

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

Held With Pocahontas Church, Randolph County
September 30, October 1-4, 1942

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The next annual session will be held at Macedonia Church,
near New Edinburg, Cleveland County, beginning on
Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in
October, 1943

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

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Forty-fifth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association and League of Freewill Baptist People

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, Associational Clerks, and League Delegates, composing that part of the church of God or Christ, commonly known as Freewill Baptist, of the Arkansas State Association, met in annual session with the Pocahontas Church in Randolph County, September 30, October 1-4, 1942.

A large representation from different parts of the state took part in the inception and the rest of the business and social session. A very spiritual and harmonious atmosphere prevailed throughout the State meeting. Every one was interested in the work and to do their duty and be punctual was their first consideration.

The Pocahontas Church 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, and plenty of food was served to every one in the most appetizing manner.

The Insignia: Friday before noon the badges of honor were pinned on the conventional messengers. The badges were very artistically designed.

Bro. J. W. Coffman, Eld. L. C. Doyle, Eld. Smith, Eld. Ralph Staten, Fay Watkins, Austin Mullins, Eld. Thomas Lawson, Sister Louis Huffman, O. D. Presley, Eld. W. M. Guinn, Eld. W. A. Hearron, Raymon McNutt, and others were in charge of directing the singing that added to the spiritual edification of the associational convention. The pianists were Mrs. Thomas Lawson and Mrs. J. E. McMahon. The convention owes Mrs. Lawson a vote of thanks for her service and never tiring. Her ability is not to be questioned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Exordium: The house was called to order by the pastor, Eld. Ralph Staten.

Program by the Pocahontas Church, Freewill Baptist Young People's League:

Devotional. Class singing. Prayer, W. A. Hearron. President W. S. White introduced the League Program. Group Captain Sister Ruth Goodrum, took charge.

1. Scripture Lesson—Thelma Agee—Galation 6
 2. Prayer—Charles Staten
 3. Theme Song: "Onward Christian Leaguers"
 4. Duet: "The Old Country Church" by Edith Rhodes and Rose Merzel
 5. Reading of Minutes—Catherine Stercamps
 6. Quiz Program—Thelma Agee
 7. Parts on lesson rendered
- Benediction by Eld. W. A. Scott.

THURSDAY MORNING

Class singing. Prayer, Eld. W. A. Scott.

Election of officers: Eld. Charles Staten, president; Clara Hearron, secretary; Program Committee: Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Tom Kerk, Gene Davis.

1. Devotional—Clara Hearron
2. Quartet—"Everywhere I Go and Everything I Do."
3. Talk: Subject—"Preparation for Service"—Naomi Denton
4. Lecture—Boosting the League—W. A. Hearron.

11:00 Service. Choir sang several numbers.
Prayer, Mark Lewis. Eleven o'clock sermon, Eld Charles Staten. Text, "A Progressive Endeavor." Dismissal by Bro. Batey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Class singing. Prayer.

1. Quartet—"Waiting for the Boys to Come Home"
2. Reading: "Tommy's Prayer"—Freda Merle Wilson
3. Prayer—L. C. Doyle
4. Reading: "Blessings That Came by the Train"—Clara Hearron
5. Talk: "Influence"—Gene Davis
6. Talk: "Entertainment for Young People"—Ira Gates
7. Talk: "Youth in Post War Era and How They May Meet Those Church Problems"—Mark Louis
8. Reading: "The Preacher Vacation"—H. L. Lewis
9. Topic: "Our Goal for the 1943 State League Association"—Eld. Charles Staten
10. Eld. Charles Staten was elected State League Worker
11. The League accepted and approved the paper, "Freewill Baptist Landmark," published by Eld. Ralph Staten.
12. Talk: "Why I Attended the Country Church"—Mrs. C. E. Wilson.

A verbal report was given by visiting League Delegates and Ministers.

THURSDAY EVENING

The assembly was opened with singing by the choir, directed by several leaders, after which the Moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten, took charge. Prayer—Eld J. D. Doyle. Devotional service conducted by Sister C. E. Wilson, was very uplifting. Prayer—Sister C. E. Wilson. Evening sermon. Eld. W. A. Hearron introduced Eld. Ralph Staten to preach the introductory sermon. Scripture Lesson—Acts 26 Chapter; Text: Acts 26:19, First Corinthians 12:19, and Exodus 14:15. Theme—The heavenly door and what is your vision? The crowd was very large and attentive. Adjournment until 9 a. m. Friday morning by Eld. Carl Davis.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten, took charge of the assembly and opened with class singing directed by Eld. W. M. Guinn, J. W. Coffman and Thomas Lawson. Prayer—Eld. M. G. King. Scripture lesson—First Timothy, Second Chapter. Welcome address—Eld J. D. Doyle, followed by Eld. I. R. Gates. Response—Eld. W. F. McGee. Moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten, read the rules of order. The roll call of associational letters was asked for. The following were presented and their delegates seated in conference by the right hand of fellowship:

1. Social Band—Marion Clark, Tom Kirk, Eugene Davis, Birdie Kirk, and Mattie Hopper.
2. Big Spring—Sister Ocia Davis, Martha Davis and May Bas-ham.
3. Arkansas—W. M. Guinn.
4. Zion Hope—Eld. Glenn Dipboye and Eld. Rupert Pixley.
5. New Hope—Sister C. E. Wilson, Sister Myrtle Holleman, Sister A. A. Hanner, Bro. Thomas Lawson and Bro. J. M. Burlson.
6. Saline—Sister and Bro. J. E. McMahon, Sister and Bro. A. R. Jones, and Bro. J. W. Doggett.
7. Antioch—T. L. Tackett, J. W. Coffman, and Eld. W. F. McGee.

8. Little Missouri River—Sisters W. A. Hearron, Clara Hearron and I. J. Brooks.

9. Polk Bayou—Bro. Gilmore Adkinson, Bro. and Sister Long, Sister Fay Watkins and Sister King.

10. Old Mt. Zion—By Letter.

11. Rich Mountain—Not Represented.

12. Tyronza—Not Represented.

13. Union Association delegates from Missouri were welcomed and seated as advisory members. Their delegates were Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., Claud Smith, Eld. J. E. Burney, Eld. Oliver Letterman, and John N. Pryor.

Only Ministers, Deacons, Associational Clerks and Delegates are allowed to vote.

Organization being perfected, the Moderator declared nomination in order of the election of permanent officers for the ensuing Associational year. The following were elected: Moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten; Assistant Moderator, Eld. J. D. Doyle; State Clerk, S. L. Woodard; Reading Clerk, Eld. W. F. McGee; Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton; League President, Eld. Charles Staten; Auxiliary President, Mrs. Edith Collins. The State Clerk and Corresponding Clerk were elected by acclamation.

Intermission of five minutes for recess before eleven o'clock service.

Service was opened with singing, directed by Eld. Ralph Staten, Eld. W. M. Guinn, and Eld. Thomas Lawson. Eleven o'clock sermon. Eld. Ralph Staten introduced Eld. M. G. King. Scripture Lesson—Gen. 37:1-12. Text: Hebrews 1:1-2. Theme—God spake in the time past of the Father. Song: Directed by Eld. W. M. Guinn. Old time handshake with friends and brethren to show to the world our love and congratulation toward each other. Benediction by Bro. Homer Smith.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The service began with special numbers and class singing. Prayer, Eld. Lorton Calvert. Eld. W. M. Guinn talked about his work in an army camp. Eld. W. F. McGee read a report sent to the State Meeting from Bro. J. J. West, chairman of the tent fund. Bro. West couldn't be there, so he sent the report by Eld. W. F. McGee.

The amount already paid into the tent fund is \$263.85.

Recess for committee work. Some time was spent in class singing and other special numbers.

Sister Brooks is to make a report next year in regard to the Rich Mountain Association. Eld. L. C. Doyle is to report next year in regard to Tyronza.

Eld. L. C. Doyle and Eld. W. F. McGee were appointed to work with the Temperance Committee in drawing up a good report.

Motion and second to adjourn until 8 o'clock Saturday morning, October 3, 1942. Benediction by Eld. J. C. Moring.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Congregational and class singing caused the people to be very interested in the spiritual assembly. Eld. Thomas Lawson and J. W. Coffman directed the song service. Prayer, Eld. J. M. Holleman.

Reading the Temperance report by Eld. C. E. Wilson. Devotional, Eld. Thomas Lawson. Evening sermon, Eld. Ray Watkins. Scripture lesson, II Timothy 4:1-8. Special song number by the speaker's own sisters, "When You Travel the Trail Alone." His

sermon was very ably preached. Concluded by Eld. C. E. Wilson. Song. A call to the unsaved to come for prayer. Prayer, Sister C. E. Wilson, for those who came for prayer. Dismissed by Eld. W. M. Guinn.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The resumption of business was begun at the stipulated time. The congregation was called together by singing, directed by Bro. J. E. McMahan and Eld. L. C. Doyle. Prayer, O. D. Presley.

Motion and second to receive Bro. George Been's letter.

Polk Bayou's letter was accepted with the understanding that the corrections be sent in later if there were any.

A fifteen days of grace was given to those who didn't have a complete report to hand in at the State Meeting.

Committee reports were called for.

The broadcast from 7:30 until 8:30 was fine. Several short talks on the value of the church paper, "The Freewill Baptist Landmark."

A short intermission for committee work.

Singing, directed by different leaders. A group picture was taken in the church.

The Memorial service beginning at eleven o'clock. The speaker of the hour, Eld. W. A. Hearron, took the stand, introducing the memorial service. Text.

Song, Eld. Ralph Staten. Meet back at 1:30 P. M. Benediction by Eld. Carl Davis.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The assembly was called together by class singing, directed by Horace Doyle and Eld. L. C. Doyle. Prayer, Eld. G. G. Dipboie. Committee report.

Our next annual session of the State Association will be held at Macedonia Church in Cleveland County. Those who come to Warren in Bradley County go out on Highway No. 8 to Hollis Special and ask for information from there on. Those who go to Fordyce in Dallas County go to New Edinburg on Highway No. 8 in Cleveland County, go to Hollis Special and ask for information. Eld. C. E. Wilson was selected to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, Eld. L. C. Doyle. Eld. W. F. McGee preach the memorial service. Alternate, Eld. Ralph. Staten.

Short talk by young ministers, not over five minutes. Eld. Therman Johnson, Eld. Thomas Lawson, Eld. Rupert Pixley, and Eld. Lorton Calvert.

Motion and second for the League Minutes to always be printed with State Minutes. The tent fund's total amount had reached \$269.35 by the closing of State Meeting 1942.

Motion and second to pay the Clerk ten dollars and Corresponding Clerk five dollars, carried. A free will offering of over twenty dollars was taken up to pay for printing a letter form to be used by all associations in making their reports to State Meeting. One thousand forms are to be printed and distributed.

As Clerk of the State Meeting, I know nothing about Eld. G. W. Million not being a member of the State Association. I, for one, am very sorry he ever felt any other way.

Motion and second to adjourn the business session until Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October 1943.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

The congregation was opened with singing, directed by Eld. G. W. Million. Prayer, Eld. J. H. Hartsell. Devotional, Eld. J. C.

Moring. This service was as good as any one could ask for. Eld. J. D. Doyle's testimony was a lively one spiritually, and everyone in the house was benefitted.

Singing by the congregation for the unsaved to make up their minds to enlist in the army of the Lord. Three confessed Christ as their Saviour.

The evening sermon was delivered by Eld. W. M. Guinn. Scripture lesson, Rev. 15:1-5. Text, Unto him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages world without end. Concluded by Eld. W. F. McGee. Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Doyle.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The concluding service was called to order at ten o'clock. Song service directed by Sister Louis Huffman. Prayer, Eld. J. D. Doyle and Eld. Wayne Tucker. The morning service was delivered by Eld. Delbert Davis. Scripture lesson, Matt. 11:1-30. Text, Matt. 11:28-30. Theme, "The Great Invitation." Concluded by Eld. J. D. Doyle. The occasion was marked with a great service. Benediction by Bro. W. S. Tyler.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A singing convention marked the afternoon with the Freewill Baptist Hour coming on the air at 4:00 to 4:45 from the auditorium of the church in Pocahontas through the remote facilities of Radio Station KBTM, Jonesboro.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1—Be it Resolved, that the State Clerk be empowered to have one thousand blank associational letter form printed and mail each district associational clerk one form in time each year to fill out in making their annual report to the State Meeting.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, that we as Freewill Baptist, accept "The Freewill Baptist Landmark" as a church paper for our brethren, and we urge each preacher make of himself a committee to solicit subscriptions for said paper.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, that Eld. G. W. Million's, even though he has been laboring under the opinion that he has been dropped from the State Association, and whereas this is a grave misunderstanding, name appear in the State Minutes of 1942 as a minister of the Freewill Baptist of the State Association, as he has always been.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, that we having been brought together once more by God's wonderful love and mercy, and having enjoyed to the fullest extent all the good things: both temporal and spiritual, and having come to the close of this session, we your committee, ask that this body thank God for the visiting brethren from Missouri, and that we are thankful from our hearts to the good pastor and Bro. Ira Gates, members of this church and all others for the fine treatment and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Call for report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following report: Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," said the wise in Proverbs 14:34. The sin of intemperance is a shameful reproach to our nation. "We cannot continue to pour millions of dollars in alcoholic drink every

year into the veins of our democracy and expect it to retain the vitality essential to its protection and progress.

Intoxicating liquor is a destructive thing in life. Not only does it poison the physical body, but it is destructive to the fine qualities of moral and spiritual life. Its evils are so many and evident that we do not attempt to enumerate them in this report.

The repeal of prohibition has multiplied the liquor problem a hundred fold. It has increased the places of dispensing liquor and contributed to the increase of drunkenness, using thousands of young girls for bartenders.

The liquor forces are challenging us by their programs of advertising designed to entice the youth. Their programs of advertising by radio, press and billboards are designed to make drinking attractive in its appeal to youth. These programs are so diabolical that they ought to arouse every Christian. We feel sure if Christian people ever become aroused and submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, that we may again tread the serpent of drink under our feet.

We recommend—

- (1) That we pledge ourselves to total abstinence.
- (2) That every means and opportunity be used to educate our people to the evils of drink.
- (3) That we give encouragement and cooperation to every movement designed to destroy or restrict the liquor traffic.
- (4) That we encourage the election of men and women to political offices who are opposed to the liquor business.
- (5) That we protest the advertising of liquor by radio, press, and billboards.
- (6) That we recommend the enforcement of the liquor laws that restrict the liquor business.
- (7) That we demand local option law.
- (8) To shun all other habits that might be harmful to the progress of christianity.

Eld. C. E. Wilson, Chairman

Call for report on Publication. Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

We recommend the Bible, King James version, and the Free-will Baptist literature, and that all officers and teachers of our Sunday School and league be Christians. We also urge parents to attend Sunday School and League with their children and try to get others to attend.

We find that there are 58 Sunday Schools, 37 of which use Freewill Baptist literature. The associational letters report only 126 taking a church paper. We recommend that each family in our denomination take a church paper.

Eld. Carl Davis, Chairman

We, the Committee on Non-Represented Associations, find ten associations represented and the following not represented: Tyronza and Rich Mountain.

Eugene Davis, Chairman

Motion carried report be adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituary, find it has pleased the heavenly Father to call thirty-five of our members to their reward. They are missed in our gatherings, but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Eld. Delbert Davis, Chairman

We, the Auditing Committee, have audited the Corresponding Clerk's records and find the books in good shape. All money

accounted for. The books show a balance of \$77.82 to be used for minutes and clerk hire.

Will S. White, Chairman

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report: We have received \$30.25 given as a free will offering. We thank each one which has contributed to this worthy cause.

Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Chairman

CORRESPONDING CLERK'S REPORT

Received from all sources the sum of one hundred five dollars and seven cents (\$105.07) to be spent for minutes, letter form, clerk hire and postage.

L. I. Shelton, Corresponding Clerk

We, the Committee on Enrollment of Ministers Present at State Meeting, report as follows:

Little Missouri River—Eld. W. A. Hearron, New Hope, Ark.

Big Springs—Eld. Carl Davis, Elizabeth, Ark.; Eld. Delbert Davis, Stirkie, Ark.

Polk Bayou—Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport, Ark.; Eld. M. G. King, Powhatan, Ark.; Eld. H. A. Lewis, Sage, Ark.; Eld. Lonnie Palmer, Pfeiffer, Ark.; Eld. J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Eld. Ray Watkins, Newport, Ark.

New Hope—Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier, Ark.; Eld. O. D. Presley, Quitman, Ark.; Eld. J. H. Hartsell, Rosebud, Ark.; Eld. J. M. Holleman, Rosebud, Ark.

Antioch—Eld. W. F. McGee, Russellville, Ark.

Social Band—Eld. D. C. Jones, Portia, Ark.; Eld. I. R. Gates, Peach Orchard, Ark.; Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.; Eld. Charles Staten, Pocahontas, Ark.; Eld. G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.

Arkansas—Eld. W. M. Guinn, Booneville, Ark.

Saline—Eld. J. C. Moring, England, Ark.; Eld. Lorton Calvert, Warren, Ark.

Zion Hope—Eld. R. E. Pixley, Mt. Burg, Ark.; Eld. G. G. Dypboye, Van Buren, Ark.

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 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 visted 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 were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave to them the hope of salvation through the coming 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. 26-27-28-29.

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; Detu. 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; Ep-hes. 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 propose 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.

14. First—In the absence of the pastor, the deacons of any Freewill Baptist Church in the state of Arkansas are authorized to preside at any Conference, any business transacted during the conference will be legal, if the majority of its active church members are present and the church is in good standing in its association.

Second: That Baptism will not be accepted unless administered by an ordained individual.

Forty-fifth 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. Arrangements shall be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto in addition to the business session each day, and the Moderator announce at the adjournment of each business session who is to have charge of said service.

10. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Associations	Moderator and Address	Clerk and Address	Received into Fellowship	Dismissed	Died	Ministers	Churches	Sunday Schools	League	Membership	Taking Church Paper	Active Churches
Antioch	Eld. W. F. McGee, Russellville	H. L. Burris, Russellville	30	15	4	33	22	20	11	1178		20
Arkansas	Eld. J. S. Lovette, Magazine	Dell Conley, Ratliff	16	6	3	10	15	15	3	550		15
Big Spring	Eld. Delbert Davis, Moody, Mo.	Oma Landrum	8		3	6	16	6		491		14
Little Mo. River	Eld. E. J. O'Neel, Newhope	R. D. Smith, Newhope	10	3	3	10	8	4	2	220	10	8
Newhope	Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier	J. M. Holleman, Rosebud	19		6	13	9	9	5	800	159	9
Old Mt. Zion	By Letter											
Polk Bayou	Eld. M. G. King	A. T. Blanks	45	2	3	18	10			500		10
Rich Mountain	Not represented											
Saline	Eld. J. E. White, New Edinburg	S. L. Woodard, Warren	21	10	8	15	12	7	3	1064	24	11
Tyronza	Not represented											
Social Band	Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	Eld. Charles Staten, Pocahontas	36	7	5	16	15	15	3	987	77	15
Zion Hope	Eld. Charles Graham	Fred Smith				25	11	11	11	800		11
Grand Total	NOTE: Each Association Try and Be Represented next year. Be sure to fill in the report form.		165	43	35	146	118	87	38	6590	270	113