

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH MACEDONIA CHURCH**

**Cleveland County, Arkansas**

**OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1943**

The next Annual Session will be held with Bellevs Chapel Church, Grubbs, Ark., near Newport, Ark., beginning Wednesday Evening Before the First Sunday in October, 1944

**OFFICERS**

Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	Moderator
Eld. J. E. White, New Edinburg	Assistant Moderator
Eld. W. F. McGee, Russellville	Clerk
S. L. Woodard, Warren	Assistant Clerk
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Eld. Lorton Calvert, Warren, R. 1	President League Work
Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	Vice-President League Work
Mrs. Ollie Sweeney	Secretary

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Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Mrs. Ralph Staten, and Edeth Collins

**State Executive Board**

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Eld. G. W. Millian, Pocahontas; Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier;  
J. J. West, Russellville.





**ELD. RALPH STATEN**

**Moderator**

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**W. F. McGEE**

**Clerk**

of the State Association

Russellville, Ark.



# PROCEEDINGS

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## Of the Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association and League of Freewill Baptist Meeting.

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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 Macedonia Church, near New Edinburg, Cleveland County, October 1 to 4, 1943.

The inception recorded a large representation from all parts of the State. Everyone seemed to understand his mission, and business was carried on in an orderly manner. The whole atmosphere of the working body was perfectly harmonious throughout the session.

Arrangements for the reception of those in attendance were well planned by the Macedonia Church and surrounding communities. The warm welcome, hospitality, comforts, and good eats of those country homes were gloriously enjoyed by the attendants. Noon and evening meals were served at the Church in cafeteria style. The variety of choice foods were carefully selected, well prepared, and served principally by hands that prepared them. A social and enjoyable atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire session.

A very high tribute is hereby paid to all those who were instrumental in making this one of the outstanding and most harmonious meetings ever held. The officers, committees, ministers, song directors, and pianist, characteristically rendered their services.

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday Night: League Program was opened with class singing. Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Introduction by Eld. Ralph Staten of Pocahontas, Ark.

League and Sunday School program was rendered by the Macedonia Church. Talks by Elders J. E. White, J. C. Moring concluded by Eld. Ralph Staten.

Song, directed by Leonard Doggett. Dismissed by Eld. Lorton Calvert.

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### THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday morning session was called together by class singing. Invocation by Eld. J. W. Handy of Texas.

Welcome Address, by Eld. J. C. Moring.

Response to welcome address by Eld. J. W. Handy

Devotional given by Ollie Sweeney.

Introduction of Theme: Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

"The Standing Army," by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

Introduction of Theme, by Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

The Call for Volunteers, by L. I. Shelton.

The Enlistment, by Mrs. Ralph Staten.

Song, directed by Bro. Lonnie Brown.

Five minutes recess.

## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The message was brought by Eld. Ralph Staten. Scripture reading and text from Eph. 6:10-20. Subject, "The Christian Armor."

At the conclusion, the audience greeted each other with a friendly hand clasp and was dismissed for refreshments by Eld. J. M. Crouch.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song service directed by Lonnie Brown and O. U. Grice.

Election of officers for State League:

President: Eld. Lorton Calvert.

Vice President: Ralph Staten.

Program Committee: Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Mrs. Ralph Staten, and Edoth Collins.

### Program Continued.

"The Cause and Purpose," by Bro. Ernest Ingram.

Reading: "Left Out the Old Rugged Cross," by Ollie Sweeney.

"The Weapons," by Martha Grace White."

"The Armor," by Hazel Mann.

"The Nourishment or Food," by Eld. J. E. White.

Song, directed by Lonnie Brown.

"The Training," by Iva Mae McClellan.

"The Warfare," by Eld. Lorton Calvert.

"Moral Building vs. Propaganda," by Eld. Ralph Staten.

"The Deserters and Traitors," by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

"The Reunion," by Eld. Stanton White.

Song, directed by Lonnie Brown.

Business session. Closed with prayer by Eld. W. F. McGee.

## THURSDAY NIGHT—OPENING SESSION

The Assembly was opened in regular order as usual with class singing. The invocation of the congregation was led by Eld. M. G. King. Devotional service was led by Eld. Glenn G. Dipboye of Van Buren, Ark. Many had the privilege of expressing their faith in an all-wise and ever-to-be-adored God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. C. E. Wilson of Greenbrier, Ark. Scripture lesson, the fifth chapter of Matthew. Song, by audience, "Amazing Grace." Text, Matt. 19:22, "But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Theme, "Trusting in Riches." Whether of this world or the world to come. Eld. L. C. Doyle made the concluding remarks with an invitation to the unsaved. Many responded to the call. The service closed with prayer for those seeking to be saved.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, directed by H. B. Doyle, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Also No. 33, "An Empty Mansion." Prayer by Eld. W. P. White. Song, No. 124, "He Bore It All."

Welcome address was made by Eld. J. C. Moring, pastor of the Macedonia Church. Response to welcome address by Eld. L. C. Doyle. Song by L. C. Doyle.

The Moderator appointed the following named parties as chairmen of the various committees:

Obituary Committee: Eld. J. E. White.  
Statistical Committee: Mrs. Ralph Staten.  
Petitionary Committee: Obe Eagon.  
Request Committee: Stanton White.

Song, directed by Stanton White. Bro. J. M. Holliman read the first chapter of the Book of Psalms. Moderator called for letters from the different Associations and the following were presented, and delegates seated.

Antioch—Delegates: J. J. West, Julie Gideon, Walsie Tackett, Edith Whittenburg, Stella Pierce; Clerk, E. O. Wright; Ministers, W. F. McGee and W. S. Isbell of Russellville.

New Hope—Delegates: Mable Hartsell, Iva Turner, Pearl Linton, Ethel Wilson, Myrtle Holliman.

Zion Hope No. 2—Delegates, T. J. Robertson, Frank Francis; Minister, G. G. Dipboye.

Social Band—Delegates, Iva Gates, Birde Kirk, Mary Staten, W. S. White, Veral Jones; Minister, Ralph Staten.

Saline—Delegates, J. T. Hollis, Forest Myres, Ollie Sweeney, Eva Tucker, Mrs. J. C. Moring; Ministers, J. E. White, W. P. White, S. B. White, Lorton Calvert, J. C. Moring, J. M. Crouch.

Polk Bayou—Delegates, Earl Clark, Vay Watkins, Horace Doyle, Hazel McCoy, Levi Ferguson; Ministers, L. C. Doyle, M. G. King, H. A. Lewis, Henry Doyle, W. M. Padgett.

Little Missouri River—Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Jessie Brooks, Elsie Staten; Ministers, Eld. W. A. Hearron.

Arkansas—By letter.

Big Springs—By letter.

Old Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Rich Mountain—Not represented.

Tyronza—Not represented.

Letters were read, Delegates, Ministers, Deacons, and Associational Clerks, took their places in the council in the usual manner, greeting each other with hand clasp, Christianizing the Assembly for its annual work.

Letters from corresponding Associations called for by the Moderator. A number of members from other denominations were courteously seated as visiting members.

Permanent Organization: Eld. Ralph Staten was elected Moderator; Eld. J. E. White, Assistant Moderator; S. L. Woodard, Clerk; W. F. McGee, Assistant Clerk; L. I. Shelton, Corresponding Clerk. (Note—When it was learned that S. L. Woodard could not attend the session the election of clerk was reversed and W. F. McGee was made clerk, and Bro. Woodard assistant clerk by action of the body.)

The Moderator appointed the remaining Committees:

Divine Service—J. J. West, Mrs. I. J. Brooks, McClelan Pennington.  
Obituary—J. E. White, Earl Clark, T. J. Robertson.

Sunday School—G. G. Dipboye, Jlie Gideon, Ollie Sweeney.

Non-Represented Associations—Lorton Calvert, Walsie Tackett, and A. D. Ferguson.

Finance—L. I. Shelton, Henry Doyle, Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

Statistical—Elsie Staten, Edith Whitenburg, Ethel Wilson.

Resolution—L. C. Doyle, W. S. Isbell, W. A. Hearron.

Temperance—C. E. Wilson, M. G. King, J. C. Moring.

Petitionary—Ollie Eagon, J. H. Hartsell, H. A. Lewis.

Roll of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks—Eva Tucker, Stella Pierce, and Vay Watkins.

Auditing Committee—E. O. Wright, J. M. Holliman, J. M. Crouch.

Committee on Request—Stanton White, Hazel McCoy, Frank Francis.

Recess until 2 p. m.



## 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "Farther Along," directed by Clifton Dyer. Song, "I'll Fly Away," by Lonnie Brown. Prayer by Obie Eagon. Scripture Lesson, 53rd Chapter of Isaiah, and prayer by Eld. Henry Lewis. Bro. Lewis also brought the message of the hour; text, 2 Cor. 8:9, "For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Concluded by Eld. G. G. Dipboye. Dismissed with prayer by Louis Barker.

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening songs, "Farther Along," by Clifton Dyer; "Shine On," by Lonnie Brown; "He Bore It All," by Leonard Doggett. Prayer by Eld. C. E. Wilson.

Eld. J. H. Handy from Houston, Texas, was seated as an advisory member.

Song No. 18 by Clifton Dyer. Song No. 31 by Lonnie Brown.

Bro. J. J. West made a statement and report of money received by him on the Tent Funds. Elds. Ralph Staten and W. F. McGee made statements in connection with Bro. West's report. The report was received and further steps ordered by the Association to urge all Subordinate Associations who have not contributed to this fund to see to it that each Church send to J. J. West, Russellville, Ark., \$10.00 to be applied to this fund.

Song No. 23, by Lonnie Brown.

The reports of Committees on Request, and Temperance, were received and committees discharged.

Resolution No. 1 carried.

Recess fifteen minutes.

Song No. 202, "It Is Home, Sweet Home," by Stanton White. Song, "I'll Be Satisfied," by H. B. Doyle. Prayer, by T. J. Robertson. The young ministers were given five minutes each to talk. Those who availed themselves of this opportunity and seem to be very promising servants for the future were: Lorton Calvert, Stanton White, Lloyd Williams, Homer Myers, Henry Doyle, and Horace McClellan.

Song No 31, "Won't It Be Wonderful There," by L. C. Doyle.

Pinning the Badges.

Business session recessed until 9 o'clock Saturday morning, with prayer by Eld. J. C. Moring.

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## FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened with class singing by the following leaders: Henry Doyle and Sister Lewis Hoffman. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Hearron. Song, "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Sister Ethel Wilson conducted the devotional service. A number of testimonies and many real sermons were preached. The preaching hour was completely cut out. Sister Wilson was urged to make the alter call. She did. Many penitent souls made their way to the alter, ten were happily blessed in the forgiveness of sin and shouted the victory.

At the close of this service a public donation was taken by J. J. West for the tent fund and \$147.15 received. Dismissed by prayer.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with class singing, No. 54, 48, and 32, by Earl Clark. Prayer by L. C. Doyle. Scripture lesson: Eld. M. G. King read the 13th Chapter of first Corinthians.

Eld. J. E. White was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next association and Eld. W. S. Isbell as alternate. Eld L. C. Doyle to preach the Memorial, and Eld. T. J. Robertson as alternate.

Report of Committee on Enrollment of Ministers was made, and a motion carried to amend the report by giving the names and addresses of those present.

A motion carried that we carry a permanent Minister's Directory in our minutes.

The reports of Sabbath School, Obituary, Statistical, Petitionary Committees were received and committees discharged.

Song No. 124, "They Have Gone Away," No. 113, "Hallelujah By and By," by Horace Doyle. Song No. 5, "Can I Depend On You" and No. 98, "We're Goin to That City."

Recess until 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. P. White.

## 11 O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Service was opened with a special number as a quartette, "When I Am Gone," by Lonnie Brown, Mrs. Lewis Hoffman, Leonard Doggett, and Earl Clark. Class song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

At this time Eld. W. F. McGee, of Russellville, Ark., brought the message in memory of those who have departed this life since last Association, using as a Scripture lesson Prov. 31:16 to 31, and for a subject Solomon's song, 6:2, "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies." Representing the earth or people as his garden, and the different churches as the gardens in which he fed, and gathered lillies. The lillies being the most fairest of flowers. Many sweet memories were recalled of our associational deceased friends. We miss them, but humble ourselves submissively to His will, Who created us all, and gave to us the plan of Salvation, and a home not made with hands. eternal in Heaven.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Session ws opened with two special numbers, "Blessed Savior Hold My Hand" and "Take Me Home," by Lonnie Brown and Daughter, Ralph Staten, and John Sweeney. Class song, by Horace Doyle.

Report of Corresponding Clerk, L. I. Shelton.

Song, "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me."

At this time a public donation was taken for Minute funds.

Report of Committee on Non-Represented Associations received and Committee discharged.

Clerk S. L. Woodard being absent throughout the session, W. F. McGee, acting Clerk, was made clerk by the Association and to have charge of printing the Minutes. S. L. Woodard to be assistant clerk.

Songs, "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian," and "The Royal Telephone," by choir.

Ballews Chapel at Grubbs, Ark., was selected as the next place of meeting, to begin on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1944, and continue over Sunday.

Resolution No. 2 received. Motion by W. S. Isbell that the rules of order be suspended, and we elect two additional members of the

Executive Board. J. J. West of Russellville and C. E. Wilson of Greenbrier were elected.

The Executive Board is now composed of five members and business transactions will be governed by a majority vote in legal stated and called meetings by the Board.

Report of Auditing Committee received and committee discharged. Recess ten minutes.

Singing directed by Stanton White.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that W. S. Isbell have charge of the devotional service, and Eld. L. C. Doyle bring the message Saturday night.

Resolution No. 3 (Thanks) adopted and committee discharged.

Talks were made by Eld. W. P. White, J. J. West, and W. F. McGee. Quartette, "I'm Waiting for the Boatman," dedicated to the aged ministers of Arkansas. Class songs, "When I Am Gone" and "Some Day."

Motion that the clerk write clerks of Associations not represented and have them represent by letter through the Minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session, to meet with Ballevs Chapel, Grubbs, Ark., Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1944. The parting hand was taken and song, "I'll Meet You in the Morning." Closing prayer of the business session by Eld. W. A. Hearron.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song, "Just Over in the Glory Land," and "It Won't Be Very Long," by Stanton White. A special, "The Crucifixion of Christ," by Mattie Sue and Martha Lou Barnett. Prayer by Eld. M. G. King. Song No. 82, "I'm Not Ashamed," by Leonard Doggett. Eld. W. S. Isbell read the fourth chapter of Matthew, and conducted the devotional service. Song, "The Glory Land Way," by R. M. Moore. Song, "The Unseen Hand," by L. C. Doyle.

At this time Eld. L. C. Doyle, who was to bring the message of the hour, read the fifth chapter of Romans and used as a text Mark 16:15, 16, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Theme, "Justified By Faith." Two numbers were directed by R. M. Moore and again the congregation greeted each other with that lovely Christian handshake. Dismissed with prayer.

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### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Though many of the delegates had left for their homes, a large crowd gathered back Sunday morning for another real enjoyable service. A number of selections were rendered by the class. We then were led in prayer by Bro. J. J. West. Two numbers, "An Empty Mansion," and "When Our Lord Shall Come Again," by Stanton White. Prayer by Ottis Cook. Last verse of the same song called for again. Eld. W. S. Isbell brought the message of the hour from Matt. 16:13-16, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Eld. J. E. White, Assistant Moderator, made the closing remarks in a very able and effective manner. Song by the choir. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. L. I. Shelton.



## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

After noon the young people, and old as well, gathered for a real song service. The remainder of the delegation left for their homes rejoicing from the fact that they had met the Macedonia people again and found them at their post of duty, with that broad smile and a big heart of welcome filled with Christian greetings. May the blessings of Heaven rest and abide with us both now and forever. Amen!

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

**TEMPERANCE**—We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following: That we, the Free Will Baptist State Association, in annual session, being against strong drink in all its phases and demoralization to our people. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. The sin of intemperance is a shameful reproach to our nation. We hereby pledge ourselves to total abstinence, that every means and opportunity be used to educate our people to the evils of strong drink. That we pledge our cooperation to every movement designed to destroy the liquor traffic; that we support men to office who are opposed to strong drink in any form. We endorse the action of the counties that have voted the sale of strong drink out, and sincerely urge all others to call elections and vote out this evil as fast as possible.—C. E. Wilson, M. G. King, J. C. Moring, Committee.

**STATISTICAL**—We, Your Committee, submit the following: From the Association represented: We have received 373, by baptism 310, dismissed 22, died 33; number of churches 88, with a membership of 5,560.—Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Ralph Whitenburg, Committee.

**AUDITING**—We have audited the Corresponding Clerk's records and find them well kept, with all moneys accounted for. They show the amount on hand, \$105.00, and the money of Saline Association not turned in at this time. Said moneys to be used for printing of Minutes, clerk hire and other expenses.—E. O. Wright, J. M. Holleman, J. M. Crouch, Committee.

**OBITUARY**—We, your Committee, find that the all-wise God has seen best to call from our midst 33 of our members to their rewards. Some of our aged ministers were in this number. Their places are vacant here with us, but filled in the place that has been prepared for them. Their lives will live in our memories. We are submissive.—Eld. J. E. White, T. J. Robertson, Earl Clark, Com.

**ASSOCIATIONS NOT REPRESENTED**—We find the following Associations not represented: Old Mt. Zion, Rich Mountain, and Tyronza.—Lorton Calvert, A. D. Ferguson, Mrs. T. L. Tackett, Com.

**REQUEST**—We recommend that if no Association ask for the next state meeting by letter, that we abolish the old rule and bring the matter to the house for a ruling by that body.—Stanton Whie, Hazel McCoy, Frank Francis, Committee.

**SABBATH SCHOOL**—We find that our Associations have reported Sunday Schools in most all Churches, and the majority are using Free Will Baptist Literature. We recommend that in selecting teachers for the different classes that Christians be selected as far as possible, and parents urged to be faithful in attendance, setting the right example before their children. A careful study and prep-

aration of the lessons will create a greater interest in the schools, and much more can be accomplished by this.—G. G. Dipboye, Julie Gideon, Ollie Sweeney, Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 1—We recommend that this body elect two members to serve on the Executive Board; the Board to be composed of five members. That this committee be empowered to act on any emergency that might occur between the annual meetings of the Association. This committee will have the right to elect its own officers, and can legally transact business upon regular stated meetings when a majority is present.—L. C. Doyle, W. A. Hearron, W. S. Isbell, Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 2—Inasmuch as there are so many different theories presented to the people today as Bible taught doctrines and amid the confusion it has brought, there are earnest inquiring subjects that have a right to know what we as Free Will Baptists teach. Feeling that this has been neglected to a great extent, Be It Resolved by this Assembly, that all subordinate Associations request of their churches, to have pastors or evangelists preach at least one sermon to their churches each year on the principals, treaties and doctrine set forth by the Free Will Baptists.—L. C. Doyle, W. A. Hearron, W. S. Isbell, Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—Having been brought together once more, by the goodness and mercies of God, in another State Association; Be It Resolved, That we thank our Heavenly Father for this wonderful privilege, and that we also thank the good people of Macedonia Church and the Saline Association for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.—L. C. Doyle, W. A. Hearron, Committee.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT AS GIVEN THE CLERK

Association	Paid State Meeting for Ex. & Minutes	Tent Fund	Evangelistic Work	Home Mission	Paid Pastors	Total Report
Antioch	\$ 32.00	\$100.00	\$ 134.00	\$ 428.55	\$1,027.45	\$1,722.00
Arkansas	5.00				207.19	212.19
Saline	32.82	90.00	557.98	100.08	1,890.00	2,670.88
Big Springs					516.94	516.94
Zion Hope	14.00	17.25	575.00	132.00	1,030.44	1,768.69
Polk Bayou	20.00	53.25			1,500.00	1,573.25
New Hope	20.00	70.60		176.00	1,310.21	1,576.81
Little Mo. River	2.00	10.00			300.00	312.00
Social Band	15.00	43.50				58.50
New Cave Ch.		10.00				10.00
Sugar Tree Ch.		15.00				15.00
Total Public Cont		156.65				156.65
Totals	\$140.00	\$566.25	\$1,266.98	\$ 836.63	\$7,782.23	10,595.91

We think that a financial statement from each Association should be submitted to the State Meeting each year in the above form, until changed, and all moneys paid out at home for any purpose other than above mentioned should be entered as Home Mission Funds.

W. F. McGEE, Clerk.



## ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Enrollment of Ministers, Deacons and Clerks, submit the following:

Association	Ministers	Present	Deacons	Clerk Present
Antioch .....	35	2	70	1
Arkansas .....	19	0	47	0
Big Springs .....	5	0	0	0
Little Missouri River .....	10	1	15	1
New Hope .....	18	3	25	0
Polk Bayou .....	23	5	37	0
Saline .....	20	4	34	1
Social Band .....	21	1	30	0
Zion Hope .....	31	2	30	0
Total—Nine Associations.....	182	18	288	3

Eva Tucker, Vay Watkins, Stella Pierce, Committee.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

### Antioch Association

W. F. McGee, Russellville, Mod.	Charley Douthett, Atkins, R 3
W. S. Isbell, Russellville, R. 4	E. F. Flower, Russellville, R 2
J. A. Venable, Dumas, R. 1	E. Henderson, Carruthersville, M.
J. D. Coffman, Hector	R. L. Rainwater, Prarie View
R. G. Webb, Russellville, R. 4	Frank Harris, Russellville, R 2
C. U. Kinder, Russellville, R. 4	J. L. Harris, Atkins
Dewey Kinder, Caglesville	W. A. Crouch, Hector
P. E. Denton, Scranton	M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
R. M. Johnson, Russellville, R 4	Dave Thompson, Jerusalem
A. J. Latham, Russellville, R 2	Jack Walker, Scranton
T. V. Johnson, Russellville, R 4	A. F. Banks
R. B. Venable, Atkins, R 3	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
John Reel, Tulsa, Okla, R 5	E. L. Hill, Atkins
F. M. Hudson, Moreland	Clarence Tillman, England
Ellis Warren, Russellville, R 4	Coy Douthett, Atkins, R 3
Lytle Hallum, Hector	Hershel Burris, Russellville, R 4
Melvill Snow, England	W. E. Coffman, Hector

### Arkansas Association

J. S. Lovett, Magazine	I. J. Wilson, Charleston
Elmer Turner, Branch	C. G. Coggle, Heavener, Okla.
E. Turner, Branch	A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith
W. M. Guinn, Booneville	C. G. Askins, Mansfield
Riley Haskins, Heavener, Okla.	Ben Black, Hackett
Jess Cartwright, Barber	C. G. Forrest, Ola.
B. O. Stahl, Ola	

### Little Missouri River Association

E. J. N'Neal, New Hope	E. W. Hill, Langley
W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope	W. R. Porter, Langley
W. A. Hearron, New Hope	E. A. Pate, Athens
J. A. Carr, DeQueen	J. R. Pryor, Langley
A. A. Powell, Greenwood	D. Carr, DeQueen
Homer Parker, Malvern	

### New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Bee Branch	J. H. Stephens, Vilonia
C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier	Jack Manard, Vilonia
J. H. Hartsell, Rose Bud	E. C. Adkins, Jacksonville
Jessie E. Pratt, Rose Bud	Curtis Lee Lybarger, Greenbrier
J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud	John Pate, Vilonia
J. M. Holmes, Heber Springs	E. L. Hunter, Beebe
R. E. Pruett, Romance	Dermont Smith, Vilonia

### Old Mt. Zion Association

Unable to obtain List

### Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport	W. M. Padgett, Lynn
M. G. King, Powhattan	Obie Eagin, Saffell
H. A. Lewis, Sage	Henry Obert, Walnut Ridge
Lonnie Palmer, Pfiefer	Lyle Cartright, Batesville
J. D. Doyle, Walnut Ridge	Coy Staggs, Batesville
Ray Watkins, Newport	J. H. Tinkle, McDougal
Henry Doyle, Newport	John Riggs, Batesville
O. Safirt, Newport	M. A. Wolfe, Batesville
Austin Mullenx, Strawberry	Ben Hardin, Walnut Ridge
Jeff Weaver, Batesville	Owen Harvell, Luemberg
E. M. Phillips, Batesville	R. G. Simms, Gid
B. Woodruff, Newport	

### Saline Association

W. P. White, Warren R 1	Lorton Colvert, Warren, R 1
J. E. White, New Edinburg	J. M. Estelle, Crossett
J. C. Moring, England	J. B. White, U. S. Navy
S. B. White, Warren, R 1	Lloyd Williams, Warren
R. M. Moore, Star City	J. M. Spikes, England, R 1
Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	L. W. Wheeler, Warren
J. M. Crouch, England	D. A. Bryon, Warren
H. L. Myers, New Edinburg	O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine
H. P. McClellon, New Edinburg	

### Social Band Association

R. S. Shelton, Okean	A. L. Campbell, Pocahontas
Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	J. C. Colbert
B. F. Forrester, Walnut Ridge	Geo. V. Weeks, Hoxie
W. T. Shoffitt, Deleplaine	C. M. Kildow, Hoxie
Charles Staten, Pocahontas	Henry Pauley, Beech Grove
G. W. Million, Pocahontas	L. J. Smith, Osceola
Thurman Johnson, Success	W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick

### Zion Hope Association

G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren, R 3	Aubrey Rozell, Van Buren
T. J. Robertson, Charleston, R 2	Albert Rozell, Fort Smith
A. J. Joslin, Van Buren, R 3	Roy Rose, Natural Dam
Rupert Pijley, Chester, S. C.	Lloyd Weid, Los Angeles, Cal.
Steve Smith, Rudy	Ben Pijley, Chester
Douglas Peters, Rudy	Tom Nolan, Van Buren
Charles Graham, Mountainburg	Burl Nye, Fort Smith
P. J. Mullens, Rudy	J. B. Lovett, Mountainburg
Earl Gentry, Chester	Sam Southland, Charleston
J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove	Doyle Dipboye, Tulsa, Okla.
E. W. Simpkins, Van Buren	James Franklin, Tulsa, Okla.
Roy Purdom, Fort Smith	C. M. Church, Fort Smith



## 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 visited true believers in all ages and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and its coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide. Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Eph. 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. **THE BIBLE**—We believe the Bible which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by Inspiration of GOD, is our 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 and 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; II Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. **SALVATION FREE**—We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit

strives with all, and whomsoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the gospel. I Peter 1:9-13,25; 2:9-24-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM—We believe that christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, 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; I 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; I 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; 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; I 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. II 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 preserve 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. Second Cor. 9:10; Second Peter 1:4-8; I 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 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 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.

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. The 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 the voluntary contribution of the Associations, 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. Amendment 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: The Baptism will not be accepted unless administered by an ordained individual.

## FORTY-SIXTH 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.

8. 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	Sunday Schools	No. Members	No. Leagues	No. Members	No. Churches	No. Deacons	No. Ministers	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	Total Membership	Taking Ch. Paper
Antioch	W. F. McGee, Russellville	E. O. Wright, Atkins	15	750	5	250	21	70	36	31	4	10	1163	15
Arkansas	J. S. Lovett, Magazine	A. R. Brooks, Ft. Smith	14	310			14	47	19	17		6	604	8
Big Springs	Delbert Davis, Sturkie	Emma Hargraves, Gassville	8	300			16		5	7	1	2	443	
Little Mo. River	E. J. O'Neal, New Hope	W. A. Hearron, New Hope	4	160	1	40	7	15	10	4			369	15
New Hope	J. W. Moore, Bee Branch	Jess Pratt, Rose Bud	13	438	2	80	13	25	18	28	6	4	756	
Old Mt. Zion	Not Represented													
Polk Bayou	Ray Watkins, Newport	A. T. Blanks, Newport	10				10	37	23	105		5	700	305
Rich Mt.	Not Represented													
Saline	Lewis Barker, Ned Edinburg	S. L. Woodard, Warren	11	487	3	95	12	34	20	84	8	6	1091	22
Tyronza	Not Represented													
Social Band	Ralph Staten, O'Kean	D. C. Jones, Portia	1				15		21	71	12	6	781	30
Zion Hope	S. A. Smith, Rudy	Wayne Bonewell, Rudy		370	3		10	30	31	50		2	700	17
Total			76	2810	14	465	118	258	183	397	31	41	6607	412

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