

MINUTES
Of The
Seventy-Fourth Annual Session
Of The
Arkansas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
At The
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
On Beaver Lake — Conway, Arkansas
August 11-13, 1971

The next regular session will convene at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp on Beaver Lake, Conway, Arkansas, beginning Wednesday Evening before Third Sunday in August, 1972,

REV. BEN SCOTT, Moderator
1009 Hester
Jonesboro, Ark. 72401

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Moderator - Rev. O. D. Winfrey, 708 W. Hazel,
Walnut Ridge, Ark. 72476
Clerk - Mrs. Genelle Scott, 1009 Hester, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401

UNITY:

Moderator - Rev. Jimmie Pursell, Muldrow, Okla. 74948
Clerk - Rev. Henry Brown, P. O. Box 7, Charleston, Ark. 72933

ZION HOPE:

Moderator - Mr. Jerry Burris, Rt. 1, Rudy, Ark. 72952
Clerk - Wilmot Chamberlain, Rt. 2, Box 341, Muldrow, Okla. 74948

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 11, 1971

(Mr. and Mrs. Bob Followwill served as Song Leader and Pianist for the Wednesday Evening Services.)

The Seventy-Fourth Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Youth Camp on Beaver Lake in Conway, Arkansas.

Evening Services:

Opening Song: "Walk With Me." Prayer: Oris Doggett.

"Amazing Grace." Prayer: Gilbert Pixley.

The Association was called into official session by Rev. Loyd Thomas, Association Clerk. Brother Thomas also introduced Rev. Ben Scott, Moderator of the State Association.

Presentation of the Youth Camp facilities was made by Rev. Rupert Pixley, President of the C. T. S. Board. Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Rev. R. D. Hester and Rev. Jimmie Chronister were introduced as members of the C. T. S. Board.

Rev. Bob King, Rev. Oris Doggett, Rev. Glen Lewis, Rev. Carl Cheshier and Rev. Zane Kirkland were nominated to serve on the Committee on Committees.

A hand of appreciation was extended to all members of the C. T. S. Board for their hard work in connection with the new Youth Camp.

Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Song: "I Have Found A Friend Who Is All to Me."

Special Song: "Keep Me Moving, Lord," Eddington Family.

Song: "Blessed Assurance."

Special Song: "Oh, What A Saviour," Rev. Joe Grizzel.

Special Prayer directed by Moderator for all speakers who were to participate in this session.

Song: "Glory to His Name."

Rev. Kenneth Doggett brought the evening message from Rom. 1:1-17. The subject of the message was, "A Man of Consecration and Commitment."

Report No. 1: Partial report of Committee on Committees was received.

Recognition of new ministers who have moved into the state, and recognition of visiting ministers and laymen.

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THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 1971 — 9:00 A. M.

Song: "At The Cross."

Prayer: Rev. Garland Retzel.

Song: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Devotional: Given by Rev. David Joslin from I Kings 19:9. His subject was, "I Sought For A Man."

Report No. 2: Partial report of the Credentials Committee was received and delegates seated. Adopted.

Motion adopted to use program as a flexible guide with necessary changes as needed.

Report No. 3: Report of the Executive Board was adopted.

Motion made to give Promotional Director \$200.00 per month housing allowance was tabled until after Promotional Director's report.

Report No. 4: Report of Promotional Director was adopted. Motion made that tabled motion pertaining to Promotional Director's housing allowance be taken from table, passed. After some discussion, motion was made and passed to table.

Rev. Lonnie Palmer reported for the Foreign Missions Department of the National Association.

Report No. 5: Report of Christian Education Board was adopted.

Report No. 6: Report of the Sunday School Board was adopted.

Rev. N. R. Smith, representing the National Sunday School Department, reported on the activities of the National Board. Motion was made and adopted to commend the National Sunday School Board on the fine work it has been doing.

THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP, AUGUST 12, 1971 — 11:00 A. M.

Songs: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "I Love to Tell the Story," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," and "We're Marching to Zion."

Special Music: "Palms of Victory" and "I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You" were presented by the Waves of Faith Quartet of Fort Smith.

Rev. Gilbert Pixley was introduced to bring the morning message. His Scripture was from Isaiah 58:1, and his subject was "A Man of Conviction and Courage."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 12, 1971

Song: "When God Dipped His Love in My Heart."

Rev. Randy Scott, student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave

the devotional from Psalms 1:1-3.

Rev. Roy Thomas represented the National Home Missions Department.

Rev. Bailey Thompson represented the Hill Dale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma.

Rev. Milton Crowson represented the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and CONTACT, the official magazine of the National Association.

Rev. Malcom Fry represented the National C. T. S. Program.

Rev. Robert Picrilli represented the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Report No. 7: Report of the State Missions Board was adopted, and State Missionary Dell Miller gave a progress report of the work in Arkadelphia.

Report No. 8: Report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was adopted.

Special Song: "It Pays to Serve Jesus," by Rev. Malcom Fry.

A Testimony service was enjoyed by all.

Report No. 9: A partial report of the Registration Committee was adopted, showing that 337 had registered so far.

Report No. 10: A partial report of the Nominating Committee was received and those nominated were elected.

Report No. 11: Partial report of the C. T. S. Board was adopted. Motion made that C. T. S. Board be responsible for all National representation fees for state winners of Tic-Tac-Toe, Bible Bowl, and any other state winners, carried.

Motion to take from table the matter of the housing allowance for Promotional Director, carried. After much discussion and several alternate motions had failed, the whole matter was referred to the Executive Board.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 12, 1971

Song: "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Prayer: Rev. Jim Purcell.

Songs: "Jesus Saves" and "Amazing Grace."

A special Love Offering was received for the Wesley Calvery family.

Special music given by the Soul Searchers from Batesville.

Song: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

The Calvery family presented several special numbers, some of which they have recorded.

Rev. Wesley Calvery was introduced by the Moderator to bring the evening message. His subject was "A Man of Compassion and Concern." His text was from John 11:35.

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FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1971

Song: "To God Be the Glory."

Prayer: Rev. Gary Dodson.

Devotional: Eddie Jones, from I Samuel 10:26.

Prayer: Rev. Ben Scott.

Report No. 12: Statistician's report received and adopted.

Report No. 13: Final report of Registration Committee received and adopted.

Report No. 14: Budget Committee report received and adopted.

Report No. 15: Obituary Committee report received and adopted.

Special prayer of thanks, led by Rev. Zane Kirkland.

Motion made and carried to give Mr. Ted Wall a standing vote of thanks for his faithful work on the Youth Camp grounds.

Motion made and passed to give the C. T. S. Board and all men who drove many miles to work on the camp grounds a rising vote of thanks.

Report No. 16: Resolutions Committee report received and adopted.

A motion was made and adopted to give Brother and Sister Bob Followill a rising vote of thanks for their faithful service during this meeting.

Report No. 17: Final report of the Nominating Committee received and adopted.

Rev. Lewis Barker asked the body to relieve him of his duties on the Executive Board because of his health. Motion was made and adopted that his request be granted. Rev. Zane Kirkland was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

FRIDAY MORNING MEMORIAL SERVICES, AUGUST 13, 1971

Song: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer: Rev. Paul Ketteman.

Special music by the Followills.

Rev. Dick Shade was introduced as the morning messenger. His text was from II Tim. 4:1-8, and his title was "A Man of Confidence and Consolation."

Services closed with a love hand shake and singing, "Till We Meet Again."

Closing prayer was by Rev. Joe Grizzel.

REPORTS

REPORT NO. 1: COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

REGISTRATION: Mrs. Leo West, Mrs. Hazel Mann, Mrs. Jean Helsel.

CREDENTIALS: R. D. Hester, Billy Joe Aulds, Jimmy Chronister, Billy Whitaker, Bob Sallee.

NOMINATING: Hoover Lewis, David Joslin, Richard Bowers, Otis Cook, Sidney Sawrie.

RESOLUTIONS: Rupert Pixley, J. W. Blanks, Kenneth Doggett, Don Brewer, Lewis Barker.

BUDGET: John Postlewaite, Fred Warner, Garland Retzel, O. D. Winfrey, Leonard Crowder.

TEMPERANCE: Ronnie Blanks, Dell Miller, John Eddington, Aleen Coffman, Genelle Scott.

OBITUARY: Mary Chronister, Freda Almond, Lela Cook, Pat Lewis, Eileen Moore.

Your Committee Bob King, Oris Doggett,
Glen Lewis, Carl Cheshier, Zane Kirkland.

REPORT NO. 2: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee, find that the Antioch, Arkansas, Big Springs, Central, Little Missouri River, New Hope, North Louisiana, Rich Mountain, and Saline Associations have represented by letter, delegates, and fees.

We also find that the following Associations have the following report:

Polk Bayou — 14 churches paid their full fee and 1 did not.

Social Band — 18 paid and 4 did not.

Harmony — 1 paid and 4 did not.

Unity — 12 paid and 1 did not.

Zion Hope No. 2 — 14 paid and 2 did not.

Old Mt. Zion — 19 paid and 6 did not.

Your Committee: Billy Joe Aulds, Bob Sallee, R. D. Hester.

REPORT NO. 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Executive Board of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met August 14, 1970, immediately following adjournment of the State Association. The purpose of the meeting was to organize for the new Associational Year, and to comply with a resolution passed by the State Association in regard to giving the State Promotional Secretary a \$10.00 a week raise in salary.

The Board met November 28, 1970, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Conway, in a general business session, and the following decisions were made: (1) That the price of VISION, the state paper, would be: 10 copies \$6.00 per year; 15 copies \$9.00; 20 copies \$12.00; 25 copies \$15.00; 30 copies \$18.00; 35 copies \$21.00; 40 copies \$24.00. An individual subscription would be \$2.00 per year. (2) To print a listing of supplies available from the State Book Store in VISION. (3) To sell the old Royal typewriter for \$15.00 and authorize Bro. Warner to buy a new typewriter and to authorize Bro. Warner to spend up to \$100.00 in repairing the State Book Store. (4) Rev. Richard Bowers agreed to serve as purchasing agent and to hire cooks for the State Association in 1971.

The Board was called together to try to help solve a Church problem that affected the Branch Free Will Baptist Church. The Church had been closed by order of the Chancery Court until a meeting of the Board could be held. The Board could not reach a decision at this time, and another date was to be set for further discussion.

The Board met again March 30, 1971, to help with the opening of the Branch Free Will Baptist Church. After much deliberation, a majority of the Board asked the Court to re-open the Church and that Finas Kindig be allowed to pastor, and Betty Kindig allowed to be Church Clerk and Treasurer.

The Board met on June 12, 1971, with Brother E. O. Chronister and Rev. J. E. Warren from the Antioch Association in regard to the wishes of some of the churches of that Association to organize a new association. Their proposed Constitution was read and discussed. The Board was assured by the brethren that their desire to organize a new association did not come from any disagreement with the Antioch Association. The Executive Board asked that these brethren wait until after the State Association to continue their plans for organizing a new association, and they agreed to the request.

The Board met in joint session with the State C. T. S. Board on August 11, 1971, and it was agreed that the C. T. S. Board would release to the Executive Board the State Parsonage and a 100x200-foot lot. It is the intent of the Executive Board to sell the property and either give the State Promotional Director a housing allowance, or buy a State Parsonage.

Rev. Marion Pettus, Lewis Barker, Gilbert Pixley, Richard Bowers and Otis Cook.

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR-TREASURER'S REPORT
FROM AUGUST 1, 1970, THROUGH JULY 31, 1971

ASSOCIATION	CO-OP FD	GEN. FD	STATE-M	C.T.S.	HOME-M	FOREIGN-M	FWBEC	HILLS- DALE	MISC.	VISION	TOTAL
CENTRAL	4,871.44	378.00	2,170.72	840.79	440.24	4,080.92	1,034.71	289.01	92.00	122.50	14,290.33
UNITY	5,178.91	251.24	580.41	-0-	258.33	4,490.06	-0-	-0-	10.00	81.50	10,850.45
SOCIAL BAND	5,233.22	339.00	492.31	395.16	220.93	1,701.60	18.00	5.00	-0-	82.00	8,487.22
POLK BAYOU	3,242.96	202.00	494.04	72.59	367.42	1,830.93	45.00	-0-	-0-	107.00	6,361.94
L.MO.RIVER	816.07	123.00	1,331.07	603.53	-0-	533.67	763.32	-0-	41.92	36.00	4,248.58
NEW HOPE	1,241.98	383.31	148.50	150.00	88.26	1,722.70	90.00	-0-	-0-	106.50	3,931.25
SALINE	1,292.26	255.00	741.00	-0-	189.25	665.05	40.25	50.00	-0-	116.00	3,348.81
ARKANSAS	607.53	173.00	210.41	100.00	-0-	1,493.30	209.00	29.00	300.00	14.00	3,136.24
ANTIOCH	74.45	635.00	455.55	494.00	54.00	442.90	-0-	-0-	55.00	75.00	2,285.90
ZION HOPE	1,149.64	248.85	261.19	-0-	97.64	281.07	15.00	195.00	-0-	30.00	2,278.39
OLD MT ZION	1,420.39	254.00	40.00	-0-	165.00	101.33	-0-	-0-	-0-	34.00	2,014.72
HARMONY	323.72	65.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	9.00	397.72
RICH MTN	43.00	123.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	19.75	185.75
N. LOUISIANA	32.49	78.00	11.47	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	20.00	141.96
BIG SPRINGS	-0-	39.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	57.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	2.00	<u>98.00</u>
TOTAL GIVING FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1970-71-----											\$62,057.26

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RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS		\$62,057.26
Received From State Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 1,276.71	1,276.71
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,854.13	3,854.13
Premiums For Insurance	11,285.94	11,285.94
Bookstore Sales	13,823.47	13,823.47
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		\$92,297.51
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 6,826.13	\$99,123.64

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Promotional Director's Salary	\$ 6,170.00	
Promotional Director's Mileage	1,149.80	
Executive Board Mileage & Meals	531.07	
Insurance Premiums	11,510.23	
Utilities	481.29	
State Entertainment Expenses	1,334.48	
Printing & Mailing of Minutes	346.67	
Office Supplies	477.48	
Postage	211.70	
National Representation Fee	100.00	
Moderator's Expense To National Assn.	50.00	
Miscellaneous	816.78	
Social Security For Director	206.49	
Bookstore Gifts-Remodeling & Stocking	938.31	
		\$24,324.30

STATE MISSIONS

Blytheville Salary	\$ 1,625.00	
Blytheville Utilities	210.00	
Arkadelphia Salary	6,180.00	
Arkadelphia Chapel Rent & Housing	1,800.00	
Paid On Chapel (First State Bank)	1,811.29	
Insurance On Chapel (MFA)	85.00	
Combined Mileage & Meals	197.34	
New Church Gifts	562.75	
Miscellaneous	218.19	
		\$12,689.57

BOOKSTORE

Books For Resale	\$ 9,344.50	
Sales Tax	423.58	
Freight	99.02	
Office Supplies	255.99	
Rent	720.00	
Salaries	1,923.41	
Insurance	92.00	
Utilities	507.83	
Air Conditioner	150.00	
Advertisement	168.61	
Miscellaneous (Includes Social Sec.)	250.42	
Refunds	<u>41.94</u>	\$13,977.30

STATE C. T. S.	\$ 7,391.73	\$ 7,391.73
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Mileage & Meals For Board	\$ 50.64	
Annual Retreat For Ministers	161.17	
Miscellaneous	<u>4.50</u>	\$ 216.31

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Rally	\$ 85.00	
Mileage & Meals For Board	48.46	
Paid On Typewriter	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>	\$ 208.46

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE	\$ 9,391.44	\$ 9,391.44
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NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	\$ 2,232.65	\$ 2,232.65
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NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$17,064.20	\$17,064.20
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	\$ 2,119.17	\$ 2,119.17
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HILLSDALE COLLEGE	\$ 563.01	\$ 563.01
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MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 483.75	\$ 483.75
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VISION

Printers	\$ 658.32	
Supplies	191.63	
Equipment	35.76	
Postage	245.05	
Miscellaneous	<u>32.75</u>	\$ 1,163.51

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 91,825.40
Bank Balance July 31, 1971		
Total Amount Received	\$ 92,297.51	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>6,826.13</u>	\$ 99,123.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 91,825.40	\$ <u>91,825.40</u>
		\$ 7,298.24

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND		
Total Received	\$ 24,820.94	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,215.50</u>	\$ 27,036.44
Total Expenditures		<u>24,324.30</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		2,712.14
STATE MISSIONS		
Total Received	\$ 12,334.69	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>457.06</u>	\$ 12,791.75
Total Expenditures		<u>12,689.57</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		102.18
BOOKSTORE		
Total Received	\$ 13,823.47	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>862.06</u>	\$ 14,685.53
Total Expenditures		<u>13,977.30</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		708.23
STATE C. T. S.		
Total Received	\$ 7,515.36	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>500.96</u>	\$ 8,016.32
Total Expenditures		<u>7,391.73</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		624.59
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD		
Total Received	\$ 257.66	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>207.61</u>	\$ 465.27
Total Expenditures		<u>216.31</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		248.96
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD		
Total Recieved	\$ 257.67	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>269.22</u>	\$ 526.89
Total Expenditures		<u>208.46</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		318.43

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$ 2,215.28	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>95.55</u>	\$ 2,310.83
Total Expenditures		<u>2,119.17</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		191.66

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$ 568.01	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>20.00</u>	\$ 588.01
Total Expenditures		<u>563.01</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		25.00

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE

Total Received	\$ 9,018.24	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,048.03</u>	\$ 10,066.27
Total Expenditures		<u>9,391.44</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		674.83

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Total Received	\$ 1,851.07	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>440.15</u>	\$ 2,291.22
Total Expenditures		<u>2,232.65</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		58.57

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS

Total Received	\$ 17,702.35	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>612.12</u>	\$ 18,314.47
Total Expenditures		<u>17,064.20</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		1,250.27

MISCELLANEOUS

Total Received	\$ 498.92	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>93.63</u>	\$ 592.55
Total Expenditures		<u>483.75</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		108.80

VISION

Total Received	\$ 1,433.85	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>4.24</u>	\$ 1,438.09
Total Expenditures		<u>1,163.51</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		274.58

TOTAL FUND BALANCE

Total Received	\$ 92,297.51	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>6,826.13</u>	\$ 99,123.64
Total Expenditures		<u>91,825.40</u>
Balance July 31, 1971		7,298.24

BOOKSTORE FINANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1971

Money In Petty Cash	\$ 219.56	
Accounts Receivable (Regular)	375.25	
Accounts Receivable (VBS)	<u>483.65</u>	\$ 1,078.46

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Bookstore	\$ 666.38	
Loan On Portable Chapel	<u>4,640.87</u>	\$ 5,307.25

ASSETS

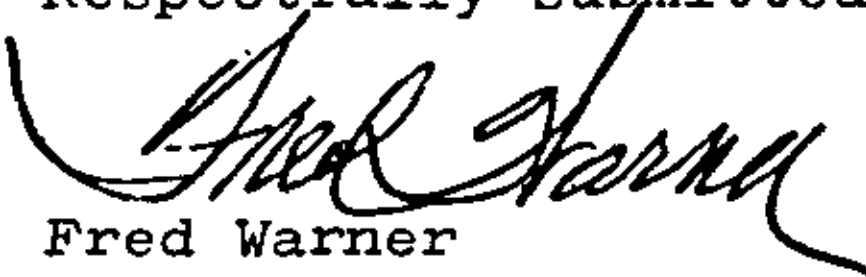
Office Equipment	\$1,250.00	
Miscellaneous Equipment	1,350.00	
Bookstore Merchandise	<u>5,372.94</u>	\$ 7,972.94

GIVING TO OUTSIDE CAUSES*

National Cooperative	\$9,391.44	
National Home Missions	2,232.65	
National Foreign Missions	17,064.20	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,119.17	
Hillsdale College	<u>563.01</u>	\$31,370.47

*MONEY SENT THROUGH STATE OFFICE

Respectfully submitted,


Fred Warner
Promotional Director-Treasurer

REPORT NO. 5: BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas, October 27, 1970, for the purpose of organizing for the coming year and to make plans for the annual Ministers' retreat. The meeting was called to order by Rev. David Joslin with 4 members present. Rev. David Joslin was elected Chairman, and Rev. Ronnie Blanks was elected Secretary. The invitation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Batesville was accepted as the meeting place of the retreat and February 22, 23 and 24 were chosen as the dates. The program was approved, and the speakers for the retreat were chosen. The Board also selected May 2, 1971, as College Day in the state and urged each church to take an offering on this date for the Bible College of its choice.

The annual Ministers' Retreat was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Batesville, February 22, 23 and 24. Rev. Charles Thigpen, Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the chief instructor for the Retreat. His subject was "God's Man and His Message." Other speakers for the Retreat were: Rev. Dick Shade, Rev. Richard Bowers and Rev. John Postlewaite. There were 30 ministers registered for the Retreat.

David Joslin, Ronnie Blanks, Raymond
Chronister and Joe Grizzel.

REPORT NO. 6: SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

The Sunday School Board met three times during the year 1970-1971. The theme of each meeting was better Sunday Schools and how to get Church leaders more interested in improving this teaching auxiliary of the Church.

The Board sponsored an article in VISION each month, entitled "Top Ten."

Also, a work shop at the First Free Will Baptist Church in North Little Rock, August 28, 1971. The theme: "The Importance of the Sunday School."

The financial standing of the Sunday School Board will be found in the State Treasurer's report.

The Sunday School Board recommends:

1. More money be allotted to the Sunday School Board.
2. A five-day evangelical and educational workshop be held at the Youth Camp each year.
3. A little more space in VISION for the purpose of promoting Sunday School Evangelism.

Your Sunday School Board:

Hoover Lewis, Chairman; M. B. Lewis,
Clerk; Bob Huckaby, Sidney Sawrie,
Chester Wier.

REPORT NO. 7: MISSIONS BOARD REPORT:

The State Missions Board met several times during the year in connection with the Mission work in Arkadelphia. Rev. Dell Miller resigned as pastor of the mission. A successor will be chosen as soon as possible.

Carl Cheshier, Loyd Thomas, Gary Dodson,
O. D. Winfrey, Kenneth Doggett.

REPORT NO. 8: WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met August 11, 1971, at the Camp Grounds in Conway, Arkansas. The theme was "God's Command—Our Task." There were 180 registered, with 39 Auxiliaries reporting a total membership of 457.

Total amount raised in the state last year was \$6,343.34. Of this amount, \$1,343.02 was for the Calvary's account, \$225.74 for the portable chapel, \$1,097.76 for Youth Camp tables and chairs. The project for the year 1971-1972 is to raise money for the Palmer account. Each Auxiliary is asked to raise at least \$50.00.

The fourth annual Woman's Auxiliary Banquet was held at the Ramada Inn, with 88 attending. The theme for the banquet was "Good News From A Far Country," and the Scripture was from Proverbs 25:25. The speaker for the banquet was Mrs. Palmer.

REPORT NO. 10: NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 1):

Executive Board	-----	Gene Bishop (5 years; Zane Kirkland (3 years)
Missions Board	--	Keith Johnson (5 years); John Postlewaite (2 years)
Sunday School Board	-----	Kenneth Doggett (5 years)
C. T. S. Board	-----	J. W. Blanks (5 years)
Christian Education Board	-----	Glen Lewis (5 years)

REPORT NO. 11: C. T. S. BOARD:

The C. T. S. Board agreed to transfer to the State Executive Board the State Headquarters house and a lot 200 by 100 feet, to be used or sold as they see fit.

The Board also proposes the sale of the remainder of the property, approximately 6 acres, for the highest price offered. The Board further proposes that the money from the sale of this property be applied to furnishing the New Youth Camp, and paying the remainder of the contract.

The financial report follows.

ARKANSAS STATE C. T. S. FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1970 — August 1, 1971

Received:

Sale of Bonds	\$68,000.00
From State Office	6,788.20
Camp Fees	5,260.00
Ricky Coffman Memorial Fund	834.20
Loan	500.00
Little Mo. River Young People	603.53
Concession Stand Profits	377.12
General Receipts	1,139.46

Total Received	<u>\$83,502.51</u>
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Total Received	\$83,502.51
Br't Fwd. 1970	855.51

Total	<u>\$84,358.02</u>
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Total Exp.	<u>81,627.50</u>
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Bank Bal. 8/1/71	\$ 2,730.52
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Expenditures:

CC&P Construction Co.	\$60,406.10
Executive Church Bonds	975.00
Paid Loan from Bro. Coffman	2,500.00
New Camp Expense	6,728.50
Labor	86.21
Utility	714.08
Rent on Bldgs. for Camp	500.00
Food, Convention, Camp, work days	2,863.29
Campers' Insurance	375.60
Postage	133.97
Interest on Loan	132.50
Camp Literature and Trophies	401.07
Repairs on House	89.48
Payment on H.Q. House	768.00
Sec. Salary (\$25 mo.)	300.00
Sinking Fund	3,150.00
Board Travel and Exp.	674.18
Miscellaneous	814.52
Audit Fees	15.00

Total Expenditures	<u>\$81,627.50</u>
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YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE

Pre-Teen:

Campers	284
Workers and Children	51

Total	<u>335</u>
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Teen:

Campers	242
Workers and Children	46

Total	<u>288</u>
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The State C. T. S. Board met 17 times this past year.

Bal. due on Headquarters House	\$4,512.53
App. bal. due on Camp Contract	4,208.90

J. W. Blanks, Secretary-Treasurer.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS	No. of Churches	Church Membership	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Auxiliary Members	Master Men	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists
Antioch	35	2,534	65		1,649	307	71	5	\$39,337	\$5,424
Arkansas	14		22	53	478	186			13,526	921
Big Springs	3	134	6	7	118	43			1,692	333
Central	11	978	17	34	833	443	99	44	39,319	2,332
Harmony	5	197	5	17	234	30			5,302	496
Little Mo. River	6	513	7	26	378	100	45		11,649	949
New Hope	13	997	14	52	782	310	48	60	25,225	1,871
No. Louisiana	6	505	6	7	364		42		6,865	1,068
Old Mt. Zion	25	1,810	61	77	1,305	192	31		34,138	4,872
Polk Bayou	15	1,412	24	50	1,182	508	72	19	35,566	2,353
Rich Mountain	5	325	6	17	260	63	21		3,382	1,129
Saline	19	2,140	29	64	1,209	480	61		38,703	3,703
Social Band	22	2,022	30	67	1,357	551			42,873	3,587
Unity										
Zion Hope	16	1,104	42		791	75	10		23,821	3,406
TOTAL	195	14,671	334	471	10,940	3,288	500	128	\$321,398	\$32,444

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS	Building and Repair	Literature	Cooperative Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage Property	Spent for Local Causes	Spent Outside Causes
Antioch	\$48,675	\$5,343	\$ 872	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$387,500	\$ 9,000	\$109,843	\$2,872
Arkansas	6,220	1,202	1,187	1,545	202	89,220		23,988	3,525
Big Springs	1,222	426		57				4,149	76
Central	39,028	5,845	7,842	3,527	1,096	373,000	56,000	107,712	15,320
Harmony	1,695	368						8,368	
Little Mo. River	6,450	1,458	1,767	369	308	50,000	23,000	24,693	3,572
New Hope	18,016	2,180	1,011	2,221	352	178,000	46,000	53,612	4,572
No. Louisiana	1,296	355			87	72,000		9,671	32,398
Old Mt. Zion	23,998	4,544	1,389	1,353	1,177	239,450	28,600	87,734	8,445
Polk Bayou	16,042	4,416	3,156	1,931	1,531	239,500	28,000	69,994	8,233
Rich Mountain	9,199	970			68	56,800		16,324	218
Saline	5,567	4,866	5,644	1,728	844	395,800	80,500	84,404	10,488
Social Band	23,050	5,842	4,945	3,034	1,823	307,000	52,000	86,866	12,622
Unity									
Zion Hope	16,895	2,684	1,236	540	651	197,500	10,000	53,734	3,439
TOTAL	\$217,353	\$40,499	\$29,049	\$17,305	\$9,139	\$2,585,770	\$333,100	\$741,092	\$105,780

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REPORT NO. 13: REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, your Committee on Registration, find the following have registered:

Ministers	73
Deacons	28
Delegates	86
Visitors	270
Out-of-State	13

Total 470

Your Committee: Mrs. Leo West, Mrs. Hazel Mann, Mrs. Jean Helsel.

REPORT NO. 14: BUDGET COMMITTEE:

We, the Budget Committee, recommend that the Cooperative receipts for 1971-72 be disbursed as follows:

National Cooperative, 30%; Arkansas General Fund, 32%; Church Training Service, 19%; State Missions, 14%; VISION, 2%; Sunday School, 2%; Christian Education, 1% (Total 100%).

We further recommend a total budget of \$102,000 for the year 1971-72.

Fred Warner, Chairman; John J. Postlewaite,
O. D. Winfrey, Garland Retzel,
L. C. Crowder.

REPORT NO. 15: OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from our midst 127 souls in the past year. Although we miss the labors of these in our Lord's work, our loss is heaven's gain. This report is only an approximate number of those deceased, since the letters have no designated space for this information. We were unable to get a report from the Rich Mountain Association.

We recommend that this body stand for a moment of silent prayer for the loved ones of those that have passed on to be with the Lord.

Your Committee:

Ann Chronister, Freda Almond, Lela Cook,
Eileen Moore, Pat Lewis.

REPORT NO. 16: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Be it Resolved:

1. That the salary of the State Clerk be raised from \$35.00 per year to \$75.00 per year. The Assistant Clerk be raised from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per year. The Moderator be raised from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year.

2. That the name of the New Camp will be "Camp Beaver Fork." Owned and operated by Arkansas Free Will Baptists. Also that the Chapel be designated the Ricky Coffman Memorial Chapel.

3. That the State Clerk put a reminder on the letters to the District Clerks to be sure and list all the deceased from their Districts.

4. That the Ballews Chapel Church and Rev. Richard Bowers, their pastor, be given a rising vote of thanks for the fine meals served during this Association.

All the Resolutions were adopted.

Your Committee:

R. E. Pixley, J. W. Blanks, Ken Doggett,
Lewis Barker, Don Brewer.

REPORT NO. 17: NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 2):

Moderator, Rev. Ben Scott; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bob King; Clerk, Rev. Loyd Thomas; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Zane Kirkland; State Statistician, Rev. W. S. Isbell.

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 clerk 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 someone 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 \$10.00 for each church belonging to said District Association, which shall be for entertaining State Association. And \$3.00 for each church belonging to said District Association for minutes and general expenses.

In the event any church within a local association does not pay their fee, the delegates, deacons and ministers of that church shall not be seated.

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 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 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 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 Board shall have the authority to employ the State Promotional Secretary-Treasurer).

In the event no District Association requests to entertain the State Association it shall become the responsibility of the Executive Board to make the necessary arrangements when held at the camp at Conway, receiving of all entertainment fees, furnish all food and kitchen help and be responsible for all expenses incurred in the entertainment 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 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 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 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. Church Training Service Board: It shall be the duty of the State Church Training Service Board to plan and assist in every way possible the Church Training Service work throughout the state. It will also be their responsibility to promote an active Church Training Service work in each Association and to encourage Church Training Service 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 Church Training Service 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 offices 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. 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.

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OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

Moderator ----- Rev. Ben Scott
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Bob King
Clerk ----- Rev. Loyd Thomas
Assistant Clerk ----- Rev. Zane Kirkland
State Statistician ----- Rev. W. S. Isbell
Secretary-Treasurer ----- Rev. Fred Warner

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Gene Bishop ----- 5 Years
Rev. Richard Bowers ----- 4 Years
Rev. Zane Kirkland ----- 3 Years
Rev. Gilbert Pixley ----- 2 Years
Rev. Marion Pettus ----- 1 Year

MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Keith Johnson ----- 5 Years
Rev. Carl Cheshier ----- 4 Years
Rev. Loyd Thomas ----- 3 Years
Rev. John Postlewaite ----- 2 Years
Rev. O. D. Winfrey ----- 1 Year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Kenneth Doggett ----- 5 Years
Rev. Chester Weir ----- 4 Years
Rev. Sidney Sawrie ----- 3 Years
Mr. Bob Huckaby ----- 2 Years
Rev. Hoover Lewis ----- 1 Year

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Rev. J. W. Blanks ----- 5 Years
Rev. Jimmie Chronister ----- 4 Years
Rev. Lawnie Coffman ----- 3 Years
Rev. R. D. Hester ----- 2 Years
Rev. Rupert Pixley ----- 1 Year

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Glen Lewis ----- 5 Years
Rev. Joe Grizzel ----- 4 Years
Rev. Raymond Chronister ----- 3 Years
Rev. Ronnie Blanks ----- 2 Years
Rev. David Joslin ----- 1 Year