

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Held With

POCAHONTAS CHURCH

Randolph County, Arkansas

October 3. 4. 5. 6. and 7. 1945.

The next annual session will be held with Antioch Association, in or near Russellville, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening, before the first Sunday in October, 1946.

OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Rt. 1	Moderator
Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbriar	Ass't. Moderator
M. B. Williams, Strawberry	Clerk
E. O. Wright, Adkins	Ass't Clerk
Eld. J. D. Coffman, Hector	Corresponding Clerk
J. E. McMahan	Ass't Corresponding Clerk

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. F. M. Hudson, Moreland; Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport; Eld. G. W. Milion, PPocahontas; Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbriar; J. J. West, Russellville

1945 MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS PROCEEDINGS

The ministers, deacons, delegates, associational clerks and league delegates of that part of God's family known as Free Will Baptists met with the Pocahontas church at Pocahontas, Randolph County Arkansas, in regular annual session, October 3-7, 1945.

Wednesday Evening

Opening session of league.

Program by Pocahontas Church.

Thursday Morning

League program was opened with class singing.

Bro. J. E. White, vice-president, chairman.

Prayer by Bro. J. E. McMahan.

Devotional: Sister Ina Mae McCellan.

Prayer: Bro. Myers.

Intermission.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called together by singing.

Message by Bro. Morris of Oklahoma, text Romans 2:5:

Benediction: Bro. Rodgers.

Thursday Afternoon

Opened with class singing.

Subjects outlined.

"The Great Commission," Matt., 28:19 by Sister Ralph Staten.

"Time of giving Great Commission," by Christine Rand.

"The most important Part of Great Commission." by Eld. Ralph Staten.

"What were they to teach all nations?" by Bro. Homer Myers.

"What kind of baptizing did Jesus teach? by Eld. Geo. W. Scott, Jr.

"What does Jesus mean in Saying the Name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost?" by Bro. Morris.

"How can we help fulfill the Great Commission?" by Bro. Bailey.

"What is the Gospel and its Power?" by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

"Importance League Work." by Bro. Stairs of Oklahoma.

Response by Bro. Pursell, State president of League in Oklahoma.

The League closed.

Thursday night—Opening Session

The assembly was called together by class singing with prayer by Bro. Homer Parker and Harry Stairs. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Ray Watkins, Text, Luke 19:10.

Dismissed by Eld. Carl Davis.

Friday Morning Session

The congregation was called together by class singing. Prayer by Eld. M. G. King.

Eld. G. G. Dipboye read the scripture lesson from 2nd Timothy, 4th chapter. The welcome address was given by Eld. C. E. Wilson, with a response by Rev. R. B. Crawford of Nashville, Tennessee.

Moderator, Eld. Ralph Staten, read the rules of order.

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

There was no enrolling committee appointed, and as taken from letters the subordinate associations with their representatives are:

ANTIOCH—Frank Burris, Elua Johnston, Lowell Tanner, Ernest O. Wright, Eld. W. S. Isbell, and Eld. J. D. Coffman.

BIG SPRINGS—Irene Reavis, Mae Bassham, and Eld. Carl Davis.

NEW HOPE—Sisters Jessie Furgeson, Ethel Wilson, Zora Heffington, Pearl Linton, and Bro. Jones.

POLK BAYOU—Everette Neece, Laymon Roach, Arden Watkins, Nolen Fulbright, and Cecil Doyle.

SALINE—Martin Tucker, Christine Rand, Eva Tucker, Mrs. J. E. McMahan, Iva Mae McCellan. Alternates—Mrs. Homer Parker and Bro. Wash Daggett.

SOCIAL BAND—Mrs. L. J. Smith, Mrs. John Gates, Mrs. L. A. Bridges, Iva Gates and Bro. Marion Clark.

ZION HOPE NO 2.—Mrs. Lessie Dipboye, Mrs. Robbie Kaundart, Mrs. Lola Asborn, Mrs. Dessie Roberson, Mrs. Elizabeth Francis.

ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION—Represented by Eld. W. M. Guinn and Bro. Charles Stapleton.

VISITING ASSOCIATIONS

Letters from visiting associations were received, read and their ministers, deacons, delegates, and clerks were seated as advisory members.

Union Association of Missouri—L. J. Gearing, Clyde Ruteledge, Ben R. Scott, Geo. W. Scott, Oma L. Scott and Leahmae Scott.

Cave Springs Association of Missouri—Mr. and Mrs. Elbie Harbison, Mrs. Oro Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Rogers, H. H. Beatty and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crews.

Visiting Brethern

Bros. Harry E. Stairs, E. E. Morris, Paul Pursell, and Orbin Doss, all of Oklahoma and Rev. R. B. Crawford of Nashville, Tenn., were seated as advisory members.

11 O'Clock Service

Eld. Geo. W. Scott brought the message. Lesson read from Revelation 21:1-8. Text 2nd. Cor 8:9.

Prayer by Eld. W. M. Guinn.

Benediction by Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Friday Afternoon Session

Called together by sing.

Prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph Staten was elected moderator; Eld. C. E. Wilson, Ass't. moderator; M. B. Williams, Clerk; E. O. Wright, Ass't. Clerk; Eld. J. D. Coffman, corresponding Clerk; J. E. McMahan, Ass't corresponding clerk.

Committees Appointed

Divine Service—Eluie Johnson, Martin Tucker, Arden Watkins, Marion Clark, and Mae Bassham.

Resolution—W. S. Isbell, J. E. White, and G. G. Dipoye.

Finance—Earl Clark, L. J. Smith, and Carl Davis.

Obituary—Mrs. C. E. Wilson, C. D. Stapleton, and Frank Burris.

Sunday School—Mrs. Christine Rand, Mrs. A. D. Furgerson, and Mrs. M. B. Williams.

Church Polity and Doctrine—C. E. Wilson, J. D. Coffman, and W. M. Guinn.

Bro. E. E. Morris told about the orphan's home the Oklahoma Free Will Baptists had purchased and a public contribution of \$71.56 was given to the home in the name of the Arkansas Free Will Baptist Association.

Eld. Homer Parker was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next association and Eld J. E. White, alternate. Eld. Henry Doyle was elected to preach the Memorial Sermon and Eld. Ralph Staten, alternate.

Dismissed by Bro. Smith.

Friday Night Service

Service opened with class singing.

Devotional Service was conducted by Eld. W. M. Guinn, Prayer by Sister C. E. Wilson.

Eld. R. B. Crawford brought the message.

Scripture lesson Isaiah 6:1-8. Text Isaiah 6:1.

"Vision for Service."

Benediction by Eld. H. A. Lewis.

Saturday Morning Session

The congregation was called together by class singing. Scripture reading by Bro. H. L. Myers, 2nd Peter 1:1-14, Prayer by Bro. A. L. Campbell.

A part of the committee reports were read and accepted.

Resolutions were read and discussed.

11 O' Clock Service

After a recess, congregation was called together by class singing.

The memorial service was brought by Eld. C. E. Wilson, Scripture lesson St. John 14:1-14.

Prayer by Bro. Wilson. Text Philippians 1:21.

"To Die Is Gain."

Dismissed by Bro. Carl High.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Congregation called together by singing.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. Spikes.

Committees reports were read, received and the committees discharged.

Delegates elected to the National Association to be held at Eldridge, Alabama, July 16-19, 1946, were Sisters Homer Parker, Lottie Wiels, and C. E. Wilson and Bros. Henry Ostercamp and M. B. Williams.

Elected to direct the course of the tent were: Eld. Ralph Staten, Bro. W. S. White, and Bro. J. J. West.

The business session was adjourned to meet in the Antioch Association in or near Russellville, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1946. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. J. E. White.

Saturday Night Session

Opened by class singing. Prayer by Eld. W. S. Isbell. Devotional Service conducted by Sister C. E. Wilson.

Eld. G. G. Dipboye brought the message. Scripture lesson part of 2nd chapter of James. Text James 2:23.
Benediction by Bro. Hunt.

Sunday

Eld. J. D. Coffman brought the message.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Tent Fund—We, your Tent Fund Committee, report by Bro. E. O. White and Eld. W. S. Isbell as members of the Standing Committee, for Bro. J. J. West. Money received for Tent fund and chairs \$777.25. Money paid out for tent and equipment \$615.00. Balance \$162.25. E. O. Wright, W. S. Isbell.

Clerks' Report—1945 minute funds received from subordinate associations \$80.50. Public collection \$15.25. Total received \$95.75. Expenditures—Printing 2000 minutes \$52.00; ribbon for badges \$3.30; printing badges \$4.00; postage \$2.07; clerk fee \$10.00; total \$71.37. Balance \$24.38—M. B. Williams.

Sunday School—We, your committee on Sunday School submit the following report based only on letters from subordinate associations that were read at the State Association. We find we have 89 Sunday Schools, membership 1,686. All except two are using Free Will Baptist literature.

Mrs. A. D. Furgerson, Mrs. M. B. Williams Mrs. Christine Rand.

Obituary—We, your committee report the following deaths in our association:—Antioch 19; New Hope 4; Polk Bayou 7; Saline 6; Social Band 2, Zion Hope No. 2, 6; Big Springs 1, Union and Cove Springs of Missouri 28. We feel our great loss here is Heaven's gain and pray for their loved one that God will comfort their hearts.

Mrs. C. E. Wilson, C. D. Stapleton, and Frank Burris.

Finance—We, the committee, have received the following amount from the subordinate associations—Antioch \$20 for minutes and \$20 for expense of State meeting; Saline \$15 for minutes ; Social Band \$19.50 for minutes, \$4.50 for expenses; Zion Hope No. 2. \$13 for minutes, \$13 for expense; Polk Bayou \$11 for minutes, \$11 for expense; New Hope \$9 for minutes, \$9 for expense. Total amount for minutes \$87.50. For expense \$57.50. Grand total \$145.00.

Carl Davis, Earl Clark, and L. J. Smith

Church Polity and Doctrine—We, your committee recommend that the order of business be published in our minutes.—C. E. Wilson, J. D. Coffman, and W. M. Guinn.

Resolution No. 1, 1945—We, your committee recommend that the clerk be made treasurer without being bonded, and that it shall become the duty of the corresponding clerk to work with, and inform, our people of their duty and obligations to the state associations.

No. 2—Whereas the training of our Free Will Baptist young people is of vital importance, we hereby resolve: First—That all ministers and interested layman do all within their power to organize and promote Free Will Baptist Leagues in our churches and associations. Second—As a state association we request of the state league convention officials to plan a program of league activities of information and inspiration. This planned program to be rendered on Sunday at the State Association.

No. 3—Realizing the many evils that our young people are having to cope with, and especially the theatre, we, your committee, recommend that our pastors and Sunday School teachers do their utmost in warning our youth of such evils.

No. 4.—We recommend that the State Association elect a state board of three members, including the state moderator as chairman of state board, and each subordinate association elect a subordinate board of three including the subordinate moderator as chairman. Ministers of each subordinate association work through their subordinate boards, and that said State Board be endowed with power to hold and direct the travel course of our tent throughout the state.

Resolution of Thanks—Having been brought together again by God's wonderful love and grace and having enjoyed all the good things, both temperal and spiritual, and as we near the close of another wonderful association we, your committee, ask that we extend a gratitude of thanks to our visiting brethern of Oklahoma, Missiouri, and Tennessee for their present and efforts in making this meeting a success, and to Pocahontas Church and Community, and all others who have contributed anything the the splendid way that we have been entertained while with you. May God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

W. C. Isbell, J. E. White, and G. G. Dipboye.

Resolution 1944—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 resolutons 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 Free Will 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 confussion it has brought, there are earnest inquiring subjects that have a right to know what we, Fre 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 to their churches each year, at least one sermon on the principles, treaties and doctrine set forth by the Freewill Baptists.

Incomplete report as taken from Associational letters.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector	Charley Douthett, Atkins, R 3
W. F. McGee, Russelville, Mod.	E. F. Flowyer, Russelville, R 2
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John Reel, Tulsa, Okla., R 5	Hershel Burris, Okla.
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Ellis Warren, Russelville, R 4	Avaugh Vaughn, Hector
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Arkansas Association

J. S. Lovett, Magazine	I. J. Wilson, Charleston
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Little Missouri River Association

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New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Bee Branch	E. C. Adkins, Jacksonville
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Jessie E. Pratt Rose Bud	E. L. Hunter, Beebe
J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud	Dermont Smith, Vilonia
J. G. Holmes, Heber Springs	W. B. Maddox, Searcy
R. E. Pruett, Romance	A. L. Mote, Beebe
Jack Manard, Vilonia	W. D. Barnard, Vilonia

Big Springs Association

Delbert Davis, Sturkie	Isaac Hunt, Hocomo, Mo.
Noah Miller, Bakersville, Mo.	R. W. Partee, Gassville, Mo.

Saline Association

W. P. White, Warren, R 1	J. B. White, U. S. Navy
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Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	J. M. Spikes, England, R 1
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H. L. Myers, New Edinburg	L. W. Wheeler, Warren
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Lorton Colvert, Warren, R 1	O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine
J. M. Estelle, Crossett	J. E. White, New Edinburg
Homer Parker	Johnnie Hartley, Rison

Old Mt. Zion Association

Unable to obtain List

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport
M. G. King, Powhattan
H. A. Lewis, Sage
Lonnie Palmer, Pfeiffer
Ray Watkins, Newport
Henry Doyle, Newport
O. Safirt, Newport
Austin Mullen, Strawberry
Jeff Weaver, Batesville
E. M. Phillips, Batesville
B. Woodruff, Newport
H. H. Ring, Lake City
W. M. Padgett, Lynn

Obie Eagin, Saffell
Henry Obert, Walnut Ridge
Lyle Cartright, Batesville
Coy Staggs, Batesville
J. H. Tinkle, McDougal
John Riggs, Batesville
M. A. Wolfe, Batesville
Ben Hardin, Walnut Ridge
Owen Harvell, Lunemberg
R. G. Simms, Gid
W. A. Sneed, Jonesboro
Earl Doyle, Hoxie

Social Band Association

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard
R. S. Shelton, Okean
Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge
B. F. Forrestor, Walnut Ridge
Charles Staten, Pocahontas
G. W. Million, Pocahontas
Thurman Johnson, Success
A. L. Campbell, Pocahontas
J. C. Colbert
Geo. V. Weeks, Hoxie

Henry Pauley, Beech Grove
L. J. Smith, Osceola
W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick
D. C. Jones
W. P. Watts
L. W. Hodge
Carl High
T. C. Ruce
W. C. Hudson
R. L. Crook

Zion Hope Association

G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren, R 3
T. J. Robertson, Charleston, R 2
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Rupert Pijley, Chester, S. C.
Steve Smith, Rudy
Douglas Peters, Rudy
Charles Graham, Mountainburg
P. J. Mullens, Rudy
Earl Gentry, Chester
J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove
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Roy Purdom, Fort Smith
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Aubrey Rozell, Van Buren
Albert Rozell, Fort Smith

Roy Rose, Natural Dam
Lloyd Weid, Los Angeles, Cal.
Ben Pijley, Chester
Tom Nolan, Van Buren
Burl Nye, Fort Smith
J. B. Lovettel, Mountainburg
Sam Southland, Charleston
A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith
Virgil Walker, California
Doyle Dipboye, Van Buren
Lloyd Rice, Van Buren
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J. A. Card, St. Paul
Ralph Daniels, Oza

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, and 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 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 the selves 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; Mom. 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. **CONDITIONS OF SALVATION**—We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act upon their part; that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal or regeneration, are washed in the blood of 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 the 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 remembrances 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 resitution 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; Apostary: 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 united, 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.

JUDGEMENT—We believe that there will be a general universal judgement, when all men shall be judged according to their works whether

they be good or bad, and that immediately there after 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 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 Free Will Baptist 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 Free Will 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 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 members 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.

2. Association called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the Clerk.

3. Letters from the Subordinate Associations called for, received and messengers invited to seats.

4. Right hand of fellowship.

5. Election of permanent officers.

6. Call for petitionary Associations.

7. Reading Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.

8. Appointment of following Committees: (a) Arrangements for Preaching, (b) Resolutions, (c) Finance, (d) Temperance, (e) Sabbath Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non- Represented Associations, (h) Union of Associations.

9. Report of Committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

10. Report of new committees.

11. New business.

12. Adjournment.

Associations	Modrator and Address	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday Schools	No. Members	Leagues	No. Members	Churches	No. Members	No. Deacons	No. Ministers	No. Received	No. Dismissed	No. Died	No. Taking Church Paper
Antioch	J. D. Coffman, Hector	E. O. Wright, Adkins	19	700	3	200	23	1255	75	35	71	8	19	50
New Hope	J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud	Jessie E. Pratt, Rose Bud	8	365	3		12	741	30	15	16	1	4	
Polk Bayou	Henry Doyle, Newport	Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry	11		2		11	831	31	24	61	2	7	16
Saline	J. E. White, New Edinburg	Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	10	335			14	1358	42	18	66	2	6	92
Social Band	Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge	D. C. Jones, Pocahontas					13	918		21	50	10	2	
Zion Hope, No. 2	G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren	Grace Rainwater, Natural Dam	12		3		13	670	29	28	80	7	6	25
Big Springs	Carl Davis, Elizabeth	Mae Bassham, Moko	7				12	553	17	5	12	2	1	
Total			67	1400	11	200	98	6326	224	146	356	32	45	183

Incomplete report as taken from Associational letters.

Association	Paid State Meeting for Expense and Minutes	Evangelistic Work	Home Missions	Paid Pastors	Total
Antioch	\$40.00	\$335.83		\$1,438.85	\$1,814.68
New Hope	18.00	290.36		1,413.15	1,721.51
Polk Bayou	22.00			980.21	1,002.21
Saline	15.00	787.00	\$41.11	2,482.59	3,325.70
Social Band	14.50				14.50
Zion Hope, No.2	26.00	700.00		1,300.00	2,026.00
Big Springs					
TOTAL	\$135.50	\$2,113.19	\$41.11	\$7,614.80	\$9,904.60

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