

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Sixty-sixth Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**AT THE**  
**Free Will Baptist Youth Camp**  
**ON TUNNEL ROAD — CONWAY, ARKANSAS**  
**OCTOBER 2-4, 1963**



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**REV. BEN SCOTT, Moderator**  
**Pocahontas, Arkansas**

**REV. HENRY BROWN, Clerk**  
**Box 428    :-    Booneville, Arkansas**

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# PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 2, 1963

The Sixty-sixth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Youth Camp on Tunnel Road in Conway, Arkansas.

Opened with hymn, "Bring Them In," led by Rev. Marion Pettus, music director, and Mrs. Ruth Leonard at the piano; also the hymn, "At the Cross."

Prayer led by Rev. Kenneth Doggett, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Clerk officially called the session to order and introduced the Moderator, Rev. William J. Mishler, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Hymn, "Victory in Jesus," music director.

Welcome address by Bro. Mishler.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Rupert Pixley, chairman of the State League Board, to present the camp facilities. The members of the League Board were introduced by Bro. Pixley.

The General Officers of the Arkansas State Association were introduced by the Moderator.

The Committee on Committees was nominated from the floor: Rev. Grover Terry, Rev. Bob Ashmore, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. Geno Johnson, Rev. Oris Doggett. Motion made to cease nominations and elect by acclamation. Seconded, carried.

The following visitors were present: Mr. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Langford, Rev. Mark Vandivort, National Home Missions Board member, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price, Deacon from First Free Will Baptist Church of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Lipe from Paris, Arkansas.

Hymn, "Soul Winner for Jesus." Prayer led by Rev. David Joslin.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Gilbert Pixley, pastor of the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Van Buren, Arkansas, to bring the introductory message. Bro. Pixley called Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. L. C. Crowder and Rev. Bob King to help sing a special number in song. They sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "O, the Glory Did Roll."

Bro. Pixley's scripture selection, II Peter 1:2-15; theme, "EVERY PURPOSE IS ESTABLISHED BY COUNSEL." A very timely and inspiring message delivered.

Invitation hymn, "Amazing Grace," was sung while all the ordained were invited to an altar of prayer. Prayer led by Rev. Ben Scott, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Report No. 1. Motion was made to accept the partial report of the Committee on Committees. Seconded, carried.\*

New ministers coming to our state were introduced by the Moderator: Rev. Bill Hall, pastor of the Yorktown Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, Arkansas; Rev. Carl Cheshier, pastor of the Pine Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Star City, Arkansas; and Rev. Grover Terry, pastor of Ballew's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Grubbs, Arkansas.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Keith Johnson.

## THURSDAY MORNING — 9:00 O'CLOCK

Called to worship by singing, "Come and Dine." Prayer led by Rev. Charles Black. Hymn, "Jesus Saves."

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lewis Barker, gave a word of welcome and introduced Bro. Bill Hall to give the morning devotional. Scripture: Philipians 3:10-14. Prayer led by Rev. Marion Pettus, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Glenwood, Arkansas.

Called to order for business by the Moderator. The standing delegates

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were considered seated to transact business. Ministers, Deacons, District Clerks, were asked to stand and receive the charge from the Moderator.

A motion was made to adopt the program with necessary changes. Seconded, carried.

A partial report of the Committee on Committees given. Motion and second to receive; carried.

Report No. 2. A partial report of the Credentials Committee given. Motion made to receive and vote on item by item; seconded, carried.\*

Motion to receive item one. Seconded, carried.

Motion to adopt item two. Seconded, carried.

Oral report of the progress of Unity Association given by the Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

Report No. 3. A partial report of the Executive Board was given by Rev. Marion Pettus, chairman. Motion made to receive; seconded, carried.

Report No. 4. A report of the State Treasurer given by Rev. Lloyd Thomas. A motion made to adopt; seconded. Motion made to table this report until the Auditing Committee meets with the Treasurer; seconded, carried.\*

Final report of the Committee on Committees given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt and discharge the committee; seconded, carried.\*

Report No. 5. Missions Board report given by Rev. Robert Francis, pastor of the Willoughby Free Will Baptist Church of Warren, Arkansas. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried.\*

Report No. 6. Sunday School Board Report given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried.\*

Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional-Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, was introduced by the Moderator to present us a message as a representative of his office.

Motion made to instruct our clerk to give the National Associational Sunday School Board a list of the churches and their addresses and permit them to feel free to send sample literature to them; seconded, carried.

Report No. 7. Christian Education Board report given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt and vote on each item, item by item; seconded, carried.

Article No. 1. Motion to adopt; seconded. Motion to table until this afternoon; seconded, carried.

Recess declared. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Moore, pastor of the Greenbrier Free Will Baptist Church.

### MORNING WORSHIP

Call to worship by singing "Send the Light." Prayer by Rev. Bob Francis. Hymn, "Mansions Over the Hill Top," directed by Bro. Luther G. Presley; Mrs. Presley at the piano.

Hymn, "I Love To Tell the Story." Special hymn, "Let Me Lose Myself, and Find It, Lord, in Thee." Rev. and Mrs. Bob Mantooth; Mrs. Marion Pettus at the piano.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lewis Barker, introduced Rev. Keith Johnson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Walnut Ridge, to bring the morning message.

Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:1-12. At the conclusion of the reading prayer was given by Bro. Johnson. Theme: "A MINISTRY THAT MATTERS."

Dismissing prayer and blessing on noon meal given by Rev. J. D. Coffman.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON — 1:15 O'CLOCK

Call to worship by singing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms," led by Rev. Stanton White.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Donald Brewer, student from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, to bring our devotional. Scripture: Hebrews 13:5.

The Moderator asked all ministers who had been preaching thirty (30)

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years or more to stand. Six (6) present.

Rev. Billy Melvin, Promotional-Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, was introduced by the Moderator as a visitor and asked to bring us a message from the headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

Report No. 8. Partial report of the Resolutions Committee given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion made to receive report and vote on them item by item; seconded, carried.\*

Resolution No. 1. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried. Resolution No. 2. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried. Resolution No. 3. Motion to adopt; report to be tabled until tomorrow; seconded, carried.

Motion made to take from the table the report of the Board of Christian Education; seconded, carried.

Article No. 1. Under consideration. Motion made to table the report; seconded, carried.

Motion to amend the main motion "to send the Executive Board and the Christian Education Board to counsel with the proper authorities in the State of Oklahoma;" seconded, carried. Main motion carried.

Report No. 9. The League Board report given by the Treasurer, Rev. J. W. Blanks. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried.\*

Report No. 10. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention report given by the secretary, Mrs. Hazel Mann. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried.\*

Rev. Lewis Barker spoke in behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds, our missionaries to Brazil, to say "thank you" for "Wheels for Deeds."

Report No. 11. Motion to receive the letter from Rev. J. Reford Wilson, National Foreign Missions Director, and print in minutes. Seconded, carried.

Hymn, "Amazing Grace." Prayer for missionaries led by Rev. J. E. White.

Partial report of the Resolutions Committee. Resolution No. 4. Motion to adopt; seconded, carried.

Business adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Friday. Dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Genelle Scott.

#### THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE — 7:15 O'CLOCK

Called to worship by choir director. Hymn, "There Is Power in the Blood." Prayer led by Bro. Larry Doggett.

Hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Special, "Follow Me," by Rev. Marion Pettus; Mrs. Pettus at the piano.

Welcome to worship by the Moderator. Hymn, "Have Thine Own Way," was sung while an offering of \$68.95 was taken. Rev. Bob King led the prayer of thanks.

Rev. Mark Vandivort, Field Secretary, Home Missions Board, National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn., was introduced by the Moderator to give us a report on his recent trip to Mexico.

Hymn, "Send the Light."

Rev. L. C. Crowder, pastor of the Walnut Street Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was introduced by the Moderator for the evening evangelistical message.

Bro. Crowder called Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Rupert Pixley, and Rev. Bob King to help sing a special in song, "I Am Bound for That City."

Scripture: Daniel 1:8. Theme: "A MAN WITH A PURPOSE." A very inspiring message.

Adjournment until 9:00 a.m. Friday. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wilcon Chastain, pastor of the Eighteenth Street Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock, Arkansas.

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### FRIDAY MORNING — 9:00 O'CLOCK

Piano prelude, Mrs. Ruth Leonard. Call to worship by singing "Won't It Be Wonderful There," led by Rev. Bob King. Prayer by Rev. Ben Scott. Hymn, "Standing On the Promises."

Word of welcome by the Assistant Moderator. Mrs. Keith Johnson was introduced to bring the morning devotional. Romans 12:1-2. Prayer by Mrs. Johnson.

Seated in conference by the Moderator.

Report No. 12. Report of the Auditing Committee given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt, seconded, carried.\*

Motion to bring from the table the Treasurer's Report, seconded, carried. Motion to adopt, seconded, carried.

Report No. 13. Temperance Committee report given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt and discharge the committee, seconded, carried.\*

Final report of the Executive Board was given by the chairman. Motion to adopt, seconded, carried.

Report No. 14. Report of the Placement Committee given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to adopt, seconded. Motion to amend, seconded, carried. Main motion carried.\*

A motion made and seconded to remove from the table Resolution No. 3, dealing with a Constitutional change; seconded, carried. Main motion carried.

Report No. 15. The State Statistician Report given by Rev. W. S. Isbell. Motion to receive his report and commend him for his faithful service; seconded, carried.\*

Report No. 16. Registration Committee report given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to receive, seconded, carried.

Business declared adjourned until 1:00 p.m., except the Obituary Committee's Report to be given before the Memorial Message. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jessie Pratt.

### MORNING WORSHIP — MEMORIAL SERVICE

Piano prelude, Mrs. Ruth Leonard. Hymn, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer led by Rev. Tommy Day, pastor of the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Atkins, Arkansas.

Special, "The Stone," Rev. and Mrs. Oris Doggett.

Report No. 17. The Assistant Moderator read the Obituary Report and the audience stood in silent reverence to those who have passed and gone on to their reward. Led in prayer by Rev. Lewis Barker.\*

Special, "Rock of Ages," Rev. Marion Pettus.

The Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. William J. Mishler, Moderator and pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to bring the Memorial Message. Scripture: II Corinthians 12:9-14. Theme: "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT." Text: II Corinthians 12:9. A great message of the sufficiency of God's grace. Closed with prayer.

Hymn, "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Marion Pettus; Mrs. Ruth Leonard at the piano. Benediction by Rev. Harold Harrison.

### FRIDAY EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

Piano prelude, Mrs. Ruth Leonard. Hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

Business session called to order by the Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Oris Doggett.

A motion was made that the check from the Arkansas Association for \$105.00 be held by the Treasurer until further clarification can be made, seconded, carried.

Report No. 18. Report of the Budget Committee given by the Assistant Clerk. Motion to receive and vote upon each item, item by item; seconded, carried.\* Item No. 1. Motion to adopt, seconded, carried. Item No. 2. Motion to adopt, seconded, carried.

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Report No. 19. Nominating Committee's Report given by Rev. Bob King, Secretary. Motion to accept and vote on one at a time, seconded, carried.\*

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Oris Doggett to a 5-year term on the Christian Education Board, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Carl Cheshier to a 5-year term on the League Board, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Tommy Day to a 5-year term on the Sunday School Board, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. W. C. Day to a 5-year term on the Missions Board, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Gilbert Pixley to a 5-year term on the Executive Board, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Loyd Thomas as Secretary-Treasurer, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. W. S. Isbell as State Statistician, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Alton Loveless as Assistant Clerk, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Henry Brown as Clerk, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Bob King as Assistant Moderator, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect by acclamation Rev. Ben Scott as Moderator, seconded, carried.

Rev. Ben Scott submitted his resignation from the Sunday School Board. Motion to accept his resignation, seconded, carried.

Motion to elect Rev. Grover Terry to the unexpired term of Rev. Ben Scott on the Sunday School Board, seconded, carried.

Motion made that we give a rising vote of thanks to those officers who have served so faithfully, seconded, carried.

Election of delegates to the National Association: Glenda Hopkins, Genelle Scott, Norma Pettus, Bertie Mishler and Aubrey Lord nominated. Motion to elect nominees by acclamation, seconded, carried.

An offering of \$50.00 was given, designated to repair the deep freeze.

Election of speakers for the Sixty-seventh Session in 1964:

Introductory Message: Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. Tommy Day, nominated. Rev. J. W. Blanks was elected. Motion to elect Rev. Tommy Day as alternate, seconded, carried.

Memorial Message: Rev. Ray Watkins, Rev. Gilbert Pixley nominated. Rev. Gilbert Pixley elected. Motion to elect Rev. Ray Watkins as alternate, seconded, carried.

Motion made that we give a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Willard C. Day for his labors as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer, seconded, carried.

Hymn, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Hand of fellowship given.

Motion to adjourn until one year from now, seconded, carried.

Announcements: It was announced that all messages of this session had been tape recorded and copies could be secured from the Clerk.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. William J. Mishler.



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## Committee and Board Reports

### REPORT No. 1 — COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We recommend the following to serve on the various committees:

**Registration:** Mrs. Marie Adams, Mrs. Lucy Williams, Mrs. Genelle Scott.

**Credentials:** Rev. Keith Johnson, Rev. Elmer Turner, Rev. Stanton White, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. Carl Chesheir.

**Resolutions:** Rev. Gilbert Pixley, Rev. Elbert McClellan, Rev. Charles Black, Rev. Roy Moore, Rev. T. J. Robertson.

**Nominating:** Rev. Rupert Pixley, Rev. Bob King, Rev. Cecil Sanders, Rev. Oris Doggett, Rev. Lawnie Coffman.

**Budget:** Mr. M. B. Williams, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. J. R. Dodson, Rev. Tom Day, Rev. Bill Hall.

**Placement:** Mrs. Jerldene Johnson, Mrs. Bea Crowder, Mrs. Bonnie Brown.

**Temperance:** Mrs. Dean Brown, Mrs. Alene Coffman, Mrs. Prue Jones, Mrs. Martin Tucker, Mrs. Bertie Mishler.

**Obituary:** Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. Lewis Barker.

**Auditing:** Rev. Opie Hargrave, Rev. D. Smith, Mrs. Hazel Mann.

Your Committee: Grover Terry, Oris Doggett,  
Robert Ashmore, J. E. White, Geno Johnson

### REPORT No. 2 — CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, find all 12 districts represented by and twenty-six (26) churches represented by delegates.

We have examined the petitionary letters of Harmony and Unity Associations and find them in order and recommend their acceptance into this body.

Your Committee: Carl Cheshier, L. C. Crowder,  
Elmer Turner, Keith Johnson, Stanton White

### REPORT No. 3 — EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your Executive Board met November 16, 1962, at Newport, Arkansas. Rev. Marion Pettus, P. O. Box 245, Glenwood, Arkansas, was elected chairman. Rev. Bob King, Box 86, Branch, Arkansas, was elected secretary. Rev. Henry Brown was called to our meeting to report what he had learned regarding the possibility of the chaplaincy in the Sanatorium at Booneville, Arkansas. There are no facilities available for a chaplain at the present time. No living quarters are provided for any chaplain at this time. Dr. Willard C. Day gave a financial report. He received \$2,718.25 for the month of October, for all phases of the denominational work. Motion by Bro. M. B. Williams, seconded by Bob King, carried, to authorize Dr. Day to borrow \$500.00 at the bank of his choice to increase the bookstore stock. Letter of authorization to be issued by this board. Motion by Bro. M. B. Williams, seconded by Rev. Marion Pettus, carried, to allocate \$25.00 from Vision Fund and General Fund per month for secretarial work for Dr. Day. Motion to adjourn, carried. Members present: Rev. Marion Pettus, Bro. M. B. Williams, Rev. Bob King.

Friday night, February 8, 1963: The Executive Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to assist in organizing the Association now known as Unity Association of Free Will Baptists. Members present: Rev. Marion Pettus, chairman; Rev. Bob King, secretary; Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. J. K. Woods. Dr. Willard C. Day was seated as proxy for Bro. M. B. Williams.

Rev. Gilbert Pixley led in singing, and then called the Ordained to an altar prayer. Acts 11:19-30 was read. Five churches were represented with ordained and lay members. First Free Will Baptist, Armour Avenue, Fort

Smith, Arkansas; Walnut Street Free Will Baptist, Walnut Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Bethlehem Free Will Baptist, Scott Street and Rudy Road, Van Buren, Arkansas; Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist, Cavanaugh, Arkansas; First Free Will Baptist, Fifth and Kennedy, Booneville, Arkansas.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws were read and considered. Rev. William Mishler, Moderator of the State Association, served as moderator in the organizational service.

Rev. Mishler presented the Constitution and By-Laws to the Executive Board; motion, second, carried to accept them, and recommend them to the churches.

The ordained of the sister churches were sent to the meeting to act as the body in organizing.

There was a motion and second to receive and adopt the Constitution and By-Laws. After some discussion, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, by vote of the body.

Rev. Mishler officiated in the election of officers for the newly organized Unity Association of Free Will Baptists.

June 25, 1963: The Executive Board was called into meeting at the Youth Camp to consider the resignation of Dr. Willard C. Day as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas.

Prayer by Rev. Marion Pettus. Rev. William Mishler met with us, as Moderator of the State Association; and by motion and second, to sit as proxy for Bro. M. B. Williams. Motion was made to accept Dr. Willard C. Day's resignation to become effective August 1, 1963. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion and second, carried, that a committee of the Executive Board meet at the Youth Camp July 26, 1963, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of auditing the books of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Motion that the chair appoint the above-mentioned committee. Appointed were: Rev. Marion Pettus, chairman; Rev. Bob King, secretary, and Rev. J. K. Woods.

After much discussion of the situation of the State work, and of prospective persons for a temporary man to carry on, motion, second, carried to invite Rev. Loyd Thomas, pastor of Conway church, to meet with us at 1:00 p.m., June 25, 1963. Meeting adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

Meeting at 1:00 p.m. called to order by Rev. Pettus, chairman, with Rev. Loyd Thomas present. After talking with Rev. Thomas, motion, second, carried to employ him to take care of the secretarial work of the State Promotional office until the Arkansas State Association convenes in regular session 1963. Be it further agreed that he is to receive \$1.15 per hour for his services. Furthermore, that he be authorized to receive checks, endorse checks and write checks for the office. (Rev. Loyd Thomas' address is: P. O. Box 253, Conway, Ark. However, all mail is to continue to be sent to the regular Conway address: Route 3, Box 44, Conway, Arkansas.)

Motion, second, carried that Rev. Day write the various Quarterly Meetings, or Associations to please remit at once, \$5.00 each, for the purpose of representing in the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Said request to be countersigned by the chairman of the Executive Board, Rev. Marion Pettus.

Motion, second, carried to adjourn. Members present: Rev. Marion Pettus, chairman; Rev. Bob King, secretary; Rev. J. K. Woods, Rev. William Mishler, proxy for Bro. M. B. Williams; Dr. Willard C. Day, was also present for the morning meeting.

July 26, 1963: We, the members of the Executive Board, met at the camp grounds July 26, 1963, for the purpose of examining the Promotional Secretary's books, having been selected by the Executive Board while in their regular session June 26, to serve as an auditing committee.

We find the books in order and release Willard C. Day of all duties relative to the office.

Signed: Rev. Marion Pettus, Chairman; Rev. Bob King, Secretary  
The Executive Board



**REPORT No. 4 — ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR-TREASURER'S REPORT**

From October 1, 1962 to October 1, 1963

**Received From Associations**

**Social Band Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$1,642.86	
Foreign Missions .....	1,051.52	
State Home Missions .....	205.85	
General Fund .....	198.35	
Literature .....	43.96	
Vision .....	84.00	
Miscellaneous .....	140.75	\$ 3,367.29

**Polk Bayou Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$1,021.10	
Foreign Missions .....	318.56	
State Home Missions .....	202.96	
General Fund .....	132.67	
Literature .....	128.27	
Vision .....	54.00	
Radio .....	124.34	
Miscellaneous .....	5.00	\$ 1,986.90

**Central Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$1,363.70	
Foreign Missions .....	423.00	
State Home Missions .....	24.75	
Literature .....	39.00	
Vision .....	64.00	
Bible College .....	160.00	
Radio .....	22.00	
Miscellaneous .....	82.98	\$ 2,179.43

**Saline Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$ 740.00	
Foreign Missions .....	549.75	
State Home Missions .....	77.38	
General Fund .....	33.37	
Literature .....	106.85	
Vision .....	104.05	
Radio .....	54.00	
Miscellaneous .....	86.77	\$ 1,752.17

**Unity Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$ 839.10	
Foreign Missions .....	151.77	
General Fund .....	146.90	
Vision .....	12.00	
Radio .....	5.00	
Miscellaneous .....	5.00	\$ 1,159.77

**New Hope Association:**

Cooperative .....	\$ 52.50	
Foreign Missions .....	33.20	
State Home Missions .....	178.66	
General Fund .....	300.92	
Literature .....	165.70	
Vision .....	73.00	



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Radio .....	188.40	
Miscellaneous .....	12.00	\$ 1,004.38
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<b>Big Springs Association:</b>		
Cooperative .....	\$ 20.00	
Foreign Missions .....	188.55	
State Home Missions .....	5.60	
General Fund .....	5.60	
Vision .....	12.00	
Miscellaneous .....	55.00	\$ 286.75
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<b>Zion Hope No. 2:</b>		
Cooperative .....	\$ 597.76	
Foreign Missions .....	65.50	
Vision .....	28.00	
Miscellaneous .....	6.00	\$ 697.26
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<b>Antioch Association:</b>		
Cooperative .....	\$ 56.00	
General Fund .....	10.00	
Literature .....	90.73	
Vision .....	48.00	
Youth Camp .....	5.00	\$ 209.73
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<b>Little Missouri River Association:</b>		
Foreign Missions .....	\$ 418.65	
State Home Missions .....	26.00	
General Fund .....	10.00	
Literature .....	55.61	
Vision .....	31.00	
Miscellaneous .....	11.00	\$ 552.26
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<b>Old Mt. Zion Association:</b>		
Cooperative .....	\$ 267.16	
State Home Missions .....	25.00	
General Fund .....	25.00	
Foreign Missions .....	10.00	
Vision .....	32.50	
Radio .....	19.04	\$ 378.70
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<b>Arkansas Association:</b>		
Vision .....	\$ 10.00	
Miscellaneous .....	5.00	\$ 15.00
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<b>Miscellaneous Receipts:</b>		
Book Sales .....	\$ 820.54	
State League Board Refund .....	573.11	
State Woman's Auxiliary .....	112.54	
Radio .....	64.18	
Vision .....	104.50	
Borrowed .....	500.00	
Miscellaneous .....	245.92	\$ 2,420.79
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Total received from Associations .....		\$13,589.64
Miscellaneous Receipts .....		2,420.79
Balance Brought Forward from last year .....		951.66
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Total Received for year .....		\$16,962.09

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### Expenditures from October 1, 1962 to October 1, 1963:

National Cooperative Fund .....	\$2,800.40	
Foreign Missions .....	3,887.16	
National Home Missions .....	252.99	
Bookstore Supplies .....	1,300.93	
Housing Allowance .....	300.00	
Promotional Director's Salary .....	3,118.45	
Telephone .....	146.76	
Stamps and Postage .....	52.70	
Office Supplies .....	206.22	
Mileage .....	372.08	
Camp Labor .....	100.00	
Vision .....	841.34	
League Board .....	713.63	
On Note .....	350.00	
College .....	137.16	
State Minutes .....	277.10	
Paris Mission .....	50.00	
Miscellaneous .....	491.20	
Radio .....	926.32	
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Total Expenditures for year .....		\$16,325.44
Total Amount Received .....		\$16,962.09
Total Expenditures .....		16,324.44
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Amount in Bank September 31, 1963 .....		\$ 637.65
<b>Fund Balance:</b>		
State Home Missions .....	\$ 322.85	
Christian Education .....	25.58	
Sunday School .....	68.41	
National Cooperative Fund .....	306.18	
Miscellaneous .....	59.57	\$ 782.59
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General Fund (Overdrawn) .....	\$ 137.12	
Vision (Overdrawn) .....	7.82	\$ 144.94
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Book Balance, September 30, 1963 .....		\$ 637.65
<b>Accounts Receivable:</b>		
Book Sales .....	\$ 17.50	
<b>Accounts Payable:</b>		
On Books .....	\$ 131.18	
Vision .....	103.71	
Song Books .....	66.95	
Note .....	262.50	
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	\$ 564.34	
<b>Assets:</b>		
Office Equipment .....	\$ 150.00	
Promotional Equipment .....	150.00	
Bookstore Merchandise .....	399.20	
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	\$ 699.20	

### REPORT No. 5 — MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

The Missions Board met in November of 1962 and elected Jimmy Richardson as chairman and Kenneth Doggett as secretary.

Motion passed to give Promotional Secretary-Treasurer authority to take \$5.00 per month from Board's treasury for secretarial work for VISION, our

state paper.

The Board agreed to give the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer authority to use 50% of Missions fund to back radio programs throughout the state for a period of three months; providing not more than one station in any one district carry the program.

In March, 1963, the Board met at the Youth Camp. We were informed that it would take more than 50% of our fund for radio program. It was voted to continue support of program until State Ministers and Deacons' meeting at Pocahontas when further action would be taken.

The Missions Board gave \$962.32 to the radio programs. We gave \$50.00 to the Mission in Paris, Arkansas. We spent for secretarial work \$35.00. We have a balance in the Mission fund of \$322.85.

### REPORT No. 6 — SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The Sunday School Board received 1% of the State Cooperative receipts. Out of this amount we paid \$70.00 for one month's publication of VISION. Our present financial balance is \$68.41.

We recommend that our churches give due consideration to the Sunday School literature published by our National Sunday School Board.

### REPORT No. 7 — CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

We, the Board of Christian Education, wish to report that in the past year we have held three meetings, sponsored a Ministers' Retreat, and formulated some recommendations in behalf of the establishment of a college. These recommendations based upon our commitments are as follows:

1. That a College Reserve Fund be established immediately with the State Association contributing thereto with a percentage of its cooperative receipts.
2. That a committee be elected to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the college and present the same for approval to the State Association at its 1964 session.
3. That a Board of Trustees be elected by the State Association at its 1964 session.
4. That the property of the Arkansas State Association in Conway be placed in the hands of the College Board of Trustees when elected. (The League Board agreed to this while in a joint session with the Board of Christian Education during the 1962 session of the State Association. It was understood that other provisions would be made for the Youth encampments, etc.)

Board of Christian Education: Cecil Sanders, Lewis Barker,  
Proxy; J. E. White, David Joslin, Keith Johnson

### REPORT No. 8 — RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, present the following for your consideration:

1. We recommend that the Central Association be refunded the sum of \$70.00 which they paid as our representation fee to the National Association in 1962.

2. Be it resolved that we issue an "Identification Card" to the Ministers of the State of Arkansas who are in good standing with the Association.

3. Be it resolved that Article VIII, Section 6, of the Constitution, with reference to Promotional Secretary-Treasurer be amended by substitution.

(The fifth, or last paragraph under consideration.) "The work of the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer," substitution, "shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board." The last sentence of said paragraph to be deleted.

4. Be it resolved that every church in the Association be encouraged to

send their pastors to the National Association and their ways be paid from the local church. That this program be encouraged by each district association.

Your Committee: Gilbert J. Pixley, Chairman; R. M. Moore,  
T. J. Robertson, Elbert McClellan, Charles Black

**REPORT No. 9**  
**STATE LEAGUE TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**From August 1, 1962 to October 1, 1963**

**Receipts:**

Cooperative Receipts .....	\$ 865.86
State Camper's Insurance Refund .....	40.95
East Arkansas Master's Men .....	50.00
House Allowance .....	400.00
Youth Camp Fees .....	1,990.00
Concession Stand Receipts .....	288.33
Offering from State Association .....	114.73
State Associational Fees, 1962 .....	934.52
Eggs Sold from State Meeting .....	10.00
Rent on Youth Camp .....	180.00
General Receipts .....	512.21
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$5,386.60</b>
Brought Forward from August 1, 1962 .....	343.08
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$5,729.68</b>

**Expenditures:**

Food, Milk, Ice .....	\$1,846.23
Lights and Gas .....	450.05
Labor .....	214.50
Vision .....	70.00
Paid on House .....	1,032.36
State Minutes .....	226.60
Freezer .....	142.29
Postage .....	39.50
File Cabinet .....	17.77
Insurance .....	240.25
Phone Calls .....	11.01
Miscellaneous .....	362.38
Improvements .....	1,016.12
<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$5,669.06</b>
Balance in Bank October 1, 1963 .....	\$ 60.62

**Youth Camp Report — 1963**

<b>Pre-Teen Camp</b>		<b>Teen Camp</b>	
Campers .....	146	Campers .....	147
Staff .....	29	Staff .....	27
Speaker .....	1	Speaker .....	1
Helpers .....	6	Helpers .....	4
Small Children .....	8	Small Children .....	3
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>182</b>
Conversions .....	25	Conversions .....	6

(Young men answering the call to the ministry 2; Young women answering the call to the mission field 4; and a number of rededications.)

J. W. Blanks, Treasurer



REPORT No. 10

MINUTES OF THE STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Tenth Annual Session of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Youth Camp, Conway, Arkansas October 1-2, 1963. Theme: "Streams In the Desert."

Tuesday night the service opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Ben Scott with Sister Lonnie Coffman as pianist. Devotional by Sister Erma Dodson, Psalms 23. Prayer by Rev. Lewis Barker.

Special, "Our Best," by Sister Jean Francis and Sister Marie Adams.

The State President, Mrs. Genelle Scott, presented the Rev. Grover Perry to bring the evening message. Bro. Terry brought a challenging message on the theme, "Streams In the Desert." Isaiah 35:6. Closing prayer by Rev. Kenneth Doggett.

Wednesday Morning

Opened by singing "Power In the Blood." Prayer by Sister Ollie Doggett. Song, "Send the Light." Devotional, "Is Your Life A Channel," by Sister Clara Hall.

Who's here! Delegates stood and were counted.

The appointing of committees as follows:

Registration: Sister Birtie Mishler, Sister Grace Hudson and Sister Sallie White.

Credentials: Sister Kathleen Thacker, Sister Norma Dickson and Sister Clytie Coffman.

The president's message was enjoyed by all and very timely.\*

WNAC report by Sister Lennis Zinnamon.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Carl Cheshier.

11:00 o'clock: Singing directed by Sister Ollie Doggett, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Bro. Tommy Day. Song, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Message by Rev. Mark Vandivort, Field Director of the National Home Missions. Scripture, St. John 7:37-38. A missions offering was taken. Rev. William Mishler led the prayer of thanks.

Hymn, "There Is A Fountain." Dismissed by Rev. Bob King.

Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing, "Jesus Saves." Prayer led by Sister Amy Willmouth. Song, "Higher Ground."

Devotional by Sister Ruth Leonard, "Stopped Up Channels," with Sister Willie Jean Lewis singing "Help Me Unstop the Channel."

Digest of reports by Sister Fay Mann.

Treasurer's Report given and accepted.

Registration Committee report: 102 registering and 32 Auxiliaries reporting.

Credentials Committee Report was given with four (4) A 1 Auxiliaries: Booneville, South Heights, Searcy, Pocahontas, and Pine Hill; and one (1) B 1 Auxiliary, First Church of Russellville.

Finance Committee report received.

Four (4) resolutions were reported and received. Three (3) delegates were elected to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention for 1964: Sister Bill Hall, Sister William Mishler, and Sister Carl Cheshier.

Six (6) state officers gave talks on "Opening New Channels," pertaining to their offices. Sister William Mishler, Vice President; Sister Fay Mann, Recording Secretary; Sister Lonnie Coffman, Study Course Chairman; Sister Hoover Lewis, Treasurer, and Sister Dean Brown, Stewardship Prayer Chairman.

Reading of minutes, accepted with one correction.

An interesting letter from the Deeds was read by the president, thanking the State Auxiliary Convention for reaching their goal of \$2,500.00 with \$55.19

\* President's message on tape from clerk

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over to buy a means of transportation for their use in Brazil.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Lennis Zinnamon.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that we submit the name of Sister Oris Doggett as youth chairman in place of Sister John Warren, who moved away.

2. Be it resolved to give a love offering of \$15.00 to Rev. Mark Vandivort for bringing our morning message.

3. Be it resolved that we urge our Auxiliaries to continue their support to the provision closet for our missionaries.

4. Be it resolved that we accept for our State project for the coming year that every Arkansas Auxiliary member become the owner of at least one square foot of land in Hawaii.

Mrs. Fay Mann, Recording Secretary

### REPORT No. 11

#### BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

3801 Richland Avenue  
Nashville Tennessee 37205

September 30, 1963

Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists  
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Christian Friends:

I remember with joy my opportunity of being with you in your state associational meetings. I am praying that you will receive many blessings from the Lord at this state convention.

You have foreign missionaries from your state who are no doubt thinking of your fellowship at this time. I want to thank you on behalf of fifty-one foreign missionaries serving in seven foreign countries for your prayers and gifts. Free Will Baptists of Arkansas are to be commended for their increased compassion and evident desire to share in this foreign ministry.

You have already given \$4,844.81 this year on your 1963 quota of \$8,000.00. I believe that with the project of "Wheels for Deeds" by the Woman's Auxiliary of Arkansas that you will exceed your quota this year.

There are more than a billion souls in our generation who do not have a gospel witness. The Lord Jesus Christ died for all men everywhere, and it is our joy to make Him known. Thank you so much for sharing with the world through our department the message of salvation. May I suggest that you take time in this convention for special prayer for all the missionaries.

Sincerely in Christ,  
J. Reford Wilson  
General Director

### REPORT No. 12 — AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the books of the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer for the months of August and September, 1963. We find the books in order as of this date, October 3, 1963.

Your Committee: Opie Hargrave, D. Smith, Hazel Mann

### Report No. 13 — TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance in obedience to I Corinthians 9:25a, "... and every man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things."

First: That we take an active stand against obscene literature, and help in every way possible to remove it first from the homes of our church members and then from the news stands.

Second: That we encourage our people to refrain from any questionable amusements in observance of Titus 2:12a, "denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Third: That we abstain from all use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and that we become "living examples" as adult Christians to the youth of our churches.

Temperance Committee: Dean Brown, Chairman; Alene Coffman, Bertie Mishler, Eva Tucker, Prue Jones

#### **REPORT No. 14 — PLACEMENT COMMITTEE**

We, your Placement Committee, recommend that we accept the standing invitation of the League Board for the 1964 State Association to meet here at the State Camp Ground, unless some other church should ask for the State Association; they in consultation with the Executive Board to select same. A time limit to be announced prior to or on the date of the State Ministers and Deacons' Meeting, November 15-16, at Fort Smith.

Placement Committee: Bea Crowder, Bonnie Brown

#### **REPORT No. 15 — STATISTICIAN'S REPORT**

(See pages 18 and 19 for Report No. 15.)

#### **REPORT No. 16 — REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

We, your committee on Registration, find that 57 ministers, three visiting ministers, 24 deacons, 43 delegates, 43 local church delegates, and 40 visitors have registered, making a total of 206 in attendance.

Your Committee: Mrs. Marie Adams, Mrs. Lucy Williams, Mrs. Genelle Scott

REPORT No. 15  
**STATISTICIAN'S REPORT**  
 Rev. W. S. Isbell, Statistician

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS	Number of Churches	Membership	Members Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	Leagues	League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	Woman's Auxiliary Membership	GTA's	YPA's	Boy's Auxiliaries	Master's Men	Prayer Meetings
Antioch .....	32	2,219	111	33	28	53	100	31	1,390	12	412	8	63	1	1			8
Arkansas .....	15	707	43	22	7	17	36	15	436	4	149						1	4
Big Springs .....	4	225	16	17	7	3	11	4	190	4	67	3	27			1	1	3
Central .....	7	675	52	18	1	11	23	7	461	7	283	6	81	1	4	1	1	7
Harmony .....	3	142	34	4		3	9	3	145	2	60							1
Little Missouri River ..	5	394	45	16	6	8	17	5	283	2		1						
New Hope .....	14	688	88	16	5	11	42	14	564	8	268	5	47	1	1			7
Old Mt. Zion .....	18	1,356	219	93	20	52	57	17	931	6	118	2	25					11
Polk Bayou .....	17	1,592	70	24	12	26	54	16	1,257	7	359	6	91	2	2	1	4	9
Rich Mountain .....	5	246	15	4	3			5	201	2	37	2	24					
Saline .....	21	2,155	147	64	17	34	61	21	1,352	11	441	7	89	1	4			10
Social Band .....	22	1,923	150	43	15	30	60	22	1,602	14	662	11	193	6	5		2	10
Unity .....	6	1,312	198	72	18	20	27	6	829	3	148	5	60	2	2		5	6
Zion Hope .....	20	1,059	95	28	13	48	51	20	954	6	153	3	44					12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>14,693</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>10,595</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88</b>



LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS	Total Giving in the Churches (Reported)	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	For Literature	For Building and Repair	Cooperative Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Value of Church Property
Antioch .....	\$	\$ 17,776.64	\$ 2,802.28	\$ 1,426.56	\$ 4,628.02	\$ 60.00	\$ 108.00	\$	\$ 148,000.00
Arkansas .....	11,896.20	9,085.31	578.04	944.64	4,148.19			32.00	52,500.00
Big Springs .....	3,997.91	984.28	547.76	266.89	1,554.86	20.00	127.00	5.60	6,500.00
Central .....	91,487.72	15,881.45	664.00	1,612.70	57,164.39	2,849.58	464.97	28.74	186,787.56
Harmony .....									10,000.00
Little Missouri River..	14,353.11	6,275.00	572.15	481.38	5,078.48		422.62	48.18	27,000.00
New Hope .....	41,015.75	12,232.20	1,094.32	1,171.60	17,600.91	140.00	260.73	22.00	108,600.00
Old Mt. Zion .....	41,700.64	16,762.00	3,392.78	1,632.09	7,548.50	124.48	730.12	798.92	128,500.00
Polk Bayou .....	41,818.46	19,128.58	1,677.93	2,080.07	24,568.07	1,064.59	719.20	179.91	183,300.00
Rich Mountain .....	4,268.39	1,556.16	172.20	315.81	798.70				20,700.00
Saline .....	54,572.00	22,831.64	2,846.39	2,603.67	15,431.76	777.58	1,406.38	521.65	229,000.00
Social Band .....	39,644.76	22,789.64	2,208.31	2,965.71	5,162.93	1,516.69	1,675.32	224.05	213,500.00
Unity .....	44,391.28	16,164.02	760.34	1,453.62	11,885.25	2,365.70	206.62	97.81	250,000.00
Zion Hope .....	19,964.75	10,478.21	1,772.30	658.18	2,325.79		189.65	38.00	90,550.00
TOTALS	\$409,110.97	\$171,945.13	\$19,088.80	\$17,612.92	\$157,895.85	\$8,918.62	\$6,010.61	\$1,996.86	\$1,654,937.56

**Note:** The above does not reflect the true status of the State work due to incomplete reports of some local clerks. **Example:** A report from National Headquarters shows that we gave \$7,988.89 to Foreign Missions, which is \$1,978.28 more than our report shows. The clerks of local churches and local associations are urged to take special care in preparing their reports.

**REPORT No. 17 — OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God has seen fit to call from our midst 152 of our Free Will Baptist Brothers and Sisters. "... 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 labours and their works do follow them."

Your Committee: Sallie White, Janie Barker, Mrs. D. Smith

**REPORT No. 18 — BUDGET COMMITTEE**

We, the Budget Committee, recommend the following allocations for money received through the cooperative plan of support:

National Cooperative .....	40%
State Missions .....	20%
General Fund .....	24%
League Board .....	14%
Sunday School Board .....	1%
Educational Board .....	1%

We further report the income from the Church and District Associations to this session of the State Association is \$855.00, of this amount \$589.00 was designated as entertainment fees and \$265.00 for the printing of State Minutes.

Association	Entertainment Free	Minute Fund
Saline .....	\$ 63.00	\$ 33.00
Antioch .....	94.00	4.00
Old Mt. Zion .....	54.00	1.00
Social Band .....	45.00	36.00
Polk Bayou .....	51.00	36.00
Little Missouri River .....	15.00	
New Hope .....	42.00	42.00
Rich Mountain .....	15.00	15.00
Central .....	21.00	
Arkansas .....	97.50	52.50
Zion Hope No. 2 .....	60.00	10.00
Harmony .....		6.00
Unity .....	18.00	18.00
Big Springs .....	12.00	12.00
Totals .....	\$589.50	\$265.50

Budget Committee: M. B. Williams, J. E. White,  
J. R. Dodson, Tommy Day, Bill Hall

**REPORT No. 19 — NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations:

Christian Education .....	Rev. Oris Doggett (5-year term)
League Board .....	Rev. Carl Cheshier (5-year term)
Sunday School Board .....	Rev. Tommy Day (5-year term)
Missions Board .....	Rev. W. C. Day (5-year term)
Executive Board .....	Rev. Gilbert Pixley (5-year term)
Secretary Treasurer .....	Rev. Loyd Thomas
State Statistician .....	Rev. W. S. Isbell
Assistant Clerk .....	Rev. Alton Loveless
Clerk .....	Rev. Henry Brown
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Bob King
Moderator .....	Rev. Ben Scott

If Rev. Ben Scott is elected Moderator, we recommend that Rev. Grover Terry be elected to serve Rev. Ben Scott's unexpired time on the Sunday School Board.

We recommend that the Secretary-Treasurer serve as State Reporter.

We recommend that a rising vote of appreciation be given to those who have served this body so faithfully.

## 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 coordinating 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, affiliated with the National 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 association clerks and executive board members.

**Section 2.** Each District Association shall be entitled to five lay delegates at large and, in addition, each local church which holds membership in a District Association affiliated with this body shall be entitled to send one lay delegate.

**Section 3.** In the event a part, or all of the elected delegation fails to report by 1:30 p.m. Thursday, said vacancy 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 vote of the association and given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

### ARTICLE IV

**Finance:** This association shall be supported by a percentage of the Cooperative receipts and earmarked gifts which come into the state treasury as designated by the state association when in conference. Said allocations to national and state work to be recommended to the association by the budget committee.

Each district association belonging to said body shall send \$3.00 for each church belonging to said district association subscribing to the cooperative program, which shall be for entertaining state association. And \$6.00 for each church belonging to said district association not subscribing to the cooperative program; \$3.00 of which shall be for entertaining State Association, and \$3.00 for minutes and general expenses.

### ARTICLE V

#### Discipline:

**Section 1:** This state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or practice 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.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers:

**Section 1.** The officers of the state association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, promotional secretary-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, Missions Board, League Board, and a Sunday School Board and the Board of Christian Education.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Duties and Rules of Standing Boards:

**Section 1.** All boards and committees of this association shall organize at the beginning of each associational year. They shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Each board shall keep a written report of each meeting held and work done. They shall make a written report to each annual association of meetings held, work done and monies received and expended during the year.

**Section 2. Executive Board.** This board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies which may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies which may occur in any department of the work between sessions of the state association.

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, except as stipulated elsewhere in the constitution.

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.

**Section 3. Mission Board.** It shall be the duty of this board to promote an active missions program within the State. It shall work in conjunction with the National Home and Foreign Missions Boards in the arranging of Missionary conferences, Missionary itineraries, and assist in the raising of the state quota for the National Missions Programs.

This board shall investigate, and assist, in the establishing of new churches and missions, particularly where there is no Free Will Baptist Work. This Board shall not participate in the organization of any church or mission that is located within common boundaries of a district association that has a mission board, or a board that has been designated for this purpose, unless requested. However, if said association has no such board, then this board, upon consultation with officials of said district association, shall assist in such work.

Furthermore, this board shall not participate in the organization of any church or mission in a town, city or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist Church without first seeking the cooperation of said church. Neither shall this board assist in the organization of a group that is out of



fellowship with an established church.

**Section 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 shall be entrusted to hold, manage, use, control, or convey the Youth Camp property. Also this board shall be responsible for the selection of the youth camp director. They will also plan and carry out the annual league conference and youth encampment.

**Section 5. Sunday School Board.** It will be the duty of this 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.

**Section 6. Promotional Secretary-Treasurer.** The Promotional Secretary-Treasurer shall assist in the coordinating of the work of the various boards of the State Association and shall serve as State Treasurer. He shall promote through his office, both the State and National Denominational programs, and arrange or assist in the arranging of itineraries for State or National Workers, Missionaries, Mission Conferences, etc. He shall also assist, as far as is practical, in the establishing of new churches and missions within the state. Furthermore, it shall be his duty to edit and publish VISION, our State Magazine.

He shall receive, hold and disburse money as is made available by the State Association to the various boards, state office and departments. Disbursement to various boards will be made when requested by requisition.

A bookstore shall be operated from the State Headquarters with the profits going into the general fund.

He shall present a complete written report of all work done to each annual session of this Association, with a financial statement of all monies received and disbursed to each board, National Programs, etc.

The work of the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board.

**Section 7. Board of Christian Education.** It shall be the duty of this board to establish and promote a high standard of Christian Education within the framework of this Association. It shall be responsible for an annual Ministers' Retreat to be held at the Youth Camp Grounds. It shall also assist, through the conducting of Bible institutes, in the teaching and training of the ministry and other interested laymen as requested by the local churches or associations of this body.

The doctrine of the Free Will Baptist as defined in the "Treatise of the Faith and Practice" shall be the guide of theological positions for the institutes.

## 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, providing 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 membership 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 announces 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.

# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Moderator ..... Rev. Ben Scott  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Bob King  
Clerk ..... Rev. Henry Brown  
Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. Alton Loveless  
State Statistician ..... Rev. W. S. Isbell  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Rev. Loyd Thomas

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Gilbert Pixley (5 years)	Rev. Leonard Crowder (2 years)
Rev. Marion Pettus (4 years)	Rev. J. K. Woods (1 year)
Bro. Millard Williams (3 years)	

## MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. W. C. Day (5 years)	Rev. Bob Francis (2 years)
Rev. Jimmy Richardson (4 years)	Rev. Tommy Robertson (1 year)
Rev. Kenneth Doggett (3 years)	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Tommy Day (5 years)	Rev. Grover Terry (2 years)
Rev. Bob Mantooth (4 years)	Rev. William J. Mishler (1 year)
Rev. Ray Watkins (3 years)	

## LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Carl Cheshier (5 years)	Rev. Henry Brown (2 years)
Rev. Rupert Pixley (4 years)	Rev. Lawnie Coffman (1 year)
Rev. J. W. Blanks (3 years)	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Oris Doggett (5 years)	Rev. Keith Johnson (2 years)
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Rev. J. E. White (3 years)	

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Arkansas State Association General Officers