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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ARKANSAS STATE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
AT THE
First Free Will Baptist Church
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 3-5, 1956

The next regular session will convene with the Phillip's Chapel Church, Springdale, Arkansas, Old Mt. Zion Association, beginning Wednesday evening, October 2, 1957

REV. R. E. PIXLEY, MODERATOR
Fort Smith, Arkansas

REV. LEWIS BARKER, CLERK-TREASURER
New Edinburg, Arkansas

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 Assistant—Rev. W. S. Isbell Russellville, Arkansas
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Rev. John Rich—5 years Warren, Arkansas
 Rev. Ray Watkins—4 years Newport, Arkansas
 Rev. Dale Munkus—3 years Pocahontas, Arkansas
 Rev. R. G. Lane—2 years Charleston, Arkansas
 Rev. J. E. White—1 year New Edinburg, Arkansas

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Rev. Clarence Burton—5 years Grubbs, Arkansas
 Rev. Lewis Barker—4 years New Edinburg, Arkansas
 Rev. Lawnie Coffman—3 years Searcy, Arkansas
 Rev. Tom Day—2 years Russellville, Arkansas
 Bro. Earl Smith—1 year Pocanontas, Arkansas

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Moderator—Rev. Curtis Lybarger Harrison, Arkansas
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Clerk—Mrs. M. B. Williams Strawberry, Arkansas

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Moderator—Rev. H. M. Knox Rogers, Arkansas
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Moderator—Rev. Bennie Fisher Hatfield, Arkansas
Clerk—Rev. S. B. Metcalf Hatfield, Arkansas

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER

Moderator—Rev. F. W. Scogin Camden, Arkansas
Clerk—Bro. R. D. Smith New Hope, Arkansas

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 3, 1956

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, October 3-5, 1956.

The Lord blessed the Free Will Baptists of Arkansas at this sitting by sending our way a number of visitors from Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Missouri, and also Miss Lucy Wiseheart, our missionary on furlough from Cuba.

The congregation enjoyed special music rendered by the host church with Bro. King in charge.

The Association was called into official session by the clerk, Rev. Lewis Barker, who led the congregation in prayer and introduced the Moderator, Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Bro. Wilson read 2 Cor. 4:1-6 and after brief comments appointed the Credential Committee.

Rev. R. E. Pixley led the host church choir in singing "Love Lifted Me," and "The Old Time Religion." Prayer by Rev. Dale Munkus.

A short talk by Rev. I. E. Yandell of Red Oak, Okla. was enjoyed by all. Trio by three young people from Red Oak.

Host church quartet sang "Who."

8:10 Introductory Speaker: Rev. George Been.

Prayer.

Scripture reading: 2 Tim. 3:1-10; 4:1-9.

Text: Matt. 28:19. Subject: Go Teach All Nations. An inspiring message. Enjoyed by all.

Placement of delegates by pastor of host church.

Dismissed by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4, 1956

9:00—Called to order by Mod., Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

Hymns No. 113 "Glory to His Name," and No. 157 "Trust and Obey," led by Rev. Dale Munkus.

Devotional by Rev. Tom Breashears. Scripture reading: Heb. 12:1-3. Prayer.

Song No. 281 "Send the Light."

Rules of order read by Moderator.
9:40 Report of Credential Committee by Rev. Tom Day. Delegates seated and charge given by moderator.
Prayer of consecration by Rev. Henry Doyle.
Visiting ministers recognized.
Rev. Doyle Dipboye, Turley, Okla.
Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Okla.
Rev. Bill Ketchum, Bixby, Okla.
Rev. Bob Ketchum, Bixby, Okla.
Rev. Raymond Riggs, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. William Mishler, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. I. E. Yandell, Red Oak, Okla.
Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Duncan, Okla.
Rev. Ed Sunday, Stigler, Okla.
Rev. De Arthur Yandell, Checotah, Okla.
Rev. Willard C. Day, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. T. H. Dixon, Checotah, Okla.
Rev. Harry Stairs, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. Joe Weldon, Cartersville, Okla.
Rev. Julian Hawkins, Lawton, Okla.
Miss Lucy Wiseheart, Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

Adoption of program.

Appointment of Committee on Committees.

10:00 Welcome Address. Speaker introduced by Rev. R. E. Pixley.

Address by Dr. Fred Roebuck, pastor of the Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

Motion carried to seat other visiting ministers and Miss Wiseheart.

10:20 Due to the leaving of the Moderator, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, the body elected Rev. R. E. Pixley as Moderator Pro-tem and Rev. Tom Breashears as assistant.

Intermission. Prayer, Rev. Wade Jernigan.

10:45 Worship Service.

Songs directed by Rev. Dale Munkus. No. 97, Jesus Saves.

Prayer, Rev. Elro Driggers.

Song No. 139 At Calvary, and No. 362, I Am Thine O Lord.

Solo by Miss Lucy Wiseheart, missionary on furlough from Cuba, I'd Rather Have Jesus.

11:15 Message by Rev. William Mishler, Promotional Secretary of National Sunday School Dept. Text: Exod. 4:17. A challenge to launch out in Sunday School work was ably delivered.

Dismissed by Rev. J. Reford Wilson.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Song by congregation, No. 265, Love Lifted Me.

Devotional, Rev. J. W. Moore, pastor of North Crossett Church. Scripture: Psa. 111. Prayer.

1:40 Report of Committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See report of committees).

2:00 Report of State Executive Board by Rev. Tom Day read and accepted.

Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Lawnie Coffman, secretary, and Rev. Homer Parker, State Mission Evangelist for the past year.

2:30 Report of State Treasurer read and accepted.

2:45 Report of Promotional Secretary read and adopted.

3:00 Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Clifford Sawrie.

3:10 Tardy delegates seated.

3:20 Talk by Rev. Willard Day of Tulsa, Okla. who is a member of the National Association Home Mission Board. Also mentioned his Bible Correspondence Course.

Trio arranged by Rev. Gilbert Pixley of Duncan, Okla., I'll Not Be A Stranger.

Two quartett numbers: We'll Sing and Shout, and The Sweet Forever.

3:50 Report of State Statistician, Rev. George Been. Was adopted.

4:05 Dismissed by Rev. Tom Robinson.

THURSDAY EVENING

7:30 Music by host church Choir. No. 370, Revive Us Again; No. 24, Be Ready to Go; No. 384, Shall We Gather at the River.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

Song No. 260, Be A Light For Jesus.

Quartett arranged by Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Leonard Crowder, Dale Munkus, and Lowel Mounce; Will It Do; and I Will Not Be A Stranger; We will Never Be Lonesome.

8:00 Miss Lucy Wiseheart from Cuba gave an inspiring testimony and sang, I Don't Know About Tomorrow.

8:20 Message by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Promotional Secretary of Foreign Mission Dept. Text: 1 Tim. 1:15; Gal. 2:20; Acts 26:19. Subject: Success. Invitation was given.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. T. H. Dixon.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5, 1956

9:15 Song service.

9:25 Devotional by Rev. W. S. Isabell. Scripture: Psa. 119:1-5. Prayer.

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted. See report.

Report of Ministers' Directory read and adopted. See report.

Report of Auditing Committee read and adopted. See report.

Report of Non-represented Associations read and adopted. See report.

Report of Foreign Mission Board read and adopted with recommendation. See report.

Report of Budget Committee read and recommendations were made and adopted. See report.

Motion to accept Bro. V. B. True's resignation from the Home Mission Board.

Report of State League Convention given by Rev. Dale Munkus, Pres. of State League Convention, adopted.

Report of Sunday School Committee read and adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee read and adopted. See report.

Talk on Superanuation by Rev. John Rich.

Benediction by Rev. Harry Stairs of Tulsa, Okla.

11:00 Memorial service. Opened by Rev. Leonard Crowder leading the congregation in songs No. 202, I'll Live in Glory, and No. 299, What a Gathering That Will Be.

Special music by Gilbert Pixley, Rupert Pixley, Dale Munkus, and Leonard Crowder: We'll Tour the Golden City.

Rev. Kitterman, pastor of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, recognized.

Everyone stood for silent prayer.

Memorial speaker, Rev. Dale Munkus, was introduced. Scripture reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18. Text: "Sorrow not even as others which have no hope."

Benediction and blessing on food by Rev. De Arthur Yandell.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Song No. 310, That Glad Reunion Day, led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Devotional by Rev. Elro Driggers of Pine Bluff, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church. Scripture: Psa. 19:14. Prayer.

Report of Nominating Committee. See report.

Election of Officers.

2:15 Talk by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham who brought greeting from the National Association and encouraged our people to subscribe to The Contact.

Rev. Raymond Riggs made a short talk.

Rev. William Mishler gave a short talk on Sunday Schools.

Report by Bro. M. B. Williams on Deacon's Conference. Motion carried to adopt report.

Report on the Woman's Auxiliary Conference by Sis. Betty Sawrie encouraging auxiliary work. Report was received and adopted.

Report on the Laymans' Conference by Rev. Dale Munkus.

Report on the Pastors' Conference by Rev. Clarence Burton. Was accepted.

Final Home Mission Report by Rev. Lawnie Coffman. See report.

Report of Finance Committee read by Rev. Ophie Hargraves. See report.

Delegates to National Association—Birmingham, Ala.

Sis. Rupert Pixley

Sis. Joan Stokes

Sis. Lawnie Daws

Sis. Ida McClellan

Sis. Goldie Maxwell

Sis. Betty Sawrie.

Bro. M. B. Williams

Sis. Effie Ashbrook

Bro. Andy Doyle

Sis. Tom Day. Were elected

Motion made for delegates to arrange for alternates. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Requests. Motion made and carried, and committee discharged. Springdale Church, Old Mt. Zion Association, was chosen to have the next association.

Election of speakers for the 1957 Convention.

Introductory speaker—Rev. Elro Driggers. Alternate—Rev. Clarence Burton.

Memorial speaker—Rev. John Rich. Alternate—Rev. Homer Parker.

Evangelistic speaker—Rev. William Prickett. Alternate—Rev. Glenn Dipboye.

Short talk by Bro. William encouraging helping the host church of 1957.

Short talk by Rev. Homer Parker to thank the State Home Mission Board and state as a whole.

Motion carried to give a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Parker for his well-done work.

Motion made the \$3.00 from each church be sent to the Host Church to the State Association for convention expenses. Money received above the expenses is to be converted back to the State Treasury. Adopted.

Resolution of thanks. See report.

Motion made to reread resolution of thanks in the evening service. Adopted.

Motion made and carried to be dismissed until evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened at 7:25 by singing No. 242, I've seen the Light, directed by the Moderator. Assistant Moderator took charge and called them who would to come and bow in the altar for prayer. A large number responded in a united prayer.

Congregation sang I've Got That Old Time Religion in My Heart; Lord, Lead Me On; and I Need No Mansion Down Here, led by Rev. Rupert Pixley. Also sang On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Testimony service. 31 testified. Then a host stood signifying that they were Christians. Then congregation sang, I'll Meet You in The Morning directed by Bro. King.

Moderator introduced Rev. Cecil Garrison, evangelist speaker. Scripture reading. Isaiah 1:10-31. Prayer. A Wonderful message. Invitation given while No. 44, Come Unto Me, was sung. No one responded.

Concluding remarks by Moderator. Announcement by Assistant Moderator of a revival meeting at the Harmony Church.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Phillip's Chapel Church at Springdale, Arkansas at the time of the meeting of next year.

Rev. R. E. Pixley, _____ Moderator
Rev. Lewis Barker _____ Clerk-Treasurer

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Credential Committee: Tom Day, Leonard Crowder, John M. Rich.

Committee on Committees: G. G. Dipboye, Donald Brown, E. O. Wright, Elmer Turner, Clifford Sawrie, Sis Willie Bohannon, Opie Hargave.

Pulpit Committee: Krant Duvall, J. E. Phillips, Sis. Elsie Vaughan, Sis Bill Robertson, Fay Mann.

Nominating Committee: Clarence Burton, Clifford Sawrie, Ray-

mond McNutt, Cecil Gladden, Ralph Robinson.

Resolution Committee: Glenn Dipboye, Elro Driggers, R. D. Smith, W. S. Isbell, R. G. Lane.

Finance Committee: Opie Hargrave, Sis. Ethel Wilson, J. W. Moore.

Temperance Committee: H. M. Knox, J. D. Kinder, Sis. Hazel Mann.

Sunday School Committee: Jesse Dover, Sis. Geraldine Johnston, Sis Nona Kinder, Sis. Catheline Thacker, Sis Mary Phillips.

Obituary: Sis. E. O. Wright, Sis. McClellan, Sis. Annie Shepherd.

Non-Represented Associations Committee: W. M. Guinn, Elbert McClellan, Clarence Campbell.

Auditing Committee: R. L. Rainwater, Alton Loveless, Carl Davis.

Budget Committee: Dale Munkus, Henry Doyle, J. W. Moore, John B. Ewing, Sis. Lucy Williams.

Request Committee: Sis. Prue Jones, Sis Willa Jean Lewis, Sis. J. W. Moore Ernest Page, Burl Asbarn.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the committee on obituary, find that God in His infinite love has seen fit to call ninety-one from our midst. In this group were four ministers as follows:

Rev. J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Old Mt. Zion Association.

Rev. Charlie Harris, Social Band Association.

Rev. W. P. Watts, Osceola.

Rev. W. B. Hardin, Polk Bayou Association.

We refer to Rev. 14:13 "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto, me Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

E. O. Wright, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee offer the following report: We find nine associations represented having a total of 183 churches reporting 9,134 pupils.

We recommend each district association to have a Sunday school convention and urge each church to use Free Will Baptist Literature.

Jessie Dover, Chairman

REQUEST COMMITTEE

We the committe on requests have received the following requests: Old Mt. Zion Association has asked for the next State Association and for Phillip's Chapel Church at Springdale to be host church.

Also the Saline Association has asked for the next State Association with the host church to be selected.

Mrs. Prue Jones, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Final

Resolution of Thanks:

Be it resolved that the association has been so graciously entertained, that we in behalf of the State Association express due thanks to the good people of First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith and Zion Hope No. 2 Association and the Woman's Auxiliary 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 richly dwell upon you all.

Rev. Glenn Dipboye, Chairman

NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Non-represented Associations are happy to report that all of the 11 associations are represented. We thank God for this representation.

W. M. Guinn, Chairman

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We the Credential Committee offer as our report the following delegates by associations: (Standing delegates not included.)

Arkansas Association: Bro. Ralph Robison, Sis. W. M. Guinn, Sis. Millard Lamarr, Sis. Hassis Robison.

Old Mt. Zion Association: Sis. Julia Vaughn, Sis. Ethel Gladden, Sis. Annie Shepherd, Sis. Elsie Vaughn, Sis. Pearl Day.

Polk Bayou Association: Sis. Geraldine Johnston, Sis. Estelle Doyle, Sis. Donna Mae Safrit, Sis. Gertie Doyle, Sis. Willa Jean Lewis.

Social Band Association: Sis. Raymond McNutt.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association: Bro. Bill Tidwell, Sis. Lola Osburn, Sis. Bill Robertson, Sis. Lawrence Denton.

Big Springs Association: Sis. Lena Dover.

Antioch Association: Sis. Mary Ruth Wright, Bro. Frank Duvall, Sis. Nona Kinder, Bro. E. O. Chronister, Sis. Prue Jones

Saline Association: Sis. Ida McClellan, Sis. Wilma Nicholson, Sis. J. W. Moore, Sis. Hazel Mann, Sis. Isbell McMahon.

New Hope Association: Sis. Vera Campbell, Sis. Iva Turner, Sis. Kathelene Thacker, Sis. A. D. Furgerson, Sis. Ethel Wilson.

Little Missouri River Association: (By letter)

Rich Mountain Association: (By Letter)

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee submit the following nominations for your consideration:

For Executive Board:

Rev. Dale Munkus—3 years (to complete Rev. Coffman's unexpired term)

Rev. R. G. Lane—2 years (to complete Rev. Reford Wilson's unexpired term)

Rev. John Rich—5 years.

General Home Mission Board:

Rev. Tom Day—2 years (unexpired term of Bro. True)

Rev. Clarence Burton—5 years

Foreign Mission Board:

Rev. Elbert McClellan

Rev. Jerry Thompson

Rev. Elro Driggers

Program Committee:

Bro. Raymond McNutt

Sis. M. B. Williams

Rev. Leonard Crowder

State Statistician:

Rev. George Been

Officers for this Association:

Moderator:—Rev. Rupert Pixley
Assistant:—Rev. Tommy Breashears
Clerk-Treasurer:—Rev. Lewis Barker
Assistant:—Rev. Clarence Campbell
Promotional Secretary:—Bro. M. B. Williams
Assistant:—Rev. W. S. Isbell

Clarence Burton, Chairman

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the committee on temperance, highly endorse last year's report, which is as follows, according to our government, we consider that strong drinks is the greatest evil of our day. We hereby recommend our pastors preach at least two sermons each year on Temperance. We further agree that we will support any movement against such evil.

Rev. H. M. Knox, Chairman

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee find through careful examining the reports of the following to be correct:

State Treasurer's report.
State Home Mission report.
State Home Missionary report.

Rev. Alton Loveless, Chairman

MINISTERS' DIARY COMMITTEE

We the Ministers' Diary Committee find the ministers' names and addresses corrected in our list.

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION

M. A. Thompson	Jerusalem.
Edgar Alderson	Clarksville
E. L. Hill	Atkins
Hershel Burris	Russellville
Auvaugh Vaughn	Moreland
G. Z. Claybourn	
W. E. Coffman	Hector
T. J. Robertson	Dover
J. E. Phillips	Okla.
John Parks	Morrilton
Thomas Breashears	Russellville
J. M. Crouch	Atkins
Paul Jones	Marshall
Will Crouch	Atkins
Everett G. Farnum	Little Rock
R. S. Harrison	Little Rock
Fate Mize	Marshall
Homer Eakin	Russellville
R. L. McVey	Atkins
John B. Ewing	Hot Springs
Tom Day	Russellville
Joseph Hubbard	Casa
W. F. McGee	Lamar
W. S. Isbell	Russellville
R. L. Taylor	Hector
Frank Harris	Russellville

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J. A. Venable	Dumas
J. D. Coffman	Hector
R. G. Webb	Atkins
C. U. Kinder	Russellville
J. D. Kinder	Russellville
P. C. Denton	Scranton
A. J. Lathum	Russellville
T. V. Johnson	Russellville
Ellis Warren	Russellville
Lytle Hallum	Russellville
Melvin Snow	Scranton
W. A. Crouch	Hector
Bob Sanders	Atkins
Bobby J. Chronister	Moreland
Loy Smith	Atkins
Rayburn Teague	Atkins
Arnold Hubbard	Tulsa, Okla
Charles Kohn	Casa

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

Lawnie Coffman	Searcy
John Pate	Vilonia
Curtis Lybarger	Harrison
J. M. Holleman	Rosebud
Edd Hall	Greenbrier
C. E. Campbell	Conway
Charles Tucker	Oil Trough
Jesse E. Pratt	Rosebud
A. L. Mote	Beebe
W. F. Pritchett	Conway
Reuben Pruitt	Searcy
Alton Loveless	Conway
Raymond Patrick	North Little Rock
Jerry C. Thompson	Conway

SOCIAL BAND ASSOCIATION

Dale Munkus	Pocahontas
L. W. Hodge	Sedgwick
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge
G. E. Hester	Bono
J. W. Russell	Walnut Ridge
George W. Million	Pocahontas
Dewey Thompson	Pocahontas
Henry Pauley	Beech Grove
Eugene Davis	Reyno
Wayne Tucker	Peach Orchard
Edwin Bibbs	Pocahontas
Ray Scott	Memphis, Tenn.
Charles Doherty	Ponder, Mo.
O. D. Winfrey	Hoxie
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro
H. Glynn Campbell	Walnut Rdige
Ira Gates	Peach Orchard
Thurman Johnson	Reyno
Carl High	O'Kean

Henry Clements	Black Rock
Melvin Shelton	O' Kean
Will S. White	Pocahontas
W. C. Lackey	Sedgwick
Orville Cox	St. Louis, Mo.
N. D. Jones	Memphis, Tenn

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W. M. Guinn	Booneville
Albert Ramby	Booneville
B. O. Stahd	Plainview
Lester Bradley	Charleston
Earnest Page	Belleville
Ben F. Black	Haskett
Elmer Turner	Branch
Robert Hiddle	Fort Smith
J. T. Burnett	Waldron
C. C. Kitchens	Gravelly
J. R. Roper	Howe, Okla
B. A. Artman	Los Angles, Calif.
M. A. Melton	Fort Smith

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Carl Davis	Elizabeth
Noah Miller	West Plains, Mo.
Opie Hargrave	Mountain Home
Isaac Hunt	Hocomo, Mo.
Marvin Davis	Wenatcha, Wash

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER ASSOCIATION

W. R. Porter	Norman
W. E. Pinkerton	New Hope
A. G. Lightfoot	Little Rock
Rev. Maness	Little Rock
R. L. Rainwater	Charleston
Roy Hughes	California
F. W. Scogin	Camden

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

George Been	Springdale
Claude Lynch	Rogers
Ted Slavens	Huntsville
Jack Hobbs	Huntsville
Willie Capps	Springdale
C. O. Garrison	Springdale
Elmo McKinney	Berryville
Steve Montgomery	Huntsville
Ernest Corley	Fayetteville
Edd Stilley	Eureka Springs
Clyde Coatney	Berryville
Boyd Bennett	Huntsville
Loyd Edmondson	Rogers
Clarence Tice	Huntsville
Rufus Young	Springdale

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J. A. Davidson	Springdale
Glenn Jones	Fayetteville
Von Dean McFerrin	Wichita, Kans
P. G. Kirk	Rogers
Glenn Barnes	Springdale
Bruce Phillips	Huntsville
H. M. Knox	Rogers
Sammie Lane	Rogers
George Lynch	Hindsville
Vivan Rhodes	Huntsville
Kenneth Shepherd	Alsum, Okla.
Bill Williams	Fayetteville
I. E. Hawley	Huntsville
Alfred Glenn	Fayetteville
Claude Hendrix	Rogers
Amos Howard	Springdale
Oscar Cavins	Rogers
Noel Easterling	Huntsville
Kenneth Autry	Berryville
Cecil Gladden	Hindsville

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION

Ernest Elms	Batesville
Ray Watkins	Newport
J. W. Blanks	Newport
Owen Harvell	Melbourne
Henry Doyle	Newport
J. H. Tinkle	Corning
D. W. Pinkston	Hoxie
Archie Warnick	Bono
Obie Eagan	Saffell
Henry Ring	Monette
Herman Lewis	Batesville
W. C. Keylon	Union
Coy Staggs	Batesville
Clarence Burton	Grubbs
Othaniel Safirt	Newport
E. M. Phillips	Guion
Bee Woodruff	Newport
Morris Tucker	Oil Trough
Henry Obarts	Hoxie
Austin Mullen	Batesville
Grady Linebaugh	Walnut Ridge
Lonnie Clark	Mt. Pleasant
M. A. Wolfe	

SALINE ASSOCIATION

Lewis Barker	New Edinburg
J. C. Rawls	Monticello
Lloyd Williams	Warren
Elro Driggers	Pine Bluff
Roy Moore	Star City
Stanton White	Warren
Hershell Sharpston	Bastrop, La.
D. Smith	Lake Providence, La.
John Lindsey	Star City

Charlie Collins	Monticello
H. P. McClellan	New Edinburg
Donald T. Brown	Fordyce
J. W. Moore	Crossett
Herman Greenwood	Warren
Edd Mozingo	Pine Bluff
H. E. Taylor	Sherrill
J. C. Moring	England
John Rich	Warren
J. E. White	New Edinburg
Bill Smith	Oak Grove, La.
L. W. Wheeler	Warren
Elbert McClellan	New Edinburg
Johnnie Hartley	Rison
H. L. Myers	Warren
George Wheller	Warren
J. T. Ply	Monticello
Curtis Ashcraft	Warren
J. M. Estelle	Hamburg
Oris Doggett	Camden
Jack Worley	Oak Grove, La.
Harry Woods	England
Homer Parker	Little Rock

ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION

Floyd Summerhill	Van Buren
Harrold Schuler	Fort Smith
Charles Graham	Mountainburg
Alphonse Doirs	Chester
Earl Gentry	Rudy
James M. Cole	Van Buren
J. E. Dye, Jr.,	Okla. City, Okla.
Dock Murchant	Fort Smith
A. E. Sebastin	Fort Smith
J. S. Brown	Van Buren
Frank Byrd	Hackett
Bedford Brown	Greenwood
Hubert Rogers	Van Buren
Rolland Attwell	Chester
H. D. Shipley	Fort Smith
Mack Watts	Muldrow, Okla.
Homer Huett	Locke
Robert Satterfield	Chester
Everett Smith	Rudy
Albert Rozell	Van Buren
Ray Lancaster	Mulberry
Jim Green	Lavaca
S. A. Southland	Charleston
J. H. C. Jordon	Alma
Herman Stublefield	Fort Smith
Oscar Crabtree	Van Buren
Burl Osborn	Van Buren
Orvle Spears	Locke
G. G. Dipboye	Van Buren

D. D. Peters	.....	Rudy
J. K. Woods	.....	Muldrow, Okla.
Grady Williams	.....	Fort, Smith
L. C. Crowder	.....	Fort Smith
E. W. Simpkins	.....	Fort Smith
F. S. Essmond	.....	Fort Smith
L. D. Peterman	.....	Alma
Luther Clark	.....	Hackett
Millar Lee	.....	Ill. nois
Ercell Huggins	.....	Alma
Dean Thomas	.....	Fort Smith
R. E. Pixley	.....	Fort Smith
Orvle Burrough	.....	Locke
J. W. Attwell	.....	Rudy
Ben Pixley	.....	Chester
J. A. Joslin	.....	Van Buren
R. J. Mullen	.....	Rudy
Oscar Stopp	.....	Mulberry
Raymond Chronister	.....	Fort Smith
Junior Storey	.....	Van Buren
Earl Christian	.....	Alma
David Harding	.....	Charleston
Henry Hart	.....	Rudy

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We wish to congratulate the people of the State Association of Free Will Baptists for the splendid way you responded to the program outlined to the State Association last year. But we also remind you that we have not touched the potential resources of our churches throughout the state. There is much to be done and we have only started.

Recognizing the opportunities for service God has given Free Will Baptist of our State we make the following recommendations

NO. 1

Since in our work we must begin at the bottom and come up, we recommend that every person go back to his district association and urge every church to give at least 10% of its church income to the cooperative program. If this cannot be worked out then they should give a regular offering each month whatever the amount.

NO. 2

Where as it is our aim to work in harmony with the National Association in the promotion of the work of the kingdom of God and,

Whereas the National Association has set up its budget on the calender year and,

Whereas our doing the same would give us approximately three (3) months following the State meeting to finish our year's work and make plans for the new year.

Therefore, be it resolved that the budget of this past year be extended to December 31, 1956, and that the budget adopted at this session become effective January 1, 1957 to expire December 31 of 1957.

NO. 3

We recommend the following budget for the calendar year of 1957.

Cooperative Program \$6,100.00

Foreign Mission—27%	39%
Nlt. Home Mission—12.5% After	17.5%
Radio-T. V. Commission—2% Executive	2.5%
Executive Department—31% Budget	
Bible College—19% Is Met	28.5%
Superanuation—4%	5.5%
League Board—1%	2%
Sunday School—3.5%	5%

For State Work \$2,350.00

State Home Mission	\$1,000.00
Travel Expense	300.00
Minutes	250.00
Telephone	120.00
Printing	100.00
Honorariums	40.00
Programs	45.00
Postage	50.00
National Association	65.00
Miscellaneous	380.00

Total \$8,450.00

Anticipated Income:

Cooperative Program \$6,100.00

Itineraries 1,000.00

Miscellaneous Gifts 950.00

Total Anticipated Income \$8,450.00

Dale Munkus—Chairman

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

This fifty-ninth session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists is composed of eleven district associations composed of 186 local churches, 264 ministers, 572 deacons, and a total membership of 13,338. They have received into their fellowship this year 916, baptized 533, dismissed 257, excluded 47, died 90. League membership, 2,161; Sunday School attendance, 8,439; spent for literature, \$2,582.08; paid pastors, \$81,713.93; paid evangelists, \$14,638.11; for Home Missions, \$7,287.61; Foreign Missions, \$1,325.52; Education and budget, \$4,690.37; incidentals, \$9,811.12; State Minutes, \$411.00; Building and repairs, \$69,486.45; radio programs, \$1,987.00; total expenditures as reported, \$193,513.84; value of all church property as reported, \$662,150.00.

Rev. George Been, Statistician.

STATE HOME MISSION TREASURER

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$247.39
Received From Cooperative Plan	668.30
Social Band Association	100.00
V. B. True	75.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
Received from District Associations

Antioch	\$78.50
Polk Bayou	42.00
Big Springs	12.00
Saline	50.00
Little Missouri River	12.00
Zion Hope 2	72.00
Rich Mountain	12.00
Social Band	40.00
Arkansas	67.50
New Hope	47.00
Old Mt. Zion	60.00
TOTAL	493.00
Paid to Rev. R. E. Pixley for host Church expenses	\$234.00
Paid to the State Treasurer	259.00
TOTAL	\$493.00

Rev. Opie Hargrave Chairman

The Finance Committee recommends that the three dollars sent from each Church be to the host Church to the State Association, for Convention expenses.

Recommendation adopted by the body.

COMMITTEE—Opie Hargrave
Mrs. C. E. Wilson
J. W. Moore

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER

Money received at State Association, in 1955	\$ 313.49
Offering for Free Will Baptist College	58.03
Offering from Russellville, Church for Nlt. Headquarter Building	104.10
Received from State League Convention for Minutes	20.00
For Foreign Mission from Hagerville, Arkansas	11.00

COOPERATIVE MONEY RECEIVED BY ASSOCIATION

Antioch	653.68
Arkansas	205.00
New Hope	235.20
Old Mt. Zion	154.33
Polk Bayou	817.52
Saline	1,483.53
Social Band	899.49
Zion Hope 2	100.00
TOTAL	\$5,055.37

PAID OUT

Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$58.03
National Headquarter Building	104.10
Cooperative for National Association	3,036.89
State Home Mission Treasurer	668.30
State Expenditures	544.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,412.09

Arkansas District Association	50.00
Herman Greenwood	40.00
New Hope Association	298.94
Total	\$1,479.63
Paid Out:	
Home Mission Team	\$1,235.54
Travel Expense Board Members	109.15
Printing, Postage, Phone calls,	
C. O. D., and Bank Charges	50.70
Total	\$1,395.39
Received	\$1,479.63
Paid Out	1,395.39
Total in Bank	\$ 84.24

STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

We the State Home Mission Board have agreed to use local men in organizing new churches, and that they be paid according to agreement made with the State Home Mission team. We ask the cooperation of each district association in selecting pastors and learning of the need for new churches.

Rev. Tom Day, Chairman

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The State Executive Board has had two meetings this year; one held with the Searcy Church Nov. 25, and the other held with the Conway Church Mar. 2. The state work was discussed and recommendations were made as to how we might improve our state work.

Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Secretary

RESIGNATION

"I would like to resign from the State Executive Board and ask the Nominating Committee to recommend some one to fill my unexpired term."

Lawnie Coffman

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Mailed about 750 letters.

Helped arrange one itinerary for College Quartett.

Visited and took part in two districts associations.

Met twice with the following boards: Executive, Foreign, Home Mission and League.

Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Lewis Barker, paid me \$37.60. More than \$30.00 of this was used for publishing and mailing letters.

Served as chairman of Program Committee.

M. B. Williams, Promotional Secretary

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. R. E. Pixley Chairman

Received from July 1, 1955—December 31, 1955	\$1,456.93
Received from January 1, 1956—October 31, 1956	\$2,058.60
TOTAL	\$3,515.53

We recommend two Mission Conferences for the year of 1957 one in the southern part of the State, and one in the Northern part.

We also recommend that you give regular to Foreign Mission if your Church is not giving through the Cooperative Plan.

Rev. R. E. Pixley Chairman

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Amount In Treasury October 1, 1956

State Funds	\$412.24
Cooperative Funds	231.04
TOTAL	\$643.28

Lewis Barker - Clerk and Treasurer

NOTE: The following amount was sent the various Treasurers.

State Home Mission	\$1,576.05
Designated funds sent to Nashville, Tenn.	
National Home Mission	814.99
National Foreign Mission	1,765.53
Bible College	1,385.39
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$10,598.33

REPORT OF STATE HOME MISSIONARY TEAM

REV. AND MRS. HOMER PARKER FOR YEAR 1956

We have felt the presence of the Lord in our mission work and humbly submit our report as your Missionary team, beginning October 28th, 1955 through April 15th, 1956; then reemployed June 1st., 1956 with employment ending July 31st., 1956.

Time spent in Polk Bayou Association; October 28th., to December 19th., 1955. Sermons preached, 28. Mission services conducted 7. One Revival held in Newport, results: First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport organized, total membership, 36 with 3 conversions. A Sunday School and League was also organized. The Co-operative plan was adopted by the church. We left this work in the hands of the newly elected pastor, Rev. J. W. Blanks as half time work.

Our next assignment was in the Saline Association at England, from December 19th., through the period ending January 24th., 1956. One mission service was held in New Hope Association at the North Little Rock Church this period also one mission service was conducted at the Rose Hill Church near Monticello. Total sermons preached, 12. One Revival held in England result: First Free Will Baptist Church of England organized with 8 members, charter closing with 15.

Next assignment was in Old Mount Zion Association at Fayetteville from January 27th., 1956 to April 23rd., 1956. Sermons preached 38. Mission services conducted, 9. One Revival held in city of Fayetteville, results: First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville organized, total membership, 25. A Sunday School and League were also organized. The Co-operative plan was adopted. We left this work in the hands of the newly called pastor, Rev. Bill Williams as a full time work.

Due to lack of funds our employment ended on April 15th., and we were off duty for the State until June 1st, when we were reemployed and assigned to Little Rock, which is now in the Saline Association. From June 1st., through July 31st., our efforts were centered upon a new work in Little Rock. Sermons preached, 16. One Revival held in Little Rock, results: Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church organized. Our employment as a missionary team ended on July 31st., for lack of funds, and I was called as full time pastor of the Little Rock

Church, effective August 1st., 1956.

Recap of our work as the State Home Mission team as follows:
Sermons preached, 95; Churches organized, 4; Revivals conducted
4; Conversions, 4; members received, 95; Sunday schools organized,
3; Leagues organized, 3; personal calls, 790; miles traveled, 11,000
Salary received for 7 months and 19 days, \$250.00 per month, \$1,908.33.

Report of work while off duty as Missionary team.

Preached 32 sermons, conducted 3 Revivals, 7 conversions, 2
rededications, 11 members received, personal calls, 90; miles travelled,
3,024; offering received, \$361.49.

Totals for the year: Sermons, 127; Members received, 106; Con-
versions, 11; Revivals, 7; New Churches organized, 4; New Sunday
Schools, 3; New Leagues, 3; Personal calls, 880; Miles travelled,
14,024; Total cash received, \$2,269.81; Tithes and offerings paid out,
\$248.22. Cash paid out over and above amount received to cover ex-
penses on year's work, \$482.51.

Signed, Your Missionary team, Homer and Mrs. Parker

STATEMENT OR RECEIPTS OF HOME MISSION REV. AND MRS. HOMER PARKER FOR ASSOCIA- TIONAL YEAR OF 1956.

Amounts Received Form Various Associations and Sources:

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION

Oct. 30, 1955, Ballews Chapel Church	\$27.85
Nov. 6, 1955, Island Church	20.50
Nov. 12, 1955, Blacklands Church	13.44
Nov. 13, 1955, Allen's Chapel Church	50.00
Nov. 18, 1955, Mr. Lawrence Skidmore, Newport	1.00
Nov. 20, 1955, Public Offering, Newport Revival	26.90
Nov. 21, 1955, Brother Williams, Ballews Chapel Church	10.00
Nov. 25, 1955, Public Offering, Newport Revival	60.00
Dec. 1, 1955, Mount Harmony Church	25.35
Dec. 4, 1955, Newport Church for Pastoral Service	25.00
Dec. 11, 1955, Newport Church for Pastoral Service	25.00
Dec. 18, 1955, Newport Church for Pastoral Service	25.00
Total Receipts Credited to Polk Bayou Association	\$310.04

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

Nov. 14, 1955, Mount Bethel Church	\$11.36
Jan. 4, 1956, North Little Rock Church	19.32
Total Receipts Credited to New Hope Association	\$30.68

SALINE ASSOCIATION

Dec. 2, 1955, Saline Home Mission Board	\$100.00
Jan. 24, 1956, Public Offering, England Revival	18.07
June 7, 1956, Public Offering, Mass Meeting in Boyle Park	50.44
June 13, 1956, Saline Home Mission Board	100.00
June 21, 1956, Public Offering, Mass meeting in Boyle Park	10.00
June 27, 1956, Public Offering, Little Rock Revival	40.50
July 2, 1956, Public Offering, Little Rock Revival	39.50
Total Receipts Credited to Saline Association	\$358.51

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

Jan. 29, 1956, Fifth Sunday Council Meeting	\$52.55
Feb. 1, 1956, Phillips Chapel Church	11.51
Feb. 5, 1956, Rogers Church	31.25

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Feb. 12, 1956, Pilgrims Rest Church	16.64
Feb. 12, 1956, Huntsville Church	19.23
Feb. 19, 1956, Mount Zion Church	33.24
Feb. 19, 1956, Hickory Grove Church	19.75
Feb. 26, 1956, Freedom Church	29.00
March 4, 1956, Shady Grove Church	15.51
March 10, Public Offering, Fayetteville Revival	34.36
March 14, 1956, Public Offering, Fayetteville Revival	32.09
March 25, 1956, Fayetteville Church for Pastoral Service	14.45
Total Receipts Credited to Old Mt. Zion Association	\$309.58
Total Receipts from Various Associations and Sources as Brought Forward	\$1,008.81

**RECEIPTS FROM STATE HOME MISSION BOARD TREASURER
REV. LAWNIE COFFMAN**

Oct. 28, 1955, Check	\$200.00
Dec. 12, 1955, Check	100.00
Jan. 3, 1956, Check	25.00
Jan. 4, 1956, Check	45.00
Jan. 4, 1956, Cash	11.00
Jan. 19, 1956, Check	20.00
Jan. 30, 1956, Check	75.00
Feb. 14, 1956, Check	100.00
Mar. 2, 1956, Check	100.00
Apr. 5, 1956, Check	60.00
Apr. 28, 1956, Check	44.98
May 2, 1956, Check	90.00
May 16, 1956, Check	20.00
Total Received to Balance Salary Account to April 15, 1956	\$890.93
Unemployed from April 15th to June 1st.	
June 3, 1956, Check	\$100.00
Aug. 2, 1956, Check	75.00
Aug. 3, 1956, Check	75.00
Sept. 14, 1956, Check	94.56
Total Received to Balance Salary Account Through July 31st	\$344.56
Total Money Received From State Home Mission Treasurer	\$1,235.54
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$2,244.35

**DISBURSEMENTS PER AGREEMENT WITH HOME MISSION
BOARD**

Expenses to Complete Organization of the Newport Church	\$137.72
Expenses to Complete Organization of the England Church	38.64
Expenses to Complete Organization of the Fayetteville Church	74.66
Expenses to Complete Organization of the Little Rock Church	85.00
Total Expenses, Rent, Advertising, Radio, Paper, Handbills and etc.	\$336.02
Total Salary for 7 months and 19 Days, Covering Period from Oct. 28, 1955 Through April 15, 1956, and Period from June 1st., Through July 31st., 1956, @ \$250.00 per month;	\$1,908.33
Total Expenses, Leaving All Accounts Balanced, Sept. 14th, 1956	\$2,244.35

MINUTES

OF THE

Arkansas State Free Will Baptist

League Convention

Held At The
STATE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS
Tunnel Road
Conway, Arkansas
JUNE 22-23, 1956

Next session to be held at the State League Assembly Grounds, Conway, Arkansas, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Friday, June 22, 1957 and continuing through June 23, 1957.

President Rev. Dale Munkus, Box 86, Pocahontas, Ark.
Recording Secretary Miss Elaine Watson, Conway, Ark.
Treasurer Rev. Alton Loveless, Conway, Ark.

OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Rev. Dale Munkus, Pocahontas, Ark.
Vice-president Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith, Ark.
Recording Secretary Miss Elaine Watson, Conway, Ark.
Corresponding Secretary Mr. Sidney Sawrie, Conway, Ark.
Treasurer Rev. Alton Loveless, Conway, Ark.
Director Mr. Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Ark.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge, Ark. 5 years
Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Searcy, Ark. 4 years
Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Ark. 3 years
Rev. Rupert Pixley, Fort Smith, Ark. 2 years
Mr. G. A. Furgerson, Conway, Ark. 1 year

PROCEEDINGS

Of the eighth session of the Arkansas State Free Will Baptist League Convention while in session at the Assembly Grounds, Faulkner County, Conway, Arkansas, June 22-23, 1956

In this session the following districts were represented: Antioch, Arkansas, Little Missouri, New Hope, Polk Bayou, Social Band, Saline, Zion Hope No. 2 .

The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Munkus were in charge of the singing for the session.

Betty Cole, Beatrice Light, Vonda Bonds, Frances Weir, Delores High, James Puckett, Mary Rich, Sarah Rich, Carolyn Harrison, Janet Eakes, Kay Watson, Clyda Stafford, Rev. and Mrs. Dale Munkus, Norma Jean Castleberry, the Sawrie Quartet, Judy Richardson, Shirley Robins, Jackie Stafford, Nina Coffman, Shirley Coffman, Donna Turner, Joan Ewing, Ellen Fendley, Betty Rials, Ambertine Million, Carolyn Crim, Judy Hatfield, Rachel Barnett, Joyce Barnett, and others appeared on the program during the period of "Talent Time."

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This session was privileged to hear the Ambassadors Quartet from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, in Nashville, Tennessee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The assembly was called to order at one p. m. o'clock by the President Clifford Sawrie. Opening song was directed by Rev. Dale Munkus. Prayer was offered by Rev. Reford Wilson.

The scripture meditations were given by Rev. Elro Driggers, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." from Matthews 6:26-34. Sing-spiration was directed by Rev. Munkus.

Sword drill judges were elected as follow: James Evans, James Puckett, and Jerry Thompson.

A program committee was elected to act for this session as follows: Ambertine Million, Clyda Stafford, and Alton Loveless.

Business committee was elected as follows. Rev. Dale Munkus, Rev. Lawnie Coffman, and Johnnie Sago.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Rev. W. S. Isabell, Rev. Rupert Pixley, and Raymond McNutt.

Rev. Rupert Pixley was elected to serve as vice-president for the session. Rev. Dale Munkus introduced the new league charts for the Intermediate sword drill. The Ambassadors presented a short program in song. Prayer by Rev. John M. Rich.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Friday evening session opened at 7:00 o'clock with the singing of hymns directed by Rev. Munkus. Prayer was offered by Rev. Reford Wilson.

The welcome address was given by Rev Joel Cooper, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Conway .

Winners of the Junior Sword Drill, were as follows: First place, Norris Doss, Warren; second, Judy Hatfield, Pocahontas. A white Bible was presented to the first place winner and a Free Will Baptist league pin to the second. Special music was given by the Ambassadors.

Rev. Othel T. Dixon of Mountain Grove, Missouri, delivered the evening message, "Conflict in the Arena of life," using Matthews 4:1-11 as his text. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. John M. Rich.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

This session opening at 9:45 o'clock was centered around the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Those on the program were students and alumni of the college.

The devotional reading, II Peter 3:21, and prayer was by Rev Clarence Burton, of Grubbs, Arkansas.

Bro. Earl Smith gave an inspirational talk on the league. He presented the case as "The Place of the League in the Church" with the witnesses as Willie Jan Parker, Ambertine Million, Clyda Stafford, Sue White , and James Puckett.

The 11:00 o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. Jerry Thompson of St. Louis, Missouri, using as his text II Timothy 4:1-2. Benediction by Rev. Dale Munkus.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Saturday afternoon session opened with the singing of "I Love to Tell the Story." Rev. John M. Rich directed the devotional services.

30 "Talent Time" was given by Leaguers from over the state

At this time the Intermediate Sword Drill was presented, directed by Mrs. Reford Wilson. Winners were as follows: First Place, Carolyn Crim; Second place, Christine Cox; and third place, Stephen Adams. A white Bible was presented to the first place winner. League pins were presented to the second and third place winners.

BUSINESS SESSION

Rev. Lawnie Coffman, chairman of Youth Camp Committee, gave a report stating the failure to have a week of Bible School and Camp this year because they were unable to locate a suitable place

The report of the treasurer, Rev. Alton Loveless, was accepted as given.

The business committee submitted four recommendations which were adopted. The committee was discharged.

The committee elected to investigate the Youth Camp is as follows: Rev. Dale Munkus, Rev. Reford Wilson, and Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

James Evans was elected Sword Drill Director.

The nominating committee was discharged and the following officers were elected from the floor:

President	Rev. Dale Munkus
Vice-President	Rev. Rupert Pixley
Recording Secretary	Sister Elaine Watson
Corresponding Secretary	Bro. Sidney Sawrie
Treasurer	Rev. Alton Loveless
Director	Bro Earl Smith
Board of Trustees	Bro. Raymond McNutt

Elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees was Bro. Clifford Sawrie.

The session was closed with a vote of thanks given to our outgoing president for his splendid work the past year.

The convention adjourned.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Third Annual Session of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Armour Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas, October 3, 1956. The theme for the program was "APPROVED UNTO GOD." Scripture reference II Timothy 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, President, presided throughout the convention which was opened by singing hymns "Sunshine In My Soul" and "He Lives" led by Rev. Rupert Pixley with Mrs. Herbert Rogers, pianist.

Prayer by Rev. R. G. Lane.

Devotional by Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Scripture references Romans 16 chapter and Luke 8 chapter.

Welcome, Mrs. D. D. Henley.

Response, Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

"It's Nice to Know You," Mrs. J. Reford Wilson.

Appointment of Committees.

Simultaneous Conferences.

Personal Service: Mrs. Ralph Staires, Tulsa, Okla., Rec., Sec. of WNAC.

Youth Auxiliaries: Mrs. Paul Pursell, Bristow, Okla., Study Course Chairman of the WNAC.

Study Courses: Mrs. L. D. Miley, Memphis, Tenn., President of WNAC.

Song "Be A Light For Jesus" led by Mrs. Mae Spoon with Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, pianist.

Prayer: Rev. Leonard Crowder.

Song "Bring Them In" led By Mrs. Spoon, Mrs. Wilson pianist.

The speaker for the morning worship service was Miss Lucy Wiseheart, Missionary to Cuba, who told of many of her personal experiences as a Missionary.

The morning session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

AFTERNOON

Singspiration directed by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman with Miss Wisehart, pianist.

Devotional, Mrs. Bertha Buchanan.

Prayer, Rev. Elro Driggers.

Introduction of New Comers.

Skit by several women.

Simultaneous Conferences.

MOTIONS SUSTAINED:

That the reading of the minutes of last years session be omitted inasmuch as said minutes were printed with our State Association minutes.

The reports of the Officers were read by the Recording Secretary.

The Credential Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

The Finance Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

The Appreciation Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

The Business Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

An offering of \$26.50 was received for Miss Lucy Wisehart. The offertory prayer was by Rev. W. F Pritchett.

The Registration Committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

The nominating committee report was accepted and committee discharged.

Motion sustained that the President, or in her absence the Vice-President, be given the authority to appoint delegates to the National Auxiliary Convention at the said convention.

Song "Jesus Saves" Rev. J. Reford Wilson with Mrs. Wilson, pianist.

Installation of New Officers, Mrs. L. D. Miley.

Benediction by Miss Lucy Wiseheart.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mrs. J. Reford Wilson, Mrs. Roy McCuin, Mrs. Mae Spoon, Mrs. C. E. Wilson

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ida Sallee, Mrs. Cope.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. Frank Duvall, Mrs. Bertha Buchanan.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Mrs. W. G. Henry, Mrs. Boyd Allen, Mrs. D. D. Henly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, Mrs. W. F. Pritchett, Mrs. E. C. Clark.

Business Committee: Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. E. C. Clark, Mrs. Wayne Thacker..

OFFICERS ELECTED

President Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Box 482, Conway, Ark.

Vice- President Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Rt. 3, Greenbrier, Ark

Recording-Secretary Mrs. Mae Spoon, Box 64, Rt. 2, Van Buren, Ark.

Assistant Recording Secretary Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, 1401 W. Center, Searcy, Ark.

Corresponding Secretary Mrs. W. G. Henry, 501 N Cleveland Ave, Russellville, Ark.

Treasurer Mrs. George Broadway, 1202 Carter, Pocahontas, Ark.

Field Secretary Mrs. R. G. Lane, Box 297, Charleston, Ark.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman Mrs. Earl Smith, Marr St., Pocahontas

Study Course Chairman Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, 2312 Midland, Blvd., Ft. Smith, Ark.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman Mrs. Roy McCuin, Rt. 1, Hector, Ark.

Personal Service Chairman Mrs. Aubrey Lord, West Orlando Rt. 7, Pine Bluff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the credential committee, offer as our report the following delegates. Standing delegates not included.

Antioch: Mrs. Frant Duvall, Mrs. Sallie Alread, Mrs. Susie Bewley, Mrs. Bertha Buchanan.

New Hope: Mrs. Richard McKay, Mrs. Clarence Campbell, Mrs. Thomas McDaniel, Mrs. Wayne Thacker, Mrs. Sidney Sawrie.

Saline: Mrs. John Rich, Mrs. Ilene Horton, Mrs. Jo Ann Stokes, Mrs. Harry Bradshaw, Mrs. J. E. White

Social Band: Mrs. Earl Graham, Mrs. Arthur Denton, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Mildred Jackson, Mrs. Dora Walker.

Zion Hope 2: Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, Mrs. Boyd Allen, Mrs. Ida Sallee, Mrs. Cora Clark, Mrs. Mae Spoon.

Charleston (Local): Mrs. Audie Lee Sharp, Mrs. Freda King, Mrs. Lizie Frances, Mrs. Ira Sharp

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report: We could not get an accurate report of our work as our treasurer was not present. We have reports from 5 districts: New Hope, Saline, Zion Hope 2, Social Band and Antioch, an done local Auxiliary, Charleston.

Amount of Easter Offering for Foreign Missions \$65.00.
Amount of Thanksgiving offering for State Home Missions \$7.90.
Amount of Christmas Offering for National Home Missions \$10.00.
Cash gifts to orphanage \$185.47.
Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist College \$113.50.
Total gifts to Missions sent to W. N. A. C. treasurer this convention year by Woman's Auxiliaries \$382.18.
Total per capita representation fee sent to W. N. A. C. Treasurer this convention year by Woman's Auxiliary \$68.60.
Total amount spent for auxiliary literature \$92.40.
Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities \$1,631.64.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee recommend that we give a honorarium \$15.00 each to our guests, Mrs. L. D Miley, Mrs Paul Pursell and Mrs Ralph Staires, and that an offering be received for Miss Lucy Wisehart.

We also recommend the State Youth Chairman encourage and promote the declamation and essay contest within our state, and if possible, have a contestant at the national convention.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We of the appreciation committee want to express our thanks to the women of this district and to the church here as a whole for their wonderful hospitality and fellowship and also for the bountiful meal.

We think we speak for the entire group when we say we have truly received a blessing from being here.

We also want to say that we appreciate the privilege of hearing our various leaders, namely, Mrs. Ralph Staires, Rec. Secretary of WNAC; Mrs. Paul Purcell, WNAC Study Course Chairman; Mrs. L. D Miley, WNAC President; and also our Missionary to Cuba, Miss Lucy Wisehart.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee submit the following: (Officers for 2 years) President, Mrs. Clifford Sawrie; Vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mae Spoon; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Henry; Treasurer, Mrs. George Broadway; Field Secretary, Mrs. R. G. Lane; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Earl Smith; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Roy McQuin; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Aubrey Lord.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We the Registration Committee report the following:

Number present from out of State 4. Zion Hope 2 District has 50 present; New Hope District has 11 present; Social Band District has 4 present; Antioch District has 12 present; Saline District has 1 present. Charleston local auxiliary has 6 present.

CARRIED OVER RESOLUTIONS

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 some one 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 Athesim 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 Baptist, 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 evangelist 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 Baptists 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.

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. 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. CONDITIONS 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 4:1-6 Psalms 98:3.

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 employment, 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 livine 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.

3. 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 num-

ber in fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, restored and that have died since our last Association; and the name of the clerk, moderator, county post office 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.