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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**ARKANSAS STATE**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**AT THE**  
*Phillips Chapel Church*  
**SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS**  
**OCTOBER 2-4, 1957**

The next regular session will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, Arkansas, Antioch Association, beginning Wednesday evening, October 1, 1958

**REV. J. REFORD WILSON, Moderator**  
Russellville, Arkansas

**REV. LEWIS BARKER, Clerk**  
Monticello, Arkansas

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Rev. Bruce Phillips—5 years .....Huntsville  
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Rev. Opie Hargraves—5 years .....Mountain Home  
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 Rev. Henry Brown—2 years .....Warren  
 Rev. Oris Doggett—1 year .....Warren

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Rev. R. E. Pixley—5 years .....Fort Smith  
 Mr. Earl Smith—4 years .....Pocahontas  
 Rev. Jerry Thompson—3 years .....Conway  
 Rev. Elro Driggers—2 years .....Pine Bluff  
 Rev. Dale Munkus—1 year .....Pocahontas

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Mr. Clifford Sawrie .....Conway  
 Rev. J. K. Woods .....Muldrow, Okla.  
 Rev. Tommy Robertson .....Dover

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Moderator—Rev. Lewis Barker ..... Monticello  
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Moderator—Rev. F. W. Scogin ..... Camden  
Clerk—Mr. R. D. Smith ..... New Hope

## **Proceedings**

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, 1957**

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association met with the Philips Chapel Church of Springdale, October 2-4, 1957.

The Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and Visitors were given a splendid welcome by the Springdale church, and the Old Mt. Zion Association, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in this beautiful Ozark City.

Registration began at 6:30 followed by a call to Worship, and Welcome to the Evening Service, by Rev. C. O. Garrison pastor of Host Church.

Songs No. 79, "I am Glad That Jesus Came," and No 88, "I'll make it My Home Some Day," were enjoyed by all.

The Association was called into official session by the clerk, Rev. Lewis Barker, who introduced the Moderator, Rev. R. E. Pixley, who spoke briefly.

The evening Devotional was by Rev. Lawnie Coffman, reading from Acts. 15: 20-27 and led the congregation in prayer.

The introductory speaker Rev. Elro Driggers not having yet arrived the Executive Board announced that Rev. Lewis Barker, would bring the evening Message. And the Mod. Appointed Mrs. Clifford Sawrie to serve as Clerk to relieve Bro. Barker for the services.

The Mod. appointed the Credentials Committee, as following, Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Chairman, Rev. Henry Doyle, Rev. Bob King.

The Congregation enjoyed a good song service, with special numbers being by Rev. R. E. Pixley, Rev. C. O. Garrison, Rev. Bob King, and Sis. Floca Burgess, with Labetha Pixley at the Piano.

Prayer by Rev. Delbert Davis.



Introductory message by Rev. Lewis Barker, Scripture was read from Galatians 3: 24-29, Using as a text the 29 verse, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." The message was inspiring, and challenged us to have a closer walk with God. (By Mrs. Sawrie).

Placement of delegates by Host Pastor, Benediction by Rev. H. M. Knox.

#### **THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.**

Sing unto the Lord, directed by Rev. Dale Munkus.

Mod. Rev. R. E. Pixley called Association into session and urged all to pray for the business of the Day.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. White.

The morning Devotions was brought by Rev. J. W. Moore, Scripture Ps. 1.

Rules of Order read by Rev. Tommy Breashers, Ass't Mod.

Report of Credentials Committee read by Rev. Bob King, and was adopted, delegates seated.

Ministers visiting from other states were as follows: Rev. T. H. Dixon, of Oklahoma; Rev. Tommy Day, and Rev. J. W. Gage, of Oklahoma; Rev. O. T. Alfred, and Rev. James McCulley, of Monett, Missouri; Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, and Rev. William Mishler, of Nashville, Tennessee.

Program was read and adopted.

Delegates from Ten District Association were seated.

Appointment of Committee on Committees, as following, Rev. Tommie Robertson, Rev. J. K. Woods, Rev. Elro Driggers, Mr. Earl Smith, Mr. Clifford Sawrie, Mr. Jessie Dover, Rev. Bruce Phillips, Mr. Ralph Robison and Rev. Horace Doyle.

Welcome address was given by the host Pastor, Rev. C. O. Garrison; Response to welcome address by Rev. Tommy Breashers, and Prayer of Consecration was given by Rev. William Mishler.

Intermission.

1:00 P.M. Opened with an enjoyable song service directed by Rev. Dale Munkus. Songs as following, "To The Work," "There Is Power In The Blood," and "Victory Ahead," With special music by Reford Wilson, Clarence Burton, John Rich, and Dale Munkus.

Prayers were given by Rev. Tom Day, and Rev. W. F. Prichett.

Mod. Rev. R. E. Pixley introduced Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, of Nashville, Tenn. who had been chosen to bring the message. Mr. Mooneyham's scriptural text was read from Acts: 26: 19. His subject, "Heavenly Vision," a very inspiring message on faithfulness to vision; Invitational Hymn "Try Jesus." Benediction by Rev. George Been.

#### **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

Song directed by Rev. Clarence Burton, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Devotional By Rev. Elro Driggers, Scripture Prov. 3: 5-6 Closed with prayer.

A final report of Credential Committee given by Rev. Bob King. Report received.

Report of Executive Board was read by Rev. Dale Munkus. (See report).

Report of Home Mission Board by Rev. Lawnie Coffman. (See report).

Report of Committee on Committees by Rev. Elro Driggers. See report.

Report of Women's Auxiliary by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, See report.

Report of State League Convention by Rev. Dale Munkus. See report.

Report of State Statistician—Rev. George Been was read by his daughter Mrs. Wright. The delegation gave Bro. Been a standing vote of thanks for his work that was well done.

Report of Foreign Mission Board by Rev. Elro Driggers. See report.

Report of State Promotional Secretary by Bro. M. B. Williams. See report.

Report of State Treasurer, Rev. Lewis Barker. See report.

The Executive Committee reported that Rev. William Mishler, of Nashville, Tenn. would be the evening speaker.

Motion and Second to begin the Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Motion and Second that the State Clerk and Treasurer buy Letter Forms for the District Associations and the Churches of the State. Carried.

Business adjourned to meet again Friday 9:00 a.m.

Benediction by Bro. Joe Phillips.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

7:00 P. M. Called to order by Moderator Rev. R. E. Pixley.

Opening Song directed by Rev. Dale Munkus, "O Happy Day."

Prayer by Bro. Clifford Sawrie. Another song was enjoyed by all.

The Congregation enjoyed special numbers by Rev. Munkus, Rev. Crowder, Rev. Thompson, and Rev. Rich.

7:30 Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, and a member of the National Associational Foreign Mission Board, used slides to show the new mission being opened in Africa. Scripture was read from Gal. 2: 15-16: A very inspiring message on the slides by Bro. Wilson. An offering of \$135.51 for the Woman's Auxiliary. Prayer was given by Rev. O. T. Alred.

A special number was given by Phillis Phillips, Audry Phillips, Eldon Bagwell, and Troy Rose, with Ola Pryear at the piano.

Song by Congregation, "I Am Bound For The Promised Land".

Rev. William Mishler, who brought the message was introduced by the Mod. His subject was "Mercy and Not Merit", Scripture Deut. 9:6. The message was a blessing to all.

Rev. Dale Munkus President, of State League Convention, challenged the congregation for an Offering or a Pledge that the Youth Camp at Conway, could be ready for us next June. The offering and pledges amounted to more than \$1,200.00.

Benediction was said by Rev. C. O. Garrison.

#### FRIDAY MORNING

9:20 A. M. Singing was again directed by Mr. Munkus, with the following Hymns "When I See The Blood" and "At Calvary".

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bob King.

Devotional by Rev. Bobby Joe Chronister, Scripture reading Psalms 1: 1-6.

Motion & Second to receive resignation of Rev. Tommy Day from



the Home Mission Board was carried. Bro. Day has moved to Oklahoma.

Auditing Committee report by Rev. Alton Loveless, Chairman, See report.

Temperance Committee report by Rev. Henry Brown, Chairman. See Report.

Placement Committee report by Mr. Earl Smith, Chairman. The next Annual Meeting of the Association will be at Russellville, Arkansas. See report.

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

Sunday School Committee report by Rev. Elro Driggers. See report.

Budget Committee report by Rev. Dale Munkus. See report.

Resolution Committee report by Rev. Clarence Burton. Motion and Second to table Resolution Committee report until the afternoon, Carried.

Obituary Committee report by Mrs. Ethel Wilson Chairman. See report.

Intermission prayer by Rev. R. E. Pixley.

11:00 A. M. Singing directed by Mr. Munkus, "I'll Live On" and "Redeemed". Prayer by Rev. Elro Driggers.

A trio by Vera, Sandra, and Chesley Campbell, "Wake Up."

Hymn "That Glad Reunion Day" by Rev. R. E. Pixley.

11:30 The Memorial Message by Rev. John Rich, was enjoyed by all, subject "Pilgrims" concluded by the Mod. with a Love Offering for Bro. George Been, who retired as State Statistician, due to ill health; Everyone seemed to enjoy a hand shake. The Love offering of \$42.97 was given to Bro. Been.

Benediction and Blessing was given by Rev. Gage of Oklahoma.

#### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

1:30 P. M. Hymn by Mr. Pixley, "Camping In Canaan Land."

Prayer by Rev. Bruce Phillips.

Devotional by Rev. Herbert Rogers, Scripture Isaiah 6: 1-8.

Motion and Second to take up the discussion of the New Constitution offered by the Executive Board. After a few changes were made the body adopted the Constitutions.

A final report of the Finance Committee by Emma Hargraves, Chairman, see report.

Non-represented Association Committee report by Rev. Bob King, see report.

Motion and Second to discuss Resolutions that were tabled in the A. M. session This Committee offered 3 Resolutions, 2 were adopted, 1 voted down, see report.

Motion and Second to send letter of appreciation to the man who loaned P. A. System to Association.

Delegates to the National Association that is to meet in St. Louis, Mo. in July of 1958 as following, Mrs. Vera Campbell, Miss Sonja Campbell, Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. Nellie King, Mrs. W. F. Prichett, Mrs. R. E. Pixley, Miss Sandra Campbell Mrs. Clarence Burton, and Mr. Paul Hatfield.

## **Committee and Board Reports**

### **CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE**

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

Arkansas Association: Sisters Sam Henry, J. T. Burnett, W. M. Guinn, Mary Phillips and Bro. Ralph Robison.

Little Missouri River: By Letter.

Social Band Association: Delegates absent, a number of ministers and deacons, were present.

Zion Hope No. 2 Association: Sisters H. D. Shipley, Clada Jones, Edna Smith, Reba Canada, and Johnnie Jordan.

Antioch Association: Sisters J. D. Kender, Sylvia McCuin, Prue Jones, W. W. Crow, and Bro. Lester Coffman.

New Hope Association: Sisters W. F. Pritchett, C. E. Campbell, Lawnie Coffman, Ethel Wilson, and Bro. J. C. Jones.

Big Springs Association: Sisters Emma Hargraves, Lena Dover.

Polk Bayou Association: Sisters Elane Ogden, Vivian Burton, Winnie Grace Cole, and Bro. Floyd Huskey.

Old Mt. Zion Association: Sisters Anna Bradbury, Ethel Gladden, Hazel Esterling, Irene Wright, and Elsie Phillips.

Saline Association: Sisters Henry Brown, J. E. White, J. E. McMahon, Alvin McMahon, and Ida Mae McClellan.

Rich Mountain Association: Not Represented.

Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Chairman

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee have examined and find the following reports correct:

State Treasurer's Report, and State Home Mission Report.

Rev. Alton Loveless, Chairman

#### REQUEST COMMITTEE

We your request Committee, find that three District Associations have asked for the next State Association to meet with them, They are Saline, Social Band, and Antioch. Since the Saline, and Social Band Association have had the State Association since Antioch, this Committee recommends that our next annual Convention, be given to the FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of Russellville. Antioch Association. The body voted to meet with the Russellville, CH.

Mr. Earl Smith, Chairman

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Obituary, find that God in his infinite love has seen fit to call ninety-two from our midst. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. May we refer the bereaved to St. John 14: 1-2. Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Fathers House are many Mansions if it were not so, I would have told you I go to prepare a place for you. Among this number Minister Rev. J. S. Lovett.

Mrs. J. E. White, Chairman

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Money received from the district Associations for State Association and Host Church.

Polk Bayou	\$ 40.00
Arkansas	42.00
Social Band	104.00
Antioch	84.00
New Hope	50.00
Old Mt. Zion	65.00

Little Mo. River .....	15.00
Zion Hope No. 2 .....	75.00
Big Springs .....	12.50
Saline .....	44.50
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$532.00</b>
Amount used at State Association .....	230.25
Amount turned back .....	\$301.75

By motion & second the body voted to give the turn back of \$301.75 to the State League Camp at Conway.

Mrs. Emma Hargraves Chairman

## Appointment of Committees

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

We recommend the following to serve of the various Committees.

#### Nominating Committee:

Jerry Thompson, Cecil Gladden, Glen Dipboye, Carl Davis, and Dewitt Shipley.

#### Resolutions Committee:

Cecil Garrison, Leonard Crowder, Clarence Burton John M. Rich, and Joe Phillips.

#### Finance Committee:

Floyd Huskey, Mrs. Emma Hargraves and Mrs. Hazel Easterling.

#### Temperance Committee

Henry P. Brown, Chairman; Mrs. Steve Smith, Mrs. Lena Dover.

#### Sunday School Committee:

Mrs. Joe Phillips, Mrs. Roy McCuin, Elro Driggers, Chairman; Mrs. Lucy Williams, Mrs. Irene Wright.

#### Obituary Committee:

Mrs. Sally White, Mrs. Richard Jones, Mrs. Ethel Wilson.

#### Non-Represented Associations:

Credentials Committee

#### Auditing Committee:

Alon Loveless, Elbert McClellan, R. G. Lane

#### Budgeting Committee:

Dale Munkus, Lonnie Coffman, Reford Wilson, J. E. White and Millard Williams.

#### Request Committee:

Earl Smith, Clifford Sawrie, Bob King, W. W. Crow and Tommy Robertson.

Rev. T. J. Robertson, Chairman

## Report of the Budget Committee

We wish to commend the churches of the state for their support of the Denominational program. The progress in our giving has certainly not been spectacular, but there has been a definite growth for which we praise the Lord.

Our budget for this calendar year is \$8,450.00. In the first 9 months of this budget year, we have raised \$6,670.95. This leaves a balance of \$1,780.05 to be raised in the next three months.

It is our prayer that the churches will do something definite in support of our program. If your church feels it cannot start giving 10%, then set another figure, and as the Lord blesses your church move up to the 10% figure. But the important thing is do something now.



We recommend the following budget for the calendar year of 1958;

### ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

Cooperative Program .....		\$7,610.00
Before Executive Budget	After Executive Budget	
is met.	is met.	
Foreign Mission .....	30%	36%
Home Mission .....	14%	20%
Executive Dept. ....	24%	
Bible College .....	21%	30%
Super-annuation .....	4%	5%
League Board .....	3%	4%
Sunday School .....	4%	5%
State Program .....		\$2,925.00
State Home Mission .....		\$700.00
Travel Expense .....		300.00
Minutes .....		325.00
Telephone .....		100.00
Printing .....		225.00
Honorariums .....		50.00
Programs .....		45.00
Postage .....		120.00
National Association .....		65.00
Host Church .....		435.00
Miscellaneous .....		560.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES .....		\$10,535.00

### ANTICIPATED INCOME

Cooperative Program .....	\$6,000.00
Itineraries .....	1,800.00
Receipts For Host Church .....	435.00
Miscellaneous Gifts .....	2,300.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME .....	\$10,535.00

Committee—Dale Munkus  
Lawnie Coffman  
J. Reford Wilson  
J. E. White  
Millard Williams

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, the Sunday School Committee, offer the following report. We find 10 district associations represented having a total of 139 Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 8,717. We find some churches reported no Sunday School and we recommend that each Church support a Sunday School. We urge all Sunday Schools to use the six-point record system and work toward a graded Sunday School. We also recommend that each district association have a Sunday School convention, and each Sunday School use Free Will Baptist Literature. We urge each Church to purchase their Literature and Church Supplies through the Headquarters Department, 3801 Richland Ave, Nashville, Tennessee.

Elro Driggers, Chairman

### COMMITTEE ON NON-REPRESENTED ASSOCIATION

The Rich Mountain Association is the only district not reporting. In the Yearbook and Directory this association is listed as having

4 churches composing their district with a membership of 177. During the past year they have sent \$50.00 to the state co-operative program.

We recommend that the district association adjacent to Rich Mountain Association give encouragement to their participation in our state association.

Committee: J. Reford Wilson  
W. H. Doyls  
Bob King

### **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on Temperance, wish to make the following report:

Temperance has always been a challenge to Christian living. As to alcohol it means complete abstinence in any form. We feel that it is not the skid-row people who are leading young people into the habit of drinking but the so called social drinkers. We consider that strong drink is the greatest evil of our day; therefore we hereby recommend our pastors preach at least two sermons each year on temperance, and that our people exercise their right to vote against the legalized sale of it in every community.

We also feel that since Medical Science has warned that a large percent of throat and lung cancer is caused from cigarette smoking that we should urge all Christians to consider Hebrews 12:1 Gal. 6:7-8 and take heed to said report.

Rev. Henry Brown, Chairman

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations for your consideration.

#### **For Executive Board:**

Rev. Bruce Phillips—5 Years

#### **For State Home Mission Board**

Rev. C. O. Garrison—5 Years

Rev. H. D. Shipley—1 Year

#### **For Foreign Mission Board**

Rev. Ophie Hargraves—5 Years

Rev. G. G. Dipboye—4 Years

Rev. E. J. McClellan—3 Years

Rev. Henry Brown—2 Years

Rev. Oris Doggett—1 year

#### **For Sunday School Board**

Rev. Bob King—5 Years

Rev. Alton Loveless—4 Years

Rev. W. S. Isbell—3 Years

Rev. W. F. Prichett—2 Years

Mr. Done McGhee—1 Year

#### **For League Board**

Rev. R. E. Pixley—5 Years

Mr. Earl Smith —4 Years

Rev. Jerry Thompson—3 Years

Rev. Elro Driggers—2 years

Rev. Dale Munkus—1 Year

#### **Program Committee:**

Mr. Clifford Sawrie

Rev. J. K. Woods

Rev. Tommie Robertson

**For State Offices:**

Moderator—Rev. J. Reford Wilson  
Assistant Mod.—Rev. Tommie Breashears  
Clerk—Rev. Lewis Barker  
Assistant Clerk—Rev. Clarence Campbell  
Promotional Sec-Treas.—Mr. Earl Smith  
State Statistician—Rev. W. S. Isbell

Jerry Thompson, Chairman

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

1. Be it resolved that we go on record as endorsing the work of the National Sunday School Board, and we recommend that our Churches order their literature from The Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

2. Be it resolved that we give Rev. George Been a vote of thanks for his commendable work as State Statistician for the past nine years.

3. Resolution of Thanks; Inasmuch as this Association has been so graciously entertained, Be it resolved that we in behalf of the State Association, express due thanks to the people of Phillips Chapel Church, and the Old Mt. Zion Association for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

Clarence Burton, Chairman

**HOME MISSION REPORT**

We, the State Home Mission Board, have had two meetings this year. One at Conway; December 8, and one at Searcy, Ark. on March 8-9.

We assisted in organizing one church at Warren, Ark. with 40 Charter members. Rev. John M. Rich was called as Pastor.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance Brought forward .....	\$ 84.24
Received from Co-op. plan .....	540.48
Herman Greenwood .....	5.00
New Hope Asso. ....	63.76
TOTAL .....	\$693.48
Disbursements: Mileage, Phone, Postage .....	36.79
Balance .....	\$656.69
We, the State Home Mission Board, make a gift of \$300.00 to the Warren church earmarked for the purpose of buying property. Also we have given the State Youth Camp at Conway, \$300.00.	
In Bank .....	\$656.69
Less Gifts .....	\$600.00
Balance .....	\$ 56.69

Rev. Lawnie Coffman,  
Clerk and Treasurer.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

We, your state Foreign Mission Board, submit the following report for the first nine months of the year, 1957:

We were privileged to have Miss Volena Wilson, vacationing missionary to India, on itinerary in the eastern part of our state April 5-30.

Also, The Reverend Raymond Riggs conducted a Missionary Conference in the Macedonia FWB Church May 29-June 1. The confer-



ence was not as well attended as expected, but we believe that much benefit was derived from it.

We recommend that our local churches and associations make use of the missionary film and slides available from our national office in Nashville, Tennessee.

We further recommend that our churches sponsor individual missionary conferences — especially, using our promotional secretary or a vacationing missionary.

Respectfully submitted:

Elro I. Driggers

Jerry C. Thompson

Elbert McClellan

### CHURCH STATISTICS

State of Religion .....	Good
Membership October 1, 1956 .....	13,338
Mbrs Rec'd Oct. 1, 1956—Oct. 30, 1957 .....	997
Number Baptized .....	450
Number Dismissed by Letter .....	264
Number Excluded .....	40
Number Deceased .....	92
Total Membership Sept. 30, 1957 .....	13,939
Condition of Prayer Meeting No. 62 .....	Fair
Condition of League No. 150 .....	Fair
League Membership .....	2,790
No. of Auxiliary or Home Missions .....	15
Membership of Auxiliary or Home Mission .....	416
No. of Sunday Schools .....	139
Enrollment in Sunday School .....	8,718
Number of Officers .....	473
Number Ordained Ministers .....	231
Number Ordained Deacons .....	490
Number of Churches .....	178
Value of Church Property .....	\$814,500.00
Amount Paid Pastor .....	158,595.69
Amount for Evangelistic Work .....	14,870.57
Amount for Building and Repairs .....	77,148.71
Amount for Incidentals .....	10,356.20
Amount for Home Missions .....	2,142.98
Amount for Foreign Missions .....	2,268.90
Amount for Education .....	1,914.94
Amount S. S. Literature .....	6,798.05
Amount for Youth Camp .....	241.89
Amount for Co-Operative Fund .....	4,973.25
Amount for Budget .....	1,645.59
Radio Program .....	1,250.00
Other Outside Expenditures .....	705.24

This is the report of 10 District Associations. No report from Rich Mountain Association.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board feels that, though the progress is slower than we would like, we are gradually gaining support for our denominational program in the state of Arkansas. We feel this support would be greatly increased if we had the time to make the contacts over the state—but since we have no promotional system except that which our pastors do in their respective areas our work is limited.

The board has met twice since the last State Association—December 8, 1956 at Conway and March 8, 9 at Searcy. We submit the following recommendations:

No. 1. Whereas, the work of the two offices are so closely associated, we recommend that the offices of promotional secretary and treasurer be combined.

No. 2. We recommend that the "carried over" resolutions be dropped from the minutes and that the important items be incorporated into the constitution and by-laws.

No. 3. We recommend that the Articles of Faith carried in the State minutes be identical to those in the National Treatise.

No. 4. We recommend the following revision of the Constitution of the State Association of Free Will Baptists. NOTE; See State Association Constitution in back of Minutes.

Dale Munkus, Chairman

#### REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

I have sent out 1,200 circular letters, 50 Corresponding letters, Made a few phone calls, Attended 2 State Board Meetings, Had the State Minutes printed for the Clerk, Sponsored the Cooperative plan in our Association.

M. B. Williams

### Ministers' Diary Committee

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

#### NEW HOPE

Lawnie Coffman	Searcy
John Pate	Vilonia
Curtis Lybarger	Rose Bud
J. M. Holleman	Rose Bud
Edd Hall	Greenbriar
C. E. Campbell	Conway
Jesse E. Pratt	Rose Bud
A. L. Mote	Beebe
W. F. Pritchett	Conway
Rueben Pruitt	Searcy
Raymond Patrick	No. Little Rock
Jerry C. Thompson	Conway
Norman Richards	Searcy
Marion Pettis	Nashville, Tenn.
James A. Bundy	Little Rock

#### ANTIOCH

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
J. Reford Wilson	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
Joseph Hubbard	Casa
W. F. McGee	Lamar
W. S. Isbell	Russellville
R. L. Taylor	Hector
Frank Harris	Russellville
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

#### ZION HOPE NO. 2

James M. Cole	Van Buren
Grady Williams	Fort Smith
J. E. Dye	Oklahoma City, Okla.
L. C. Crowder	Fort Smith
Dock Marchant	Fort Smith
Loyd Summerhill	Van Buren
E. W. Simpkins	Fort Smith
Harold Schuler	Fort Smith
A. E. Sebastain	Fort Smith
F. S. Essmond	Fort Smith
J. S. Brown	Van Buren
L. D. Peterman	Alma
Frank Byrd	Hackett
Luther Clark	Hackett
Bedford Brown	Greenwood
Millard Lee	Illinois
D. D. Peters	Rudy
Earl Gentry	Rudy
Herbert Rogers	Van Buren
Ercell Huggins	Alma
Rolland Attwell	Chester
Gene Thomas	Fort Smith



H. D. Shipley	Fort Smith
R. E. Pixley	Fort Smith
J. K. Woods	Muldrow, Okla.
Mack Watts	Muldrow, Okla.
Arvell Spears	Locke
Arvell Burrough	Locke
Homer Huett	Locke
A. L. Davis	Chester
J. W. Attwell	Rudy
Robert Satterfield	Rudy
Ben Pixley	Chester
S. A. Smith	Rudy
Charles Graham	Mountainburg
J. A. Joslin	Van Buren
Burl Osborn	Van Buren
G. G. DipBoye	Van Buren
Albert Rozell	Van Buren
Roy Lancaster	Mulberry
Oscar Stapp	Mulberry
Jim Green	Lanaca
Raymond Chronister	Fort Smith
S. A. Southerland	Charleston
Junior Storey	Van Buren
J. H. C. Jordan	Alma
Earl Christian	Alma
Herman Stubblefield	Fort Smith
David Harding	Charleston
Oscar Crabtree	Van Buren
H. H. Hutchens	Fort Smith
Harrold Collins	Van Buren
S. A. Smith	Rudy
Thomas Bershears	Alma

#### **RICH MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION**

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

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Dale Munkus	Pocahontas
L. W. Hodge	Sedgwick
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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
Charles Doherty	Ponder, Mo.
O. D. Winfrey	Hoxie
W. C. Hudson	Jonesboro
H. Glynn Campbell	Walnut Ridge
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.
Wayne House	Jonesboro
B. S. Foester	Rockford, Ill.
Hubert Foerester	Rockford, Ill.
Lovell Graham	Alicia
L. D. Johnson	Walnut Ridge
Alton Loveless	Jonesboro

#### ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION

I. J. Wilson	Charleston
R. G. Lane	Charleston
Bethel Garner	Plainview
W. M. Guinn	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	Howie, Okla
G. C. Forrest	Plainview
Roy Garret	Waltreak
Bethel Garner	Waltreak

#### BIG SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

Carl Davis	Elizabeth
Opie Hargrave	Mountain Home
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Marvin Davis	Wenatchee, Wash.

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A. G. Lightfoot	Little Rock
Rev. Maness	Little Rock
R. L. Rainwater	Charleston
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J. C. Rawls	Monticello
Lloyd Williams	Warren
Elro Driggers	Pine Bluff
Roy Moore	Greenbrier
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H. P. McClellan	New Edinburg
Donald T. Brown	Carlisle
J. W. Moore	Crossett
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Edd Mozingo	Pine Bluff
H. E. Taylor	Hamburg..
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	Mer Rouge, La.
Curtis Ashcraft	Warren
Oris Doggett	Warren
Jack Worley	Oak Grove, La.
Harry Woods	England
Cecil Cornett	Pine Bluff
Clarence Tillman	Pine Bluff
Bob King	Star City
Henry P. Brown	Warren

#### OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

George Beene	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
Loyd Edmondson	Rogers
Clarence Tice	Huntsville
Rufus Young	Springdale
J. A. Davidson	Springdale
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
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



Hoyt Trotter	Rogers
John R. Bingham	Wichita, Kan.
Orval Moses	Fullerton, Calif.
Clyde Johnson	Fayetteville
George Roller	Rogers
Tilman Hicks	Rogers
Glenn Jones	Fayetteville
Kenneth Hubbard	Rogers
Boyd Harp	Rogers
Charlie Bagwell	Hindsville
Elmer Ledbetter	
Frank Laird	Tucson, Ariz.
Ernest Hayhurst	Jerome, Idaho
Burton Birchfield	Eureka Springs

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Ernest Elms	Batesville
Ray Watkins	Newport
J. W. Blanks	Newport
Owen Harvell	Melbourne
Henry Doyle	Newport
D. W. Pinkston	Hoxie
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Obie Eagan	Saffell
Henry Ring	Monette
Herman Lewis	Batesville
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Coy Staggs	Batesville
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Othaniel Safirt	Newport
E. M. Phillips	Guion
Bee Woodruff	Newport
Jimmie Richardson	Batesville
Charles Tucker	Newport
Henry Obarts	Hoxie
Austin Mullins	Batesville
Lonnie Clark	Mt. Pleasant
M. A. Wolf	Oklahoma
John Riggs	Batesville

#### REPORT OF CLERK & TREASURER

Amount carried over from last Association	\$ 412.24
Money received at State Association in 1956	259.00
Offering for Foreign Mission from Clarks Ridge	10.00

#### COOPERATIVE MONEY RECEIVED BY ASSOCIATION

Antioch	713.53
Arkansas	106.59
New Hope	345.14
Old Mt. Zion	117.14
Polk Bayou	716.51
Saline	1,870.51
Social Band	1,363.29
Zion Hope No. 2	271.25
Rich Mt.	50.00
Little Mo. River	2.00
TOTAL	\$6,258.31

### PAID OUT

Cooperative for National Association.....	\$3,368.66
Foreign Mission .....	447.55
National Home Mission .....	233.01
Bible College .....	17.00
State Home Mission .....	540.48
Honorariums .....	40.00
Travel Expenses .....	148.24
Filing Cabinet and Desk .....	51.79
Postage and Printing .....	58.41
Minute Books .....	250.00
Typewriter .....	125.43
Programs for the 56 & 57 Sessions .....	32.88
Youth Camp .....	5.00
National Association fee .....	65.00
Host Church .....	57.00
Carrier for Cabinet and Desk .....	8.00
Ribbons .....	14.52
TOTAL .....	\$5,462.97

Amount in Treasury ..... 795.34

\$6,258.31

NOTE: Since our State Association is operating on the Calendar Year basis here is a report of the first 9 months of 1957. Included is money sent direct to National Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tenn.

Cooperative receipts .....	\$4,388.48
Direct to Foreign Mission .....	1,043.77
Direct to Home Mission .....	319.76
Direct to Bible College .....	888.04
TOTAL for 9 Months .....	\$6,640.05

Money sent Direct ..... \$2,251.57

Money that came to State Treas. .... \$4,388.48

Lewis Barker, Clerk and Treasurer

## Minutes of Woman's Auxiliary

The fourth annual session of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary convention, met with the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Springdale, Arkansas October 1-2, 1957. The Theme for the program was, "The light of the world." Scripture reference John 8:12 "I am the light of the world: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Mrs. Clifford Sawrie president, presided throughout the convention: which was opened by singing Hymn, "Victory in Jesus." Led by Rev. J. R. Wilson.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Ethel Wilson.

Welcome, Mrs. Anna Bradberry

Response, Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon

Appointment of committees

A film "Africa" was presented by Rev. J. R. Wilson, with a challenge to Free Will Baptist in Africa.

An inspiring message was delivered by the host pastor Rev. Cecil Garrison. An offering of \$24.26 was received for the mission work in

Africa.

Benediction: Mrs. Betty Sawrie.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Session opened with singing hymn "Bringing in the Sheaves." "He's the Lily of the Valley" led by Rev. Reford Wilson. Devotional by the New Hope district, Scripture reading I John 1:1-5 by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman. Followed by a skit "The two ways of life" by Mrs. Ethel Wilson and Mrs. Bessie Gray.

Mrs. Betty Sawrie sang "Were you there when they crucified my Lord". Theme presented by the president.

Since the woman's auxiliary convention has adopted the student loan fund we recommend that each auxiliary member in our state send one dollar per year to this fund.

We further recommend that an honorarium of \$15.00 each be given our state and national presidents, Mrs. Betty Sawrie, Mrs. L. D. Miley and that an offering be taken for Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We have reports from five districts: New Hope, Saline, Zion Hope No. 2, Social Band, and Antioch, and three local auxiliaries: Charleston, Huntsville, Phillips Chapel.

Amount of Co-labor offering \$148.21.

Amount of State Home Mission offering \$13.25.

Amount of National Home Missions offering \$10.00.

Total gifts to missions sent to W.N.A.C. treasurer this convention year by Woman's Auxiliaries \$56.60.

Cash gifts to Orphanage \$55.75.

Cash gifts to aged ministers \$52.50.

Amount of Easter offering for Foreign mission \$17.25.

Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist College \$35.50.

Total per capita representation fee sent to state Treasurer this convention year by Woman's Auxiliary \$76.15.

Total amount spent for literature \$115.82.

Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities \$2,503.14.

Total per capita representation fee sent to state treasurer this convention year by Y. P. A. \$15.20.

Workshop: directed by Mrs. Laverne Miley and Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Rev. J. R. Wilson led in chorus singing. The speaker for the morning worship service was Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Scripture reading from John 8:12. The message was inspiring and challenged us as women to be missionaries in the home. Benediction by Mrs. Laverne Miley.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with hymn singing led by Rev. J. R. Wilson with Mrs. Bob King as pianist.

Devotional by Rev. Henry Brown using scripture: Proverbs 4.8.

Meeting called to order by vice president Mrs. Ethel Wilson.

Workshop: directed by Mrs. Laverne Miley and Mrs. Eunice Edwards. The president presented each district a poster with the suggested quota for the project in Africa.

Prayer of consecration was led by Rev. J. R. Wilson.



Report of National convention was given by Mrs. Lawnie Coffman.  
An offering of \$25.07 was taken for Mrs. Eunice Edwards.  
Benediction by Rev. John M. Rich.

## OFFICERS

President.....Mrs. Clifford Sawrie, Box 482, Conway, Ark.  
Vice President.....Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Rt. 3, Greenbrier, Arkansas  
Recording-Secretary..Mrs. Mae Spoon, Box 64, Rt. 2, Van Buren, Ark.  
Assistant Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, 1401 W.  
Center St. 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 Chairman.....Mrs. Earl Smith, Marr St. Pocahontas, Ark.  
Study Course Chairman..Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon, 2312 Midland, Blvd.,  
Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.....Mrs. Roy McCuin, Hector, Ark.  
Personal Service Chairman..Mrs. Aubrey Lord, West Orlando Rt. 7,  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

## Committees Appointed

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Shanda.  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Mrs. R. G. Lane, Mrs. Lenis Zinnamon,  
Mrs. Bessie Gray.  
APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faye Emberton, Mrs. Leonard  
Crowder, Mrs. W. F. Prichett.  
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Mrs. Roy  
McCuin, Mrs. Lloyd Thomas.

All committees made reports which were accepted, and committees  
were discharged.

## Committee Reports

We, your credential committee, wish to submit the following  
report: We have examined the reports and find the following districts  
eligible to seats in this convention.

Zion Hope No. 2, New Hope, Antioch, Saline, Social Band.

Three local auxiliaries reporting: Charleston, Huntsville, Phillips  
Chapel.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We, the Business committee recommend that each district be  
responsible for one representative to the National Workshop. And if  
possible have a portion of their expense paid. Since the woman's  
auxiliary convention has adopted the student loan fund, we recom-  
mend that each auxiliary member in our state send one dollar per  
year to this fund.

### 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 bounti-  
ful meals.

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 having two of our national officials with us in this convention, our Mrs. L. D. Miley and Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration committee submit the following report: We have four districts represented and three local auxiliaries:

With thirteen ministers present and two from out of state. Total number registered 89. We recommend that we use all available literature to help enlist our Free Will Baptist women in auxiliary work.

### YOUTH CAMP AND LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

The young people of Arkansas Free Will Baptist Churches assembled under the tabernacle at Camp Peniel at 11:00 a.m. on June 17, 1957 for the first service of the first youth camp sponsored by the State Convention. From that moment until the final "amen" the camp was marked by a spiritual fellowship unequaled in any other gathering in recent years.

There were 26 who accepted Christ as their Saviour and numbers of others who yielded to the will of the Lord for full time service. Earl Smith, Pocahontas layman, was the camp superintendent. Rev. John M. Rich of Warren was the evangelist and Lawnie Coffman, Clarence Burton, and Dale Munkus were instructors.

The State League Convention met on Saturday and transacted the following business:

1. The offices of Secretary and Corresponding Secretary were combined.
2. A committee composed of the officers of the convention was directed to investigate the acquisition of additional property at Conway or the purchasing of a new camp site. The decision will be submitted to the State Association and it will be asked to support the League Convention in this endeavor.
3. The treasurer was authorized to pay \$25.00 to the State Association to cover cost of carrying the convention minutes.
4. A recommendation was passed urging each League to send monthly contributions to the treasurer for the State Youth Camp project.
5. Officers elected were:

President ..... Dale Munkus

Box 86, Pocahontas, Ark.

Vice President ..... Alton Lovelace

620 Kate St., Jonesboro, Ark.

Secretary ..... Mary Kay Kelly  
Rosebud, Ark.

Treasurer ..... Lawnie Coffman  
Searcy, Ark.

Sword Drill Director ..... Mrs. Troy Adams

Those serving on committees were:

Business Committee: Earl Smith, Barbara Slayton, David Joslin.

Nominating Committee: Barbara Sue Freer, Donna Turner, Willa Dean Swift, Donald Goaits, Billy McCuin.

The Junior Sword drill winner was Laura Beth Forbes. The Intermediate winner was Carolyn Crim.

Board of Trustees:

Raymond McNutt, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Lonnie Coffman, Searcy, Ark.

Clifford Sawrie, Conway, Ark.

Rupert Pixley, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Ark.

League Board:

Jerry C. Thompson

Elro Driggers

Earl Smith

Dale Munkus

Rupert Pixley

Dale Munkus, President

Mary Kay Kelly, Secretary

## Articles of Faith

1. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service. II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16, 17; Ex. 4:15; Psa. 32:8; Heb. 1:1, 2.

2. BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD—The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful; the . . . Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite beings cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence. Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 7:28; II Cor. 1:19; I John 5:20; I Tim. 6:17; John 4:24; II Cor. 3:17; Ex. 3:14; Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4; Psa. 90:2; Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; I Tim. 1:17; Mal. 3:6; Num. 23:19; James 1:17; I Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:24; Psa. 139:7-10; Acts 17:24; Rev. 19:6; Job 42:2; Psa. 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27; Eph. 4:6; Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36; Psa. 119:68; Psa. 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17; Rom. 16:27; Dan 2:20; I Tim. 1:17; Jude 25; Lev. 19:2; Job 6:10; Deut. 32:4; Psa. 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5; Eph. 2:4; Ex. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 100:5; Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11; Psa. 33:6-9; Col. 1:16; Heb. 11:3; Neh. 9:6; Job 7:20; Heb. 1:3; Psa. 47:7; II Chron. 20:6; Psa. 95:3; Isa. 47:4; Psa. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20; Jer. 50:34; Isa. 45:21; 43:3-11; 49:26; Ex. 31:13; I Thes. 5:23; Jude 1; Heb. 12:23; Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6; II Tim. 4:8; Ex. 34:14; Ex. 20:4,5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10; Job 11:7; Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33; Job 26:14; Ex. 9:14; 8:10; I Chron. 17:20; Psa. 19:1,2; 145:10; 150:6; Acts 15:18; I Chron. 28:9; Psa. 94: 9,10; Acts 1:24.

3. DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE—A. God ex-



exercises a providential care and superintendence over all his creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

B. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

C. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur. Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Psa. 104:13,14; Job 14:5; Eph. 1:11; Psa. 22:28; Psa. 97:2; Isa. 33:22; Ex. 34:6; Job 36:5; Deut. 30:19; Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14,15; Prov. 1:24-28; Ezek. 33:11; Acts 15:18; I Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25,31; Jer. 44:4.

4. CREATION—A. Of the World. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures. B. Of the Angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His judgments upon the world. C. Of man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker. Rev. 4:11; Isa. 43:7; I Tim. 6:17; Col. 1:16; Rev. 7:11; Psa. 103:20; Heb. 1:14; Jude 6; II Sam. 24:16; Rev. 16:1; Gen. 2:7; 1:27; I Cor. 6:20;

5. PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL—Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam. Eccl. 7:29; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12; John 6:44; I Cor. 2:14; John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; John 3:5; 1:13; Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

6. OF CHRIST—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

A. His Titles. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Saviour,

Jehovah, Lord of hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

B. His Attributes. He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshipped.

C. His Works. By Christ the world was created. He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge. Isa 45:21; 43:10,11; John 4:42; Phil. 3:20; II Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Psa. 83:18; Isa. 40:3; Luke 1:76; Isa. 8:13,14; I Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41; Rev. 22:13; Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1; I Tim. 3:16; Rev. 1:11; I John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28,29; I John 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8; 5:20; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; Isa. 9:6; Col. 1:17; Micah 5:2; Heb. 13:8; 1:12; John 3:13; Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23; John 16:30; 2:24,25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23; Col. 2:8-10; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8; Acts 3:14; Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7; Heb. 1:6; John 5:23; Phil. 2:10,11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52; Heb. 1:8,10; John 1:3,10; Col. 1:16,17; I Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21; 1:7; Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6; I Peter 1:18,19; Rev. 5:9; II Tim. 4:1; Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

7. THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David, according to the flesh, He is "The Son of Man," and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "The Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being. John 1:14; Phil. 2:6,7; II Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15; 2:17; Mat. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33,35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3; Luke 22:44; Heb. 4:15; Matt. 4:1-11; I Peter 2:21; John 13:15; I John 2:6; Isa. 42:21; Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal 4:4; Luke 19:10; John 16:27; Matt. 1:18,20; Luke 1:35; Mark 1:1, John 1:34; 20:31; 3:16,18.

8. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST—A. The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sin. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

B. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where,



as the only Mediator between God and man, he makes intercession for us until he comes again.

C. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God. I John 2:2; Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; I Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6,8; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; I Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; II Peter 3:9; II Cor. 5:14, 15; I Tim. 4:10; Rom. 3:25,26; 5:9,18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; I Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:18; 8:1; 2:14,15; Mark 16:15; Heb. 9:22; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 4:25; I Cor. 15:17; Acts. 1:11; Mark 16:19; Heb. 7:25; 9:24; Rom. 8:34; I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36,37; Matt. 19:14.

9. THE HOLY SPIRIT—A. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.

B. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

C. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

D. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship. John 16:13; I Cor. 2:11; Gen. 1:2; Acts 8:39; 10:19; I Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26; Acts 13:2; 16:6; 13:4; John 16:8; Gen. 6:3; Mark 3:29; Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30; Job 33:4; 26:13; Psalms 104:30; II Peter 1:21; I Peter 3:18; Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 6:11; Isa. 6:8,9; Acts 28:25,26; John 3:16; Matt. 1:18; 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; I Peter 1:2.

10. THE GOSPEL CALL—The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own. Mark 16:15; Isa. 45:22; Prov. 8:4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17; Joel 2:28; John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10; I Tim. 2:4; Acts 10:34; Ezek. 33:11; II Peter 3:9; Hosea 13:9; Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12; Jer. 7:13,14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40; Matt. 23:37.

11. REPENTANCE—The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred, and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally. II Cor. 7:10; Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13; Psalms 32: 3,5; Ezek. 36:31; Psalms 51:3,4; Ezek. 18:30; Acts 17:30; Luke 13:5: 3:19.



12. FAITH—Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, and acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ, and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith. Heb. 11:6; 11:1; John 5:46,47; Rom. 10:9; 10:10; Gal. 5:22; I Cor. 12:8,9; Acts 16:31; John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12; Jas. 2:17; Gal. 5:6; I Tim. 1:5; Phil. 1:29; II Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8; John 3:36; Mark 16:16; John 8:21,24; Heb. 11:6; John 1:7; Gal. 3:26; Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

13. REGENERATION—As Man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature. John 3:3; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21; John 3:5; 1:13; Ezek. 36:26,27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10; Rom. 8:16; John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; II Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 11:19,20; I Peter 2:5; John 3:6; 3:7,8; I John 4:7; 5:1; Eph. 2:1; Psal. 119:50,93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13; John 5:24; I John 3:14; II Peter 1:4; Heb. 3:14.

14. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION—A. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

B. Sanctification is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, Rom. 5:1; 5:16; Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Acts 3:19; Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31,32; Acts 13:38,39; I Thess. 5:23; II Cor. 7:1; II Peter 3:18; Heb. 6:1; I John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; I John 1:7,9; I Peter 1:16.

15. PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS — There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost. Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:38,39; 1 Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27,28; Phil. 1:6; II Chron. 15:2; II Peter 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; I Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; I Tim. 1:19; II Peter 2:20,21; I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

16. THE SABBATH—This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week

as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God. Gen. 2:3; Mark 2:27; Neh. 9:14; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6, 33-36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1; 20:7; I Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psa. 118:22-24; Isa. 58:13, 14; 56:2; Ex. 20:8-11.

17. THE CHURCH—A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who stately assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members. I Cor. 1:2; Acts 2:41, 47; 20:7; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4; Eph. 5:25, 27; 1:22, 23; I Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; I Peter 2:5; John 18:36; 15:2, 6; Acts 2:41; 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

18. TITHING—Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. Gen. 14:20; 28:22; Deut. 14:22; Mal. 3:8-10; I Cor. 16:2; Matt. 23:23; I Cor. 9:9-14; Heb. 7:9-17; II Cor. 9:6-8.

19. THE GOSPEL MINISTRY—A. Qualification of Ministers. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

B. Duties of Ministers. These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers. II Tim. 2:15; 4:13-15; Titus 1:9; 2:7, 8; II Tim. 1:7; 2:2; I Tim. 3:2-7; Psa. 50:16; II Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; I Cor. 2:12-16; Acts 20:28; Heb. 5:4; I Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2; I Tim. 1:6; Acts 13:3; Mark 16:15; II Tim. 4:2; II Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7; Matt. 28:19; Luke 22:19, 20; Acts 20:11; 27:35; I Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16; Heb. 13:17; I Peter 5:2; Jer. 3:15.

20. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL—A. Christian Baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day. Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12; Acts. 8:36-39; Mat. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2:41; Rom. 6:4; Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; I Cor. 15:29.

B. The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity. I Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-28; I Cor. 10:16, 21; 11:27-29; 10:17; Rom. 14:1, 10; I Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.



C. Washing the Saints' Feet. This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance. John 13:4-8; I Tim. 5:1-10.

21. DEATH—As a result of sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed. Rom. 5:12; Heb. 9:27; I Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8; 12:7; Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; II Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

22. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST—The Lord Jesus who ascended on high and sits at the right hand of God, will come again to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world. Acts 1:11; Matt. 25:31; I Cor. 15:24-28; I Thess. 4:15-17; II Thess. 1:7-10; II Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

23. THE RESURRECTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22,23; II Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; I Cor. 15:35-44; Dan 12:2.

24. THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION— A. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works. Acts 17:31; I Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; II Peter 3:11; Eccl. 9:10; II Peter 3:12; II Cor. 5:10; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

B. Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment. Matt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:8-10; Rom. 6:23; II Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43,44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7,8,27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom. 2:6-10.

## **Arkansas State Association Constitution**

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, having been baptized upon our profession of faith in Christ as our Saviour, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches for the purpose of co-ordinating our efforts for the Kingdom of God, do therefore ordain this constitution for our denominational government.

### **ARTICLE I**

Name: This organization shall be known as the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists.



## **ARTICLE II**

Purpose: The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the State Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may be hereafter represented.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Representation:**

Section 1: This association shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons with membership in a church belonging to a district association, the district associational clerks and executive board members.

Section 2: Each district association shall be entitled to five delegates which will be chosen by the district association.

Section 3: In the event of part, or all of the elected delegation to report by 1:30 p.m. Thursday, said vacancies may be filled, provided some one from said Association recommended others for said vacancies.

Section 4: New associations desiring membership in the state association shall send messengers bearing a petitionary letter. If found orthodox, upon examination by the credentials committee, they shall be received by the association and given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

## **ARTICLE IV**

Finance This association shall be supported by 28% of the Co-operative receipts that come to the State Treasurer. Also each district association shall send \$3.00 for each church belonging to said association, which money will go to the host Church for entertainment expenses.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Discipline:**

Section 1: This state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practices that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization. Furthermore, if there be any question of discipline, doctrine or practice on the part of a district body, delegates of that association shall not be seated until these questions have been settled to the satisfaction of the credentials committee.

Section 2: The decision of the credentials committee may be appealed to (1) the state association sitting in a committee as a whole, or (2) to a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

## **ARTICLES VI**

### **Officers:**

Section 1: The officers of the state association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, an executive secretary who shall also serve as the treasurer, and a statistician.

Section 2: Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the committee on committees which will be elected by the body on the opening night of the association.

## ARTICLE VII

Boards: All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. The standing boards shall include the Executive Board, Home Mission Board, Foreign Missions Board, League Board, and a Sunday School Board.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Duties and rules of standing boards:

1. Executive Board. To this board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one meeting to another and shall have power and authority to elect such officers as might be deemed best for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertaking of the state association. The board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its own body. To this Executive Board is further designated power to collect funds and employ and superintend such work for the field as may seem best, and the means on hand may warrant. They shall deliver oil and gas leases upon any real property owned by the association, for such bonuses and rentals as in the discretion of the said board.

This Executive Board shall keep a record of all work done, money raised, meetings held, and make a full and complete report to the regular meeting of the association and shall further receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey any property entrusted to said state association.

The chairman and secretary of said Executive Board shall sign all deeds and bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the state association is to become legally held.

The board shall have the power to call the association in conference by notifying each district association at least ten (10) days prior to conference.

2. Home Mission Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national home mission board and to promote an active missionary program in and for the state of Arkansas. They shall elect a treasurer who shall handle all home mission money.

It will be their responsibility to investigate and assist, if necessary, any new church. This board should thoroughly investigate the ability of a church to support an organization before assistance is pledged.

3. Foreign Mission Board. It shall be the duty of this board to work in connection with the national foreign mission board in arranging itineraries, missionary conferences, etc., and promote in every way possible the foreign missions program in the state of Arkansas.

4. League Board. It shall be the duty of the state league board to plan and assist in every way possible the league work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active league work in each association and to encourage league rallies. They will also plan and carry out the annual league conference and camp. The state league director shall be chairman of this committee.

5. Sunday School Board. It will be the duty of the Sunday School Board to work in cooperation with the National Sunday School department in arranging Sunday School conferences and workshops, teachers training courses, in recommending methods and materials for the Sunday Schools of the State of Arkansas.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the state association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

### **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.