

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
of the  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST ARKANSAS  
STATE ASSOCIATION**

Held with Newhope Church, Pike County  
September 27.- October 1, 1939

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The next annual session of this Association will be held at  
Walnut Grove, Pope County, beginning on Wednesday evening,  
before the first Sunday in October, 1940

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**. . . Officers . . .**

Moderator, Eld. W. A. Hearn, Newhope  
Moderator Emeritus, Eld. J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge  
Asst. Moderator, Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport  
Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton, Rye

Eld. W. A. Hearn is to preach the annual introductory sermon  
Eld. J. C. Moring, Alternate  
Eld. Ralph Staten is to preach the annual memorial sermon  
Eld. M. A. Thompson, Alternate

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**. . . Executive Board . . .**

Eld. F. M. Hudson ----- Moreland  
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**MODERATOR**



Eld. W. H. Hearron

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## PROCEEDINGS

### Of the Forty-Second Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association and League 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 Newhope Church, in Pike County, September 27 - October 1, 1939.

A large representation from many parts of the state took part in the inception and the rest of the session. A very spiritual and harmonious atmosphere prevailed throughout the session.

The Newhope community and those of other communities had made arrangements to serve the noon and evening meals at the church grounds. These meals were served in cafeteria style.

The Insignia: Friday afternoon the badges of honor were pinned on the conventional messengers.

Eld. Roy Smith, Eld. W. A. Hearron, J. W. Coffman, Nolin Jeffress, Mrs. Nolin Jeffress, Miss Beulah Staten, Ralph Staten, and Eld. Burns with others rendered several special numbers to the spiritual edification of the associational convention. The pianists were Miss Elsie Lawless, and Miss Eula North.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Exordium: W. A. Hearron called the house to order. A large assembly of delegates helped in class singing. Prayer. Pleasant Grove gave a fifteen minute program, "The Bugle Call." A personal introduction of officers. Sermon: "Our League Motto" by W. A. Hearron. Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Devotional—Gene Davis. Welcome Address—Gladys Smith. Response—Eld. Ralph Staten.

1. Topic—"Russellism"—Eld. Ralph Staten.  
Song—Oklahoma Quartet.
2. Topic—"The Bible"—Mrs. Edith Brooks Collins
3. Reading—"John and Company"—Bertha Cole  
Sermon—Eld. Richie of Oklahoma  
Dismissed for noon.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Election of officers: Eld. Charles Staten, president, Pocahontas; Gene Davis, vice president, Reyno; Mrs. Gladys Smith, secretary, Newhope; Eld. Ralph Staten, state organizer, Pocahontas. Program committee—A. G. Fisher, Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Herman Pennington, Abraham Sutton, and Fred Hunt.

Roll Call: Antioch—Joy Kathrine Fisher, Bobby Jo Fisher, Eula North, Ruthie Mae Taylor, Aubert Coffman; Arkansas—Frank Hunt; Little Missouri River—Gladys Smith, Syble Collins, Bertha Cole, Willie Joe Womack, and Mary Hughes; Saline—Martell Meeks, Joe Meeks, and Louis Barker.

No new business.

4. Topic—"Resurrection"—Eld. W. S. Isbell. Trio—Womack girls.

5. Potentialities of Community, Childhood and Home—Ruthie Mae Taylor. Discussion. Sanctification—W. A. Crouch.

6. Freedom of the Will—Miss Elsie Lawless. Quartet—Newhope, Jr.

7. Communion and Feet Washing—Wayne Tucker. Reading—Katharine Fisher. Trio—"A Perfect Day"—Newhope, Jr. Adjournment.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

The assembly was opened with class singing. Prayer. Eld. W. A. Crouch preached the introductory sermon to a large attentive audience, followed by Eld. George Bean. Adjournment until Friday morning.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 9:00 by Moderator W. A. Hearron. Scripture lesson—Lewis Barker, First John 1:1-14. Eld. J. R. Heartley led the morning prayer. Preliminary talk—Eld. W. A. Hearron. 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. Arkansas—Ellis Hunt, W. M. Guinn, Emily Hunt, J. E. Phillips, Fred Hunt.

2. Antioch—R. S. Teel, T. H. Teel, Orla Blair, T. L. Tacket, L. W. Mickel, W. S. Ferrall, Mrs. Aud Fisher, A. G. Fisher, G. M. Condley, A. F. Taylor, J. W. Coffman, Charles Nichols, W. A. Crouch, E. Henderson, W. S. Isbell, C. A. Crouch, H. R. Condley, Ruthie Mae Taylor, Eula North, Joy Catherine Fisher, Bobby Joe Fisher, J. T. Harris, A. L. Coffman, Mrs. G. Whismant.

3. Big Springs—Delbert Davis, Ocia Davis.

4. Little Missouri River—W. E. Pinkerton, Edyth Brooks Collins, Elsie Lawless, M. S. Almond, J. W. Kurr, W. R. Porter, Doyce Coffman, R. B. Rodgers, Bill Collins, R. D. Smith, E. H. Thomas, M. J. Smith, W. A. Hearron, Mary Hughes, W. M. Lawless, C. L. Tedder, Mrs. S. P. Morphen, Mrs. C. R. Jones, Mrs. M. Almond, Eld. M. D. Turner and Gladys Smith.

5. Mt. Grove—Not represented.

6. Newhope—S. A. Morgan, C. E. Wilson, Mrs. C. E. Wilson.

7. Old Mt. Zion—Eld. Geo. Been, H. M. Knox, Cecil O. Garrison.

8. Polk Bayou—Eld. J. D. Doyle, Cecil Doyle, Eld. L. C. Doyle, A. T. Blanks, Horace Doyle, Mrs. A. B. Hoyle, Jocie King, Eld. M. G. King.

9. Rich Mountain—S. B. Metcalf, W. M. Paregian, W. P. Earnest, J. C. Nichols.

10. Saline—S. L. Woodard, Ray Curry, Eld. J. C. Moring, A. R. Jones, Mrs. A. R. Jones, Eld. O. A. Ashcraft, W. W. Clark, B. H. McClellon, Eld. Lewis Barker, L. I. Shelton, Nolin Jeffress, Mrs. Nolin Jeffress, Eld. J. M. Estell, Eld. J. R. Hartley.

11. Tyronza—Not represented.

12. Social Band—Gene Davis, D. C. Jones, J. T. Wheless, Beulah Staten, Pearl Carter, Ralph Staten, Ludell Wheless, Wayne Tucker, Pearl Smith, Juanita Reed.

13. Union—Not represented.

14. Zion Hope—Not represented.

The visitors of other denominations were invited to take part in giving advice and also made welcome by the body. Only Ministers, Deacons, Associational Clerks, and Delegates are allowed to vote.

Organization being perfected, the Moderator declared nominations in order of the election of permanent officers for the ensuing associational year. The following were elected: Moderator, W. A. Hearron; Assistant Moderator, L. C. Doyle; State Clerk, S. L. Woodard; Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton. The registration of Ministers, Deacons, and delegates were in charge of Sister Beulah Staten, assisted by Sister Edyth Brooks Collins.

Intermission for eleven o'clock service.

Service was opened with singing directed by Eld. Roy Smith. Prayer, Gorden King. Eleven o'clock sermon, Eld. C. E. Wilson. Reading, St. John 18:1-20. Text: When Jesus went over the brook Cedron. Song, directed by Eld. W. M. Guinn. Theme: The three gardens, Eden, Gethsemane, and Paradise. Song, directed by Prof. J. W. Coffman, "I'll Fly Away." Eld. J. D. Doyle pronounced the benediction.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The assembly was called together by singing. Bro. Hunt, a delegate, was helped by the association in making a more perfect change for God. Devotional, Eld. W. M. Guinn. During this service, several accepted Christ as their saviour. Rules of Decorum were read by Moderator, W. A. Hearron. The appointment of the following committees were made by the Moderator:

Temperance—G. M. Conly, S. A. Morgan, and W. W. Clark. Pulpit Committee—A. T. Blanks, Sister Aud Fisher, Sister, A. R. Jones.

Finance—L. W. Mickle, Robert Rogers and D. C. Jones.

Resolution—George Been, L. C. Doyle, and Ralph Staten.

Obituary—T. L. Tacket, Beulah Staten, and Elsie Lawless.

Non-Represented Associations—Ray Curry, Eugene Davis and Aud Fisher.

Sunday School—Wayne Tucker, W. A. Crouch, and Lewis Barker.

Auditing—E. E. Henderson, Delbert Davis, and Cecil Garrison.

Minister Roll—Edyth Brooks Collins, John W. Coffman, and J. C. Nichols.

Doctrine and Harmony—W. M. Guinn, J. D. Doyle and W. S. Isbell.

Publication—L. C. Doyle, Ralph Staten, George Been, J. C. Moring, and M. G. King.

Executive Board—F. M. Hudson, G. W. Million, L. C. Doyle.

Intermission.

Class singing directed by W. A. Hearron. No. 117, "Meet Me Where All is Love." No. 12, "This World is Not My Home." A round table discussion on Temperance.

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

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

Motion and second to adjourn until 9:00 Saturday morning, September 30, 1939.



## FRIDAY EVENING

Special music directed by Eld. Ralph Staten. Eld. Roy Smith sang two numbers. Devotional service, Sister C. E. Wilson in charge. Evening sermon, Eld. W. M. Guinn. Scripture reading, Jeremiah 6:16. Text, "Where is the Good Way? Walk therein and you shall find rest to your soul." Song, extending an invitation to the unsaved. Prayer, in behalf of the unsaved and those who came into the altar for prayer. Benediction by Bro. E. Henderson.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The resumption of business was begun at the stipulated time. The congregation was called together by singing. Scripture lesson, Psalm 24th chapter, read by the Moderator. Prayer, L. C. Doyle. Intermission of thirty minutes for committee work.

Song service directed by Nolin Jeffress and Mrs. Nolin Jeffress.

Call for committee reports:

The report on Temperance was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

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

The report on Doctrine and Harmony was read and accepted after a few changes. Committee discharged.

The report on Sunday School was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

Motion and second to adjourn until one o'clock. Ten minute intermission.

## Eleven O'Clock Service

The Memorial service was opened with singing and quartets, followed with prayer. Eld. L. C. Doyle preached the Memorial sermon. Scripture lesson, Job. 14:1, Job 19:25-26. Theme, Respect, Honor, and Remembrance of the Young, Middle Age, and the Old that have gone on Before. Song. A handshake. Eld. Burns pronounced the benediction.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation opened with singing. Quartet: From Social Band. Prayer, Eld. Ralph Staten.

The report on Non-Represented Associations was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

The report on Ministers Roll was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

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

The report on Finance was read and accepted. Committee discharged.

Motion and second to accept Bro. Nolin Jeffress' plan for a state paper. The name of the paper will be "The Free Will Echo." The body appointed a board of control. Their duty is to rule and pass judgment on all doctrinal sermons and articles. Board members are: Chairman, W. A. Hearron, L. C. Doyle and Ralph Staten. You must send postage with your sermons. The amount of postage will be nine cents. Editor, Nolin Jeffress.

Each church will select its own Vacation Bible School teacher.

The report of the Pulpit Committee was accepted and discharged Saturday afternoon.

Eld. L. C. Doyle made a verbal report on Evangelistic work. Motion and second to apportion minutes according to the way paid.

Benediction by Eld. J. M. Estell.

#### SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The congregation was opened with singing. Devotional service was conducted by Sister I. J. Brooks. Quartet, directed by Ralph Staten. Prayer, Sister Aud Fisher.

The sermon was delivered in the person of Eld. W. A. Hearron. Scripture reading, Hebrew 7:27.

Business closed with ministers, deacons, delegates, and visitors engaged in a very emotional hand-greeting.

#### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The concluding service was opened with congregational singing. Prayer. The sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Davidson. Concluded by Eld. J. H. Coffman. Motion sustained to adjourn to convene with the Walnut Grove church on Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1940.

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

Resolution No. 4 was adopted as read. See resolution.

Resolution No. 5 was adopted as read. See resolution.

Resolution No. 6 was adopted as read. See resolution.

#### RESOLUTIONS

No. 1—Be it Resolved, that the 13th section in the constitution read as follows: Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any sitting of the annual State meeting of Free Will Baptists in Arkansas by a two-thirds vote of the members of said body.

No. 2—Resolve that the members of this body recommend and ask their association to create a building and an improvement fund. Said fund to be used to build and repair churches.

No. 3—Be it Resolved that the State Association shall be composed of five messengers chosen by each district association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers, deacons, and the district associational clerks.

No. 4—Be it Resolved that the association accept Bro. Nolin Jeffress' plan for a state denominational paper. His plan was to print the paper once a month at a price of \$1.25 for each subscriber, and if the number of subscribers went over 500 and up to a 1000 the price would be \$1.00. If the subscription doesn't reach 500 there will be no paper under this plan.

No. 5—Be it Resolved that this association set up a traveling Bible School, to be held in each subordinate association where needed. So that our young ministers may take advantage of it, and that this school have at least two teachers, one in Theology, and expression and one in church and Ancient History, and that any association calling for a

ten-day school shall pay the teacher and board the young ministers, who are attending. Any Free Will Baptist may attend whether he or she is a minister or not.

No. 6—Be it Resolved that the Free Will Baptists of the State of Arkansas establish a Vacation Bible School for children in every community where possible. The expense of the school is to be paid by a public collection.

No. 7—Whereas infidelity, atheism, evolution, and skepticism have entered our institutions of learning with great proportion of certain school textbooks and, whereas such has been taught and with contempt in presence of students who believe to the contrary. Be it Resolved that this association go on record as opposing to such irreverence to the word of God and recommend that the pastors of each church preach once a year on the subject and a sermon or more be published once a year in the Free Will Echo, Eudora, Ark.

No. 8—Be it Resolved, that this meeting has been so harmonious, that the great spirit of love has led in all the business transactions, and seemed to have full control of all ministers, in all their deliberations, to the extent that it was overflowing, that the good songs rendered by the choir, were so spirited, that they were soul stirring, that the homes of Newhope community were so comfortable and entertaining, that we have not words to express our gratitude, for all those, who in any way, helped to make this meeting so business like and enjoyable. We can only pray God that He may continue to bless these homes and this people for their kind hospitality, during our stay with them.

#### 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 every 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 teacher to set forth by practice and example temperance in all things. Christians, watch your vote and elect God-fearing men to our various offices.

Eld. Geo. Been, Chairman

We, the Sunday School committee, give the following report as we have found by investigation: There are 109 Sunday Schools with only 46 using Free Will Baptist literature. We recommend that each pastor and all interested in the Free Will Baptist cause demand and use his influence in getting Free Will Baptist literature into all of our Sunday Schools.

Eld. Wayne Tucker, Chairman

We, the committee on Non-Represented Associations, find the following associations not represented: Mt. Grove, Union, and Tyronza.

A. G. Fisher, Chairman



We, the committee on Obituary, find that fifty of our brothers and sisters have departed this life since our last association. We miss them in our gatherings, but our loss we hope is Heaven's gain.

T. L. Tackett, Chairman

We, the committee on Doctrine and Harmony, find that two of our ministers are not in harmony with the Free Will Baptist doctrine. One in Newhope Association and one in Missouri River Association. Each association is asked to look after their own affair first.

We, the Auditing committee, have audited the Corresponding Clerk's record, and find the books in good shape. All monies accounted for. The books show a balance of \$48.25 to be paid on minutes, and clerk hire.

Eld. Delbert Davis, Chairman

A credit of \$10.00 was added to Bro. E. O. Wright's 1937-1938 books, by so doing corrected the balance.

Eld. Delbert Davis, Chairman

The present Corresponding Clerk and Treasurer, L. I. Shelton, received for clerk hire and postage sixty dollars and fifty cents (\$60.50).

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

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#### 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. With 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. CONDITION 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. 6:16; 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.

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, deacons, and the district associational 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, 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 sitting of the annual State meeting of Freewill Baptists in Arkansas by a two-thirds vote of the members of said body.

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#### Forty-second 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 contains 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.

**A LETTER FORM TO BE USED AS A GUIDE FOR  
LOCAL CHURCH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

To the \_\_\_\_\_ Association of Freewill Baptists:  
We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Church of Freewill Baptists met on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, and selected \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to represent us in your  
honorable body which convenes with \_\_\_\_\_  
Church, on \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_. 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 of \_\_\_\_\_ Deacons, \_\_\_\_\_ Minsters,  
membership; males \_\_\_\_\_, females \_\_\_\_\_, total \_\_\_\_\_. Members  
received during the year: baptism \_\_\_\_\_, recommendation \_\_\_\_\_,  
by letter \_\_\_\_\_. The churches' loss in membership: dismissed by  
letter \_\_\_\_\_, excluded \_\_\_\_\_, died \_\_\_\_\_. Name and ad-  
dress of ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deacons \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday School, yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_, kind of literature used \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, condition \_\_\_\_\_, average attendance  
\_\_\_\_\_, total membership \_\_\_\_\_. League: yes \_\_\_\_\_,  
no \_\_\_\_\_, president \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ total membership \_\_\_\_\_. Families  
taking church paper \_\_\_\_\_. Pastor \_\_\_\_\_,  
sermons preached \_\_\_\_\_, salary \_\_\_\_\_. Own church  
building \_\_\_\_\_, value of church property \_\_\_\_\_, when  
organized \_\_\_\_\_, by who \_\_\_\_\_

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_



## STATISTICAL TABLE

Associations	Moderator and Address	Clerk and Address	Received into Fellowship	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Ministers	Churches	Sunday Schools	Leagues	Taking Church Paper	Membership	Deacons
Antioch	W. S. Isbell, Russellville, R. 4.	E. O. Wright, Atkins	116	1	3	11	27	22	17	8		954	66
Arkansas	A. R. Brooks	Elmer Turner, Branch	9			2	12	14	12	4		634	42
Big Springs	Delbert Davis, Salem	Mrs. Oma Landrum	15	5		2	7	12				520	36
Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neal, Newhope	R. D. Smith, Newhope	21			2	12	10				286	30
Mt. Grove	Not Represented											132	33
Newhope	J. W. More, Bee Branch	Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud	62	1		5	15	11				784	33
Old Mt. Zion	W. E. Bland, LaRue	H. R. Neely, LaRue	31			8	20	12	12	1		625	36
Polk Bayou	L. C. Doyle, Newport	M. B. Williams, Strawberry	28	13			7	13				610	39
Rich Mountain	W. M. Paregien	Grover Roach	60	8		2		5				145	15
Saline	J. E. White, Warren	S. L. Woodard, Warren	27	4	2	5	15	11	9	5	10	913	33
Tyronza	Not Represented											226	
Social Band	E. W. Tucker, Peach Orchard	Charles Staten, Pocahontas	121	3	11	7	26	19	19	2	5	861	57
Union	Not Represented											1077	
Zion Hope	Not Represented											270	
Grand Total	NOTE: Each Association be represented next year. Please use the letter form as far as possible.		490	35	16	44	141	129	69	20	15	8037	420