

MINUTES

Of The

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

FREEWILL BAPTIST

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH BALLEWS CHAPEL CHURCH

Jackson County, Arkansas

September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 1944

**The next annual session will be held with Pocahontas Church,
Pocahontas, Ark., beginning Wednesday evening, before
the first Sunday in October, 1945**

OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas Moderator
Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport Ass't. Moderator
M. B. Williams, Strawberry Clerk
Eld. W. F. McGee, Russellville Ass't. Clerk
L. I. Shelton Corresponding Clerk
Eld. G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren Ass't. Corresponding Clerk
Eld. Ray Watkins, Newport President League Work
Eld. J. E. White, New Edinburg Vice-Pres. League Work
Eld. Lewis Barker, New Edinburg Sec'y. League Work

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. F. M. Hudson, Moreland; Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport; Eld. G. W.
Million, Pocahontas; Edl. C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier;
J. J. West, Russellville

1944 Minutes of the

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Proceedings

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, Associational Clerks, and League Delegates of that part of God's Family known as Freewill Baptists met with Ballews Chapel Church near Grubbs, Jackson County, Arkansas, in regular annual session September 27, through October 1, 1944.

Wednesday Evening

League program was opened with class singing.
Introduction by Sister W. A. Hearron, New Hope.
Sermon by Eld. Ray Watkins.
Dismissed.

Thursday Morning

Thursday morning session was called together by class singing.
Devotional by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
Welcome address by Eld. H. A. Lewis.
Response by Eld. W. A. Hearron.
Five minute recess.

11 O'Clock Service

Sermon by Eld. Geo. W. Scott, Jr., of Missouri.
Dismissed for noon hour.

Thursday Afternoon

Program rendered by Allen's Chapel League with President Cleo Manuel in charge.

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:35-42.

Prayer by L. W. Cartwright.

Song by League.

Theme: God means what He says.

Introduction: "Something Strang", by Madelyn Hynes.

"God means what He says about preferring others," Mrs. J. J. Long.

"Being Ready", by Eupha Richardson.

"Do You Believe?," by Billy Jean Owens.

Duet—"You Are My Jesus", by Ruth Leonard and Geraldine Johnson.

Story of Jonah, by Elouise Richardson.

Poem: "My Heart is Fixed on God", by Geraldine Johnson.

Bible questions by Ruth Leonard.

Poem: "A Legend," by Billy Hughes.

Song by League, "This is Like Heaven to Me,"

State League Program

Introductory Theme by Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

"The God Head Defined", Eld. L. C. Doyle.

"The Way God Manifested Himself to Man Before the Flood," by Rev. Lewis Barker.

"Were the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit With the Children of Israel on their Journey?" by Eld. Ray Watkins.

"The Way God Appeared on Earth to Man," by Eld. J. E. White.

"Names of God", by Martha White.

"Names of Christ," by Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

"Works of the Holy Spirit," by Mrs. J. E. McMahan.

Song service and Devotional.

Address on the Trinity, by Eld. Ralph Staten.

Election of State League Officers:

President Eld. Ray Watkins

Vice-President Eld. J. E. White

Program Committee: Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan, and Mrs. J. J. Long.

Adjourned to meet in joint session with the State Association in 1945.

Thursday Night — Opening Session

The Assembly was called together by class singing with prayer by Eld. George W. Scott Jr., of Mountain Grove, Mo. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. White. Scripture lesson, Romans 12:1-7. Text, Romans 12:2. Concluding remarks were made by Elders Ralph Staten and Ray Watkins.

Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Moore.

Friday Morning Session

The congregation was called together by class singing. Prayer by Bro. James Miller. Eld. H. A. Lewis read Psalms 121 for a scripture lesson. Welcome address was given by Eld. L. C. Doyle with the response by Rev. R. B. Crawford of Nashville, Tenn.

Letters from the different subordinate associations were received read, and their ministers, deacons, delegates and clerks were seated in conference in the usual manner.

Antioch: Delegates—Gus Isom, T. A. Farnan, T. L. Tackett, Julia Gideon and Eloise Burris.

Deacons: Tom Mathis.

Ministers: W. S. Isbell, W. F. McGee and J. D. Coffman.

Clerk: J. W. Coffman.

Arkansas—Represented by letter.

Big Springs—Not represented.

New Hope—Delegates: Mrs. A. D. Furgerson, Dora Heffington, J. C. Jones, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, H. L. Heffington.

Deacons: W. O. Carter, A. D. Furgerson.

Ministers: J. W. Moore and C. E. Wilson.

Little Missouri River—Delegate: Mrs. W. A. Hearron.

Minister: W. A. Hearron.

Old Mt. Zion—Not represented.

Polk Bayou—Delegates: H. B. Doyle, T. H. Oldham, J. M. Milligan.

Ministers: L. C. Doyle, W. A. Sneed, L. W. Cartwright, W. H. Doyle, B. Woodruff, H. A. Lewis, Ray Watkins, O. Safirt, M. G. King, and Henry Ring.

Deacons: B. A. Gibson, L. H. Croom.

Clerk: Mrs. M. B. Williams.

Rich Mountain: Not represented.

Saline—Delegates: John Hartley, Mrs. Catherine White, Mrs. J. E. McMahon, Mrs. R. W. Estell, Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan.

Deacons: Murry Fonderburg, W. F. Woodruff, and J. E. McMahon.

Ministers: J. E. White, Lewis Barker, H. L. Myers.

Tyronza: Not represented.

Social Band—Minister: Ralph Staten.

Zion Hope No. 2—Ministers: J. H. C. Jordan, R. E. Pixley, Albert Rozell, G. G. Dipboye.

Visiting Associations

Union Association of Missouri represented by Clarence Ussery, G. W. Scott, Jr., W. E. George, Oliver Letterman, and Herbert Vandivort.

II O'Clock Service

Eld. Clarence Ussery brought the message.
Lesson read from Acts 27:1-37. Text Acts 27:31.
Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

Friday Afternoon Session

Called together by class singing with prayer by Eld. G. G. Dipboye.

Election of Officers

Elder Ralph Staten was elected Moderator; Eld. L. C. Doyle, Assistant Moderator; M. B. Williams, Clerk; W. F. McGee, Assistant Clerk; L. I. Shelton, Corresponding Clerk; G. G. Dipboye, Assistant Corresponding Clerk.

Committees Appointed

Divine Service—B. A. Gibson, J. J. West and H. L. Heffington.
Obituary—J. W. Coffman, W. O. Carter and T. H. Oldham.
Sunday School—Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Iva Mae McClellan and R. E. Pixley.
Statistical—M. B. Williams, J. D. Collman, and Mrs. C. E. Wilson.
Finance—W. F. McGee, J. T. Doyle and Murry Funderburg.
Enrolling—Mrs. C. E. Wilson, J. H. C. Jordan, and T. L. Tackett.
Request—Lewis Barker, S. J. Smith and J. W. Moore.
Non-represented Associations—L. A. Rozell, H. B. Doyle and W. T. Woodruff.
Resolution—W. S. Isbell, J. E. White, and H. A. Lewis.
Church Policy and Doctrine—L. C. Doyle, W. A. Hearron and W. A. Sneed.
Temperance—Ray Watkins, Mrs. Julia Gideon and Mrs. A. D. Furgerson.
Publication and Education—J. D. Coffman, W. F. McGee and C. E. Wilson.
Bro. J. J. West made a report on the tent fund and received \$131.00 public donations to buy chairs. A few churches paid an additional \$10 to be used for that purpose.
Eld. Ray Watkins was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next association and Eld. G. G. Dipboye, alternate. Eld. C. E. Wilson was elected to preach the Memorial sermon and Eld. Ralph Staten, alternate.
Dismissed by Eld. M. G. King.

Friday Night Service

Service opened with class singing. Prayer by Eld. R. E. Pixley. Devotional service was conducted by Eld. G. G. Dipboye. Eld. R. B.

Crawford brought the message. Text, Luke 19:10.

Dismissed by Eld. Lewis Barker.

Saturday Morning Session

The congregation was called together by singing, with prayer by Mrs. C. E. Wilson. The business session was opened by the assistant moderator, Eld. L. C. Doyle.

A part of the various committees' reports were read and adopted and the committees discharged. Talks were made by Johnie Moore, R. E. Pixley, J. J. West. Prayer by Eld. C. E. Wilson.

11 O'Clock Service

Called together by classing singing.

Memorial service was conducted by Eld. L. C. Doyle. The theme was some outstanding characters in each association from 1919 to 1943. Followed by a song and a talk by Eld. Ralph Staten.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. W. A. Hearn.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Congregation called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. L. J. Smith.

A motion was adopted that this body request the different churches to pay an additional \$10 to be used to purchase chairs for the state tent.

A motion was adopted that the Arkansas State Association correspond by letter and delegates with the Union Association of Missouri. Delegates elected were Ralph Staten, H. A. Lewis, C. E. Wilson, W. A. Hearn and W. F. McGee.

A motion was adopted that the State Association refer back to the subordinate associations the question of uniting with the National Association and that each subordinate association instruct its delegates how to vote at the next state association.

After all committee reports had been read, adopted and committee members discharged, the business session was adjourned to meet with Pocahontas church on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1945. Closing prayer by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

Saturday Night Session

Opened by singing, with prayer by Eld. H. A. Lewis. Devotional service conducted by Eld. Henry Doyle. Eld. C. E. Wilson brought the message. Scripture lesson John 21:1-13. Text, John 21:4. Benediction by Eld. W. A. Hearn.

Sunday

The morning service was spent in class singing with an interesting message by Eld. R. B. Crawford.

In the afternoon Baptismal service was conducted at the water's edge, three persons being baptized.

Reports of Committees

Non-represented associations—We, your committee find the following not represented: Big Springs, Rich Mountain, Tyronza. —H. B. Doyle, L. A. Rozell and W. T. Woodruff.

Request—We, your committee find that the Social Band Association has asked for the next State meeting. —Lewis Barker, S. J. Smith and J. W. Moore.

Obituary—We, your committee find that the all wise God has seen best to call from our midst 38 members of our association to their reward. 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. —J. W. Coffman, T. H. Oldham, and W. O. Carter.

Literature and Education—We, your committee recommend that this body endorse the Freewill Baptist Landmark as our state paper, and all other papers published by Freewill Baptists as long as they are in harmony with the doctrine of our denomination. We further recommend that our people use our literature and avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them in our religious educational institutions of teaching. —J. D. Coffman, C. E. Wilson and W. F. McGee.

Church Policy and Doctrine—Be it resolved that this State Association strike out our present 1943 article of faith and use the 1933 article as adopted by the State Committee of 1928. We ask that this be done because of a doctrinal error in the present article No. 5. —W. A. Hearron, W. A. Sneed and L. C. Doyle.

Sunday School—Incomplete report based on letters from subordinate associations present at State Meeting—We, your committee, recommend and endorse last year's report, plus each Sunday School keeping better reports. We find we have 89 Sunday Schools. Membership 1,686. All but two are using Freewill Baptist literature. We request that our report be headed Sunday Schools. —Mrs. W. A. Hearron, Mrs. Iva Mae McClellan, R. E. Pixley.

Temperance—We, your committee, submit the following: That we, the Freewill Baptist State Association in annual session, are 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, the 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 counties that have voted out the sale of strong drink and sincerely urge all others to call elections and vote out this evil as fast as possible. —Ray Watkins, Mrs. A. D. Furgerson, Mrs. Julia D. Gideon.

Finance—We, the committee, have received the amounts as indicated by each of the association in this report: Saline \$24, Antioch \$38, Arkansas \$5, Zion Hope No. 2 \$22, New Hope \$24, Polk Bayou \$22, Little Missouri River \$6, Social Band \$20, Ballews Chapel received \$80.50 and Minute Fund \$80.50. Public collection for Minute Fund \$15.25, making a total of \$95.75 for Minutes. —W. F. McGee, Murry Funderburg, J. T. Doyle.

Enrolling—We, your committee on enrollment of ministers, deacons and clerks, submit the following: Eight associations were represented; 26 ministers present; 8 deacons present; 2 clerks present. —Mrs. C. E. Wilson, J. H. C. Jordan and T. L. Tackett.

Resolution No. 1—Inasmuch as we see the need of carrying some of our resolutions in the minute from year to year, therefore, be it resolved that there be a committee appointed, or elected, to compile such resolutions as is deemed necessary for the good of this body. All resolutions having served their purpose to become void. —W. S. Isbell, H. A. Lewis and J. E. White.

Resolution of 1922—Be it resolved that a committee of five be appointed to supply the Stand.

Resolution of 1923—Be it resolved that we go on record as condemning the doctrine of Evolution, because we believe that it is doing more to spread skepticism, infidelity and Atheism than anything or doctrine now in existence.

Resolution of 1926—Be it resolved that in all future sessions of this association, we adhere strictly to the articles of faith of this association, and that we ask all subordinate associations in the state to see that their articles are in harmony with those of the State Association, so that we may become one in doctrine and harmony.

Resolution of 1938—Be it resolved that each district association have an ordaining council.

Resolution of 1939—Be it resolved that the State Association shall be composed of five messengers chosen by each district association of this union and all ordained ministers and deacons, and district associational clerks.

Resolution of 1941—Be it resolved that each church pay two dollars each year; one dollar for printing of minutes and one dollar to help take care of state meeting.

Resolutions of 1942—No. 1—Be it resolved that the state clerk have one thousand associational letter forms printed and mail each district associational clerk one each year, in time for their report to the state meeting; No. 2—Be it resolved that we accept "The Freewill Baptist Landmark" as a church paper, and we urge each preacher to

make of himself a committee to solicit subscriptions for said paper.

Resolution of 1943—No. 2—Inasmuch as there are so many different theories presented 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 Freewill 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 to their churches each year, at least one sermon on the principles, treaties and doctrine set forth by the Freewill Baptists.

Resolution of Thanks—Inasmuch as we have 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 we extend a gratitude of thanks to the visiting Brethren of Missouri and Tennessee for their presence and efforts to make this meeting a success; and to Ballews Chapel Church and community and any others that may have contributed anything to the splendid way that we have been entertained while with you. May God bless you for the same. —W. S. Isbell, J. E. White and H. A. Lewis.

Association	Paid State Meeting for Expense and Minutes	Evangelistic work	Home Mission	Paid Pastors	Total
Antioch	\$38.00				\$38.00
Arkansas	5.00			\$445.90	450.90
Little Mo. River	6.00				6.00
New Hope	24.00	490.00		1781.50	2295.50
Polk Bayou	22.00			761.12	783.12
Saline	24.00	628.08	36.02	1617.32	2305.42
Social Band	20.00	71.18	176.67		267.85
Zion Hope No. 2	22.00	500.00		850.00	1372.00
Totals	\$161.00	\$1689.26	\$212.69	\$5455.84	\$7518.79

Incomplete report as taken from Associational letters.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Antioch Association

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

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. O'Neal, New Hope	Homer Parker, Malvern
W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope	Roy Hughes, Glenwood
W. A. Hearron, New Hope	E. W. Hill, Langley
J. A. Carr, DeQueen	W. R. Porter, Langley
A. A. Powell, Greenwood	E. A. Pate, Athens

New Hope Association

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

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, Pfeiffer	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 Mullen, Strawberry	Ben Hardin, Walnut Ridge
Jeff Weaver, Batesville	Owen Harvell, Lunemberg
E. M. Phillips, Batesville	R. G. Simms, Gid
B. Woodruff, Newport	W. A. Sneed, Jonesboro
H. H. Ring, Lake City	

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

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard	Ira Gates, Peach Orchard
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. Shofitt, 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	Roy Purdom, Fort Smith
T. J. Robertson, Charleston, R 2	J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow
A. J. Joslin, Van Buren, R 3	Aubrey Rozell, Van Buren
Rupert Pijley, Chester, S. C.	Albert Rozell, Fort Smith
Steve Smith, Rudy	Roy Rose, Natural Dam
Douglas Peters, Rudy	Lloyd Weid, Los Angeles, Cal.
Charles Graham, Mountainburg	Ben Pijley, Chester
P. J. Mullens, Rudy	Tom Nolan, Van Buren
Earl Gentry, Chester	Burl Nye, Fort Smith
J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove	J. B. Lovett, Mountainburg
E. W. Simpkins, Van Buren	Sam Southland, Charleston

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 and 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, 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 combine 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. 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 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.

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.

Association	Moderator and Address	Clerk and Address	Sunday Schools	No. Members	Leagues	No. Members	Churches	No. Deacons	No. Ministers	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	Total Membership	Church Paper
Antioch	W. S. Shell, Russellville	J. W. Coffman, Hector					21	70	35	36	9	6	987	
Arkansas	J. S. Lovett, Magazine	A. L. Hook, Ratcliff	8	367			11	44	17	12	3	3	334	
Little Mo. River....	W. A. Hearron, New Hope	R. D. Smith	5				7	12	10	6	3	5	235	
New Hope	J. M. Holleman, Rosebud	Jess E. Pratt, Rosebud	12	476	5	160	12	30	16	65	4	3	730	
Polk Bayou	Henry Doyle, Newport	Mrs M. B. Williams, Strawberry	9		3		12	35	25	42	5	8	868	25
Saline	J. E. White, New Edinburg	S. L. Woodard, Warren	12	343	5	150	12	36	16	86	8	6	1273	86
Social Band	Ralph Staten, O'Kean	I. R. Gates, Peach Orchard	13		2		14		14	23	3	6	885	50
Zion Hope No. 2....	G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren	Wayne Bonewell, Rudy	11	500	3		11	35	25	70			600	32
TOTAL			70	1686	18	310	100	262	158	340	35	37	5912	193

Non-represented Association were: Big Springs, Old Mt. Zion, Rich Mountain and Tyronza.