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OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder J. D. Coffman Russellville, Arkansas
Assistant—Rev. Othel T. Dixon Clarksdale, Arkansas
Clerk and Treasurer—R. D. Smith New Hope, Arkansas
Assistant—Rev. Lewis Barker New Edinburg, Arkansas
Corresponding Clerk—Rev. W. S. Isbell Russellville, Arkansas
Assistant—Gilbert Pixley Rt. 2, Alma, Arkansas

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder L. C. Doyle Newport, Arkansas
Elder Wayne Tucker Peach Orchard, Arkansas
Elder J. E. White New Edinburg, Arkansas
Elder Tom Day Huntsville, Arkansas
Elder Ray Watkins Rt. 2, Newport, Arkansas

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Elder R. G. Lane Rosebud, Arkansas
Elder W. S. Isbell Russellville, Arkansas
Elder R. M. Moore Yorktown, Arkansas
Elder Doyle D. Dipboye Fort Smith, Arkansas

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Elder Carl High Okean, Arkansas
Elder W. S. Isbell Russellville, Arkansas
Elder Othel T. Dixon Clarksdale, Arkansas
Bro. Charlie Stapleton Booneville, Arkansas
Elder W. H. Doyle Rt. 2, Newport, Arkansas

PROCEEDINGS

of the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists

The ministers, deacons, delegates and Associational clerks composing the Church of God or Christ, commonly known as The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, met in Annual Session with Mt. Zion Church, Old Mt. Zion Association, Springdale, Washington County, October 3-5, 1951.

The inception and the rest of the session was represented by a large delegation from the eleven district Associations of the state.

The people of Mt. Zion Church, assisted by the other churches of Old Mt. Zion Association, served the evening and noon meals on the ground, which were excellent.

While waiting upon Committee Reports at intervals, and during the optional services, Revs. Tom Day, C. O. Garrison, J. D. Coffman, Doyle Dipboye, Carl High, W. S. Isbell, Gilbert Pixley, and others, rendered several numbers to the Spiritual edification of the assembly. Pianists, Mrs. Alene Coffman, Mrs. Ola Fryar, Willie Gene Barker and others.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

EXORDIUM

The assembly was called to order at 7:00 by Moderator Rev. J. D. Coffman. Opening song, directed by Rev. Tom Day, "Kneel at The Cross." Rev. Glen Dipboye led the opening Invocation. Moderator J. D. Coffman announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Credentials

Rev. Lewis Barker, Rev. Wayne Tucker, Rev. Jesse E. Pratt.

Pulpit

Sisters Alene Coffman, Doyle Dipboye, Frank Palmer, J. A. White, J. C. Ralls. Special song, "I'm Climbing Jacob's Ladder," by Moderator Coffman and wife.

Rev. E. E. Morris, Moderator of our National Association, preached the Introductory Sermon. Subject: "What It Takes to Make a Free Will Baptist." Text Gal. 6:16. Prayer by the delegation, directed by Bro. Morris. This was a wonderful message. Everyone present enjoyed it immensely.

Assigning Delegates to their homes by Sister J. E. Phillips. Benediction by Rev. J. E. White.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Assembly was called to order at 8:30 by Moderator J. D. Coffman. Opening song, "Standing On The Promises," directed by Rev. W. S. Isbell. Rev. W. F. McGee led the morning prayer. Scripture reading from Psalms 62, by Rev. Delbert Davis.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Credentials Committee by letters presented by the District Associations, and read by the Clerk.

Motion sustained to seat Rev. E. E. Morris, our National Moderator, and Rev. V. B. True from Oklahoma, as Cooperative Members.

The Insignia: Badges of Honor pinned on the Conventional Delegates.

The delegation was seated in the usual manner, by the right hand of fellowship, while singing "I'm Going That Way," directed by Rev. W. M. Guinn.

Welcome Address: Rev. Bruce Phillips. Response: Rev. R. G. Lane.

Election of permanent officers as follows: Moderator: Rev. J. D. Coffman; Assistant: Rev. Othel T. Dixon.

Clerk: Bro. R. D. Smith; Assistant: Rev. Lewis Barker. Adjournment. Benediction, Rev. George Been.

11 o'Clock Devotional Service

Service was opened with singing, led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley. Rev. J. T. Robertson led in prayer. Sermon, Rev. Doyle Dipboye. Text: Romans 8:2. Subject: "Why I Am A Free Will Baptist." Benediction, Rev. R. G. Webb.

THURSDAY P. M. SESSION

Opened with singing "'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus," led by Rev. Reford Wilson. Scripture reading from Romans 5, by Rev. Eugene Davis. Prayer by Rev. L. C. Doyle. Other permanent officers elected as follows: Corresponding Clerk, Rev. W. S. Isbell; Assistant, Rev. Gilbert Pixley. Member of General Mission Board, Rev. R. G. Lane. Superannuation Board: Rev. Carl High for full term; Rev. W. H. Doyle to fill unexpired term of Huey Gowers.

Rev. Henry Melvin from our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., seated as Cooperative Member.

Motion sustained that hereafter, all delegates be supplied and seated not later than Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Lewis Barker retired as member of Credentials Committee, and Rev. Doyle Dipboye appointed to serve in his place.

Other committees appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Resolutions

Rev. L. C. Doyle, Rev. George Been, Rev. J. E. White.

Finance

Rev. Lonnie Coffman, Rev. C. O. Garrison.

Temperance

Sister C. E. Wilson, Bro. W. S. White, Rev. Delbert Davis.

Sunday Schools

Johnny White, Cecil Gladden, Sister C. E. Wilson.

Obituary

A. D. Furgerson, L. W. Wheeler, Raymond McNutt.

Non-Represented Associations

Sisters Nellie King, Nora Phillips, B. A. Artman.

Union of Associations

Revs. S. B. Metcalf, Tom Day, R. G. Webb.

Auditing

Rev. W. F. McGee, Floyd Huskey, J. W. Blanks.

Program

Rev. Reford Wilson, W. N. McCoy, Rev. Eugene Davis.

Ministers Diary

Rev. Bruce Phillips, H. L. Myers, D. W. Everett.

Short talks by the following young ministers: Lonnie Coffman, J. W. Blanks, Othel T. Dixon. Revs. E. E. Morris and V. B. True gave interesting talks on how to better promote the work of Free Will Baptist.

Motion sustained to receive the report of State Director of Foreign Missions, Rev. Wayne Tucker, and retain him as State Director of Foreign Missions. Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. W. M. Guinn.

Thursday evening Devotional service opened with singing, led by Rev. Carl High. At this time, Rev. Henry Melvin showed pictures of a regular day's routine at our Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

A free-will offering of \$87.90 was given by the Assembly to help pay hospital bill for Rev. Smith's wife from Saline Association. The Assembly, solicited by Rev. J. E. Pratt, offered a united prayer for her recovery.

Duet by the little Phillips girls. Devotional directed by Rev. V. B. True.

Announcements in regards to the National Association by Rev. E. E. Morris, National Moderator.

Offering for our National Association expenses—\$144.25. Paid Rev. Wayne Tucker \$95.00 from this fund, amount in arrears to the National Association, leaving a balance of \$49.25, from this fund.

Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin. Subject: "Does God Talk to Men." Benediction by Rev. J. E. White.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order at 8:30 by Moderator J. D. Coffman. Song led by Mrs. Doyle Dipboye. Scripture reading from Psalms 116, by Rev. J. E. White. At this time we had an altar prayer by all ministers present, led by Rev. Curtis Lybarger.

Motion sustained to receive Rev. Truman Allred, Moderator of Missouri State Association as cooperative member. Bro. Allred made an inspiring talk on their work in Missouri.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Union of Associations—Report received; committee discharged.

Sunday Schools—Report received; committee discharged.

Obituaries—Report received; committee discharged.

Pulpit—Report received; committee discharged.

State Statistician Rev. George Been's report received; Bro. Been retained as State Statistician.

Temperance—Report received; committee discharged.

Report of General Mission Board received.

The greatest need of Arkansas Free Will Baptists discussed by Sisters J. D. Coffman, C. E. Wilson, Doyle Dipboye, Alene Coffman, Margaret Shaver, Roy McCuin, Bro. Raymond McNutt.

Finance—Report received; committee discharged.

Ministers Diary—Report received; committee discharged.

State League—Report received.

Offering of \$67.69, solicited by Rev. Doyle Dipboye to buy clothing for our Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Ringling, Okla. Said sum was turned over to Bro. Dipboye and wife to spend as they see fit for the children.

Executive Board Report received as read by Rev. L. C. Doyle. Committee discharged from this report.

Adjournment. Benediction.

11 o'Clock Devotional Service

Quartet arranged by Gilbert Pixley, "It Won't Be Long." Memorial sermon delivered by Rev. Reford Wilson. Scripture reading from Hebrews 6. Prayer by Rev. Othel T. Dixon. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

Called to order at 1:30 by Moderator J. D. Coffman. Song, "I'll Fly Away." Scripture reading from Psalms 15 by Rev. Carl High. Prayer by Rev. Eugene Davis.

United prayer for all our men in the armed service, led by Rev. J. E. White.

Russellville Church, Russellville, Antioch Association, was selected by unanimous vote to entertain the next Annual Session of our Association, beginning Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1952.

Rev. L. C. Doyle was elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Bill Oxford, alternate.

Memorial sermon, Rev. Othel T. Dixon; Rev. Tom Day, alternate.

Evangelistic sermon, Rev. C. O. Garrison; Rev. Lewis Barker, alternate.

Motion sustained to receive report of the Auditing Committee and discharge the committee.

Resolution No. 1 passed. See Committee Report.

Non-represented Associations—Report received; committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. White elected State Home Mission director; Rev. Doyle Dipboye, alternate.

Resolution No. 2 passed. See Committee Report.

The following delegates were elected to represent in the next National Association, which convenes with the Free Will Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla., July, 1952: Sisters James Keller, Will S. White, C. E. Wilson, Othel T. Dixon, Rev. Lonnie Coffman; Alternates, Sister Alene Coffman, Bro. Clifford Sawrie, Bro. Raymond McNutt.

Motion sustained for the Clerk to have 1,000 letter forms printed.

Final report of Resolutions Committee. Short sermons by old retired ministers, J. H. Roberts, L. W. Wheeler, W. F. McGee. Adjournment. Benediction by Rev. J. E. White.

Friday Evening Devotional Service

The following were elected as committee to dispose of tent and trailer, and use the tent chairs where they saw fit: W. S. Isbell, Lonnie Coffman, Othel T. Dixon, T. J. Roberts, J. D. Coffman.

Offering of \$87.87. One third to pay on tent that housed the meeting; one third for the Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.; one third for the General Fund. Paid Rev. C. O. Garrison \$29.29, leaving a balance of \$58.58 in the hands of the Clerk.

Devotional led by Sister C. E. Wilson. Sermon, Rev. Othel T. Dixon, evangelistic message. Scripture reading from Heb. 2. Text: Heb. 2:2-3. Subject: "Just Recompense of Reward." Consecrated prayer by all Christians.

Final benediction by C. O. Garrison.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Credentials

We submit the following roll of delegates by Associations:

Social Band

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| Carl High, Minister | Moderator |
| Raymond McNutt | Clerk |
| Nell Findley | Delegate |
| Mary Lee Janett | Delegate |
| Roseland Ragsdale | Delegate |
| Estelene Nichols | Delegate |
| Frank Knox | Delegate |
| J. Reford Wilson | Minister |
| George W. Million, State Historian | Minister |
| Wayne Tucker, Member Executive Board | Minister |
| Will S. White | Deacon |

Saline

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| J. E. White, Member Executive Board | Minister |
| Sister W. T. Woodruff | Delegate |
| Sister J. E. McMahan | Delegate |
| Sister Lewis Barker | Delegate |
| Sister D. Smith | Delegate |
| J. C. Rawles | Delegate |
| L. W. Wheeler | Minister |
| H. L. Myers | Minister |

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| Lewis Barker, Assistant State Clerk | Minister |
| W. C. Smith | Minister |
| D. Smith | Minister |
| J. E. McMahon | Deacon |
| W. T. Woodruff | Deacon |

Old Mt. Zion

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| H. M. Knox, Minister | Moderator |
| Mrs. Willie Bohannon | Clerk |
| Berry Puryear | Delegate |
| Lester Vanhook | Delegate |
| Ernest Holowell | Delegate |
| Francis Oxford | Delegate |
| Margaret Shaver | Delegate |
| George Been, State Statistician | Minister |
| Tom Day, Member Executive Board | Minister |
| C. O. Garrison | Minister |
| Bill Oxford | Minister |
| Willie Capps | Minister |
| Francis Clark | Minister |
| Jack Ledbetter | Minister |
| J. H. Metcalf | Deacon |
| Loy Archer | Deacon |
| Hamey Wright | Deacon |
| Earl Davis | Deacon |
| Howard Hayes | Deacon |
| W. D. Everett | Deacon |
| Cecil Gladden | Deacon |

Arkansas

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| Bertha Artman | Delegate |
| Lizzie Guinn | Delegate |
| Mary Phillips | Delegate |
| Florence Starnes | Delegate |
| Nellie King | Delegate |
| Othel T. Dixon, Assistant State Moderator | Minister |
| W. M. Guinn | Minister |

Zion Hope No. 2

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| Gilbert Pixley, Minister | Moderator |
| Wayne Bonnewell | Clerk |
| Sister S. A. Smith | Delegate |
| Sister Doyle Dipboye | Delegate |
| Sister H. D. Shipley | Delegate |
| Sister Stella Keller | Delegate |
| Richard Denniston | Delegate |
| Glen G. Dipboye | Minister |
| Doyle D. Dipboye, Assistant Corresponding Clerk | Minister |
| H. D. Shipley | Minister |

Little Missouri River

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| R. D. Smith, Deacon | State Clerk |
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Antioch

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| J. D. Kinder, Minister | Moderator |
| Cecil Haralson | Delegate |
| Lonnie Coffman | Minister |
| Ralph Whittenberg | Delegate |
| Alene Coffman | Delegate |

Edith Whittenberg Delegate
 R. G. Webb Minister
 T. J. Robertson Minister
 W. S. Isbell, Member Mission Board Minister
 W. F. McGee Minister
 Lonnie Coffman Minister
 J. D. Coffman, Minister State Moderator
 W. W. Crow Deacon

Rich Mountain

S. B. Metcalf, Minister Clerk
 A. P. Pugh Delegate
 Ada Pugh Delegate

Polk Bayou

L. C. Doyle, Member Executive Board Minister
 Horace Doyle Delegate
 A. J. Wilmuth Delegate
 Floyd Huskey Delegate
 Sister Bonnie Brown Delegate
 Sister Virgie Odglen Delegate
 J. W. Blanks Minister
 W. H. Doyle, Member Superannuation Board Minister
 J. W. Sexton Deacon
 W. N. McCoy Deacon

New Hope

James Sawrie Clerk
 Sister C. E. Wilson Delegate
 Sister Callie Stevens Delegate
 Sister A. D. Furgerson Delegate
 Sister R. G. Lane Delegate
 Sister Bell Brady Delegate
 Jesse E. Pratt Minister
 R. G. Lane, Member General Mission Board Minister
 Curtis L. Lybarger Minister
 J. A. White Deacon
 A. D. Furgerson Deacon

Big Springs

Delbert Davis, Moderator Minister

Pulpit

The following filled the stand in the order named here: Wednesday Evening, Elder E. E. Morris, Moderator of our National Association; Thursday at 11, Rev. Doyle Dipboye; Thursday Evening, Elder Henry Melvin, representative of our Bible College; Friday at 11, Rev. J. Reford Wilson; Friday Evening, Rev. Othel T. Dixon.

Union of Associations

We your Committee, according to reports, find that all District Associations are working in perfect harmony. May we add, where there is unity there is strength.

Sunday Schools

We your Committee offer the following as our report: We urge our Sunday Schools, Leagues, Ladies Auxiliaries, and Vacation Bible Schools to use Free Will Baptist Literature. All teachers should be

Christians and members of our church when possible. All churches should have teachers training courses every year, and take active part in Sunday School and League Rallies.

Finance

We your Committee offer the following report: Received from the several District Associations on the three-dollar fund, \$353.34. Paid Mt. Zion Church \$176.67, paid State Clerk \$176.67 for printing minutes and official expenses, received from free will offering \$146.25 for National Association expenses; \$95.00 of this sum was paid to Rev. Wayne Tucker for which we were in arrears to the National Association.

Temperance

We your Committee submit the following report: We urge our people to refrain from the use of intoxicating beverages in any form, and use our vote and influence against it when possible. We insist that our pastors warn their congregations of the impending danger of intemperance in any form.

Obituary

We your Committee find that the Lord, in His wisdom, has seen fit to call from labor to reward 59 of our number. We regret very much their passing, yet we conclude our loss is Heaven's gain.

State League

We your Committee beg leave to report that we have purchased a two-acre lot at Conway, Arkansas for the sum of \$495.00. The deeds and abstract have been brought up to date and are recorded in the County Courthouse at Conway.

This property has been cleared, and several District Associations have pledged funds for the purpose of erecting a Youth Camp building on it.

The State League Convention has set Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1952, as the next meeting date at the Camp Grounds.

CLERK'S REPORT

Arkansas State Association, Associational year 1950-51.

Assets—

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| Received from State Finance Committee | \$107.00 |
| Received from New Hope Association | 24.00 |
| Received from Social Band Association | 18.00 |
| Received from Arkansas Association | 10.00 |
| Received from Old Mt. Zion Association | 18.00 |
| Received from Antioch Association | 15.00 |
| Received from New Hope Association | 25.00 |
| Received from Polk Bayou Association | 25.00 |
| Total Assets | \$242.00 |

Liabilities—

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| Paid for Minutes | \$103.32 |
| Paid Ralph Staten fill in arrears | 15.00 |
| Paid Clerk Fees | 25.00 |
| Paid Moderators Fee | 15.00 |
| Paid for Postage | 4.78 |

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| Paid Mrs. C. E. Wilson for expense of Delegates to National Association and Registration Fee | 60.00 |
| Paid for Badges | 11.75 |
| Total Liabilities | \$234.85 |
| Balance | \$ 7.15 |

R. D. SMITH, State Clerk.

Non-Represented Associations

We your Committee is happy to report that all District Associations are represented.

We recommend that we give them a vote of thanks for their sacrifice to come and make this one of the best meetings in our history.

Auditing

We the Auditing Committee have carefully examined the records of the following State officers and found them neatly kept and all funds accounted for: R. D. Smith, State Clerk; Wayne Tucker, Foreign Missions; W. S. Isbell, State Missions.

We recommend a vote of thanks to them for their faithful and untiring service.

General Mission Board

We, your General Mission Board, submit the following: Money on hand from last State meeting, \$267.60; received this year, \$60.00; total \$327.60. Paid to Russellville Church, \$50.00; to Pine Bluff Church, \$50.00; to F.W.B. Radio program, Newport, \$25.00; to State League Convention Building Fund, \$100.00, leaving a balance of \$102.60. By W. S. Isbell, Clerk Treasurer of Board.

Statistical Report

This 54th Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist is composed of 11 District Associations, having 151 churches, 198 preachers, 445 deacons. There have been received into church fellowship this year 594; 335 baptized, 66 dismissed, 15 excluded, 59 died; leaving a total membership of 9,791. Conducting 45 Leagues, and having an average Sunday School attendance of 5,468, which spent for literature \$2,233.45; paid to their pastors, \$30,461.83; for Evangelistic service, \$9,898.06; Home Missions \$1,817.13; Foreign Missions, \$500.65; incidental, \$1,897.57; for building and repairs, \$13,703.12; for radio programs, \$2,396.00; making a grand total of all expenditures as reported to be \$75,824.21, and having church property valued at \$227,300.00.

Your Servant as Statistician,
ELD. GEORGE BEEN,
Rt. 4, Springdale, Ark.

MINISTER'S DIARY

We your Committee submit the following list of Ordained Ministers by Associations:

Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector
W. F. McGee, Russellville
W. S. Isbell, Russellville
J. A. Venable, Rt. 1, Dumas
J. D. Coffman, Russellville
R. G. Webb, Atkins
C. U. Kinder, Rt. 4, Russellville
J. A. Latham, Rt. 2, Russellville
T. U. Johnson, Rt. 4, Russellville
P. C. Denton, Scranton
R. B. Venable, Rt. 3, Atkins
Ellis Warren, Rt. 4, Russellville
Lytle Hallum, Hector
Melvin Snow, Hector
Lonnie Coffman, Hector
John Parks, Rt. 1, Morrilton
W. F. Crouch, Little Rock

J. M. Spikes, Rt. 1, Little Rock
Charley Dauthett, Rt. 3, Atkins
E. Henderson, Caruthersville, Mo.
W. A. Crouch, Hector
M. A. Thompson, Jarusalem
A. F. Banks, Rt. 1, Atkins
E. L. Hill, Rt. 2, Atkins
Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
Clarence Tillman, England
Coy Dauthett, Rt. 2, Atkins
Hershel Burris, Rt. 4, Russellville
Aval 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. Guinn, Booneville
B. O. Stahl, Belleville
G. J. Starnes, Waldron
C. G. Askino, Tulsa, Okla.
Q. J. Watson, Charleston
A. R. Brooks, Fort Smith
Albert Rimfy, Booneville
J. M. Wilson, California
B. A. Artman, Gravelly

Othel T. Dixon, Clarksdale
Doyle Dipboye, Fort Smith
C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
C. G. Forrest, Plainview
James Cagle, Heavener, Okla.
Robert Hidde, Fort Smith
J. S. Branch, Belleville
J. S. Lovett, Magazine
M. R. Reid, Belleville
Lemmie Taylor, Barber

Little Missouri River Association

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

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

New Hope Association

J. W. Moore, Jacksonville
Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud
J. G. Holmes, Heber Springs
R. E. Pruett, Romance
C. J. Lybarger, Green Brier

J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud
John Pate, Vilonia
W. B. Maddox, Searcy
A. L. Mote, Beebe
Jack Barnard, Vilonia

Old Mt. Zion Association

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
George Been, Rt. 4, Springdale
P. G. Kirk, Rt. 5, Rogers
Claude Lynch, Rogers
Clark Baker, Rogers
Bill Oxford, Rt. 5, Rogers

Bruce Phillips, Rt. 2, Springdale
Jack Hobbs, Rt. 1, Marble
Tom Pinkerton, Enid, Okla.
Sammie Lane, Rt. 5, Rogers
C. O. Garrison, Box 224, Huntsville
George Lynch, Rt. 1, Hindsville
Elmo McKinney, Rt. 1, Huntsville
Tom Day, Huntsville
Vivian Rhodes, Huntsville
Tom Inmore, Huntsville

Big Springs Association

Isaac Hunt, Hocomo, Mo.
R. W. Partee, Gassville
Carl Davis, Elizabeth

Delbert Davis, Salem
Noah Miller, West Plain, Mo.
Opie Hargrave

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, Warren
H. P. McClellan, New Edinburg
J. M. Estelle, Crossett
Clarence Tillman, England
Loyd Williams, Warren

Homer Parker, Box 775, Pine Bluff
R. M. Moore, Star City.
L. W. Wheeler, Warren
J. E. White, New Edinburg
Johnny Hartley, Rison
Staten White, Warren
H. E. Taylor, Sherrill
Bill Smith, Lake Providence, La.
D. Smith, Lake Providence, La.
A. J. Wortey, Oak Grove, La.

Social Band Association

Orville Cox
Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard
R. S. Shelton, Okean
W. C. Lakey, Sedwick
J. C. Colbert, Campbell, Mo.
Charles Staten, Pocahontas
George W. Million, Pocahontas
Thurmon Johnson, Reyno
Henry Pauley, Buch Grove
Melvin Shelton, Walnut Ridge
Hubert Forrester, Walnut Ridge
B. F. Forrester, Walnut Ridge

O. D. Winfery, Walnut Ridge
Eugene Davis, Reyno
Lonnie Walker, Okean
Turner Carvener, Pocahontas
W. P. Watts, Osceola
L. W. Hodge, Sedwick
Carl High, Okean
W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro
R. L. Crook, Donaphin, Mo.
Dewey Thompson, Pocahontas
Grady Bogle, Walnut Ridge.

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport
M. G. King, Powhatan
Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport
W. H. Doyle, Rt. 2, Newport
Obbie Eagen, Saffel
O. Saffirt, Grubbs
Austin Mullen, Strawberry
Jeff Weaver, Banks
B. W. Woodruff, Rt. 2, Newport
H. H. Ring, Monette

Lyle Cartwright, Batesville
W. B. Hardin, Hoxie
Owen Harvell, Luneburg
R. G. Sims, Mt. Pleasant
W. C. Keylon, Union
Archie Warnick, Mt. Pleasant
Coy Staggs, Batesville
J. H. Tinkle, Corning
John Riggs, Rt. 2, Batesville

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith
G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren
J. A. Joslin, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Aubrey Razzell, Rt. 2, Van Buren
Tom Nolan, Fort Smith
Roy Purdom, Fort Smith
Burl Nye, Fort Smith
J. B. Lovett, Fort Smith
Ben Pixley, Star Rt., Chester
Gilbert Pixley, Rt. 2, Alma
J. O. Mullen, Rudy
S. A. Smith, Rudy

H. D. Shipley, Fort Smith
Oscar Crabtree, Fayetteville
J. C. Swatzenbarg, Price Grove
Roy Rose, Grand View, Wash.
J. H. C. Jordon, Winslow
Loyd Nuce, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Henry Hast, Rudy
S. A. Southerland, Charleston
J. K. Woods, Barling
Luther Clark, Hackett
Jake Scott, Alma
E. W. Simkens, Fort Smith

Douglas Peters, Rudy Berl Asbern, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Earl Gentry, Rudy Robert Saterfield, Rt. 3, Van Buren
Charles Graham, Mountainburg Oral Chronister, Barling

Rich Mountain Association

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

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that the Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of each District Association get together a collection of Minutes of their Association, one for each year since its organization if possible, and send said collection to Elder George W. Million, Pocahontas, to furnish background for the Free Will Baptist History he is writing.

Be it further resolved that we try to get in his hands a continuous link of the Minutes of our State Association since its organization if possible. Anyone sending Minutes may have them returned if they desire.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that we as a State Association recognize the fact that we now have a State League Convention which has its own government.

Be it further resolved that we as an Association of long experience act as a Godfather to this young work, by giving our good will, prayer, spiritual and material aid, as the Lord leads.

Resolution of Thanks

Be it resolved since this Association has been so graciously entertained, we the Resolutions Committee, in behalf of the State, wish to thank the good people of Old Mt. Zion Association and this Church for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

We feel that your efforts for our convenience cannot be excelled.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIARY

As reported by Credentials Committee.

SOCIAL BAND—Moderator, Carl High, Peach Orchard; Clerk, Raymond McNutt, College City Branch, Walnut Ridge.

SALINE—Moderator, J. E. White, New Edinburg; Clerk, J. O. Beline, Banks.

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

ARKANSAS—Moderator, G. J. Starnes, Waldron; Clerk, Robert L. King, Rt. 1, Waldron.

ZION HOPE NO. 2—Moderator, Gilbert Pixley, Alma, Rt. 2; Clerk, Wayne Bonnewell, Rudy.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER—Moderator, W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope; Clerk, R. D. Smith, New Hope.

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

RICH MOUNTAIN—Moderator, Bennie Fisher, Hatfield; Clerk, S. B. Metcalf, Hatfield.

POLK BAYOU—Moderator, L. C. Doyle, Newport; Clerk, Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry.

NEW HOPE—Moderator, J. W. Moore, Little Rock; Clerk, James Sawrie, Green Brier.

BIG SPRINGS—Moderator, Delbert Davis, Salem; Clerk, Mrs. May Bassham, Salem.

ELDER J. D. COFFMAN, Moderator,
Russellville, Arkansas.

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

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 Delegates 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) Sunday Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of Non-Represented Associations, (h) Union of Associations, (i) Auditing, (j) Program, (k) Ministers Diary.
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. Thursday. 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 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 delegates chosen by each District Association of

this union and all ordained ministers, deacons and District Associational clerks.

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 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.

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.

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; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-16; 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 way bill 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 of 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.

9. **BAPTISM**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son and the 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; Matt 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 Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; I Peter 2:5; Eph. 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; III 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. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:16; I 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; Eph. 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; II Thes. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II 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 Delegates chosen by each District Association of this union and all regularly ordained ministers, deacons, the district associational clerks, and executive board members.

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, Sunday 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 delegates, 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 in 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.