

MINUTES
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ARKANSAS STATE
ASSOCIATION
Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

HELD WITH
RUSSELLVILLE CHURCH
Antioch Association

RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS

October 1-2-3, 1952



The next regular Annual Session will convene with Balem's Chapel Church, Polk Bayou Association, two miles from Grubbs on Highway 14, beginning Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1953.

REV. OTHEL T. DIXON, Moderator
Russellville, Arkansas

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

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Othel T. Dixon	Russellville, Ark.
Assistant—Rev. J. Reford Wilson	Pocahontas
Clerk-Treasurer—Bro. R. D. Smith	New Hope, Ark.
Assistant—Rev. Lewis Barker	New Edinburg, Ark.
Corresponding Clerk—Rev. W. S. Isbell	Russellville, Ark.
Assistant—Rev. Gilbert Pixley	Rt. 2, Alma, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

GENERAL MISSION BOARD

Bro. Earl Smith	Pocahontas, Ark.
Elder R. G. Lane	Pocahontas, Ark.
Elder V. Voss	Rt. 3, Lamar, Ark.
Elder W. S. Isbell	Russellville, Ark.
Elder R. M. Moore	Yorktown, Ark.

FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Rev. Wayne Tucker	Peach Orchard, Ark.
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HOME MISSION DIRECTOR

Bro. Earl Smith	Pocahontas, Ark.
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PROCEEDINGS

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

The ministers, deacons, district Associational clerks, and elected delegates, composing the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, met in regular annual session, with Russellville Church, Antioch Association, Russellville, Pope County, Oct. 1-3, 1952.

The session was represented by a duly elected delegation from each of the eleven District Associations in the State.

The noon and evening meals were served at the church in regular cafeteria style.

While waiting on the working procedure of the body, and during the Devotional services, Rev. J. D. Coffman, Rev. Tom Day, Rev. W. S. Isbell, Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Prof. Luther G. Pressley, Lester Coffman and several others rendered some good numbers to the spiritual edification of the body.

Pianists, Sister Alene Coffman, Sister Ralph Staten, the Pace sisters, Mrs. Ragsdale, Mrs. Luther G. Pressley and several others.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

EXORDIUM

The assembly was called to order at 7:00 by Clerk Bro. R. D. Smith, who declared a quorum present, and spoke briefly of the progress of the denomination and evangelism the need of the day.

Scripture reading from St. John 17, Rev. Lewis Barker. Song, Rev. Tom Day. Invocation, the Rev. George Been.

Comments, and appointment of Credentials and Pulpit Committees by the Moderator, the Rev. J. D. Coffman.

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Eugene Davis, Rev. R. G. Lane, Rev. Carl Davis.

PULPIT: A. D. Furgerson, Goldie Maxey, H. R. Conley, Raymond McNutt, Henry Brown.

Rev. J. D. Bloss, president, National Home Mission Board, Columbia, Tenn., and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Sulphur, Okla., recognized by the body.

Introductory sermon delivered by Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Subject, Why Not Be a Christian? Proff. texts, Acts 11:26; Gal. 3:26; 1 Peter 4:16. Conclusion by Moderator J. D. Coffman. Benediction, Rev. George Been.

Placement of delegates and visitors, Mrs. Lester Coffman.

THURSDAY A. M. SESSION

The assembly was called to order at 9:00 by Moderator J. D. Coffman. Song: "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," Jimmie F. Ragsdale.

Scripture reading and comments from Psalms 127, Rev. Doyle Dipboye. Prayer, Rev. W. F. McGee.

The insignia Badges of Honor pinned on the conventional delegates by Sister C. E. Wilson and Sister A. D. Furgerson.

Letter from the Most Rev. L. C. Doyle read and received with gratitude.

Motion to receive visiting brethren from other states and pin a badge of recognition on them.

Report of Credentials Committee read and received by the body.

Right hand of fellowship extended while singing "Over There," directed by Rev. W. M. Guinn.

Election of permanent officers as follows:

Rev. Othel T. Dixon, Moderator.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Assistant.

Bro. R. D. Smith, Clerk-Treasurer.

Rev. Lewis Barker, Assistant.

Rev. W. S. Isbell, Corresponding Clerk.

Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Assistant.

Bro. Earl Smith elected member General Mission Board.

Consecration prayer for newly elected officers by Rev. J. D. Coffman.

Acceptance talk by Bro. Dixon as Moderator of the Association.

Welcome address, Rev. Harold O. Eggenperger, President Ministerial Alliance of Russellville. Introduced by Mayor Mr. Russell Horn.

Adjournment.

11:00 o'Clock Devotional

The song, "Let Him Have His Way," was sung, directed by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham of Oklahoma.

Rev. Rupert Pixley of Fort Smith brought the message. He used as his text Ephesians 5:8.

Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Okla., led in the benediction.

THURSDAY P. M. SESSION

The song, "I Am Thine," was sung, directed by Rev. Ralph Staten.

Rev. H. E. Taylor brought the devotions, using Psalms 116.

Rev. T. H. Dixon from Oklahoma led the invocation.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham spoke briefly concerning the progress and needs of our Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

Rules of Order and Constitution read by Moderator Dixon.

Final reception of delegates.

Committees appointed by the Moderator as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. George Been, Bro. Joe Phillips, Rev. W. F. McGee.

TEMPERANCE: Bro. V. M. Odglen, Rev. Robert King, Rev. Elvie Johnston.

FINANCE: Sister C. E. Wilson, Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Sister D. Smith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Bro. Roy Ralls, Sister Ernest Turner, Rev. Lonnie Coffman.

OBITUARIES: Sister Doyle Dipboye, Sister Mary Ruth Wright, Sister Pat Hargraves.

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS: Rev. Tom Day, Bro. Ollie Jones, Rev. W. A. Crouch.

AUDITING: Rev. J. D. Coffman, Bro. Earl Smith, Rev. Rupert Pixley.

PROGRAM: Rev. W. H. Doyle, Rev. Elmer Turner, Bro. Pete Webb. League report given by State League Director, Bro. Clifford Sawrie.

Bro. Earl Smith delivered a very interesting message on league work, which was received with gratitude.

Motion to seat all visiting ministers to counsel with us. Motion carried.

Report of Foreign Mission Director, Rev. Wayne Tucker, received, and Bro. Tucker reelected State Foreign Missions Director. See report elsewhere.

General Mission Board report received as given by Chairman Rev. W. S. Isbell. Bro. Isbell reelected chairman General Mission Board.

Home Mission message delivered by Rev. J. B. Bloss, chairman National Home Mission Board.

We sang "If We Never Meet Again This Side of Heaven," directed by Rev. Ralph Staten. Old time hand shake. Benediction prayer, Rev. Ralph Staten.

Motion for adjournment. Motion carried.

Thursday Evening Devotional

Just preceding the devotional the young leaguers delivered a very impressive program in readings and songs. Others who did special numbers were Gilbert Pixley, J. Reford Wilson, Lester Coffman, W. S. Isbell, W. M. Guinn, the Pace and Ragsdale families.

Rev. Ralph Staten to speak on Bread of Life radio program tomorrow morning.

Rev. Tommy Breshear brought the devotions. Rev. J. D. Kinder led the invocation.

Sermon delivered by the Rev. Thomas H. Dixon of Oklahoma. Subject: "God's Plan of the Ages." Text, Ephesians 3:21. Bro. Dixon delivered a very able, impressive message which was enjoyed immensely by a large, attentive congregation. J. Reford Wilson led the benediction.

Placement of delegates, Mrs. Lester Coffman.

FRIDAY A. M. SESSION

Opened with singing directed by Lester Coffman.

Rev. J. D. Kinder brought the devotions from Psalms 23. Bro. Arlie Sparks led the morning invocation.

Ministers Diary Committee appointed. Members as follows: Bro. R. C. Chapple, Bro. Raymond McNutt, Bro. Murry Funderburg, Rev. H. B. Doyle.

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Motion that we accept the recommendation of the National Home Mission Board and elect Bro. Earl Smith Home Mission director. Motion carried. Bro. Earl Smith elected Home Mission director.

Motion to receive the report of the Tent committee. Motion carried, committee retained.

Motion to receive report of Obituary committee and discharge them. Motion carried. See report elsewhere.

The following delegates were duly elected to represent at the next meeting of the national association; Sister O. T. Dixon, Bro. Raymond McNutt, Sister C. E. Wilson, Sister Nellie King, Sister Doyle Dipboye.

Alternates: Bro. W. M. McCoy, Sister Bessie Moore, Sister Jimmie Ragsdale, Sister Alena Coffman, Sister Roy Rawls, Sister A. D. Furgerson.

Motion to receive report of Committee on Non-Represented Associations. Motion carried. Committee discharged.

Prof. and Mrs. Luther G. Pressley recognized by the body.

The Rev. Thomas H. Dixon elected to preach introductory sermon at next State Association. Rev. Elvie Johnston, alternate.

Rev. Rupert Pixley elected to bring the memorial message Friday, 11:00 a. m.

Rev. Gilbert Pixley elected to bring the evangelistic message, Friday evening service.

Balems Chapel Church, Polk Bayou Association, Grubbs, Jackson County, Highway 14, elected to entertain the next regular session of the State Association, beginning Wednesday evening before the first Sunday in October, 1953.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30. Motion carried. Rev. Tommy Bre-shear led the benediction.

11 o'Clock Devotional

The song, "Amazing Grace," directed by Luther G. Pressley.

Rev. Elvie Johnston led in the devotional prayer.

Special number, the Pace sisters. Poem in memory of Rev. Lonnie Walker, composed by his wife, read by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Sermon, the Rev. Tom Day. Text, 1 Samuel 20:18.

Benediction prayer, Rev. Rupert Pixley.

FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

The song, "It Won't Be Very Long," was sung, directed by Bro. Lonnie Pace.

Rev. W. A. Crouch brought the devotions, using Psalms 23. The invocation was given by Rev. W. S. Isbell.

Motion to receive report of Finance Committee. Motion carried, committee discharged. See report elsewhere.

Motion to receive report of State Statistician, Rev. George Been, and retain him as State Statistician. Motion carried.

Report on National Association held at Shawnee, Okla., given by Sister C. E. Wilson.

Resolution No. 1 passed.

Motion to receive report of Resolution Committee. Motion carried, committee discharged.

The following, O. S. Sawrie, R. G. Lane, G. A. Furgerson, were appointed by the Moderator to investigate the purchase of more real estate for our Youth Camp at Conway.

Motion to receive report of Pulpit Committee and discharge them. Motion carried.

Motion carried to receive report of Ministers Diary Committee and discharge them.

Offering for Rev. L. C. Doyle.

Motion that the Clerk pay for printing program forms from the general fund. Motion carried.

Motion for final adjournment. Motion carried. Closing song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old," directed by Rev. J. D. Coffman. Bro. John West led the final benediction.

Friday Evening Devotional

We sung the song, "I'll Live On," directed by Lester Coffman.

Special song, "Climbing Jacob's Ladder," Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Coffman.

Mrs. J. D. Coffman brought the evening devotions. Prayer, Sister A. D. Furgerson.

Sermon, the evangelistic message, delivered by Rev. C. O. Garrison. Subject, "The Three Lost." Scripture reading from Luke 15. Prayer, Bro. Garrison. In closing we sang "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

The Rev. W. F. McGee led in the benediction.

Offering for the General Fund, \$80.00 (eighty dollars).

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

CREDENTIALS

We submit the following delegates listed by Associations as our report. Standing delegates not included in report.

Social Band

J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Ark.	Moderator
Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge, Ark.	Clerk
Jimmie Ragsdale	Delegate
Floyd Goodwin	Delegate
Mary Lou Shelton	Delegate
Roselyn Ragsdale	Delegate
Johnnie Whitlow	Delegate

Big Springs

Noah Miller, West Plains, Mo.	Moderator
Mae Bassham, Moro, Ark.	Clerk
Ruth Walker	Delegate
Pat Hargrave	Delegate
Jimmie McGurie	Delegate
Marlene McGurie	Delegate

Saline

Rev. J. E. White, Rt. 1, New Edinburg, Ark.	Moderator
J. C. Rawls, Pine Bluff, Ark.	Clerk
Mary Funderburg	Delegate
Nettie Taylor	Delegate
Ray Rial	Delegate
D. Smith	Delegate
J. C. Mooring	Delegate

Zion Hope No. 2

Rev. G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark.	Moderator
Wayne Bonnewell, Rudy, Ark.	Clerk
Charlyne Walker	Delegate

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Ethel Hyatt	Delegate
Lela Dipboye	Delegate
Edna Smith	Delegate
Elen Bonnewell	Delegate

Little Missouri River

Rev. W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope, Ark.	Moderator
R. D. Smith, New Hope, Ark.	Clerk
Sister Edith Jones	Delegate

Arkansas

J. E. Phillips, Booneville, Ark.	Moderator
Elmer Turner, Branch, Ark.	Clerk
Standing Delegates only	Delegates

Old Mt. Zion

H. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.	Moderator
Willie Bohannan, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Ark.	Clerk
Ernest Holaway	Delegate
Alva Koontz	Delegate
Ethel Gladden	Delegate
Elsie Vaughn	Delegate
Hazel Koontz	Delegate

Social Band

Rev. J Reford Wilson, Pocahontas, Ark.	Moderator
Raymond McNutt, College City Branch, Walnut Ridge, Ark.	Clerk
Ralph Garrett	Delegate
Clyde Jones	Delegate
Jimmie Ragsdale	Delegate
Floy Goodwen	Delegate
Mary Lue Shelton	Delegate

Antioch

Thomas Breshear, Russellville, Ark.	Moderator
E. O. Wright, Atkins, Ark.	Clerk
Goldie Maxwell	Delegate
Clydie Coffman	Delegate
Bob Haralson	Delegate
Daisy Fabus	Delegate
Mary Ruth Wright	Delegate

Polk Bayou

W. H. Doyle, Rt. 2, Newport, Ark.	Moderator
Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry, Ark.	Clerk
Virgie Callahan	Delegate
Gertie Doyle	Delegate

New Hope

Jessie E. Pratt, Rosebud, Ark.	Moderator
O. S. Sawrie, Rt. 2, Conway, Ark.	Clerk
Callie Stevens	Delegate
Ethel Wilson	Delegate
Ollie Lane	Delegate
Iva Turner	Delegate
Ruby Dell Pratt	Delegate

Rich Mountain

Bennie Fisher, Hatfield, Ark.	Moderator
R. I. Cook, Rt. 2, Mena, Ark.	Clerk
A. P. Pugh	Delegate
Sister A. P. Pugh	Delegate
Selinia Shults	Delegate

FINANCE

We, your committee, offer the following report. We have received a grand total of \$443.32, paid Rev. W. S. Isbell, chairman of entertainment committee, \$203.37, paid State Clerk R. D. Smith \$239.95.

Clerk's Report

Clerk's report, year 1951-52.

Assets—

Received from Finance Committee	\$176.67
Offering for National Association	146.25
Free Will Offering	87.87
Offering for Children's Home	67.69
New Hope Association, J. E. Pratt	5.00
Zion Hope Association, G. G. Dipboye	15.00
Old Mt. Zion Association, C. O. Garrison	5.00
Antioch Association, Lonnie Coffman	5.00
Rich Mountain Association, A. P. Pugh	5.00

Total Assets	\$513.48
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Liabilities—

Paid Rev. Wayne Tucker for National Association	
Expense Bill in Arrears	\$ 95.00
Rev. C. O. Garrison, Association Expenses	29.29
Children's Home, to Rev. Doyle Dipboye	67.69
Printing Minutes	163.00
Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.	25.00
Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Delegates to National Association	65.00
Clerk Hire	25.00
Moderator's Fee	15.00
Postage	6.85
For Badges	13.75

Total Liabilities	\$505.58
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Balance	\$ 7.90
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OBITUARIES

We, your committee, submit the following: We find that the Lord in His wisdom has called from labor to reward 67 of our number. We very much regret their passing and conclude our loss is Heaven's gain.

AUDITING

We, your committee, make the following report: We find the Clerk's report correct, but we ask the Clerk and Bro. Tucker to make a statement in regard to a check that has delayed payment of \$95.00 due the National Association. We ask that this \$15.00 check be paid out of the General Fund.

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NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS

We, your committee, find that all of the eleven District Associations in the State are represented by delegation.

FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Foreign Mission Director, the Rev. Wayne Tucker, reports \$1101.85 (eleven hundred one dollars eighty-five cents) collected during the year, which was sufficient to meet his obligations as Foreign Mission Director.

GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT

Balance on hand at close of 1951 session, \$102.60. Received \$13.00, paid State League \$100.00. Balance, \$15.60. W. S. Isbell, treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee, offer the following report: We find condition of all Sunday schools fair to good. We urge all Sunday schools to use our literature when feasible, and to use only Christians as teachers. We further urge all churches to have teachers training courses when possible.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, offer the following: We wish to commend our people for their good temperate conduct in all things, and admonish them that temperance means moderation in the good things of life, and total abstinence from all that pertains to evil.

TENT FUND REPORT

We, your committee, have sold what we could salvage from the old tent for \$34.20. Rev. W. S. Isbell, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF STATE LEAGUE

Amount in Treasury June 13, 1952	\$ 84.45
Total Receipts to Date	1963.16
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Total Cash Available for Use	2047.61
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Total Cash Expended on Bills	1916.25
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Amount Now in Treasury	\$ 131.36

Liabilities: Mortgage payable, \$1500.00, plus interest. First payment, \$442.50, due December 14, 1952. Clifford Sawrie, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, endorse the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved, that the local churches of our State consider seriously the great need of the Home Mission and Building program of the Free Will Baptists of Arkansas.

We recommend that our Association now in session set a goal of \$2,000.00 to be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. We further recommend that 60 per cent of the Home Mission fund be retained in the state and the remaining 40 per cent be sent the National Home Mission Board.

We also recommend that each District Association in the state elect a Mission Board, to cooperate with the State Board.

Resolution of Thanks

Be it resolved, Whereas this State Association has been so graciously entertained, that we in behalf of the State Association, wish to thank the good people of Russellville Church and Antioch Association for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them. We feel that your efforts for our welfare cannot be excelled, and we pray that the blessings of the Lord may dwell richly upon you all.

PULPIT

We, your committee, recommend that the following fill the stand in the order named here: Wednesday evening, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, the Introductory. Thursday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Rupert Pixley. Thursday evening, the Rev. Thomas H. Dixon, Checotah, Okla. Friday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Tom Day, Memorial message. Friday evening, Rev. C. O. Garrison, Evangelistic message.

STATISTICAL REPORT

This 55th session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptist is composed of eleven (11) District associations composed of 160 churches with 187 preachers, 382 deacons and a total membership of 9,625, having received into their fellowship the past year 877, baptized 408, dismissed 161, excluded 23, and lost by death 67. They report 36 Leagues, with a membership of 1795 and an average Sunday School attendance of 6,245. Spent for literature, \$5,580; paid pastors, \$38,375.54; Home Missions, \$1,839.27; Evangelism, \$10,430; Foreign Missions, \$691.00; budget fund \$6,399.00; State Association, \$85.00; building and repairs, \$11,455.35; valuation of church property, \$312,955.00; radio program \$1,204.00. A grand total of all expenditures as reported to me as \$55,726.64.

Your Servant,
GEORGE BEEN,
Rt. 4, Springdale, Ark.

MINISTER'S DIARY REPORT

We, your committee, submit the following list of ordained ministers by Associations:

Antioch Association

R. L. Taylor, Hector	E. Henderson, Caruthersville, Mo.
W. F. McGee, Russellville	W. A. Crouch, Hector
W. S. Isbell, Russellville	W. A. Thompson, Jerusalem
J. A. Venable, Rt. 1, Dumas	A. F. Banks, Rt. 1, Atkins
J. D. Coffman, Hector	Edgar Alderson, Clarksville
R. G. Webb, Atkins	Clarence Tillman, Pine Bluff
J. U. Kinder, Rt. 4, Russellville	Coy Dauthett, Rt. 2, Atkins
J. A. Latham, Rt. 2, Russellville	Hershell Burris, Rt. 4, Russellville
T. U. Johnson, Rt. 4, Russellville	Aval Vaughn, Moreland
P. C. Denton, Scranton	F. J. Robinson, Dover
R. B. Venable, Rt. 3, Atkins	J. E. Phillips, Rt. 4, Marshall
Ellis Warren, Rt. 4, Russellville	G. Z. Claburn, Moreland
Lytle Hallum, Hector	W. E. Coffman, Russellville
Melvin Snow, Hector	Thomas Breshears, Russellville
Lonnie Coffman, Hector	Paul Jones, Marshall
John Parks, Rt. 4, Morrilton	Fate Wise, Harrison
W. F. Crouch, Little Rock	Othel T. Dixon, Russellville
J. M. Spikes, Rt. 1, Little Rock	Jimmie Proctor, Moreland

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Arkansas Association

I. J. Wilson, Charleston	J. M. Wilson, California
V. F. Black, Hackett	B. A. Artman, Gravelly
Elmer Turner, Branch	C. C. Kitchens, Gravelly
W. M. Guinn, Booneville	Robert King, Waldron
B. O. Stahl, Plainview	Robert Hidde, Fort Smith
G. J. Starnes, Rt. 3, Waldron	J. S. Lovett, Magazine.
Albert Rimfy, Booneville	

Little Missouri River Association

W. E. Pinkerton, New Hope	W. R. Porter, Norman
Roy Hughes, California	R. L. Rainwater, Mena.
A. F. Donaldson, Langley	

New Hope Association

Curtis L. Lybarger, Conway	Jessie E. Pratt, Rosebud
J. W. Moore, Little Rock	J. M. Holleman, Rosebud
Ed Hall, Greenbrier	A. L. Mote, Beebe
Jack Benard (add. not supplied)	J. G. Holmes, Heber Springs
R. E. Pruitt, Searcy	R. G. Lane, Greenbrier

Polk Bayou Association

L. C. Doyle, Newport	Austin Mullen, Strawberry
M. G. King, Powhatan	Jeff Weaver, Banks
Ray Watkins, Rt. 2, Newport	B. W. Woodruff, Rt. 2, Newport
W. H. Doyle, Rt. 2, Newport	H. H. Ring, Monette
Offie Eagen, Saffel	Lyle Cartwright, Batesville
W. B. Hardin, Hoxie	J. H. Tinkle, Corning
Owen Harvell, Luneberg	John Riggs, Rt. 2, Batesville
R. G. Sims, Mt. Pleasant	J. W. Blanks, Newport
Archie Warnick, Mt. Pleasant	W. Hobart, Black Rock
Coy Staggs, Batesville	C. Harris, Black Rock
O. Saffirt, Grubbs	Lonnie Palmer, Batesville

Social Band Association

Orville Cox (address not supplied)	W. C. Lakey, Sedgwick
Edwin Biggs (add. not supplied)	J. C. Colbert, Campbell, Mo.
Wayne Tucker, Peach Orchard	Charles Staten, Pocahontas
Elvie Johnston, Walnut Ridge	George W. Million, Pocahontas
Henry Pauley, Bush Grove	Hermon Johnson, Reyno
Melvin Shelton, Walnut Ridge	Hubert Forester, Walnut Ridge
B. E. Forester, Walnut Ridge	J. Reford Wilson, Pocahontas
Eugene Davis, Reyno	O. D. Winfrey, Walnut Ridge
W. P. Watts, Osceola	L. W. Hodge, Sedwick
Carl High, Okean	W. C. Hudson, Jonesboro
Dewey Thompson, Pocahontas	Grady Lurbaugh, Walnut Ridge
R. Shelton, Okean	

Rich Mountain Association

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

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren	R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith
Doyle D. Dipboye, 3311 Oak Grove St., Fort Smith	Gilbert Pixley, Rt. 2, Alma Albert Razzell, Van Buren

J. M. Cole, Rt. 1, Van Buren	Aubrey Razzell, Rt. 2, Van Buren
J. S. Brown, Van Buren	Ben Pixley, Rudy
Sam Southerland, R. Charleston	C. S. Graham, Mountainburg
P. J. Mullen, Rudy	H. D. Shipley, Fort Smith
Luther Clark, Hackett	Rudolph Winboen, Alma
Oscar Crabtree, Van Buren	William A. Rodgers (address not supplied)
Henry Hart, Rudy	J. B. Lovett, Fort Smith
Burl Osborn, Van Buren	J. H. C. Jordon, Winslow
Douglas Peters, Rudy	E. W. Simpkins, Fort Smith
R. L. Daniel (add. not supplied)	Earl Gentry, Rudy
Tom Nolen, Fort Smith	J. K. Woods, Fort Smith
Tom Green (address not supplied)	Robert Satterfield, Rudy
Ray Purdom, Fort Smith	
J. A. Joslin, Rt. 3, Van Buren	

Big Springs Association

Carl Davis, Elizabeth	Delbert Davis, Elizabeth
Noah Miller, West Plains, Mo.	Isaac Hunt, Hacoma, Mo.
Opia Hargrave, West Home	W. C. Keylon, Union

Saline Association

L. W. Wheeler, Warren	R. M. Moore, Star City
Charlie Collins, Monticello	J. C. Mooring, England
D. A. Bryan, Warren	J. E. White, New Edinburg
A. J. Worley, Oak Grove, La.	Albert McClellan, New Edinburg
Lewis Barker, New Edinburg	Stanton White, Warren
Loyd Williams, Warren	D. Smith, Lake Providence, La.
Johnny Hartley, Rison	Homer Parker, Pine Bluff
W. E. Smith, Oak Grove, La.	H. E. Taylor, Sherrill
J. T. Ply, Pine Bluff	Vernice Hunter, Pine Bluff

Old Mt. Zion Association

I. H. Rhodes, Springdale	Bill Oxford, Rt. 5, Rogers
C. Knox, Larrie	Bruce Phillips, Rt. 2, Springdale
R. I. K. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers	Jack Hobbs, Rt. 1, Marble
Arnold Smith, Rt. 4, Huntsville	Tom Pinkerton, Enid, Okla.
Willie Capps, Rt. 5, Rogers	Sammy Lane, Rt. 5, Rogers
George Been, Rt. 4, Springdale	C. O. Garrison, Box 224, Huntsville
P. G. Kirk, Rt. 5, Rogers	Elmo McKinney, Rt. 1, Huntsville
Claud Lynch, Rogers	Tom Day, Huntsville
Clark Baker, Rogers	Tom N. More, Huntsville
Vivian Rhodes, Huntsville	

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 excepted, 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 is coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up its office work among all nations of people as a Divine Re-prover, Comforter, and Guide. Judge 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 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 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.