

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Held With

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH

HECTOR, POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 1946

The next annual session will be held with the Fort Smith Church, Zion Hope No. 2 Association, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in October 1947.

OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	Moderator
Eld. C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier	Ass't Moderator
M. B. Williams, Strawberry	Clerk
E. O. Wright, Adkins	Ass't Clerk
Eld. J. D. Coffman, Hector	Corresponding Clerk
Eld. Homer Parker, Pine Bluff	Ass't Corresponding Clerk

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

1946 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 Walnut Grove Church at Hector, Pope County, Arkansas, in regular annual session, October 3-6, 1946.

THURSDAY NIGHT—OPENING SESSION

The assembly was called together by singing. Song leaders were Willie Coffman, A. J. Wright, H. B. Doyle, B. O. Stahl, Cledie Coffman, and W. S. Isbell. Prayers were offered by Bro. O. H. Doss, Bro. Geo. Been, Sister Jessie Furgeson, and Bro. J. E. White. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Homer Parker. The scripture lesson read Matthew 22:41-46. Text, "What Think Ye of Christ."

Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Moore.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation was called together by class singing. Singing leaders were Cecil Garrison, H. B. Doyle, J. E. White, and Raymond McNutt. Prayers by Bro. G. G. Dipboye and Bro. Teal. Moderator Eld. Ralph Staten read for a scripture lesson Hebrew 12:14, Psalms 133:1, Proverbs 6:16-19, Gallatians 1:10, Ephesians 4:1-3, Romans 16:17, and part of second John.

The welcome address was given by Eld. W. A. Crouch, with a response by Bro. Hampton.

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

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

ANTIOCH—Ministers, F. M. Hudson, W. S. Isbell, W. F. McGhee, R. B. Venable, W. A. Crouch, J. D. Coffman, E. L. Hill, W. E. Coffman, D. A. Vaughn, C. U. Kinder, E. Johnson, L. Hollum, J. D. Kinder, and R. G. Webb; Deacons: G. W. Churchell, B. Harris, W. D. Conely, H. R. Candley, C. A. Crouch, Cecil Fridell, W. L. Sorrells, W. M. Watts, Frank Noles, F. M. Forbis, R. C. Savage, and Jess Lantur; Delegates: T. L. Tackett, Sister Lottie Wiolds, Sister Martha Vassour, and Vadella Voss.

BIG SPRINGS—Delbert Davis.

ARKANSAS—Ministers: W. M. Guinn, B. O. Stahl, G. J. Starnes, and J. S. Lovett; Deacons: C. D. Stapleton; Delegates: Lester Bradley, Mrs. Lester Bradley, Mrs. A. L. Hook, Mrs. Kate Ereckner, and Mrs. L. M. P. Canady.

NEW HOPE—Ministers: C. E. Wilson, J. W. Mocre, and J. M. Holleman; Deacons: A. D. Furgeson, and J. F. Dallas.

OLD MT. ZION—Ministers: G. W. Been and C. O. Garrison.

POLK BAYOU—Ministers: L. C. Doyle, H. A. Lewis, Henry Doyle, and Coy Staggs; Deacons: Bro. Reid; Delegates: Alvis Lassiter, Maud Fletcher, and H. B. Doyle; Clerk: Mrs. M. B. Williams.

SALINE—Ministers: J. E. White, Johnie Hartley, and Homer Parker; Deacons: Ottis Cook and H. Moore; Delegates: Sister Iva Mae McClellan, Sister J. E. White, Sister Homer Parker, and Sister Ola Mae Moore.

SOCIAL BAND—Ministers: Ralph Staten; Deacon: W. S. White; Delegates: Mrs. W. S. White, Mrs. Jim Kirk, and Raymond McNutt.

ZION HOPE NO. 2—J. H. C. Jordan, Ben Pixley, A. J. Joslin, G. G. Dipboye, and Doyle Dipboye; Deacon: Marley Manyard; Delegates: Jim Fields, Jim Gregory, and Sister Lela Dipboye.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph was re-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; Eld. Homer Parker, Ass't Corresponding Clerk.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Divine Service—J. J. West, Ottis Cook, H. B. Doyle, J. E. Gregory, and Raymond McNutt.

Resolution—W. F. McGhee, H. A. Lewis, J. E. White, G. G. Dipboye, and J. W. Moore.

Finance—M. B. Williams, E. O. Wright, Havis Moore, G. J. Starnes, and Bertie Kirk.

Obituary—C. D. Stapleton, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, and Mrs. A. E. Fletcher.

Church Policy and Doctrine—L. C. Doyle, Geo. W. Been, C. E. Wilson, W. S. Isbell, and B. O. Stahl.

Publication and Literature—W. M. Guinn, Cecil Garrison, and Mrs. Homer Parker.

Temperance—Mrs. A. D. Furgeson, J. S. Lovett, and Mrs. Lottie Wiels.

Revision and Correction—J. D. Coffman, J. E. White, and J. M. Holleman.

Enrolling—W. F. McGhee, Homer Parker, and Mrs. M. B. Williams.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eld. O. H. Doss brought the message. Lesson read Romans 12:1-3. Text Hebrew 11:6. Theme—"Faith." Prayer by Eld. C. E. Wilson. Benediction by Bro. Lovell.

NOON

A delicious meal was served at the church by the hospitable people of that community.

Invocation by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing. Songs led by B. O. Stahl, T. L. Tackett, Raymond McNutt, W. M. Guinn, W. E. Coffman, and Ralph Staten. A quartette number was rendered by W. M. Guinn, Ora Hopson, B. O. Stahl, and T. J. Bowden with Mrs. Ralph Staten at the piano.

Prayer by Eld. R. B. Venable.

Scripture reading by Eld. W. M. Guinn, Romans 5:1-5, Psalms 116:12.

Tardy letters, appeals, unfinished business, and committee reports were disposed of in the usual manner.

Motions carried—The present tent fund committee retained. The committee to direct the course of the tent be retained.

Dismissed by Eld. Delbert Davis.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened with class singing. Song leaders: Mrs. Iva Turner, J. M. Holleman, Cecil Garrison, Mrs. Jeraldine Johnson, Dan Coffman, M. M. Maynard, L. C. Doyle, and W. M. Quinn. A special number was rendered by the W. E. Coffman family. Duet by Mrs. Jeraldine Johnson and Mrs. Ruthie Mae Leonard. The Adkins quartette composed of Ralph Whittenburg, Mrs. Henry Hill, Henry Hill, and E. L. Hill with Jean Robertson at the piano, rendered a special number.

Prayer by Eld. H. A. Lewis and Sister C. E. Wilson.

Devotional service conducted by Sister C. E. Wilson.

Eld. J. E. White brought the message. Scripture lesson Ecclesiastes 7:10, Isaiah 5:1-4. Text—"What More Can God Do Than That He Has Already Done."

Dismissed by Eld. Doyle Dipboye.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The congregation was called together by singing. Song leaders: H. B. Doyle, T. L. Tackett, Jeraldine Johnson, and Iva Turner. Prayer by Bro. Ben Pixley. Scripture reading by Eld. Delbert Davis, Ephesians 3rd chapter.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was given to Mrs. Lattie Wiels and Mrs. Homer Parker for their drawings of Christ.

Motion carried to have a State Board of Superannuation appointed. Those appointed were Eld. W. S. Isebell, Eld. C. E. Wilson, and Eld. Homer Parker.

Bro. J. J. West's verbal report was accepted.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called together by class singing. Song leaders were Ralph Staten, J. E. White, and L. C. Doyle. Prayer by Bro. C. D. Stapleton. The memorial service was brought by Eld. Henry Doyle. Scripture lesson Job 14:1-14, Text—"if a man dies shall he live again."

Dismissed by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

Lunch was served at the church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Called together by singing. Song leader was T. L. Tackett. Duet: Goldie Maxwell and Ora Hopson with J. D. Coffman at the piano. Bro. J. D. Coffman was called upon and rendered his very popular solo, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Prayer by Bro. E. L. Hill. Scripture lesson was brought by Eld. F. M. Hudson.

Business was taken up in the usual order.

Motions carried—The clerk to have 200 minutes published and receive \$15.00 for his work. The State Association send a corresponding delegation to the Oklahoma State Association. Those selected to go were Delbert Davis, Doyle Dipboye, W. F. McGhee, Glynn Dipboye and Mrs. Glynn Dipboye.

Delegates to the National Association are Mrs. Homer Parker, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Lottie Wiolds, Mrs. W. S. White and Jim Prentice.

Alternates: Mrs. Ralph Staten and Vandella Voss.

The delegates were instructed to ask that the next National Association be held in Arkansas.

The tent fund committee with the moderator and clerk have charge of the repairing and preservation of the tent.

The State Minutes to include a list of our National Officers and Boards.

We carry our present articles of faith, as is, for another year.

Fort Smith Church in the Zion Hope No. 2 Association was selected for the next State Association.

Eld. L. C. Doyle was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. W. A. Crouch as alternate. Eld. Ralph Staten to preach the memorial sermon and Eld. Ben Pixley as alternate.

The business session was adjourned to meet with the Fort Smith Church, Zion Hope Association, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1947. Dismissed with prayer by Eld. W. F. McGhee.

Supper served at the church.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by class singing. Song leaders were B. O. Stahl, Dan Coffman, Goldie Maxwell, H. A. Lewis, Delbert Davis, and W. T. McGhee. Quartette: Goldie Maxwell, Ora Hopson, A. J. Wright, and Ralph Staten. Trio: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and Mrs. Jene Robinson. Devotional service by Sister Bessie Caudle. Prayer: Sister Bessie Caudle. Eld. Ralph Staten brought the mesage. Scripture lesson Matthew 24:1-31, Text Matthew 24:3 "When Shall These Things Be and What Shall be the Sign of Them." "The Return of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing directed by Bro. W. E. Coffman.

Leader for the day—Eld. W. T. McGhee.

Clerk—Bro. E. O. Wright.

Song by Bro. C. T. Marble.

Song by Bro. Roy McCuin.

Bible Questions and Answers: Jeraldine Johnson and Rutha May Leonard.

Duet: Jeraldine Johnson and Rutha May Leonard.

Prayer: Sister J. A. Sterens.

Morning message: Eld. H. A. Lewis.

Scripture lesson: Psalms 23rd.

Text: Hebrew 2:9, "But We See Jesus."

Dismissed by Eld. W. A. Crouch.

Dinner was served at the church.

Invocation: Eld. W. S. Isbell.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled with song conducted by Bro. W. S. Isbell.
Prayer: Eld. Lytle Hallum.
Song: Bro. Smith Cole.
Quartette: W. E. Coffman, Roy McCuin, Vester Harris, and Jene Bone.
Reading: Fancis L. Dover.
Duet: Goldie and Joe Ella Maxwell.
The 150th Psalms: Don Dover.
Duet: Zelma Fay and Irene Coffman.
Bible Story: Lottie Wiolds.
Trio: Mary Sue and Genell Wright and Bobby Zachery.
Reading: Laverne Wright.
Three selections by 24 of the young people of Welcome Home, Walnut Grove, and Unich Grove Churches.
Song: Clarence Condly.
Two songs: W. E. Coffman.
Song: Jimmie Coffman age 7.
Duet: Mildrid Burris and Eloise Honey.
Two Songs: Jane Dover.
Election of League Officers: President—Bro. Lewis Barker, Vice-President—Sister Lottie Wiolds, Secretary—Joe Ella Maxwell.
Donation for Minutes—\$5.50.
Song—Bro. Dan Coffman.
Dismissed by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Tent Fund—Verbal report.

Clerk's Report—1946 Minute funds received from local associations \$97.50. Balance left from 1945, \$24.38. Total \$121.88. Expenditures—Printing 2000 minutes \$52.00, ribbon and badges \$8.00, postage \$2.49, clerk fee \$10.00; total 72.49. Balance \$49.39—M. B. Williams.

National Minute Fund—Public contribution 1945, \$19.92. Paid National Association \$10.00. Balance left on hand \$9.92. Received \$2.00 from Zion Hope Association. Total amount on hand \$11.92—M. B. Williams.

Policy and Doctrine—We find that since we joined the National Association, we automatically adopted their articles of faith and it is entirely out of our hands to recommend and change. C. E. Wilson, L. C. Doyle, B. O. Stahl, and W. S. Isbell.

Corresponding Clerk—Letters received 67; letters answered 67; letters received from executive members 4; answers 4; letters from local associations 3, answers 3. Notices associational and personal 38. Letters received from National Association 4, answers 4. Total 116. Mailing expense \$3.33—J. D. Coffman.

Obituary—We, your committee find that God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst 59 of our Brothers and Sisters. We feel our loss is Heavens gain and pray God's blessings upon the bereaved. C. D. Stapleton, Sister C. E. Wilson, and Sister A. E. Fletcher.

Finance—We, your committee have received the following amounts from the local associations—Antioch \$19.00 for minutes and \$19.00 for expense of State meeting. New Hope \$11.00 for minutes and \$11.00 for expense, Arkansas \$10.00 for minutes and \$10.00 for expense. Saline \$14.00 for minutes and \$14.00 for expense. Social Band \$9.35 for minutes and \$9.35 for expense. Polk Bayou \$13.00 for minutes and \$13.00 for expense. Zion Hope No. 2 \$14.00 for minutes and \$14.00 for expense. Old Mt. Zion \$7.00 for minutes and \$7.00 for expense. Big Springs \$1.00 for minutes and \$1.00 for expense. Okean Church \$1.00 for minutes and \$1.00 for ex-

pense. Sugar Tree Grove Church \$1.00 for minutes and \$1.00 for expense. Total amount received \$200.70. Paid Bro. J. D. Coffman \$20.00 for having tent moved and \$3.33 for postage expense. Total amount left \$177.37. Amount turned over to clerk for minutes \$88.68. Amount turned in for expense of the State Association \$88.68. Zion Hope No. 2 Association \$2.00 for National Association.—M. B. Williams. E. O. Wright, H. Moore, E. J. Starnes and Mrs. Birdie Kirk.

Literature and Publication—We, your committee recommend that each church in all the subordinate associations use Free Will Baptist Literature,— We urge every Free Will Baptist family in Arkansas to subscribe for the Free Will Baptist Landmark. This paper is endorsed by the State Association. Without the support of our members, the publication of the paper will have to be discontinued.—Mrs. Homer Parker and Eld. C. E. Garrison.

Temperance—We, your committee view with alarm the work of sin in the form of intemperance since the return of the saloon in our State and Nation; but eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We sincerely urge our members to join all other Christian workers to curb the evils of intoxicating drinks by being sure to buy your poll tax and use your vote to banish the same from our land. We earnestly urge parents to lead the way to the proper places of amusement for their sons and daughters and to strengthen their ability to resist the evils presented to them in this world.—Mrs. A. D. Furgeson, Eld. J. S. Lovett, and Lottie Wields.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions 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.

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

Resolution 1944—Inasmuch as we see the need of carrying some of our resolutions in the minutes 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 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.

Resolutions 1946, No. 1—Be it resolved that article one of our constitution be amended so as to include the members of the executive board of the State.

Resolution No. 2—The members of the Executive Board serve for life or as long as there are three active members of the five. Vacancies may be filled at any regular session of the State Association.

Resolution No. 3—The expense of the transportation of the tent from one State Association to another be paid out of the general fund of the State Association.

Resolution No. 4—Be it resolved that the Free Will Baptist State Association, now in annual conference with Walnut Grove Church, Pope County, Arkansas, this the 4th day of October, 1946, go on record as strictly opposing any form of a State controlled liquor law, and will offer our protest to the fullest extent.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the governor of our beloved State.

Resolution Committee: W. F. McGhee, H. A. Lewis, J. E. White, G. G. Dipboye, and J. W. Moore.

Resolution of Thanks—Having been brought together again by God's wonderful love and grace and having enjoyed all the good things, both temporal and spiritual, and as we near the close of another wondrous session of the State Association, We, your committee wish to extend a gratitude of thanks to our visiting brethren of Oklahoma for their presence and efforts in the meeting, and the people of Walnut Grove Church and community, and all others who have contributed any thing to the splendid way that we have been entertained while with you. May God bless and keep you until we meet again.—W. F. McGhee, J. E. White, H. A. Lewis, J. W. Moore, and G. G. Dipboye.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector	Charley Deuthett, Atkins Rt. 3
W. F. McGee, Russellville	R. L. Rainwater, Scranton
W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Rt. 4	E. L. Flowyer, Russellville Rt. 2
J. A. Vanable, Dumas Rt. 1	E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.
J. D. Coffman, Hector	Frank Harris, Russellville Rt. 2
R. S. Webb, Russellville Rt. 4	W. A. Crouch, Hector
C. U. Kinder, Russellville Rt. 4	M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
Dewey Kinder, Caglesville	Dave Thompson, Jerusalem
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A. J. Latham, Russellville Rt. 2	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
R. B. Venable, Atkins Rt. 3	E. L. Hill, Atkins
John Reel, Tulsa, Okla. Rt. 5	Clarence Tillman, England
F. M. Hudson, Moreland	Coy Douthett, Atkins, Rt. 3
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Lytle Hallum, Hector	W. E. Coffman, Hector
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Melvill Snow, England	

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B. F. Black, Hackett	C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
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G. J. Starnes, Boles	J. S. Branch, Belleville
C. G. Askins, Tulsa, Okla.	J. S. Lovett, Magazine
I. J. Wilson, Charleston	M. R. Reed, Belleville
A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith	Lennie Taylor, Barber

Little Missouri River Association

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W. A. Hearron, New Hope	W. R. Porter, Langley
J. A. Carr, DeQueen	E. A. Pate, Athens
A. A. Powell, Greenwood	

New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Jacksonville	John Pate, Vilonia
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J. H. Hartsel, Rose Bud	Dermont Smith,
Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud	Lake Providence, La.
J. G. Holmes, Heber Springs	W. B. Maddock, Searcy
R. E. Pruett, Romance	A. L. Mote, Beebe
E. C. Adkins, Little Rock	Jack Barnard, Vilonia
Curtis Lee Lybarger, Greenbrier	J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud

Big Springs Association

Delbert Davis, Sturkie
Noah Miller, Bakersville, Mo.
Carl Davis, Elizabeth

Isaac Hunt, Hocomo, Mo.
R. W. Partee, Gassville, Mo.

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Lewis Barker, New Edinburg
J. M. Crouch, England
H. L. Myers, New Edinburg
H. P. McClellan, New Edinburg
Lorton Calvert, Warren Rt. 1
J. M. Estelle, Crossett

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L. W. Wheeler, Warren
O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine
J. E. White, New Edinburg
Johnnie Hartley, Rison

Social Band Association

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard
R. S. Shelton, Okean
Ralph Staten, Pocahontas
Charles Staten, Pocahontas
G. W. Million, Pocahontas
A. L. Campbell, Pocahontas
Thurman Johnson, Success
Geo. V. Meeks, Hoxie
Henry Pauley, Beech Grove
J. C. Colbert

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

Old Mt. Zion Association

Unable to obtain list.

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport
M. G. King, Powhatan
H. A. Lewis, Sage
Roy Watkins, Newport
Henry Doyle, Newport
Obie Eagan, Saffell
Lonnie Palmer, Pfeiffer
O. Safirt, Grubbs
Austin Mullen, Strawberry
Jeff Weaver, Batesville
E. M. Phillips, Portland, Ore.
B. Woodruff, Newport
H. H. Ring, Lake City
W. M. Padgett, Tuckerman

Henry Obarts, Hoxie Rt. 1
Lyle Cartwright, Batesville
M. A. Wolfe, Batesville
W. B. Hardin, Hoxie
Owen Harvell, Lunenburg
R. G. Sims, Mt. Pleasant
Earl Doyle, Hoxie
W. C. Keylon, Union
J. W. Blanks, Newport
Archie Warnick, Mt. Pleasant
Coy Staggs, Batesville
J. H. Tinkle, McDougal
John Riggs, Batesville, Rt. 2

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

R. E. Pixley, Van Buren Rt. 3
G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren Rt. 3
J. A. Joslin, Van Buren Rt. 3
Aubrey Rozelle, Van Buren Rt. 2
Albert Rozelle, Van Buren Rt. 2
Tom Nolan, Fort Smith
Roy Purdom, Fort Smith
Doyle Dipboye, Van Buren Rt. 3
A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith
Burl Nye, Fort Smith
J. B. Lovette, Fort Smith
Ben Pixley, Chester, Star Rt.
Gilbert Pixley, Rudy
P. J. Mullen, Rudy

S. A. Smith, Rudy
Douglas Peters, Rudy
Earl Gentry, Rudy
Charles Graham, Mountainburg
T. J. Robertson, Charleston
J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove
Roy Rose, Natural Dam
J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow
Lloyd Neece, Van Buren Rt. 3
Henry Hart, Rudy
J. A. Card, New Blane
Lloyd Rice, California
S. A. Southerland, 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; 1Cor. 8:6; 1 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; 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. II 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 willfully 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.

JUDGEMENT—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; 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, the district associational clerks, and executive board.

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 Free Will 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 Free Will 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 Free Will 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 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-NINTH 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	Clerks and Addresses	Sunday School	No. Members	Leagues	No. Members	Churches	No. Members	Deacons	Ministers	Received	Dismissed	Died	No. Taking Church Paper
Antioch	J. C. Coffman, Hector	E. O. Wright, Adkins	16	700	4	200	23	1363	75	35	61	6	12	50
Arkansas	J. S. Branch, Bellville	A. L. Hook, Ratcliff	7				12		45	16	28	1	6	
Big Springs	Carl Davis, Elizabeth	Mae Bessham, Moko	9				12	563	30	5	27		1	
New Hope	J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud	Curtis L. Lybarger, Greenbrier		420		150		851		16	25	17	4	
Old Mt. Zion	H. M. Knox,	Bruce Phillips					14	791		16				
Polk Bayou	Henry Doyle, Newport	Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry	13	447	1		14	891	32	27	101	2	12	19
Saline	J. E. White, N. Edinburg	Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	14	529	4		16	1203	31	14	41	15	13	93
Social Band	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	Mrs. I. C. Staten, Pocahontas	14		2		19	935	46	21	81	1	2	54
Zion Hope No	R. E. Pixley	Wayne Bonewell	14	420	4		14	550	33	27	99			
TOTAL			87	2516	15	350	124	6147	292	177	463	42	50	216

Association	State Meeting	Evangelistic Work	Home Misson	Pastors	Total
Antioch	\$38.00	\$377.63		\$1,937.86	\$2,353.49
Arkansas	20.00				20.00
Big Springs	2.00				2.00
New Hope	22.00	340.00		1,154.00	1,516.00
Old Mt. Zion	14.00				14.00
Polk Bayou	26.00			1,154.85	1,180.85
Saline	28.00	1,079.33	521.32	2,457.92	4,086.57
Social Band	18.70		232.40	2,811.34	3,062.44
Zion Hope No. 2	28.00	850.00			878.00
Total	\$196.70	\$2,646.96	\$753.72	\$9,515.97	13,113.35