

MINUTES
Of The
FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
Free Will Baptists
Arkansas State Association

Held With
Mt. Harmony Church
Polk-Bayou Association

SAFFELL, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 28-29-30, 1949

Next session to be held with Turnip Church, Rose Bud, Arkansas, in New Hope Association on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1950.

Elder Ralph Staten, Moderator, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Elder J. D. Coffman, Clerk, Hector, Arkansas

OFFICERS

Moderator

Elder Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Assistant Moderator

Elder Eugene Davis, Pocahontas, Arkansas

Clerk and Treasurer

Elder J. D. Coffman, Hector, Arkansas

Assistant Clerk

Bro. R. D. Smith, New Hope, Arkansas

Corresponding Clerk

Elder W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Arkansas

Assistant Corresponding Clerk

Elder Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

State Executive Board

Elder L. C. Doyle, Newport, Arkansas

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Elder Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard, Arkansas

Elder J. E. White, New Eidenburg, Arkansas

Elder Tom Day, Hinesville, Rt. 2, Arkansas

Elder Ray Watkins, Newport, Arkansas

State Mission Board

Bro. E. O. Wright, Atkins, Arkansas

W. S. White, Pocahontas, Arkansas

Elder W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Arkansas

Elder R. M. Moore, Yorktown, Arkansas

Elder J. D. Coffman, Hector, Arkansas

BOARD OF SUPERANUATION

Elder Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Elder W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Arkansas.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The 1949 Arkansas State Association

Of The Free Will Baptists

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator Elder Ralph Staten.

Opening song was directed by A. J. Wilmus, with Mrs. Ransom Mullens, pianist. "I Had Rather Be An Old Time Christian."

Opening prayer by Eld. C. O. Garrison. All ministers asked to stand and tell where they were from. 14 present.

The body elected Eld. C. O. Garrison to preach introduction message, as Elder J. E. White and Elder Ben Pixley either were not present. Eld. Garrison read for a Scripture lesson, Eph. 2nd. Chapter. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Coffman. Text, Eph. 2:8. Subject: "The Grace of God." It was a soul stirring message and made many rejoice.

The moderator appointed, Credential Committee (report elsewhere). Dismissed to meet at 9 a. m. Thursday, by Eld. D. A. Bryan.

THURSDAY MORNING

Opening song led by Noland Jeffries. After several songs the Scripture lesson was read by Eld. W. S. Isbell. Titus: 2nd chapter. Prayer by Eld. M. G. King.

Song, Jeffries Quartett: "I Can Never Forget."

Moderator read rules of order and National Church Covenant. Partial report of Credential Committee.

All delegates seated. Song and hand of fellowship given.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Frazier, M. B., from Abilene, Texas, given recognition.

Election of officers, see list on front cover, moderator appointed committees.

Pulpit

Sis. M. B. Williams, Sis. Wille Bohanan, Sis. A. D. Fugerson, Bro. Ledford Hollis, Bro. H. D. Shipley.

Resolution

Eld. W. H. Doyle, Eld. Rupert Pixley, Eld. D. A. Bryan, Eld. Wayne Tucker, Bro. A. D. Fugerson.

Finance

Eld. J. D. Coffman, Eld. Tom Day, Bro. L. G. Adkinson, Bro. Nolan Jefferees.

Sunday School League Auxiliary

Eld. C. O. Garrison, Bro. J. D. Jones, Lois Sattlewhite.

Obituary

Sis. Kate Sutton, Bro. J. E. McMahon, Sis. Loyd Mantooth.

Non Rep. Asso.

Eld. Geordon King, Bro. Buddie Cook, Bro. Lonnie Coffman.

Recess 10 Minutes.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Preaching by Eld. Gilbert Pixley.

Song led by O. S. Sawrie and Nolan Jeffrees. Prayer by Eld. L. C. Doyle.

Scripture lesson Isa. 31st chapter. Text: Job 33:14. Subject: "God's Unchanging Word." A realistic and fundamental message.

Song, Jeffrees Quartet, "I Mean To Reach Heaven Some Day."
Dismissed by Eld. H. A. Lewis.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Songs led by A. A. Hollis, Gilbert Pixley. Prayer by Eld. Carrol Davis.

Seating of delegates to fill vacancies from associations.

A welcome address by Eld. L. C. Doyle. Response, Eld. J. W. Moore.

Committee on Doctrine and Policy

Eld. L. C. Doyle, Eld. J. S. White, Eld. W. S. Isbell.

Auditing Committee

Bro. W. S. White, Sis. Goldie Maxwell, Bro. A. A. Hollis.

Committee, Ministers Diary

Bro. Raymond McNut, Bro. Martin Tucker, Sis. H. D. Shifty.

Committee on Requests and Petitions

Bro. Havis Moore, Bro. O. S. Sawrie, Sis. Geraldine Williams.

Jeffrees Quartet sang "Dreaming of a Picture". Recess 10 minutes.

Called to order by moderator, song by O. A. Sawrie. Bro. Isbell made report of tent. Com. Report of Mission Board recd. Report of clerk recd. Oral report of Cor. Clerk given.

Report of Foreign Mission Director recd. Editor of State paper made oral report. Report of Temperance Com. read. Dismissed by Eld. Geo. Been.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opening song led by Harrace Doyle. Song, Mrs. Goldie Maxwell. By request Eld. and Mrs. J. D. Coffman gave the number, "Climbing Jacobs Ladder."

Song led by Ralph Staten with J. D. Coffman at the piano. Song directed by Henry Melvin from Nashville, Tenn. Prayer, Bro. Melvin.

Devotional led by Bro. Tom Day. Scripture reading, 2nd Cor. 4:95. People gave personal testimonies. Quartette: Ralph Staten, Gilbert Pixley, Rupert Pixley, Mrs. J. D. Coffman.

Preaching by Eld. R. E. Pixley.

Scripture read from Acts 26:14. Text: Matt. 28:19-20. Subject, "A Challenge to Service."

Song and offering for Foreign Mission. \$101.56. This was a great missionary message and many seemed to be awakened to the need. Dismiss by Eld. Obie Eagen.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song led by O. S. Sawrie with Bro. Henry Melvin of Nashville, Tenn., at the piano. Prayer by Bro. Henry Pauley. Devotional by Eld. D. A. Bryah. Psalms 107. Song by: Mrs. Lonnie Coffman.

Motion carried we represent in National Association and pay their expenses. Delegates, Sis. R. E. Pixley, Sis. Gilbert Pixley, Sis. Geraldine Johnson, Sis. Tom Bennett. Alternates, Bro. Ramond McNut, Sis. Eugene Davis, Eld. L. C. Doyle was elected to preach the introduction sermon. Eld. Ray Watkins, alternate. J. W. Moore to preach memorial sermon, Eld. Ralph Staten, alternate.

Dismissed 10 minutes.

Called to order. Song led by Horrace Doyle. Report of obituary recorded.

Song directed by Luther G. Pressley. The memorial sermon was preached by Eld. C. O. Garrison. Scripture lesson read from Mark 14 chapter. Quartet arranged by Horrace Doyle. Prayer by Bro. Garrison. Subject: "Precious Memories." It seemed everyone was filled with joy and gladness when they listened to this wonderful message as to what Heaven will be.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song led by Ramond McNut. Song led by Luther G. Pressley with Mrs. Pressley at the piano. Prayer, Eld. Austin Mullens. At this time the moderator introduced Bro. Henry Melvin of the Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., who brought a fine report on the work of the college. We feel his message will bear fruit in Arkansas for good.

Pine Hill Church where the state association was held in 1948 was selected as the place to hold the Sunday School and League meeting on Saturday, January 7, 1950.

Com. on Non Rep. association made report, rec'd. Committee on Requests and Petitions recd. Report of Resolutions committee on national delegates expense recd.

Report of Statistician recd. Geo. W. Been re-elected statistician.

Geo. W. Million re-elected Historian. Board of Publication made report, reld.

Amt. of offering for Bro. Wilson, \$50.25, turned over to Bro. Wayne Tucker.

By vote of the body a new executive board was elected. The Board of Missions retained and Eld. J. D. Coffman re-elected superamiation.

Board retained, Rose Bud Church in New Hope Association was selected as the place for the next association. Song led by Bro. Pressley. Recess 10 minutes.

Called together for business. Song led by Eld. L. C. Doyle. Resolution of thanks read and recorded. The association voted that the Mission Board finish paying what was needed on printing of minutes. Song, hand shake, dismissed by Bro. Henry Orbert.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song directed by Bro. Horrace Doyle, McMahan, T. H. Crooms, Eld. Austin Mullens, Earl Clark. Prayer, Melvin Shelton. Quartett: Autis Mullen, Jerldene Johnson, Ruth May Leonard.

Rev. L. C. Doyle took charge of the devotional service. This was a feast to all as Bro. Doyle stood so manly and commanding. It was a service to be long remembered.

Preaching by Eld. Ray Watkins from Matt. 25:1-13. Subject, "Traveling to Eternity." A message to be long remembered. Song, hand shake, and Eld. T. C. Doyle gave the closing prayer.

ROLL OF DELEGATES BY ASSOCIATIONS

Antioch

J. D. Coffman.....	Minister (State Clerk)
W. S. Isbell.....	Minister (Cor. Clerk)
Bro. Lonnie Coffman.....	Delegate
Mrs. J. D. Coffman.....	Delegate
Mrs. Rube Venerable.....	Delegate
Mrs. Goldie Maxwell.....	Delegate
Mrs. Lonnie Coffman.....	Delegate

Old Mt. Zion

Geo. W. Been.....	Minister (Statistician)
C. O. Garrison.....	Minister
Tom Day.....	Minister (Member Executive Board)

Little Missouri River

R. D. Smith	Deacon, (Assistant State Clerk)
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Saline

D. A. Bryan	Minister
J. E. White	Minister (Member Executive Board)
Thedford Hollis	Deacon
J. E. McHahan	Deacon
Dallas Jones	Deacon
W. T. Woodruff	Deacon
Ottis Cook	Deacon
W. W. Tucker	Deacon
Havis Moore	Deacon
H. J. Howard	Deacon
J. W. White	Deacon

Zion Hope No. 2

G. J. Pixley	Minister
R. E. Pixley	Minister
Jess Toon	Deacon
H. D. Shipley	Delegate
Mrs. Jess Toon	Delegate

Polk Bayou

L. C. Doyle	Minister (Member Executive Board)
M. G. King	Minister
W. C. Keylon	Minister
H. A. Lewis	Minister
H. C. Doyle	Minister
W. H. Overts	Minister
Austin Mullens	Minister
Ray Watkins	Minister
V. E. Ross	Deacon
H. A. Newberry	Deacon
A. F. Richie	Deacon
Cleo Mannuel	Deacon
L. H. Croom	Deacon
Mrs. Floyd Mantooth	Delegate
Mrs. M. B. Williams	Delegate (Clerk)
J. G. Adkinson	Delegate
Jim McTigue	Delegate
Mrs. Minnie Hastings	Delegate

New Hope

J. W. Moore	Minister
J. M. Holleman	Minister
J. F. Dallas	Deacon (Clerk)
F. W. Linton	Deacon
A. L. Furgerson	Delegate
J. A. Whits	Delegate
Mrs. J. M. Hollerman	Delegate
Mrs. E. F. Turner	Delegate

Social Band

Charles Staten	Minister
Ralph Staten	Minister (State Moderator)

Henry Pauley.....	Minister
Eugene Davis.....	Minister
Wayne Tucker.....	Minister (Member Executive Board)
Mrs. Edward Sutton.....	Delegate
W. S. White.....	Deacon
Raymond McNut.....	Delegate

Big Springs

Carl Davis.....	Minister
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REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Tent Fund Committee

In behalf of the Tent Fund Committee, I beg leave to submit the following report.

Money in the treasury, September 30, 1948, \$203.25 and on May 28, 1949, \$5.00 was added and to my knowledge 82 chairs were bought. The tent and chairs have been used at Russellville for two meetings which have resulted in the organization of the 1st Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville and is now being used by said church. —W. S. Isbell

Sec. General Mission Board

On hand October 1, 1948, \$281.84. Received of Eld. Ralph Staten October 2, 1948, \$9.00, Hickory Grove Church, Antioch Association \$10.00, Amount in treasury September 29, 1949, \$304.84. The board met at the state meeting and elected Eld. J. D. Coffman chairman, Eld. W. S. Isbell, clerk and treasurer for 1950.—W. S. Isbell.

Obituary Committee

We find that 68 of our members have passed from labor to reward. May we all live to meet them again.—Mrs. Edd Sutton, Mrs. Loyd Mantooth, J. E. McMahon.

Requests and Petitions

We find only one request in letter for the next association. Viz, New Hope.—Havis Moore, O. S. Sawrie, Geraldine Williams.

Non-Represented Association

We find all associations represented except Arkansas, cause unknown.—M. G. King, Buddie Cook, Lonnie Coffman.

State Foreign Mission Director

The state of Arkansas paid \$298.50 for foreign missions last year.

—J. E. White

Report of State Clerk 1949

Receipts

Received from local association	\$250.74
Received from Rich Mt. by Eld. S. B. Metcalf	
for national association delegates expenses	\$ 1.00
Total for 1949	\$251.74

Expenditures

Paid Pine Hill Church	\$ 94.00
Paid Otis Cook, (transp. tent)	12.00
Printing of minutes	120.00
Badges	7.96
Mailing	5.54
Clerk Fee	25.00
National Association	10.00
Total	\$274.40
Balance due clerk	\$22.66

—J. D. Coffman

Auditing Committee

We your auditing committee have checked the records of clerk and find them correct and in good shape, with balance of \$22.66 due the clerk.

—W. S. White

—Mrs. Homer Maxwell

Committee on Finance

Antioch	\$46.00
Saline	38.00
Old Mt. Zion	30.00
Polk Bayou	24.00
Zion Hope (No. 2)	20.00
New Hope	20.00
Social Band	23.00
Rich Mt.	18.00
Little Mo. River	2.00
Total	\$221.00
Paid Mt. Harmony Church	\$110.50
Paid Moderator	15.00
Clerk due on last year	22.66
Total	\$148.16

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Balance in Treasury \$ 73.84

—Eld. Tom Day (Chairman)

Auditing Committee

We find General Missions Board records correct, with a balance of \$304.84 in the treasurer.

—Will S. White

—Mrs. Homer Maxwell

—A. A. Hollis

Board of Publication

We, your board of Publication, are sorry to report that our state paper has failed by the like of support by the people of the state. And we also think the editor failed to do as much as he could have done.

—J. E. White
—L. C. Doyle
—J. D. Coffman

League Sunday School Auxillary

We, your committee on League Sunday School, Ladies Aid and Auxiliary, find that some churches have gone. Some do not use Free Will Baptist literature. We urge all churches to use Free Will Baptist literature and all churches should have S. S. and League. We ask each church to have a teacher's training course. We ask this body set a place and date to have annual Sunday School and League rally.

—Cecil Garrison
—J. D. Jones
—Lois Satterwhite

Temperance

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report. For a long time we have been passing resolutions on temperance, usually alcohol. This has been a great word but we feel like if our people would acquaint themselves with the church covenant and then heed its instructions this would have a lot to do with our Christian life. Picture shows, dances, cocktail parties, road houses, bingo parties, and many others are some other things we will submit for your consideration. We could mention by not attending these places and thereby leading your influence to same. Your absence at such places will spread out that we are abstaining from the very appearance of evil.

—Committee

Statistician Report 1948

I find from the information available that the Arkansas State Association of the Free Will Baptist was composed of 11 district associations, 165 ordained ministers, 269 deacons, 137 churches received in fellowship. 402 baptised, 220 dismissed, 41 excluded, none died, 47 membership 7169, Sunday Schools 54. Paid pastors \$833.35, foreign missions \$124.85, district minutes \$151.65, state minutes \$180.25. Budgets funds \$2,013.10. Valuation of church property \$35,800.00. Total expenditures, \$13,458.28.

Statistics 1949

This session composed of 10 district associations, 120 local churches, 140 ordained ministers, 301 deacons, membership 7,265, received into fellowship 584, baptised 303, dismissed 118, excluded 32, deceased 68. Associations reporting Sunday School 2,383, average attendance, 4 associations report 42 Sunday

Schools, 30 leagues. Saline reporting 60 ministers. Paid pastors \$14,209.23, evangelists \$4,623.76. Home missions \$453.98, foreign missions \$145.98, district minutes \$192.27, state minutes \$148.35, budget \$1,350.50, building and repair \$5,808.75. Valuation of church property \$68,993.00. Total expenditures \$27,993.07.

Your servant,

Eld. George Been (State Statistician)

Resolution Report 1949

In view of the fact that the expenses of our delegates to the 1950 national association must be raised we recommend that the amount of \$250.00 be raised. We ask that each quarterly meeting of each association raise at least \$25.00 to be sent to the state treasurer, Eld. J. D. Coffman, Hector, Arkansas for this purpose, not later than June 1, 1950.

We further recommend that the moderator and assistant moderator of each district association be charged with the responsibility of raising the above fund.

—W. H. Doyle (Chairman)

Resolution No. 2

We, the Resolution Committee, recommend that General Mission Board retain this money until another year or use it as they see fit and that we leave Resolution No. 1, as it is.

—W. H. Doyle, Chairman

Resolution of Thanks

We thank the good people of Mt. Harmony Church and community Polk Bayou Association for the splendid way in which they have taken care of this state association in making their homes our home while in their midst, and we pray God's blessings on them and all in attendance and as in keeping of God's good will and may we be permitted to meet again somewhere.

—W. H. Doyle, Chairman

The meals were served noon and evening at the high school kitchen in Strawberry.

ASSOCIATIONS

ANTIOCH:—Moderator, J. D. Kinder, Caglesville, Arkansas. Clerk, E. O. Wright, Atkins, Arkansas

ARKANSAS—Moderator: B. O. Stahl, Grevely, Arkansas. Clerk: Ellis Hunt, Waldron, Arkansas.

BIG SPRINGS—Moderator: Delbert Davis, Salem, Arkansas. Clerk: Miss May Bashan, Salem, Arkansas.

NEW HOPE—Moderator: R. E. Pruitt, Searcy, Arkansas. Clerk: J. F. Dallas, Violonia, Arkansas.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER—Moderator: W. R. Porter, Norman, Arkansas.
Clerk: R. D. Smith, New Hope, Arkansas.

OLD MT. ZION—Moderator: H. M. Knox, Rogers, Arkansas, Rt. 5. Clerk:
Willie Bohannon, Huntsville, Rt. 3.

SALINE—Moderator: Louis Barker, New Eidenburg, Arkansas. Clerk:
Ottis Cook, Star City, Arkansas.

SOCIAL BAND—Moderator: Ralph Staten, Walnut Ridge. Clerk: B. F.
Palmer, Newport, Arkansas.

RICH MT.—Moderator: Bennie Fisher, Hatfield, Arkansas. Clerk: S. B.
Metcalf, Hatfield, Arkansas.

ZION HOPE NO. 2—Moderator: R. E. Pixley, Fort Smoth, Arkansas.
Clerk: Link Roberts.

POLK BAYOU—Moderator: Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport, Arkansas.
Clerk: Mrs. M. B. Williams.

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. Wednesday. 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.

Resolutions 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 evangelistics 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.

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: 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.

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.

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. G. Webb, Atkins	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, Russellville
Ellis Warren, Russellville, Rt. 4	Avaugh Vaughn, Hector
Lytle Hallum, Hector	Elvie Johnston, Walnut Ridge Air B
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

W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope
J. A. Carr, DeQueen
A. A. Powell, Greenwood
Roy Hughes, Glenwood

E. W. Hill, Langley
W. R. Porter, Norman
E. A. Pate, Nashville, Tenn.

New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Jacksonville
C. E. Wilson, Greenbrier
J. H. Hartsel, Rose Bud
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
Dermott Smith,
Lake Providence, La.
W. B. Maddock, Searcy
A. L. Mote, Beebe
Jack Barnard, Vilonia
J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud

Old Mt. Zion Association

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

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

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
W. P. White, Warren, Rt. 1
J. C. Moring, England
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
W. H. Burns, Star City

Homer Parker, Pine Bluff, B. 775
Lloyd Williams, Warren
J. M. Spikes, England, Rt. 1
R. M. Moore, Star City
L. W. Wheeler, Warren
O. A. Ashcraft, Herbine
J. E. White, New Edinburg
Johnnie Hartley, Rison
Staten White, Warren

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

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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 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, 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 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. 1 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.

20. 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, Luke 16:23, Rev. 21:8, II Cor. 5:10, Matt. 12:36-37, Rev. 20:12-13.

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 post office, 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.