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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Free Will Baptists
Arkansas State Association
HELD WITH
Mt. Bethel Church
New Hope Association

ROSE BUD, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 27-28-29, 1950

Next session to be held with Pilgrim's Rest Church in Old Mt. Zion Association, Springdale, Washington County, Arkansas, beginning Wednesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1951.

ELDER JOSEPH D. COFFMAN, Moderator
Hector, Arkansas

BRO. R. D. SMITH, Clerk and Treasurer
New Hope, Arkansas

Finance

Tom Day, Carroll Davis, and Horrace Doyle.

Temperance

Ralph Staten, Doyle Dipboye, Cecil Garrison, W. A. Crouch, and E. J. McClellen.

Sunday Schools

Sis. Huey Gowers, Alleen Coffman, and Sis. Doyle Dipboye.

Obituaries

Gilbert Pixley, J. C. Rowels, and Lonnie Coffman.

Non. Rep. Associations

J. E. Pratt, Huey Pauley, Edith Collins.

Unions of Associations

Glen Dipboye, Dallas Jones, J. W. Moore.

Auditing

Ottis Cook, H. R. Condley, Raymond McNut.

Ministers Diary

George Lynch, J. M. Crouch, J. L. Holleman.

An offering of \$63.00 was given to Mrs. Bessie Grey who was burned by a pressure cooker while preparing lunch. Intermission for committee work. Called to order. Motion to seat Prof. Luther G. Pressley and Mrs. Pressley with honors.

Report of General Mission Board. Amount on hand at last State Meeting, \$304.84. Paid to State Clerk J. D. Coffman, \$37.24; balance \$267.60. We ask the Association to give \$50.00 to each Russellville Church and Pine Bluff Church, and \$25.00 each to Free Will Baptist Hour at Newport, Old Mt. Zion Association Radio Program, Free Will Baptist program Russellville. Granted.—W. S. Isbell, Clerk and Treasurer.

Resolution No. 2 passes.

Report of National Association by Eld. George Been and Eld. Wayne Tucker. Business Adjourned until 9 a. m., Friday morning. Dismissed by Gilbert Pixley.

THURSDAY EVENING

Song led by Tom Day. Quartet arranged by Pixley Bros. Quartet from Hector. Solo, Little Joice Turner. Offering for Church at Russellville, \$28.26. Devotional, J. C. Mooring. Prayer, W. P. White. Sermon, R. E. Pixley, text, Luke 9:62. Theme, "Which Way Are We Looking?" Conclusion, Glen Dipboye. Dismissed by J. M. Crouch.

FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 o'clock

Song led by C. O. Garrison. Scripture lesson read and remarks by Assistant Moderator H. B. Doyle. Motion received to adopt committees report. Motion carried to pay \$30.56 in treasury from 1949 and 50 session to delegates that represent in National Association. Committee to report on League Work: Ray Watkins, C. O. Garrison, Louis Barker. Report Wayne Tucker on Mission Work.

Adjournment.

11:00 o'clock Service

Song service in charge of Prof. Luther G. Pressley. Prayer by L. C. Doyle. Memorial Sermon by Eld. J. W. Moore. Quartet, Green Brier

Church (Precious Memories). Subject, "The Second Coming of Christ." A wonderful message ably concluded by Ralph Staten. Offering \$54.00 to L. C. Doyle for his radio program. Dismissed by Mrs. C. E. Wilson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 o'clock

Song led by Geraldend Johnson. Scripture lesson, 23rd Psalm, read by J. T. Robertson. Prayer, Homer Parker. Report by Bro. Parker on Superannuation. Statistical report by Geo. Been reelected. Resolution 3-4-5 passed. Adjourned for evening meal.

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. Delegates elected to National Association: Sis. Lelia Dipboye, Bro. Arden Watkins, Sis. C. E. Wilson, Eld. Huey Gowers, Bro. Raymond McNut. Some members of District Association pledged \$25.00 each for National delegates expense. State Executive Board agreed to meet in Fort Smith. Dismissed by Eld. Geo. Been.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Song, Prayer, Eld. J. H. Hartsel. Song, solo, Eld. Walter Mattox. Quartet by Green Brier Church. Devotional led by C. O. Garrison. Sermon by T. H. Dixon of Oklahoma. Text: Matt. 28:19-20. Concluded by Tom Day. Closing prayer by W. C. Keylon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials

We submit the following roll of delegates by Associations:

Antioch

J. D. Coffman—Minister State	Moderator
W. S. Isbell—Member Mission Board	Minister
Geo. Isom	Delegate
Lonnie Coffman	Delegate
V. A. Yarbrough	Delegate
Alene Coffman	Delegate
Ella Yarbrough	Delegate
G. H. Tanner	Delegate
V. Voss	Delegate
H. R. Condley	Deacon

Little Missouri River

R. D. Smith, Deacon	State Clerk
Ollie Jones	Deacon
Edith Collins	Delegate
Edith Jones	Delegate

Zion Hope No. 2

G. J. Pixley	Minister
R. E. Pixley	Minister
Doyle D. Dipboye	Minister
Glen Dipboye	Minister
Sister March	Delegate
Rays Bossham	Delegate

Arkansas

Doyle D. Dipboye	Minister
W. M. Guinn	Minister
Mrs. W. M. Guinn	Delegate
Mrs. Doyle Dipboye	Delegate
Charlie Stapelton	Deacon

Old Mt. Zion

George Been, State Statistician	Minister
Cecil Garrison	Minister
Tom Day, Member Executive Board	Minister
D. W. Everett	Deacon
Cecil Gladden	Deacon
Willie Bohannon, District Clerk	Delegate
Ethel Gladden	Delegate

Saline

W. P. White	Minister
Homer Parker	Minister
Morris West	Delegate
J. C. Rawls	Delegate
Lela Cook	Delegate
Sister Leo West	Delegate
Elbert McClellan	Delegate

Big Springs

Carl Davis	Minister
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Rich Mountain

Not Represented.

Social Band

Eugene Davis, Assistant Clerk	Minister
Henry Pauley	Minister
Huey Gowers	Minister
Luetta Gene Staten	Delegate
Joyce Walker	Delegate
Mrs. Huey Gowers	Delegate

New Hope

J. H. Hartsel	Minister
J. W. Moore	Minister
Garrim Furgerson	Delegate
Ada Dixon	Delegate
J. L. Holleman	Delegate
Maude Allen	Delegate
Prf. Luther G. Pressley	Deacon
W. O. Carter	Deacon
Erie Dempsy	Delegate

Polk Bayou

L. C. Doyle, Member Executive Board	Minister
Ray Watkins	Minister
Henry Doyle, Assistant Moderator	Minister
Geraldene Johnson	Delegate
Myrtle Cob	Delegate
Horace Doyle	Delegate
Floyd Huskey	Delegate
L. R. Mantooth	Deacon

Arrangements

The following filled the stand in the order named here: Wednesday evening, Introductory sermon, L. C. Doyle. Thursday, 11:00, Tithing sermon, Doyle D. Dipboye. Thursday evening: sermon, R. E. Pixley; conclusion, Glen Dipboye. Friday, 11:00, Memorial sermon, Elder J. W. Moore. Friday evening, Mission sermon, Elder T. H. Dixon, Checotah, Oklahoma; conclusion, Tom Day.

Finance

We submit the following:

Received from the several district associations on the two dollar fund, \$214.00. Paid to Mt. Bethel Church, \$107.00. Paid to State Clerk \$107.00 for printing of State Minutes and official expenses.

Temperance Committee Report

We, your committee on Temperance, do hereby make the following recommendations as our report:

1. That we request that the district associational clerks keep on file the report of this committee which served at the 1949 session. Said report be printed in the district associational minutes.

2. That the State Recording Clerk be authorized to insert in the 1950 Minutes the church covenant as adopted by the National Association and as it appears in our National Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists.

3. That our constituency throughout the state be good and loyal citizens by meeting all requirements that make it possible to be eligible to vote in all of our local and state elections and take an active part in the same.

4. That any of our members who use their influence and vote for the legalization of intoxicating beverages, race tracks or anything that encourages gambling or betting shall be considered the same who have been declared guilty in the mouth of two or three witnesses.

Sunday Schools

We, the committee, offer the following Free Will Baptist literature. We urge all our Sunday Schools, leagues, ladies aid, and auxiliary's to use our literature when possible and that all teachers should be Christian and members of our church when available. All churches that can should have teachers training courses every year and take an active part in the annual Sunday School and league rallies.

Non-Represented Associations

We find all associations represented except Rich Mountain. We do not know the reason for their absence as they are still active. We hope to induce them to represent next year.

Union of Associations

We, the committee, find that there is a difference of opinion between Zion Hope No. 2 Association of our uses and practices. We ask that this matter be put in the hands of the executive committee, or there be a committee elected to take care of the situation, that harmony and good feeling may prevail.

Auditing

We, your Auditing Committee have examined the mission directors report. We have found same in good shape with a balance of \$148.46 for the 1950-51 year.

Superannuation

We the Superannuation Board recommend that each church in the state receive an offering once a month for Superannuation, said offerings to be sent to the Secretary of the board. We further recommend that our pastors stress the importance of Superannuation.

State Statistical Reports

I find according to the information furnished me that this association is composed of 10 district associations and they are composed of 149 churches, having 190 ministers, and 376 deacons. There has been received into church fellowship 882; 346 being baptized; 126 dismissed; 15, excluded; 67 have died, leaving a total membership of 9,033. There are 1591 league members and an average S. S. attendance of 3,467. There has been spent for literature, \$1,424.42 and paid pastors, \$24,347.10. For Home missions \$2,639.47, and for Evangelistic service \$7,372.55 budget, \$9,214.22 foreign missions; \$411.66, State Minutes; \$76.00, State Association; \$97.50 building and repair \$20,542.92, value of church property \$108,020.51, total expenditure \$62,125.84.

Your servant and statistician,
Eld. George Been,
Rt. 4, Springdale, Arkansas.

Obituaries

We find that 67 of our members have been called from labor to reward. Some of this number were our most distinguished ministers. May we live to meet them again.

MINISTER'S DIARY

Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector	John Parks, Rt. 1, Morrilton
W. F. McGee, Russellville	W. F. Crouch, Little Rock
W. S. Isbell, Russellville	J. M. Spikes, Rt. 1, Little Rock
J. A. Venable, Rt. 1, Dumas	Charley Douthit, Rt. 3, Atkins
J. D. Coffman, Hector	E. Henderson, Caruthersville, Mo.
R. G. Webb, Atkins	W. A. Crouch, Hector
C. U. Kinder, Rt. 4, Russellville	M. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
A. J. Latham, Rt. 2, Russellville	A. F. Banks, Rt. 1, Atkins
T. U. Johnson, Rt. 4, Russellville	E. L. Hill, Rt. 2, Atkins
P. C. Denton, Scranton	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
R. B. Venable, Rt. 3, Atkins	Clarence Tillman, England
Ellis Warren, Rt. 4, Russellville	Coy Dorthit, Rt. 2, Atkins
Lytle Hallum, Hector	Hershel Burris, Rt. 4, Russellville
Melvin Snow, Hector	Anaugh Vaughn, Moreland

F. J. Robinson, Rt. 3, Dover
J. E. Phillips, Rt. 4, Marshall

G. Z. Clayburn, Moreland
W. E. Coffman, Russellville

Arkansas Association

B. F. Black, Hackett
Elmer Turner, Branch
W. M. Guinor, Booneville
B. O. Stahl, Belleville
G. J. Staro, Waldron
C. G. Askino, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Q. J. Watson, Charleston
A. R. Brooko, Fort Smith
Albert Rimfy, Booneville
J. M. Wilson, California
B. A. Artman, Gravelly

Othel Dixon, Gravelly
Doyle Dipboys, Fort Smith
C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
C. G. Forrest, Plainriver
James Cagle, Hearner, Oklahoma
Robert Hidde, Fort Smith
J. S. Branch, Belleville
J. S. Loret, Magazine
M. R. Reed, Belleville
Lemmie Taylor, Barber

Little Missouri River Association

W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope
Roy Hughio, California

W. R. Porter, Norman
R. L. Rainnaters, Mena

New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Jacksonville
Jesse E. Pratt, Rosebud
J. G. Homes, Heber Springs
R. E. Pruett, Romance
C. L. Lybarger, Greenbrier
J. M. Holleman, Rosebud

John Pate Vilonia
E. L. Hernter, Beebe
W. B. Maddox, Searcy
A. L. Mote, Beebe
Jack Bamard, Vilonia

Old Mt. Zion Association

R. A. Smith, R. I. Marble
J. H. Roberts, Springdale
C. Knox, Larrie
R. I. K. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers
Arnold Smith, Rt. 4, Huntsville
Willie Capps, Rt. 5, Rogers
Geo. Been, Rt. 2, Springdale
P. G. Kirk, Rt. 5, Rogers
Claude Lynch, Rogers
Clark Baker, Rogers
Bill Oxford, Rt. 5, Rogers

Bruce Phillips, Rt. 2, Springdale
Jack Hoffs, Rt. 1, Marble
Tom Pinkerton, Enid, Oklahoma
Sammie Lane, Rt. 5, Rogers
C. O. Garison, Huntsville, Bx. 224
Geo. Lynch, Rt. 1, Hindsville
Elmo McKinney, Rt. 4, Huntsville
Tom Day, Huntsville
Vivan Rhodes, Huntsville
Tom Inomire, Huntsville

Big Springs Association

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

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

Saline Association

D. A. Bryan, Warren
W. P. White, Rt. 1, Warren
J. C. Mooring, England
Lewis Barker, New Edinburg
J. M. Crouch, England
H. L. Myers, New Edinburg
H. P. McClean, New Edinburg
Lorton Calvert, Rt. 1, Warrren
J. M. Estelle, Crossett
W. H. Burns, Star City

Clarence Tillman, England
Homer Parker, B. 775, Pine Bluff
Loyd Williams, Warren
R. M. Moore, Star City
L. W. Wheeler, Warren
J. E. White, New Edinburg
Johnny Hartley, Rison
Staten White, Warren
H. E. Taylor, Sherrill

Social Band Association

Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard	Eugene Davis, Reznor
R. S. Shelton, Okean	Lonnie Walker, Okean
W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick	Turner Carvenar, Pocahontas
J. C. Colbert, Campbell, Mo.	W. P. Watts, Osceola
Chas. Stayton, Pocahontas	L. W. Hodge, Sedgwick
G. W. Million, Pocahontas	Carl High, Okean
Thurmaon Johnson, Reznor	T. C. Ruce, Osceola
Henry Pauley, Buchgrove	W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro
Melvin Shelton, Walnut Ridge	R. L. Crook, Doniphan, Mo.
Hubert Forrester, Walnut Ridge	Dewey Thompson, Pocahontas
B. F. Forrester, Walnut Ridge	Grady Linefough, Walnut Ridge

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyal, Newport	W. M. Padgett, Tuckerman
M. G. King, Powhatan	Lyle Cartwright, Batesville
Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport	W. B. Hardin, Hoxie
Henry Doyle, Newport	Earl Doyle, Hoxie
Offie Eagen, Saffell	Owen Harvell, Lunenburg
Lonnie Palmer, Batesville	R. G. Sims, Mt. Pleasant
O. Saffert, Gruffs	W. C. Keyton, Union
Austin Mullen, Strawberry	Archie Warnick, Mt. Pleasant
Jeff Weaves, Banks	Coy Staggs, Batesville
B. W. Woodruff, Rt. 2, Newport	J. H. Tinkle, Corning
H. H. Ring, Monette	John Riggs, Rt. 2, Batesville

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

R. E. Pixley, Ft. Smith	Charles Graham, Mountainburg
G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren	H. D. Shipley, Ft. Smith
J. A. Joslin, Rt. 3, Van Buren	Oscar Craftree, Fayetteville
Aubrey Rozzell, Rt. 2, Van Buren	J. C. Swatzenburg, Price Grove
Albert Rozzell, Rt. 2, Van Buren	Roy Rose, Grand View, Wash.
Tom Nolan, Ft. Smith	J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow
Roy Purdom, Ft. Smith	Lloyd Nuce, Rt. 3, Van Buren
A. R. Broods, Ft. Smith	Henry Hast, Rudy
Burl Nye, Ft. Smith	S. A. Southerland, Charleston
J. B. Lovett, Ft. Smith	J. K. Woods, Barling
Ben Pixley, Star Rt., Chester	Luther Clark, Hackett
Getbent Pixley, Rudy	Jake Scott, Alma
J. O. Mullen, Rudy	E. W. Simpkins, Ft. Smith
S. A. Smith, Rudy	Bert Osborn, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Douglas Peters, Rudy	Robert Saterfield, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Earl Gentry, Rudy	Oral Chronister, Barling

Rich Mountain

T. H. Horton, Rt. 2, Mena	Bennie Fisher, Hatfield
J. C. Micholes, Yakima, Wash.	Carl Page, Rt. 2, Mena
S. B. Metcalf, Hatfield	R. I. Cook, Rt. 2, Mena.

ASSOCIATIONS

- SOCIAL BAND—Moderator, Carl High, Okean. Clerk, Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge.
- SALINE—Moderator, Lewis Barker, New Edinburgh. Clerk, Ottis Cook, Star City.
- OLD MT. ZION—Moderator, H. M. Knox, Route 5, Rogers. Clerk, Willie Bohannon, Route 3, Huntsville.
- ARKANSAS—Moderator, J. S. Lovett, Magazine. Clerk, Fred Copeland, Gravelly.
- ZION HOPE NO. 2—Moderator, R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith. Clerk, Wayne Bonnerville.
- LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER—Moderator, W. R. Porter, Norman. Clerk, R. D. Smith, New Hope.
- ANTIOCH—Moderator, J. D. Kinder, Caglesville. Clerk, E. O. Wright, Atkins.
- RICH MOUNTAIN—Clerk, S. B. Metcalf, Hatfield.
- POLK BAYOU—Moderator, Henry Doyle, Newport. Clerk, Mrs. Lucy Williams, Strawberry.
- NEW HOPE—Moderator, R. E. Pruitt, Searcy. Clerk, J. F. Dallas, Viola.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that where the name "Subordinate Association" appears in our minutes the term "District Association" be used instead.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that we add the following committees—Auditing, Program, and Ministers Diary to our regular list.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved, that each Freewill Baptist in Arkansas pay one dollar per year into the treasury of the Home Mission Board, to be used for Home Mission work. Said board to elect from their number a Chairman and Clerk Treasure. Said funds to be used as Home Mission Board sees fit.

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved that each Church affiliated with the Arkansas State Association pay three dollars per year, instead of the two dollars formerly paid, half of said sum for printing state minutes and official expenses, other half for expenses of the State meeting.

Resolution No. 5. Be it resolved since this association has been so graciously entertained, that we use this method to thank the good people of Mt. Bethel Church and the New Hope Association for their kindness and hospitality, and our kind and loving Heavenly Father for the privilege of meeting in another association. We pray God's blessing upon all in attendance, and sincerely hope we will be permitted to meet again next year.

Eld. Ray Watkins is to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Eld. Gilbert Pixley, alternate.

Eld. R. E. Pixley is to preach the Memorial Sermon.

Eld. Huey Gower, alternate.

Eld. Othel Dixon is to preach the Evangelistic Sermon.

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

R. D. Smith, Clerk-Treasurer, New Hope, Arkansas

CLERK'S REPORT, 1950

Receipts

Balance in Treasury from Last Association.....	\$ 72.87
From General Mission Fund by Bro. Isbell.....	37.24
From Arkansas Association by W. M. Guinn.....	10.00
From Saline Association by Eld. Homer Parker.....	8.00
From Old Mt. Zion Association by Mrs. Bohannan.....	26.20
From Antioch Association.....	5.00

Total.....\$159.31

Paid Out

Printing of Minutes	\$ 78.54
Mailing	7.46
National Association	10.00
Badges	7.75
Clerks Fee, 1950	25.00

Total.....\$128.75

Balance in Treasury.....\$ 30.56

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 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).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
 2. Association called to order by Moderator, in his absence, the Clerk.
 3. Letters from the District 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, (i) Auditing, (j) Program, (k) Ministers Diary.
- 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.

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 District 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 District 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 of 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 district association elect a district board of three including the district moderator as chairman. Ministers of each district association work through their district 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 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 district association have its own evangelist or in other ways work out their own mission plans working in harmony with the State Board.

ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(Reported by Committee and Adopted by Convention)

(See Report of Committee)

1. GOD—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, Purpose, Power and Glory. St. John 1:1, I Cor. 8:6, I John 5:7, St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST—We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. 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 4:11-6, 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, Rev. 22:17.

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 presidency 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 2 :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 become 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. **SANTIFICATION**—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 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 District 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 is withdrawn by the members making it.

7. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the District 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 Baptist in Arkansas by a two-thirds vote of the members of said body.

14. First—In the absence of the pastor, the deacons of any Free Will Baptist Church in the State of Arkansas are authorized to preside at any Conference, any business transacted during the conference will be legal, if the majority of its active church members are present and the church is in good standing in its association.

Second—The Baptism will not be accepted unless administered by an ordained individual.

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.