

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
***Free Will Baptist***  
***Arkansas State Association***

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**HELD WITH PINE HILL CHURCH**  
**NEAR STAR CITY, ARKANSAS**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2, 3, 1948**

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**Next Session To Be Held With Mt. Harmony Church, Saffell, Arkansas,**  
**Beginning On Wednesday Night Before The First Sunday**  
**In October, 1949.**

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**Those coming from South and West take Highway 25 from Batesville.**  
**Those coming from North and East go to Walnut Ridge**  
**and take Highway 25 to Saffell.**

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**ELD. RALPH STATEN ..... Moderator**

**ELD. J. D. COFFMAN ..... Clerk**

## OFFICERS

ELD. RALPH STATEN, Moderator ..... Walnut Ridge, Ark.  
ELD. J. E. WHITE, Asst. Moderator ..... New Edinburg, Ark.  
ELD. J. D. COFFMAN, Clerk-Treas. .... Hector, Ark.  
ELD. LEWIS BARKER, Asst. Clerk ..... New Edinburg, Ark.  
ELD. W. S. ISBELL, Cor. Clerk ..... Russellville, Ark.  
ELD. HOMER PARKER, Asst. Cor. Clerk ..... Pine Bluff, Ark.

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# Proceedings of the 1948 Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists

## THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

After a good meal served by the Pine Hill church, the Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. L. C. Doyle. Opening song was led by Eld. Stanley White. Song led by Eld. J. D. Coffman. Opening prayer by Eld. Tommy Day. Song led by Eld. W. S. Isbell. By consent of the body, J. D. Coffman was appointed acting clerk. Scripture lesson, read by Eld. L. C. Doyle, Rom. 10:1-11. Song led by Eld. Dee Smith. Prayer by Eld. Stanley White. By motion and voice of body, Eld. G. W. Been was selected to preach introduction sermon, as the one previously selected was not present. Song led by Eld. Cecil Garrison. Scripture read and used by Bro. Been, I Cor. 3:1-11; subject, "Christ, The Foundation". This was a fundamental message both in words and spirit. Eld. Ralph Staten, Moderator, took charge and appointed committees: Credential—S. B. Metcalf, Bruce Phillips, Horace Doyle; Obituary—Stanton White, H. A. Lewis, Raymond McNutt; Pulpit—J. E. Moore, W. M. McCoy, J. C. Gladden, Geraldine Johnston, Homer Parker; Finance—J. D. Coffman, Murry Funderburg, Ina Turner; Church Polity and Doctrine—Henry Doyle, Homer Parker, J. M. Holleman; Sunday School and League—Dallas Jones, J. E. McMahon, J. A. White; Temperance—J. E. White, Sister A. D. Furgerson, Homer Tate; Auditing—V. Bradford, George Been, J. C. Mooring; Resolution—L. C. Doyle, Wayne Tucker, Cecil Garrison, J. E. White, W. A. Crouch.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. Opening song led by Cecil Garrison. Prayer by Eld. W. P. White. Scripture lesson, Matt. 25:14-30. Reading of Rules of Order. Conference of ministers and deacons. Partial report by Credential Committee. Following Associations were represented by roll call: Social Band, Polk Bayou, Antioch, New Hope, Old Mt. Zion, Rich Mountain, Zion Hope No. 2, Little Missouri River.

Song and right hand of fellowship. By motion, all visiting members from other churches were given recognition.

### Election of Officers

Eld. Ralph Staten, Moderator; Eld. J. E. White, Assistant Moderator; Eld. J. D. Coffman, Clerk; Bro. Lewis Barker, Assistant Clerk; Eld. W. S. Isbell, Cor. Clerk; Eld. Homer Parker, Assistant Cor. Clerk.

Recess — 10 minutes.

### 11:00 O'clock Service

Opening song led by Homer Smith. Prayer by Eld. Cecil Garrison. Song led by Stanton White. Scripture lesson read from Eph. 6:10-20. Preaching by Eld. Cecil Garrison; subject, "Put On the Whole Armor of God". A fine message and enjoyed by a large congregation. Dismissed by Eld. J. C. Mooring. Lunch.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song led by Stanton White. Prayer by Eld. H. A. Lewis. Letter read from Bro. E. O. Wright, assistant clerk, and vote of appreciation was given by the body to Bro. Wright and Bro. M. B. Williams, clerk, for their good service. Motion carried that the Executive Committee be retained. Report of State Mission Board accepted. Eld. Roy Moore re-elected. Report of Tent Fund made by Eld. W. S. Isbell for Bro. J. J. West. Tent Fund Committee retained for another year. Superannuation report made by Eld. Homer Parker. Committee retained for another year. Report of Eld. J. E. White, member of Foreign Mission Board, and report to be printed in Minutes. Report of J. D. Coffman, Cor. Secretary. A report of a new church in Pine Bluff by Eld. Homer



Parker. Offering of \$53.85 was taken to help this new church in Pine Bluff. Dismissed by Eld. V. Bradford. Supper.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Song led by Raymond McNutt. Quartet by Stanton White, Marie Moore, Henry Doyle, and Raymond McNutt. By request, Eld. J. D. Coffman gave his special number, "Climbing Jacob's Ladder". Distribution of badges. Song led by Stanton White. Message by Eld. M. W. Roach; scripture, Luke 22:47-53; theme, "This Is Your Hour". Fine message, well received. Mrs. M. W. Roach concluded with a report on Foreign Mission work of the National Association. This was a wonderful and straightforward message and well received by the Association. Song led by Eld. Ralph Staten. Offering of \$88.41 given to Foreign Mission work. Quartet, "No Sorrow", by Jeffress Quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Nolin Jeffress, Ardon Hollis, and Carl Jeter, with Mrs. James White at the piano. Jeffress Quartet sang several numbers which were enjoyed so much by everyone. Othel Dixon gave a personal testimony. Preaching by Eld. Ralph Staten. Lesson read from Acts 1:4; 2:4-41. Theme, "Jerusalem, A Model Church". This was an unusual message delivered in a masterly way. Closing prayer by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song led by Nolin Jeffress. Song led by Bro. Tom Day. Prayer by Eld. W. P. Wheeler. Scripture lesson read by Eld. W. A. Crouch, Psalms 23. Report on Obituary read. Delegates elected to National Association. Delegates—Eld. J. E. White, Eld. Rupert Pixley, Eld. Henry Doyle, Bro. Ottis Cook, Sister Homer Parker. Alternates—Marie Gibson, Bro. McCoy. All committees made their reports and were discharged. Recess 10 minutes.

#### 11 O'clock Service

Opening song led by Sister Effie Huffman. Number by Jeffress Quartet, "Lord, I Feel Unworthy". Preaching by Eld. R. E. Pixley. Scripture, II Cor. 4:16-18. Prayer, Eld. L. C. Doyle. Text, II Cor. 6:10. Subject, "Resurrection". This was a grand and glorious service. Dismissed by Eld. C. E. Wilson.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song led by Lonnie Brown. Song led by Erby Teel. Prayer was led by Eld. J. M. Moore. Song by Jeffress Quartet. Mt. Harmony church in Polk Bayou Association was selected as the meeting place for the next association. Eld. J. E. White to preach introductory sermon. Eld. Ben Pixley, alternate. Eld. C. E. Garrison to preach memorial sermon; Eld. C. E. Wilson, alternate. Eld. G. W. Million was re-elected Historian. Eld. Geo. W. Been, Statistician. Motion carried that Moderator and Clerk have charge of correcting of Articles of Faith. Motion carried to pay clerk \$25.00. Motion carried to pay moderator \$15.00. An offering was taken for Bro. Staten; amount, \$78.10. Bro. Staten gave the Mission Board \$9.00. Motion carried that we let the First Free Will Baptist church in Fort Smith have the tent while repairing their church. Motion carried we pay expense of state delegates to National Association. Recess 10 minutes. Called to order by Moderator. Song led by A. A. Hollis. Carried we elect a board of five members to supervise the printing of the Arkansas Free Will Baptist paper. All subscriptions to be sent to Nolin Jeffress, publisher and editor. Voted that the paper be called the Arkansas Free Will Baptist. Motion to adjourn for supper. Dismissed by Eld. Bruce Phillips.

### SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song led by Nolin Jeffress. Song led by Sister Huffman. Song led by Sister White. Two numbers by Jeffress Quartet. Moderator called the Association to order for business. Song led by Bro. Raymond McNutt. An offering was taken to pay for use of microphone and

Hector Free Will Baptist church; amount, \$23.25. \$10.00 turned over to Bro. Parker and \$13.25 to J. D. Coffman for Hector church. The devotional service was led by Sister Nolin Jeffress. Scripture reading was from Psalms 1:1-10. This service was a spiritual feast to all. Preaching by Eld. T. H. Dixon of Oklahoma. Text II Timothy 4:6-8. Departure closed by hand shake. Dismissed by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song led by Mrs. Oddis Bradshaw. Song led by Mrs. Louis Hoffman. Prayer by Eld. Clarence Tillman. Welcome address by Bro. Ottis Cook and Eld. Roy Moore. Song led by Bro. Lonnie Pace.

#### 11 O'clock Devotional

Quartet by girls. A reading by Willie Jean Barker. Song led by Sister Oddis Bradshaw and Eld. Roy Moore. Preaching by Eld. C. E. Wilson. Scripture reading, 21st Chapter Rev., and prayer by Bro. Wilson, followed by Eld. B. M. Moore. Song by Bro. Lonnie Pace. An offering was taken for Bro. Wilson; amount, \$35.25. Dismissed for lunch. Afternoon was spent in singing.

### RESOLUTIONS - 1948

1. As we see the need of home and foreign mission work, we ask this body to have one sermon each session on the need of the work.
2. We, your Committee, recommend this body meet on Wednesday night and close Friday night.
3. Inasmuch as our mission work is in its infancy, therefore be it resolved that instead of electing a state evangelist, we recommend that each local association have its own evangelist or in other ways work out their own mission plans working in harmony with the State Board.
4. (a) This Board is asking that each pastor select a reporter for each church in the state.  
(b) Any manuscript deemed questionable by our editor shall be referred to the Board of Publication for their approval or correction.
5. We, your Committee, submit the following resolution of thanks and appreciation to Pine Hill church, the community, and Saline Association for the Christian hospitality we have so graciously enjoyed while in their midst. We shall ever hold you in fond remembrance.

ELD. T. C. DOYLE, Chairman.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### Auditing Committee

We find all records of state clerk and Mission Board correct.

V. BRADFORD, Chairman.

#### Report of State Clerk — 1948

Received from Local Association .....	\$112.75
Balance carried from 1947 .....	49.39

Total for 1948 .....	\$162.14
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#### Expenditures for 1948:

2,000 Minutes .....	\$75.00
Badges .....	11.25
Postage .....	2.65
National Association .....	10.00
Clerks Fee .....	15.00

Total .....	\$114.40	\$114.40
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Amount Left in Treasury .....	\$ 47.74
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M. B. WILLIAMS, Clerk.



### **Cor. Secretary Report**

I have received and answered 42 letters to local association; 21 personal letters of inquiry; and two letters of public information.  
Mailing expense, \$1.95.

J. D. COFFMAN, Cor. Sec.

### **Obituary**

We find that God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst about 63 of our brothers and sisters.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain and when they said good-bye here they said good morning up there.

We pray the blessings of God on all the bereaved.

H. A. LEWIS, Chairman.

### **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 all Christians should use their influence in every way to banish it from our state.

### **COMMITTEE.**

### **Sunday School and League**

We, your Committee on Sunday School and League, find some churches have none. We recommend that all churches have a Sunday School and League and use Free Will Baptist literature. We recommend that we have a Sunday School and League Convention annually separate from the State Association.

J. E. McMAHON, DALLAS JONES, Comm.

### **Polity and Doctrine**

Inasmuch as a committee whose membership was made up of seven members of General Board of the National Association met in Nashville, Tenn., last April for the purpose of revising the Treatise and inasmuch as the report of said committee was read and accepted in our National Association in Pocahontas this year and as much as the new revised Treatise will soon be off the press, be it resolved that this State Association wait in harmony for the new Treatise.

J. M. HOLLEMAN, W. H. DOYLE, HOMER PARKER.

### **General Missions**

We find a total of \$281.84 in General Mission Fund.

V. BRADFORD AND COMM. CHAIRMAN.

### **Tent Fund**

Balance in treasury September 30, 1948: \$203.25.

J. J. WEST by W. S. Isbell.

### **Roll of Delegates — 1948**

ANTIOCH — Eld. W. S. Isbell, Eld. W. A. Crouch, Eld. J. D. Coffman, Edith Whittenburg, Myra Hill.

POLK BAYOU — Bro. Homer Tate, Bro. Horace Doyle, Sis. H. A. Lewis, Sis. Ruthie Mae Leonard, Sis. Geraldine Johnson.

ZION HOPE No. 2 — Eld. Rupert Pixley, Bro. Jim Gregory, Bro. Wayne Bonewell, Sis. Dora Gregory, Sis. Rupert Pixley.

RICH MT. — Eld. and Mrs. Virgil Bradford, Eld. S. B. Metcalf, Eld. and Mrs. Carl Pugh.

SOCIAL BAND — Bro. Raymond McNutt, Sis. Tom Bennett, Sis. Leora High, Bro. Eugene Davis.

SALINE — Bro. G. W. Daggett, Bro. J. E. Moore, Sis. Rachel Parker, Sis. Leo West, Sis. Marie Gibson.

OLD MT. ZION — Eld. Geo. W. Been, Eld. Cecil Garrison, Eld. Tom Day.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER — Rep. by letter.

#### Committee on Finance

In Treasury from 1947 .....	\$ 47.74
Antioch .....	44.00
Polk Bayou .....	33.50
Old Mt. Zion .....	27.00
New Hope .....	24.00
Zion Hope No. 2 .....	20.00
Saline .....	15.00
Social Band .....	12.50
Rich Mt. ....	12.00

**TOTAL** ..... \$235.74

Paid Pine Hill Church ..... \$ 94.00

Paid Otis Cook for Trans. Tent ..... \$ 12.00

**AMOUNT IN TREASURY** ..... \$139.74

NOTE — Received \$15.00 from Arkansas Association after the Association.

MURRY FUNDERBURG, INA TURNER, J. D. COFFMAN.

#### Report of Statistician

I find that up to October 2, 1947, our State Association is composed of nine district associations, 128 churches. Average attendance in Sunday School, 1,550. Eight Leagues, 178 ministers, 102 deacons; membership, 5,389; paid for pub., \$1,095.13; paid pastors, \$8,315.16; paid evangelists, \$1,919.63; home missions, \$23.25; foreign missions, \$84.00; for dist. minutes, \$278.31; state minutes, \$169.11; budget fund, \$1,048. 99; value of church property, \$11,300.00; total, \$16,852.00.

Your Servant,

GEO. W. BEEN, Rt. 4, Springdale, Ark.

Pine Hill church did a fine work. Meal was ready at the church Thursday evening when the delegates arrived. And meals were served each noon and evening at the church. They were well served.

#### ASSOCIATIONS

ANTIOCH — Moderator, C. U. Kinder, Rt. 4, Russellville; Clerk, E. O. Wright, Atkins, Ark.

ARKANSAS — Moderator, B. O. Stahl, Gravely, Ark.; Clerk, Ellis Hunt, Rt. 3, Waldron, Ark.

BIG SPRINGS — Moderator (1946), Carl Davis, Elizabeth, Ark.; Clerk, Mae Bessham, Maco, Ark.

NEW HOPE — Moderator, W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope, Ark.; Clerk, R. D. Smith, New Hope, Ark.

OLD MT. ZION — Moderator, H. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.; Clerk, Bruce Phillips, Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.

POLK BAYOU — Moderator, Henry Doyle, Rt. 2, Newport, Ark.; Clerk, Sidney Byrd, Rt. 2, Newport, Ark.

SALINE — Moderator, Lewis Barker, New Edinburg, Ark.; Clerk, Ottis Cook, Star City, Ark.

SOCIAL BAND — Moderator, Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Clerk, B. F. Palmer.

RICH MT. — Moderator, Bennie Fisher, Star Rt., Hatfield, Ark.; Clerk, S. B. Metcalf, Rt. 1, Hatfield, Ark.

ZION HOPE No. 2 — Moderator, Doyle Dipbave; Clerk, Frank Francis.



## 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.

## RESOLUTIONS — 1947

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

Resolutions 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: That all ministers and interested laymen do all within their power to organize and promote Free Will Baptist Leagues in our churches and associations.

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.

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.

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.

## MINISTER'S DIARY

### Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector	Melvill Snow, England
W. F. McGee, Russellville	Charley Douthitt, Atkins, Rt. 3
W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Rt. 4	E. Henderson, Carruthersville, Mo.
J. A. Venable, Dumas, Rt. 1	Frank Harris, Russellville, Rt. 2
J. D. Coffman, Hector	W. A. Crouch, Hector
R. S. Webb, Russellville, Rt. 4	M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
C. U. Kinder, Russellville, Rt. 4	A. F. Banks, Atkins
Dewey Kinder, Caglesville	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
P. C. Denton, Scranton	E. L. Hill, Atkins
A. J. Latham, Russellville, Rt. 2	Clarence Tillman, England
R. B. Venable, Atkins, Rt. 3	Coy Douthitt, Atkins, Rt. 3
John Reel, Tulsa, Okla., Rt. 5	Hershell Burris, Hector
F. M. Hudson, Moreland	W. E. Coffman, Hector
Ellis Warren, Russellville, Rt. 4	Avaugh Vaughn, Hector
Lytle Hallum, Hector	Elvie Johnston, Walnut Ridge
G. Z. Clayburn	

### Arkansas Association

B. F. Black, Hackett	C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
Elmer Turner, Branch	C. G. Forrest, Ola
W. M. Guinn, Booneville	James Cagle, Heavener, Okla.
B. O. Stahl, Belleville	Robert Hidde, Fort Smith
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
Albert Rimby, Booneville	

### Little Missouri River Association

E. J. O'Neal, New Hope	Roy Hughes, Glenwood
W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope	E. W. Hill, Langley
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
C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier	E. L. Hunter, Beebe
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

### Old Mt. Zion Association

R. A. Smith, Marble, Rt. 1	K. M. Knox, Rogers, Rt. 5
J. H. Roberts, Springdale	Willie Capps, Rogers, Rt. 5
C. Knox, La Rue	Samie Love, Rogers, Rt. 5
Geo. Been, Springdale, Rt. 2	C. O. Garrison, Huntsville, B. 254
P. G. Kirk, Rogers, Rt. 5	Geo. Lynch, Hindsville, Rt. 1
Claude Lynch, Rogers	Elmo McKinney, Huntsville, Rt. 4
Clark Baker, Rogers	Tom Day, Hindsville, Rt. 2
Bill Oxford, Rogers, Rt. 5	Burl True, 1113 Kittyhawk,
Bruce Phillips, Springdale, Rt. 2	Oklahoma City 10, Okla.
Jack Hobbs, Marble, Rt. 1	

### Big Springs Association

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

### Saline Association

D. A. Bryan, Warren	Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, B. 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	Roy Watkins, Newport
M. G. King, Powhatan	Henry Doyle, Newport
H. A. Lewis, Sage	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  
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### 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. Was 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 of 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 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 an 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, na-



tion, 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 a 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.

**JUDGMENT**—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into eternal happiness. II Thes. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; 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 and 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.



## 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.