

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Held With

FORT SMITH CHURCH

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 2, 3, 4, 5, 1947

The next annual session will be held with Pine Hill Church, Franklin County, near Star City, Arkansas, beginning Thursday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1948.

OFFICERS

Eld. Ralph Staten, Pocahontas.....Moderator
Eld. L. C. Doyle, Newport.....Ass't. Moderator
M. B. Williams, Strawberry.....Clerk
E. O. Wright, Adkins.....Ass't Clerk
Eld. J. D. Coffman, Hector.....Corresponding Clerk
Eld. W. S. Isbell, Russellville.....Ass't Corresponding Clerk

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1947

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The ministers, deacons, delegates, associational clerks, and league delegates of that part of God's family known as Free Will Baptist met with the Fort Smith Church at Fort Smith, Arkansas, in regular annual session, October 2-5, 1947.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. Rubert Pixley was in charge of the song service; prayer by Bro. Cecil Garrison. Bro. L. C. Doyle preached the introductory sermon. Subject: "The Spiritual Birth and Its Equivalent."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing, prayer by Bro. Roy Moore, and Bro. Ralph Staten reading Mark 13:34-37 as a scripture lesson.

The welcome address was given by Bro. G. G. Diploy with a response by Bro. G. W. Been.

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—Delegates: Bro. H. A. Isom, Bro. Brown Burnett, Bro. Vandella Voss, Sister Price Jones and Sister Rose Hardaman.

ARKANSAS—Delegates: Betty Yance, Carolyn Wright, Gene Hays, Mary Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sharp.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER—Delegates: None recorded.

NEW HOPE—Delegates: Sisters A. D. Furgerson, J. G. Holmes, A. A. Hannah Brooks, and Bro. Hassell Hartsell.

OLD MT. ZION—Delegates: Geo. Been, Tom Day, Cecil Garrison, and Cecil Gladden.

POLK BAYOU—Delegates: Horace Doyle, Ruthie Mae Leonard, Maud Fletcher, A. A. Satterwhite, and Mrs. Virgil Odglen.

RICH MOUNTAIN—Delegates: Eld. S. B. Metcalf, Eld. Ben Fisher, and Eld. Carl Pugh.

SALINE—Delegates: Mrs. Homer Parker, Lela Cook, Mrs. J. E. McMahon, Iva Mae McClelland, and Helen Dodds.

SOCIAL BAND—Delegates: Mrs. W. S. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ragsdale, Marion Clark, and Ella Crays.

ZION HOPE NO. 2—Delegates: Bill Dillon, Burl Asbarn, Marcus Polk, James Gregory, and Sister Willie Robertson.

Ministers, Deacons, and Clerks—No official record.

OKLAHOMA—Visitors: I. N. Pate, W. V. McPhail, H. O. Turner, Virgile Bradford, R. L. Mounts, C. N. Rose, T. H. Dixon, J. A. Franklin, J. A. Davidson, and W. A. Viles.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Divine Service—J. E. Gregory, J. E. Phillips, W. S. White, O. I. Jones, and Mrs. J. E. McMahon.

Resolution—J. E. White, W. H. Doyle, W. S. Isbell, W. M. Guinn, and Geo. W. Been.

Finance—M. B. Williams, E. O. Wright, and W. N. McCoy.

Obituary—J. D. Coffman, Cecil Garrison, and Mrs. J. D. Furgerson.

Church Policy and Doctrine—L. C. Doyle, G. W. Million and Ben Pixley.

Publication of Literature—R. M. Moore, Melvin Shelton, and Ben McGough.

Temperance—W. A. Crouch, A. R. Brooks, and A. T. Blanks.

Sunday School and League—B. O. Stauhl, Elane Ogden, and Rose Hardeman.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eld. J. A. Davidson, from Oklahoma, brought the message. Scripture lesson—Ezekiel 11:19 and I Peter 1:9. Text: "The Operation of The Holy Spirit". Prayer by Eld. W. A. Crouch.

NOON

A delicious meal was served at the church.

Invocation by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The moderator read a scripture lesson from Matthew 25:14-30.

Prayer by Eld. W. N. Guinn.

Business was conducted in the following manner.

Officers were elected.

Motion carried that a state statistician be appointed. Bro. Geo. Been was appointed.

Motion carried that a historian be elected. Bro. Geo. W. Million was elected and Bro. Ralph Staten assistant.

Motion carried to send a delegate to Nashville, Tennessee to sit in with the National Committee while discussing the Articles of Faith. Bro. Ralph Staten was elected. Bro. L. C. Doyle was elected alternate. A contribution of \$36.89 was made to help pay the delegate's expense.

Delegates to the National Association were elected. Delegates: M. B.

Williams, E. O. Wright, Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. M. B. Williams, and Mrs. A. D. Furgerson. Alternates: Everett Sharp and Jim Gregory.

Eld. C. E. Wilson was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the 1948 state meeting. Eld. Ben Pixley was elected alternate.

Eld. R. E. Pixley was elected to preach the Memorial Sermon. Eld. L. C. Doyle was elected alternate.

A motion carried to send greetings to Eld. C. E. Wilson, Eld. H. A. Lewis, Sister J. W. Moore, Sister Earl Wright, and M. A. Thompson, who were in different hospitals for treatment.

Motion carried that we have a state evangelist. Eld. Ralph Staten was elected.

Adjourned with prayer by Eld. J. D. Coffman.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services were opened with congregational singing and prayer. Bro. J. M. Holloman lead the prayer. Eld. T. H. Dixon brought the message. Subject: "The Church". Text: Acts 2:38 and Ephesians 3:21. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cecil Garrison.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened with singing. Prayer was offered by Bro. W. V. McPhail.

Eld. Ralph Staten read a scripture lesson from Matthew 25:1-13.

Different committee's reports were read and received.

Resolutions were read, discussed, and voted upon.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The memorial service was conducted at the 11 o'clock hour. Eld. Ralph Staten brought the message. Scripture lesson: II Peter 1:12-16, Hebrew 10:32-34, Deut. 32:7.

Benediction was given by Eld. J. S. Lovett.

Lunch was served at the church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The delegates were called together by song. Prayer by Bro. S. B. Metcalf.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint two more members to the board of superannuation. Bros. S. B. Metcalf and C. O. Stapleton were appointed.

A public donation of \$62.07 was made to the Oklahoma Orphan Home.

Report of Superannuation Board. Received \$43.07 by public. Paid Bro. Crawford \$10.77 leaving \$32.30 with Bro. W. S. Isbell.

Bro. E. O. Wright received \$6.00 on the tent fund.

A General Mission Board was elected. Their term will expire as the names are listed. The first one will serve one year, the second two years, etc. They were elected in this order. R. M. Moor, J. D. Coffman, E. O. Wright, W. S. White, W. S. Isbell.

Pine Hill Church, near Star City, Frankland County was selected as the meeting place for the next State Association.

After all committees had reported and their reports read and received a motion carried to adjourn. The congregation was dismissed with prayer by Bro. B. O. Stahl.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Assembled with singing. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Coffman. The message was brought by Eld. W. M. Guinn. Text: Job. 22:21.

Benediction by Eld. Virgil Bradford.

STATE LEAGUE PROGRAM

The Arkansas State League program was held on October 5 in Fort Smith.

The program was as follows:

Sunday Morning

The program session was opened by congregational singing.

Prayer: Eld. R. H. Haskins.

Introduction of League Officers. Eld. G. G. Dipboye.

Welcome Address: Henry Brown.

Response: W. S. White.

Election of League Officers:—President, Bro. R. E. Pixley, Vice-President, Bro. Charles Staten; Secretary, Henry Brown; Assistant Secretary, Sister W. S. White.

Program numbers: Mountain View Church, of near Fort Smith.

Song: By the class, directed by Bro. R. E. Pixley.

Reading: Henry Brown.

Reading: Ledean Robertson.

Reading: Francis Robertson.

Song: Class.

Reading: Ima Posey.

Bible Story: Juanita Stubblefield.

Reading: Tommie Gean Grubbs.

Poem: Butch Robertson. (Age 7)

Reading: Loretta Francis.

Prayer: Gene Brown.

Sermon: Eld. R. E. Pixley.

Invocation: Eld. R. H. Haskins.

Sunday Afternoon

Assembled with song conducted by Eld. R. E. Pixley.

Prayer: Bro. Frank Francis.

Reading: Sister Barnett.

Theme topic for discussion was on the subject of "Love".

Gods Great Love (John 3:16; John 4:9-10), Eld. Doyle Dipboye.

Love a Prof of Discipleship (John 3:13-35; I John 4:7-8). Eld. R. H. Haskins.

The effects of Love (I Cor. 8:1; I John 3:1-2) Bro. Bill Daniels.

The Test of Love (I John 4: 20-21; John 15:12-13). Eld. Glen Dipboye.

Inspiring Talk: Eld. Joe Lovett.

Dismissal with song and handshake.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Tent Fund—Balance 9-29-47—\$187.25.

Clerks Report—1947 minute fund. Received from local associations \$88.68. Balance carried from 1946, \$49.39. Total \$138.07. Expenditures: printing 2000 minutes \$68.50, badges \$8.00, postage \$3.00, clerk's fee \$15.00. Total \$94.50. Balance in treasury \$43.57.

National Minute Fund—Balance carried from 1945, \$9.92; Received 1946, \$2.00. Paid National Association \$11.92. Balance in treasury, none. M. B. Williams.

Corresponding Clerk—I have received and answered the following letters. Local associations 32. State Clerk 1. Assistant corresponding clerk 2. Free Evangelical Church 3. Ministers of different associations 6. Notices to local associations 9. And I sent a copy of the 1946 resolutions to the governor. Mailing expenses \$1.59. J. D. Coffman.

Obituary—We your committee find that God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst 63 of our brothers and sisters. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and pray God's blessings upon the bereaved. In

this number were the ministers: Eld. D. A. Thompson, Eld. Jim Burris, and Eld. D. C. Jones. Cecil Garrison, Mrs. A. D. Ferguson, J. D. Coffman.

Literature and Publication—We your committee recommend that each church in all the subordinant associations use Free Will Baptist literature. We urge every Free Will Baptist family in Arkansas to subscribe for the Free Will Baptist Landmark. We also recommend that each church organize a league. B. H. McGough, M. L. Shelton, R. M. Moore.

Sunday School—We your committee on Sunday Schools and Leagues feel we are about our Father's business when we teach that Sunday School and Leagues are essential to the upbuilding of the cause of Christ. We think our duty as parents are to take our children to Sunday School and Leagues. We think it is the duty of every pastor to preach one sermon a year on the upbuilding and good of Sunday School and League work. Each church which has no Sunday School and League should organize them. We know no better place for a child than Sunday School every Sunday. We think Sunday School conventions should be organized. B. O. Stahl, Rose Hardeman, Elaine Odglen.

Temperance—We your committee, view with alarm the works of sin in the form of intemperance since the repeal of the 18th amendment. We believe that eternal vigilance coupled with the unceasing effort of all God-loving and God-fearing people is the only means by which this evil can be completely and permanently stamped out.

We urge our members to join all Christian workers to help eliminate the evils of this terrific thing. We view, with alarm, that so many church members, not Christians are endorsing whiskey on every hand. We believe that all Christians should use their influence in every way to banish it from our state.

A. T. Blanks, W. A. Crouch, and A. R. Brooks

Finance—We, your committee, have received the following amounts from the local associations: Rich Mountain \$14.00, Social Band \$32.00, New Hope \$14.00, Polk Bayou \$29.00, Arkansas \$12.50, Old Mt. Zion \$10.00, Antioch \$38.00, Glenwood Church \$2.00. This money was divided equally between the minute fund and the expense of the state meeting. Saline Association paid \$16.00 to the minute fund and \$15.00 to the expense of the state meeting. Zion Hope No. 2 Association paid \$16.00 to the minute fund.

Total for minute fund—\$112.75.

Total for expense of State Meeting \$95.75.

Total collected for tent fund—\$6.00, which was given to E. O. Wright.

The expense money for the state meeting was given to Elder G. G. Dipboye.

The minute fund was given to M. B. Williams, state clerk.

Carried over from 1946 minute fund	\$ 49.39
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Plus the above amount of	\$112.75
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Total \$162.14 now in minute fund.

W. N. McCoy, E. O. Wright, and M. B. Williams, Committee

RESOLUTIONS 1947

No. 1—In as much as the National Association has fallen on a plan to raise \$60,000.00 by the year 1950, for foreign missions, therefore be it resolved that we ask of the state of Arkansas that we do our part in raising the suggested amount.

No. 2—In as much as our state is greatly favored in having the National Association in our midst, and realizing there will be a great expense to the Pocahontas Church and community, therefore be it resolved that each district association contribute to said expenses.

No. 3—Be it resolved that the ministers of the Free Will Baptist

Churches, in the state of Arkansas, teach and preach in harmony with the articles of faith of our state association.

No. 4—Resolved—That we have a Christian Workers' Institute, sponsored by the National Association, and that the time for the Institute be November 17-28, 1947. The place for this Institute to be determined by this State Association.

No. 5—Be it resolved that Section One of the Constitution be amended as follows, in the event of part, or all, of the elected delegation to report by 1:30 P. M. Friday. That said vacancies may be filled, provided someone from said Association recommend others for said vacancies.

No. 7—Resolved that all pastors who do not have midweek prayer service and Bible study in their churches to do what they can to encourage and sponsor this great work in their several churches.

Resolution of Thanks—Be it resolved that we the Resolutions Committee wish to thank the people of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith and surrounding community for the hospitality shown us while in this community and that we pray God's blessings on the entire community.

J. E. White, W. H. Doyle, W. S. Isbell, W. M. Guinn, Geo. W. Been

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 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 constitutions 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.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Anticth Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector
W. F. McGee, Russelville
W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Rt. 4
J. A. Vanable, Dumas, Rt. 1

J. D. Coffman, Hector
R. S. Webb, Russellville, Rt. 4
C. U. Kinder, Russellville, Rt. 4
Dewey Kinder, Caglesville

P. C. Denton, Scranton
 A. J. Latham, Russellville, Rt. 2
 R. B. Venable, Atkins Rt. 3
 John Reel, Tulsa, Okla., Rt. 5
 F. M. Hudson, Moreland
 Ellis Warren, Russellville, Rt. 4
 Lytle Hallum, Hector
 G. Z. Clayburn
 Melvill Snow, England
 Charley Douthett, Atkins, Rt. 3
 R. L. Rainwater, Scranton
 E. L. Flowyer, Russellville, Rt. 2
 E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.

Frank Harris, Russellville, Rt. 2
 W. A. Crouch, Hector
 M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
 Dave Thompson, Jerusalem
 A. F. Banks, Atkins
 Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
 E. L. Hill, Atkins
 Clarence Tillman, England
 Coy Douthett, Atkins, Rt. 3
 Hershell Burris, Oklahoma
 W. E. Coffman, Hector
 Avaugh Vaughn, Hector

Arkansas Association

B. F. Black, Hackett
 Elmer Turner, Branch
 W. M. Guinn, Booneville
 B. O. Stahl, Belleville
 G. J. Starnes, Boles
 C. G. Askins, Tulsa, Okla.
 I. J. Wilson, Charleston
 A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith

C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
 C. G. Forrest, Ola
 James Cagle, Heavener, Okla.
 Robert Hidde, Fort Smith
 J. S. Branch, Belleville
 J. S. Lovett, Magazine
 M. R. Reed, Belleville
 Lennie Taylor, Barber

Little Missouri River Association

E. J. O'Neal, New Hope
 W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope
 W. A. Hearren, New Hope
 J. A. Carr, DeQueen
 A. A. Powell, Greenwood

Roy Hughes, Glenwood
 E. W. Hill, Langley
 W. R. Porter, Langley
 E. A. Pate, Athens

New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Jacksonville
 C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier
 J. H. Hartsel, RoseBud
 Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud
 J. G. Holmes, Heber Springs
 R. E. Pruett, Romance
 E. C. Adkins, Little Rock
 Curtis Lee Lybarger, Greenbrier

John Pate, Vilonia
 E. L. Hunter, Beebe
 Dermont Smith,
 Lake Providence, La.
 W. B. Maddock, Searcy
 A. L. Mote, Beebe
 Jack Barnard, Vilonia
 J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud

Old Mt. Zion

R. A. Smith, Marble, Ark. R. R. 1
 J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Ark.
 C. Knox, La Rue, Ark.
 Geo. Been, Springdale, Ark., R. R. 2
 P. G. Kirk, Rogers, Ark., R. R. 5
 Claude Lynch, Rogers, Ark.
 Clark Baker, Rogers, Ark.
 Bill Oxford, Rogers, Ark., R. R. 5
 Bruce Phillips, Springdale, R. R. 2
 Jack Hobbs, Marble, Ark., R. R. 1

K. M. Knox, Rogers, Ark., R. R. 5
 Willie Capps, Rogers, Ark., R. R. 5
 Samie Love Rogers, Ark., R. R. 5
 C. O. Garrison, Huntsville, Box 254
 Geo. Lynch, Hindsville, R. R. 1
 Elmo McKinney, Huntsville, R. R. 4
 Tom Day, Hindsville, Ark., R. R. 2
 Burl True, 1113 Kittyhawk,
 Oklahoma (10), Oklahoma City

Big Springs Association

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

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

Saline Association

D. A. Bryan, Warren	Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Box 775
W. P. White, Warren, Rt. 1	Lloyd Williams Warren
J. C. Moring, England	J. M. Spikes, England, Rt. 1
Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	R. M. Moore, Star City
J. M. Crouch, England	L. W. Wheeler, Warren
H. L. Myers, New Edinburg	O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine
H. P. McClellan, New Edinburg	J. E. White, New Edinburg
Lorton Calvert, Warren, Rt. 1	Johnnie Hartley, Rison
J. M. Estelle, Crossett	Staten White, Warren
W. H. Burns, Star City	

Social Band Association

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard	L. J. Smith, Osceola
R. S. Shelton, Okean	W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick
Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	D. C. Jones
Charles Staten, Pocahontas	W. P. Watts
G. W. Million, Pocahontas	L. W. Hodge
A. L. Campbell, Pocahontas	Carl High
Thurman Johnson, Success	T. C. Ruce
Geo. V. Meeks, Hoxie	W. C. Hudson
Henry Pauley, Beech Grove	R. L. Crook
J. C. Colbert	

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport	Henry Obarts, Hoxie, Rt. 1
M. G. King, Powhatan	Lyle Cartwright, Batesville
H. A. Lewis, Sage	M. A. Wolfe, Batesville
Roy Watkins, Newport	W. B. Hardin, Hoxie
Henry Doyle, Newport	Owen Harvell, Lunenburg
Obie Eagan, Saffell	R. G. Sims, Mt. Pleasant
Lonnie Palmer, Pfeiffer	Earl Doyle, Hoxie
O. Safirt, Grubbs	W. C. Keylon, Union
Austin Mullen, Strawberry	J. W. Blanks, Newport
Jeff Weaver, Batesville	Archie Warnick, Mt. Pleasant
E. M. Phillips, Portland, Ore.	Coy Staggs, Batesville
B. Woodruff, Newport	J. H. Tinkle, McDougal
H. H. Ring Lake City	John Riggs, Batesville, Rt. 2
W. M. Padgett, Tuckerman	

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

R. E. Pixley, Van Buren, Rt. 3	S. A. Smith, Rudy
G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren, Rt. 3	Douglas Peters, Rudy
J. A. Joslin, Van Buren, Rt. 3	Earl Gentry, Rudy
Aubrey Rozelle, Van Buren, Rt. 2	Charles Graham, Mountainburg
Albert Rozelle, Van Buren, Rt. 2	T. J. Robertson, Charleston
Tom Nolan, Fort Smith	J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove
Roy Purdom, Fort Smith	Roy Rose, Natural Dam
Doyle Dipboye, Van Buren, Rt. 3	J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow
A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith	Lloyd Neece, Van Buren, Rt. 3
Burl Nye, Fort Smith	Henry Hart, Rudy
J. B. Lovette, Fort Smith	J. A. Card, New Blane
Ben Pixley, Chester, Star Rt.	Lloyd Rice, California
Gilbert Pixley, Rudy	S. A. Southerland, Charleston
P. J. Mullen, Rudy	

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; 1 Cor. 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 his 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; Matt. 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 of 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; Matt. 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. Matt. 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 Savior 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-11-20.

15. **PERSEVERANCE**—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in Hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from his hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and 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; Matt. 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; Matt. 16-18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 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; Matt. 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. Matt. 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 Mesengers 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. Altercations may be made in these rules at any regular meeting of the Association.

Association	Moderator and Address	Clerk and Address
Antioch	R. G. Webb, Russellville	E. O. Wright, Adkins
Arkansas	R. A. Brooks, Hackett	C. D. Stapleton, Bellville
Little Mo. River	W. E. Pinkston, New Hope	R. D. Smith, New Hope
New Hope	J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud	Curtis L. Lybarger, Greenbrier
Old Mt. Zion	H. M. Knox	Bruce Phillips
Polk Bayou	Owen Harvel, Lunenburg	Bill Richey, Eaton
Rich Mountain	Ben Fisher	S. B. Metcalf
Saline	J. E. White, New Edinburg	Otis Cook, Star City
Social Band	Ralph Staten, Pocahontas	B. F. Palmer, Peach Orchard
Zion Hope No. 2	Charles Grohm	Wayne Bonewell

No statistical report because of lack of information in majority of letters.