the Old Ministers' Fund was accepted.

No one was selected as State Evangelists. Each Clerk of the State Association was paid \$5.00.

#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The congregation was opened with singing. Devotional service was consigned to the young ministers with five minutes to talk and was conducted by Moderator W. A. Hearron of Newhope, Ark., who led in the opening prayer and made the opening talk. Others that followed were Elders Roy Smith, M. A. Wolf, Charles Staten, J. E. White, John Reel, Ralph Staten and J. H. Hartsell.

The sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. W. A. Hearron. Lesson text, 1 Timothy 6:3-4, 1 John 2:4. Theme: Feet Washing.

A verbal resolution of thanks given by Eld. L. C. Doyle was accepted.

A verbal response by Bro. A. A. Hollis was accepted.

This was the close of the business session, the delegates, visitors with the community engaged in a very emotional hand-greeting.

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The concluding service was opened with congregational singing led by Nolen Jeffers. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. Estell. The sermon was preached by Eld. G. S. Jenkins. Text, Deuteronomy 32:41. Motion sustained to adjourn to convene with the Newhope church on Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

#### RESOLUTIONS

#### Recommended in 1937

Resolution No. 1 of 1931 Minutes was read to confirm a verbal report that the Deacons and Associational Clerks had an equal voice with ordained Ministers and elected delegates in the transaction of State Associational business.

Motion prevailed to defer the question of representation in the Western Association and amended as such that it is recommended that the pastor of each local church take action on said question and report to their local association which is to make a report to the State Association.

- 1. Be it Resolved, that the order of business as given in the Minutes of the 1933 meeting of the State Association be adopted by this session for future use. No. 1 and 2 should change places.
- 2. Be it Resolved, that any minister asking endorsement as a state envangelist and receiving such to not go to any church that has a pastor except said pastor and church invite him to come.
- 3. Be it Resolved, that we recommend a greater cooperation between our pastors and deacons so as to insure a better unity between them, and in leading their duty they owe to God and the church, and to their fellow man. Too, that we urge our district association to take this matter up with their membership. (It was suggested that a ministers and deacons council should be held in connection with their respective Fifth Sunday or Quarterly meeting.)
- 4. Be it Resolved, that the State Association convene one day earlier, which day be devoted to League and Sunday School activities. The Moderator and Clerk shall work on a program for the same.

#### Recommended in 1938

- 1. We, your committee on Resolutions, recommend that each district association have an ordaining council.
- 2. Be it Resolved, that the State Association of Arkansas put a man in the state mission work throughout the state to visit those places where they have no ministers. The Resolution Committee recommended that this resolution be adopted and go into effect just as soon as this body furnish the money.
  - 3. Be it Resolved, that we, the F. W. B., put forth every effort for the upbuilding of a progressive and worth while organization of Leaguers that will educate our young people to a better service in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

We recommend that we send representatives or delegates to other associations, by State Association or the National Association for suggestions and information of progress. (It was suggested that the State Secretary of League work get out a standardized report blank to be used by each League in making their report this year to the state meeting.)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: Realizing since the repeal of the eighteenth amendment the Devil is putting up a strong fight with intoxicating drink, we feel it is the duty of every child of God to stand firm for Temperance in every way, denouncing intemperance on every hand. We urge very true child of God to put on the whole armour of God without fear and trembling, for the Promise is to you and your children, and to all them that are afar off. We realize our only service of help came from God as we read in God's word, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the Devil, is a raving lion walking about seeking whom he may devour. First Peter 5:8. Therefore, we urge our pastors, evangelists, teachers, and religious teachers to set fourth by practice and example temperance in all things. Christians, watch your vote and elect God-fearing men to our various offices.

W. A. Crouch, Chairman

We, the committee on League Work, are unable to get a satisfactory report on league work, due to lack of information, and we recommend that each league furnish all the information called for in the report blank recommended by the secretary, Mrs. Edith Collins.

Elsie Lawless, Chairman

We, the Sunday School Committee, give the following report as we have found by investigation: There are sixty-three Sunday Schools with only thirty-four using Freewill Baptist literature.

We recommend that each pastor and all interested in the Freewill Baptist cause demand and use his influence in getting Freewill

Baptist literature into all of our Sunday Schools.

Charles Staten, Chairman

We, the Committee on Non-Represented Associations, beg leave to report that we have examined the list of Associations that constitute the State Association and find six not represented. The cause unknown to us.

R. B. Venable, Chairman

We, the Committee on Obituary, find the following Brothers and Sisters have departed this life since our last State Association. We miss them in our gatherings, but our loss we hope is Heaven's gain. Names of the Deceased—

Zion Hope-Sisters E. L. Hill, Nancy Taylor, A. A. Thompson.

Little Missouri River—Sister Hattie Parker, Sister Henry, Bro. Thomas Ailer.

Old Mt. Zion-10.

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Social Band-Looney, Doan.

Saline—T. J. Bradley, Hardie Baker, Joe Cowell, Sisters Dora Jorden, Mandy Williams, Little Bough.

New Hope—Bros. Thomas, Gregory, Sisters Jamie Crockett, Lula Weeks, Mead, Presley.

Antioch-Bros. A. E. Druall, W. R. Jobe, Bowen, Sisters Tildie Burris, Roda Bowden, Maudie Holdman, Delpha Conell.

Old Mt. Zion-Sarah E. Webb, Usila M. Ray, G. C. Bland, Elsie Wright, Isabelle Walker, Lula M. Finn, Mary E. White, Jane Foster, Lou Townsend, Annie Lynch, William R. Burnett.

Polk Bayou—8. Total 45.

J. W. Coffman, Chairman

Finance:-We, your committee on Finance, have collected and turned over to the Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer forty dollars (\$40.00).

J. J. West, Chairman

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

Amount received by Bro. E. O. Wright \_\_\_\_\_\$46.10 Disbursement: Paid out \_\_\_\_\_\$16.00 Total Disbursement .\_\_\_\_\$16.00 Total Balance \_\_\_\_\_\$30:10

Check Due State meeting \_\_\_\_\_\$10.00

The committee recommended that the record be returned to Bro. E. O. Wright for his correction, and then sent to Bro. L. I. Shelton, Corresponding Clerk, elect.

Eld. L. C. Doyle, Chairman

The present Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer, L. I. Shelton, received from Bro. E. O. Wright, his predecessor, the sum of twenty dol-

lars and ten cents \_\_\_\_\_\_\$20.10 Amount collected during meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\$40.00

\$60.10

New Disbursements:

Transferred by Association.

To Corresponding and State Clerk \$5.00 each.. \$10.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Balance \_\_\_\_\_\$50.10

Bro. L. I. Shelton, Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer

#### 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 Penticost. 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 waybill 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 Saviour 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; Phili. 3:21; Sec. Thes. 5-19-23; St. John 17:17-19; Sec. Tim. 2:20-21.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.

## LETTER FORM TO BE USED BY LOCAL CHURCHES

To theAssociation of Freewill Baptists:
We, theChurch of Freewill Baptists met on
, 1939, and selected
to represent us in your
honorable body which convenes with
Church, on1939. Bidding you God's speed in
all your labor for the advancement of the cause of Christ and his King-
dom. Our Church is composed ofDeacons, Ministers,
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## STATISTICAL TABLE

	Associations	Moderator and Address	Clerk and Address	Received into Fellowship	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Ministers	Churches	Sunday Schools	Leagues	Membership
	Antioch Arkansas Big Springs	W. S. Isbell, Russellville, R. 4 A. R. Brook Delbert Davis, Salem	E. O. Wright, Atkins Elmer Turner, Branch Claud Davis, Moko	84	5		7	11 13	16 14	12 8	3	853 627 575
-	Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neal, Newhope	R. D. Smith, Newhope	17	3	1	4	12	10	7		241
	Mt. Grove	O. D. Presley, Quitman	A. B. O'Guinn, Rosebud			· [	[	10		.	1	132
	New Hope	J. H. Hartsell, Rosebud	Jesse E. Pratt, Rosebud	24	3	· 1	7		11	11		715 481
	Old Mt. Zion Polk Bayou	W. E. Bland, LaRue H. A. Lewis, Gid	H. R. Neely, LaRue W. B. Williams, Strawberry	70 58		2	10 8	· · · · · ·	17	10	-	517
	Rich Mountain	T. H. Hernton	Virgil Joplin –	. 30			٥	20	- 1 ·	10		320
	Saline	J. E. White, Warren	S. L. Woodard, Warren	32	3	. }	6	14	12	8	1	985
-	Tyronza	L. J. Smith, Lepanto	Minerva Hulsey, Tyronza		_							226
-	Social Band	E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard	Charles Staten, Pocahontas	20	1	5	2	27	18			919
	Union	H. H. Happirns, Rule	T. H. Griffith, Rule	·*,	*		· . }	- }				$\lfloor 077 \rfloor$
	Zion Hope No. 2	C. M. Crouch, Hackett	J. W. Atwell, Rudy			·		. [				270
			Total	315	27	8	44	138	98	56	25 7	998

NOTE: Some of the data in this table is not of the year 1938.

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