

MINUTES
OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ARKANSAS STATE
ASSOCIATION
Fifty-Sixth Annual Session
HELD WITH
BALEWS CHAPEL CHURCH
Polk Bayou Association
GRUBBS, ARKANSAS
September 30-October 1-2, 1953



The next regular Annual Session will convene with Willoughby Church, Saline Association, two miles west from Warren on old Camden Highway, beginning Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1954.

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, Ark.
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 Alma, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder J. Reford Wilson Pocahontas, 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 HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Grady Linebaugh (address not supplied)
Bro. Earl Smith Pocahontas, Ark.
Elder R. G. Lane Cenway, Ark.
Elder V. Voss Rt. 3, Lamar, Ark.
Elder W. S. Isbell Russellville, Ark.

FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Elder Wayne Tucker Peach Orchard, Ark.

STATE LEAGUE PROMOTER

Bro. Earl Smith Pocahontas, Ark.

HOME MISSION DIRECTOR

Rev. Othel T. Dixon Russellville, Ark.

PROCEEDINGS

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

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Balews Chapel Church, Polk Bayou Association, Grubbs, Arkansas, September 30-October 1-2, 1953.

The session was opened with a song service conducted by Bro. Ralph Daggett, Saline Association; Mrs. Daggett pianist. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Staten of Wewoka, Okla. Rev. Roy Watkins led in the devotional, using Matt. 16 for the scripture lesson.

At this time the Clerk, Bro. R. D. Smith of New Hope, called the Association into the business session, proclaiming the preaching of the Gospel the supreme task of the church today.

Our Moderator, the Rev. Othel T. Dixon of Russellville, was introduced by the Clerk, who took charge and delivered a brief message, then appointed the Arrangements and Credentials Committees.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Okla.; Rev. J. B. Blass, Columbia, Tenn.; Rev. William Buster, from the Illinois State Association; and Sister Sutton from the Missouri State Association, were recognized by the body in the usual manner.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL

The introductory message was delivered by the Rev. William Buster from the Illinois State Association. Scripture lesson from Matt. 16. Subject, "Building the Church." This was a very inspiring message, enjoyed immensely by a large, attentive audience.

Placement of visitors by the Rev. J. B. Blanks, and Bro. Byrd, of the host church.

Sister Raymond McNutt and Sister Othel Dixon were appointed registrars.

The noon and evening meals were served at the Grubbs high school cafeteria. The refreshments and service rendered cannot be excelled.

Benediction, the Rev. J. B. Blass.

THURSDAY A. M. SESSION

The Association reassembled at 9:00 o'clock with Bro. Clifford Sawrie in charge of the song service. Mrs. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Okla., pianist. Prayer by Sister C. E. Wilson of Greenbrier, Ark. Rev. R. G. Lane led in the morning devotions, with reading from Romans 8, and prayer, after which the Moderator opened the business session for the morning.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary, National Foreign Mission Board, recognized by the body.

Motion to receive the Credentials Committee report as read by Chairman Lewis Barker, and seat the delegates as they have them listed by Associations. Motion carried. Prayer by the Rev. W. F. McGee.

Motion to recognize all visiting ministers. Motion carried. Motion to receive the following visiting ministers as advisory members of this body: Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Ralph Staten, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. J. B. Blass. Motion carried.

Program for the session read by Assistant Clerk Lewis Barker and accepted by the body with some minor changes.

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	State League Promotor
Rev. Wayne Tucker	Foreign Mission Director

Consecration prayer for the elected officials, led by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Right hand of fellowship extended all delegates in the usual manner, while singing "There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day." Motion to accept letter from Antioch Association as read by the Clerk and recommended by Credentials Committee. Motion carried. Prof. Luther G. Pressley recognized by the body.

At this time the Moderator presented Rev. J. W. Blanks, Polk Bayou Association, who delivered the welcome address.

Motion for adjournment.

11 o'Clock Devotional Hour

Rev. Ralph Staten of Wewoka, Okla., was presented by the Moderator to bring the morning message, using the subject "Conquering Our Possessions," and Joshua 1:13, 18:3, 1:7-14-17, as proof texts. He presented his message in a very able, effective manner. Mrs.

A. D. Furgerson led in the devotional prayer. We sang the song, "When We All Get to Heaven." Rev. Ray Watkins announced the benediction and expressed our thanks for the noon meal.

THURSDAY P. M. SESSION

Song service, directed by H. J. Lyle.

Devotions and prayer by Rev. J. D. Coffman.

Quartette arranged by Prof. Luther G. Pressley, "I Want to Meet Him."

Appointment of the following committees announced by the Moderator:

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Carl Davis, Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Ray Watkins, Rev. W. F. McGee, Rev. Lewis Barker.

ARRANGEMENTS: Raymond McNutt, F. E. Duvall, Rev. W. H. Doyle, Bro. Earl Smith, Sister A. D. Furgerson.

RESOLUTIONS: Opie Hargraves, Ralph Whittenburg, A. J. Blanks.

TEMPERANCE: Sister Lcrene White, Bro. Troy McKensie, Sister Hazel Mann.

FINANCE: Sister C. E. Wilson, Bro. Will S. White, Rev. Cecil Gladden.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Rev. Lonnie Coffman, Bro. Luther Teague, Sister Geraldene Johnston.

OBITUARIES: Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Bro. Gus Isom, Sister Lorene White.

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS: Rev. J. D. Coffman, Sister A. D. Furgerson, Sister Ethel Gladden.

AUDITING: The Most. Rev. George W. Million, Bro. Hermon Greenwood, Sister Lorene Hester.

Report of State League promotor, Bro. Earl Smith, received. See report elsewhere in the Minutes.

Rev. W. S. Mocneyham was presented by the Moderator, and gave us a very favorable report on our national educational program. Bro. Mooneyham is executive secretary of our educational program.

Sister Othel Dixon, one of the delegates to the National Association, gave us a very encouraging report of our national program.

Motion to receive report of Foreign Mission director, Rev. Wayne Tucker. Motion carried.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the Foreign Missions board, was introduced by the Moderator, and gave us a very favorable outlook of our Foreign Mission program.

Motion to receive report of General Mission secretary, Rev. W. S. Isbell. Motion carried.

Rev. J. B. Blass, chairman of the National Home Mission Board, introduced by the Moderator, and explained the merits of the Home Mission program.

Offering for missions, \$100.05, which was received by the Clerk and divided equally between the sponsors of missions, Rev. J. Blass and Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Motion for adjournment.

Rev. W. H. Doyle announced the benediction and expressed our thanks for the evening meal.

Thursday Evening Devotional Hour

We sang the song "From the Cross to the Crown," led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley; Miss Daggett from Saline Association, pianist.

Quartette arranged by Gilbert Pixley, Ruthie Mae Leonard, pianist. Rev. J. W. Blanks brought the devotional and sang the song, "I'll Fly Away."

Bro. Melton, Baptist minister, led the invocation.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced by the Moderator, and brought the evening message, using as his subject the Second and Third Commissions. Theme, "The Bewildered Church." We sang the hymn, "Lord I'm Coming Home." Benediction, Bro. Hartsell.

FRIDAY A. M. SESSION

Met according to adjournment at 8:30 o'clock. Opened with singing led by Bro. Raymond McNutt. Rev. Carl High led the morning invocation. Devotions and prayer by Rev. Opie Hargraves, using Romans 6 for his Scripture lesson.

Motion to seat Mrs. L. C. Doyle, wife of the late Rev. L. C. Doyle, as an honorary member of the Association. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Non-Represented Associations—Report received, committee released. See all committee and board reports in their proper place in the Minutes.

Finance—Report received, committee released.

Temperance—Report received, committee released.

Sunday Schools—Report received, committee released.

Board to investigate the possibility of purchasing more property for our Youth Camp at Conway, offered their report, which was received and the committee retained.

Report of State League work received as reported by Bro. Clifford Sawrie.

The following delegates and alternates were elected to represent us in our next National Association: Delegates, Sister Gene Wilson, Mrs. Othel Dixon, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Lonnie Coffman, Bro. Raymond McNutt. Alternates, Bro. Troy McKensie, Sister Raymond McNutt, Sister Liza Garrett, Mrs. R. G. Lane, Sister Plucket.

Clerk's report received. See report elsewhere in the Minutes.

Auditing Committee report received, committee released.

General Mission Board report received along with Resolution No. 1.

Rev. Wayne Tucker re-elected Foreign Mission director.

Motion for the Clerk to pay for printing the program forms for this meeting from the general fund. Motion carried.

Bro. Grady Linebaugh elected Home Mission board member.

Willoughby Church, two miles west of Warren, on old Camden highway, was elected to entertain the next regular Annual Session of our Association. This church is in Saline Association and the meeting will be sponsored by the entire Saline Association, beginning Wednesday evening before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1954.

The following ministers were elected to fill the stand at our next State Association, in the order named below:

Wednesday evening, the introductory message, Rev. J. D. Coffman; alternate, Rev. W. S. Isbell.

Memorial, Friday, 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Ray Watkins; alternate, the Most Rev. George W. Million.

Friday evening, the Evangelistic message, Rev. J. Reford Wilson; alternate, Rev. Lonnie Coffman.

Motion for adjournment.

Friday 11 o'Clock Devotional Hour

Special song by little Janis Sue Staten.

Prayer, Rev. George W. Million. Special song by the Pixley brothers.

Rev. Rupert Pixley was now presented by the Moderator, and brought the Memorial message, reading Matt. 26 for the Scripture lesson and Revelations 13:14 as his text. This was a wonderful message. The speaker held everyone spellbound while he proclaimed the bliss of our deceased.

Benediction, Rev. Carl High.

FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

We sang the song "When the Saints Go Marching In." Mrs. Lonnie Coffman, pianist.

Rev. W. S. Isbell brought the afternoon devotions with prayer and Scripture reading from Psalms 8.

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

Motion to receive the report of our State Statistician, Rev. George W. Been, and retain him for another year. Motion carried.

Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson elected as Executive Board member.

Motion to carry letter read by Rev. W. F. McGee in regard to the work of the late Rev. L. C. Doyle in our Minutes. Motion carried.

Motion that our State Association support the Meeting Time radio program sponsored by the Russellville church. Motion carried.

Motion to discharge Program, Arrangements, and Credentials Committees. Motion carried.

Program Committee for next Association elected as follows: Rev. Lewis Barker, chairman; Rev. Lonnie Coffman, Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Motion for each District Association to elect a contact man to work with the Home Mission Board. Motion carried.

Offering \$48.75 for Bro. Elvie Johnston.

Motion to elect Rev. Othel T. Dixon State Home Mission director. Motion carried.

Sister Lorene White approved as delegate from Social Band District Association to our next National Association.

Motion to receive report of the Tent Fund Committee, and retain them. Motion carried.

Motion for adjournment.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson announced the benediction and expressed our thanks for the evening meal.

Friday Evening Devotional

Opened with singing led by Rev. J. Reford Wilson; Mrs. Gene Wilson, pianist.

Rev. Raymond Riggs now delivered his concluding thought on promotion of Foreign Missions.

Sister C. E. Wilson led in the evening devotions.

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Rev. Gilbert Pixley was presented by the Moderator and brought the Evangelistic message, using Psalms 50:1 for his text, and the subject, "God's Challenge to Man." This was a wonderful message, immensely enjoyed by all.

Final report of Resolutions Committee. See committee reports.

Offering for the General State Fund \$54.00.

Adjournment, final benediction by the Moderator.

REV. OTHEL T. DIXON, Moderator.

BRO. R. D. SMITH, Clerk-Treasurer.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS CREDENTIALS

We list the following delegates by Associations as our report.
Standing delegates not included:

SOCIAL BAND: Fae Puckett, Lorene White, Lorene Hester, Clata McNutt, Mrs. Billy Rogers.

ZION HOPE NO. 2: Bro. Troy McKensie, Sister Troy McKensie, Sister Ethel Hyatt, Bro. Luther Teague, Sister Edna White.

OLD MT. ZION: Elsie Vaughn, Pearl Garrison, Margaret Shaver, Ethel Gladden, Hazel Easterling.

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER: R. D. Smith, Clerk.

SALINE: Bro. Donald Brown, Sister Hazel Manns, Sister Wiley White, Sister J. C. Mooring, Sister T. H. Brown.

NEW HOPE: Sister C. E. Wilson, Sister A. D. Furgerson, Mrs. R. G. Lane, Sister Coffman, Sister Hartsell.

BIG SPRINGS: Velma Ruth Walker, Mae Keylon.

ARKANSAS: B. O. Stahl, Joe Phillips, B. A. Artman.

POLK BAYOU: Bro. Ralph Welch, Bro. Johnny Croon, Sister Geraldene Johnston, Sister Grace Goodwin, Sister Inez Adkisson, Virgil Ogden.

ANTIOCH: Ralph Whittenburg, Front Duvall, Gus Isom, Sister F. E. Duvall, Sister Ralph Whittenburg.

RICH MOUNTAIN Association not represented.

AUDITING

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Clerk's report, and find it properly filed, and orderly reported, and its balance correctly stated.

TEMPERANCE

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

ARRANGEMENTS

We offer the following report: The stand will be filled as follows: Wednesday evening, Rev. William Buster from Illinois; Thursday, 11:00, Rev. Ralph Staten, Wewoka, Okla.; Thursday evening, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.; Friday, 11:00, Rev. Rupert Pixley; Friday evening, Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

CLERK'S REPORT

Year 1952-53

Assets—

Carried from Last Association	\$ 7.90
Paid by State Finance Committee	239.95
Public Offering	80.00
Little Missouri River Association	5.00
Total	<u>\$332.85</u>

Liabilities—

Moderator's Fee	\$ 15.00
Clerk Hire	25.00
To Rev. Wayne Tucker	15.00
Stovall Printing Co.	6.15
Printing and Mailing Minutes	191.20
National Association	65.00
Mailing National Minutes	2.70
Printing Badges	21.49

Total	<u>\$341.54</u>
Deficit	\$ 8.69

R. D. SMITH, Clerk.

FINANCE

We offer the following as our report: We have received from ten District Associations \$354.25, and turned over to the State Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We offer the following: We find 153 Sunday Schools reported, with a total membership of 7,888. Conditions reported as fair to good. We urge all Sunday Schools to use our literature when feasible, and to use only Christian teachers. We insist that all churches have a teachers training course or vacation Bible school every year.

OBITUARIES

We offer the following: We find the Lord in His wisdom has seen fit to call from labor to reward seventy of our brethren and sisters. Some of them were outstanding ministers and deacons; they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them on.

Committee to Purchase Land for the Conway Youth Camp

We offer the following: Due to the time involved in settling the estate, we cannot at this time purchase more land.

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS

We offer the following: We find all Associations represented except Rich Mountain, cause unknown. We trust they will be able to represent next year.

REPORT OF STATE LEAGUE PROMOTOR

It is recommended that this Association go on record as favoring that each church send a love offering to the treasurer of the State League Convention for the purpose of immediately liquidating our indebtedness of \$800.00, then when this is done the general income into the State League treasury may be used in building dormitories with the lumber that is now on the encampment grounds.

RECOMMENDATION

We, the Executive and Home Mission Boards, recommend that each District Association elect a contact man to work with the Home Mission Board.

GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, your General Mission Board, wish to make the following report: All money received by the Board has been distributed as follows: Amount received \$233.24. Paid to Foreign Missions \$120.00. To National Home Missions \$48.00. Retained by State Missions \$73.74.

W. S. ISBELL, Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION DIRECTOR

Rev. Waymen Tucker: The report shows a total of \$1,369.79 received by Foreign Mission director during the year.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee: report the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved that hereafter the General Mission Board be termed the General Home Mission Board, and that all funds for State and National Home Missions be sent directly to our Secretary-Treasurer of General Home Missions, to be divided as follows, 40 per cent to National Home Missions; 60 per cent to be retained in our State Home Mission Treasury.

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved that we issue each year a yearly Certificate of Ministerial Standing to our ministers in the form of a billfold-size identification card, to be dated and signed by our State Moderator and Clerk. Be it further resolved that we get a state seal to seal these, and all important papers of our State Association.

Resolution No. 3. Be it resolved, that each District Association use the same letter forms in reporting to the State Association.

Be it further resolved, that the Moderator and Clerk of our State Association take their respective offices at the close of each Association.

Resolution No. 4. Be it resolved, that the Executive Board be composed of five members whose terms shall expire in the order of one, two, three, four, and five years.

This board shall conduct business for the Association when it is not in session, and call special sessions of the Association when necessary, and work with the Moderator in all phases of our demoninational work.

Resolution No. 5. Be it resolved that each church in the state pay \$3.00 annually into the State Treasury, to be divided equally between the host church that entertains State Association, and the General State Fund for the printing of State Minutes.

Resolution of Thanks. Be it resolved that this Association has been so graciously entertained, that we in behalf of the State Association hereby express our thanks to the good people of Balews Chapel Church, the Polk Bayou Association, and the Board of Directors of the Grubbs High School, 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.

In Memory of the Late Most Rev. L. C. Doyle—1872-1953

He came to Arkansas from Georgia with his parents late in 1872. He formerly taught in the public schools of Arkansas. He professed hope in Christ and united with the Free Will Baptist Church in 1890. Was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1910.

His work as a minister in our denomination has been outstanding, having served in all the high official capacities of the denomination, and was Moderator of the meeting that drafted our present Articles of Faith.

Therefore, we, the Arkansas State Association, feel that one of our greatest pioneer leaders has passed on, and that the work he helped begin will continue on.

Submitted by Rev. W. F. McGee.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1953

This Association is composed of 11 District Associations, 10 of them have furnished me the following statistical data (Saline not reporting): 155 churches, 205 preachers, 423 deacons; members received this year 976; 491 baptized; 251 dismissed by letter; 15 excluded; 59 died. Total membership 10,331, with 152 Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 5,629, and 57 Leagues with a membership of 1,390. Spent for Sunday School and League literature, \$3,813.79 (with Rich Mountain, Big Springs and Antioch Associations not reporting any literature costs). The ten Associations reporting stated they had paid pastors \$43,162.91; for Home Missions \$2,237.16; for Evangelists, \$8,950.10; Foreign Missions, \$643.10; budget (including incidentals, etc.), \$6,340.44; State Association \$1,970.50; for radio programs, \$2,714.20; for building and repair, \$394.67. Valuation of Church property. \$363,400. Total expenditures, \$117,097.71. By comparison this report shows a good improvement over previous reports.

Your humble servant,
REV. GEORGE BEEN,
Rt. 5, Box 224, Springdale, Ark.

MINISTER'S DIARY REPORT

We, your Committee, submit the following list of ordained ministers by Associations, 55th annual session:

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
Albert Rimfy, Booneville	J. S. Lovett, Magazine

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

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
Austin Mullen, Strawberry	

Social Band Association

Orville Cox (add. 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	Herman 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, Sedgwick
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

<p>G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren Doyle D. Dipboye, 3311 Oak Grove St., Fort Smith J. M. Cole, Rt. 1, Van Buren J. S. Brown, Van Buren Sam Southerland, R. Charleston P. J. Mullen, Rudy Luther Clark, Hackett Oscar Crabtree, Van Buren Henry Hart, Rudy Burl Osborn, Van Buren Douglas Peters, Rudy R. L. Daniel (add. not supplied) Tom Nolen, Fort Smith Tom Green (add. not supplied) Ray Purdom, Fort Smith J. A. Joslin, Rt. 3, Van Buren</p>	<p>R. E. Pixley, Fort Smith Gilbert Pixley, Rt. 2, Alma Albert Razzell, Van Buren Aubrey Razzell, Rt. 2, Van Buren Ben Pixley, Rudy C. S. Graham, Mountainburg H. D. Shipley, Fort Smith Rudolph Winboen, Alma William A. Rodgers (add. not supplied) J. B. Lovett, Fort Smith J. H. C. Jordon, Winslow E. W. Simpkins, Fort Smith Earl Gentry, Rudy J. K. Woods, Fort Smith Robert Satterfield, Rudy</p>
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Big Springs Association

<p>Carl Davis, Elizabeth Noah Miller, West Plains, Mo. Opia Hargrave, West Home</p>	<p>Delbert Davis, Elizabeth Isaac Hunt, Hacoma, Mo. W. C. Keylon, Union</p>
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Saline Association

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

<p>I. H. Rhodes, 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 Claud Lynch, Rogers Clark Baker, Rogers Vivian Rhodes, Huntsville</p>	<p>Bill Oxford, Rt. 5, Rogers Bruce Phillips, Rt. 2, Springdale Jack Hobbs, Rt. 1, Marble Tom Pinkerton, Enid, Okla. Sammy Lane, Rt. 5, Rogers C. O. Garrison, Box 224, Huntsville Elmo McKinney, Rt. 1, Huntsville Tom Day, Huntsville Tom N. More, Huntsville</p>
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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 Association.

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

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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.