

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**Seventy-Fifth Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**Arkansas State Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**At The**  
**Free Will Baptist Youth Camp**  
**On Beaver Lake — Conway, Arkansas**  
**August 16-18, 1972**

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

**REV. BEN SCOTT, Moderator**  
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**REV. LOYD THOMAS, Clerk**  
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## PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16, 1972

(Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pursell served as Song Leader and Pianist for the entire Associational meeting)

The Seventy-Fifth Session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Camp Beaver Fork, in Conway, Arkansas.

Evening Services:

Opening Song: "At The Cross" Prayer by Rev. Oris Doggett. "Glory To His Name"

The session was called into order by Rev. Loyd Thomas, Clerk, who also introduced the Moderator, Rev. Ben Scott.

The Camp facilities were presented by Rev. Rupert Pixley, Chairman for the State C.T.S. Board.

Theme for the convention was "Is There Any Word From the Lord?"

Don Brewer, Henry Hill, David Joslin, Roy Moore and Millard Williams were elected to the Committee on Committees.

"There Is A Fountain" and "Near the Cross" were directed by song leader.

Special song, "Jesus Has Saved Me" by Ray Gartman

Song, "Amazing Grace"

The speaker for the evening, Rev. Fred Warner, was introduced by the moderator. His subject was "There is Word from the Lord concerning Sin" and his text was taken from Numbers 32:23.

The report of the Committee on Committees was received and the following people appointed to serve on the various committees: Registration Committee: Lucy Williams, Carolyn Bowers, Jean Sory, Olie Doggett, and Maxine Bostic; Credentials Committee: Jimmy Chronister, John Eddington, Bob Isbell, Glenn Lewis and Leonard Crowder.

Closing Prayer was by Zane Kirkland.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1972

Services opened with singing, and prayer by Jim Pursell.

Devotional was given from Gen. 44:34.

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

Report No. 1 (part 2): The final report of the Committee on Committees was given and adopted.

Report No. 3: The report of the Executive Board was given by Marion Pettus. The report was adopted.

Report No. 4: The report of the Promotional Director-Treasurer was given by Fred Warner. This report was adopted.

Report No. 5: The report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Ronnie Blanks. This report was adopted.

Report No. 6: The report of the Sunday School Board was given by

Hoover Lewis. This report was adopted. Brother Roger Reeds from the National Sunday School Office gave a brief report on the work and plans for the National Sunday School Department.

Report No. 7: The report of the State Missions Board was given by Carl Cheshier. This report was adopted. An offering was received for the Lester Waggoner family to help defray expenses incurred because of sickness of their daughter. Rev. E. B. Ledlow gave a report from the National Home Missions Board from Nashville, Tennessee.

#### THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 17, 1972

Song: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing." Prayer by Loyd Thomas.

Song: "Jesus Saves"

Special Music by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

The message was delivered by Rev. Boyd Ray Allen, and his subject was "Is there Word from the Lord concerning Salvation?" His text was taken from Jer. 38:20.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 17, 1972

Song, "I Love to Tell the Story"

Special Music by Peter Fugi.

Devotion by Zane Kirkland from Joel 2:26

Report No. 8: Report of the C.T.S. Board was given by J. W. Blanks. The report was adopted. Brother Sam Johnson from the National C.T.S. Office of Nashville, Tennessee brought greetings from his work.

Brother Lonnie Palmer spoke for a few minutes relative to his return to Africa.

Brother Norman Richards represented the National Foreign Missions Board.

Brother Eugene Workman represented the Executive Office of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Brother Kenneth Lane represented the National Layman's Board.

Report No. 9: The report of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary was given by Olie Doggett. The report was adopted.

Report No. 10: The report of the Arkansas State Ministers and Deacons meeting was presented by Don Brewer. The report was adopted.

Report No. 11: The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Carl Cheshier. The report was received and considered one item at a time.

Motion was made from the floor and passed to begin the State Meeting on Tuesday evening before the third Sunday in August, rather than on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August.

Motion was made from the floor that the wording of the Constitution on page 20, Article 3, Section 3, be changed from 1:30 P.M. Thursday, to 1:30 P.M. Wednesday. The motion was tabled until Friday.

Report No. 12: Partial report of the Nominating Committee was given and received. All nominees were elected with the exception of the one for the C.T.S. Board. Rev. Rupert Pixley was nominated from the floor and elected to that post.

Delegates elected to the 1973 National Association were: Hazel Easterling, Clifford Sykes, Bob Butler, Frankie Mae Stahl and Shirley Johnson.

#### THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 17, 1972

Song: "Stand Up For Jesus." Prayer by Ben Scott.

Special: "How Great Thou Art" by Jonathan Thomas.

Special Offering was received for the Lester Waggoner Family, prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Ralph Morrow.

Special: "The Stranger of Galilee" by Boyd Osborn.

Special: "Fill My Cup Lord" by Freda Lewis.

Specials: "Good Intentions" and "The Light House" by Mr. and Mrs. Holderfield.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, the speaker for the evening, was introduced by the moderator. Brother Thigpen's subject was "There is Word from the Lord Concerning Separation," and his text was taken from John 17:14-20.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18, 1972

Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer Lonnie Skyles.

Devotion was given by Rev. Lowell Graham from Deut. 5:28.

Report No. 13: Report of the Temperance Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 14: Report of the Budget Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 15: Report of the Registration Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 16: Report of the Statistician was given and adopted.

Report No. 17: Report of the Nominating Committee was given and adopted. All those placed in nomination by the committee were elected.

Brother Charles Thigpen gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Constitutional change that had been tabled was removed from the table and adopted.

Motion made from the floor, and adopted that the Registration Committee be selected before the State Meeting begins so they can begin registration as soon as the meeting opens.

The closing prayer was by Rev. Hermon Lewis.

#### FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Songs: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "Blessed Assurance"

Special Song: "Promises" by Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pursell.

Special Song: "I Can Almost See the Lights of Home" by Rev. and Mrs. Holderfield.

Special Song: "When God Gathers Us Home" by Jim Pursell.

A memorial prayer was led by Rev. Ben Scott on behalf of those who have passed on to be with the Lord since the last State Meeting.

The speaker, Rev. Carl Cheshier, was introduced by the Moderator. His subject was "There is Word from the Lord concerning the Second Coming," and his text was taken from Matt. 25:1-3.

The service closed with a hand shake.

Closing prayer was by Richard Bowers.

## REPORTS

### REPORT NO. 1: COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

REGISTRATION: Mrs. Lucy Williams, Mrs. Richard Bowers, Mrs. Jean Sory, Mrs. Olie Doggett, Mrs. Maxine Bostic.

CREDENTIALS: Jimmy Chronister, John Eddington, Bob Isbell, Glen Lewis, Leonard Crowder.

NOMINATING: Sidney Sawrie, Raymond Chronister, Oris Doggett, Ronnie Blanks, Roy Wilson.

RESOLUTIONS: Carl Cheshier, Hoover Lewis, John Postlewaite, Richard Bowers, R. D. Hester.

BUDGET: Fred Warner, Lewis Barker, Lonnie Skyles, W. H. Bostic, R. H. McCuin.

TEMPERANCE: Rupert Pixley, Marion Pettus, Bernard Roberts, Burl Osburn, Preston Coles.

OBITUARY: Lonnie Coffman, Ruby Hester.

Don Brewer, Henry Hill, Dave Joslin,  
Roy Moore, Millard Williams

### REPORT NO. 2: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee, find that the Big Springs, Central, Harmony, Little Missouri River, New Hope, Polk Bayou, Rich Mountain, Saline, and Unity Associations have represented by letter, delegates and fees.

We also find that the following associations have the following report.

Antioch: 32 Churches paid and 2 did not.

Arkansas: 11 Churches paid and 3 did not.

N. Louisiana: 7 Churches paid and 1 did not.

Old Mt. Zion: 16 Churches paid and 8 did not.

Social Band: 16 Churches paid and 8 did not.

Zion Hope: 13 Churches paid and 3 did not.

Jimmy Chronister, L. C. Crowder, Glenn Lewis

### REPORT NO. 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Your State Executive Board has had one of its most active years in its history. We feel that great progress has been made for our Arkansas Free Will Baptists. Throughout the past association year, we have met nine times. Our first meetings were held in a Sunday School room of the Free Will Baptist Church in Conway. From there we began meeting in our rented office space in the McNutt Building. We are very happy to report to you that our last meeting was held in

the very comfortable facilities of our new State Headquarters Building. We feel that this is a tremendous accomplishment for a one year period of time.

Following are some of the highlites of our actions this year:

The Board met on August 14, 1971, immediately after the adjournment of the State Association at the Youth Camp. Brother Marion Petus was elected chairman. Brother Richard Bowers was elected secretary. It was voted to raise Mrs. Kirkland's salary from \$45 to \$55 per week. She was also given a \$100 bonus for extra work done during Vacation Bible School rush. We instructed our promotional secretary to rent a house and this Board would pay rent and utilities. We voted to pay cooks \$350 for cooking during our State Association.

Our next meeting was September 11, 1971. At this meeting we decided to raise \$1,200 to \$1,500 through Vision throughout our Association to aid in the expense of Robert Partee who went to Japan to build the Youth Center in Sopor. We voted to give promotional director a housing allowance of \$225 a month starting on October 1, 1971. We voted to raise promotional secretary's salary from \$125 per week to \$135 per week.

In our October 23, 1971 meeting, Mr. Cook, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Robbins were present at the meeting to discuss the branch church problem. The motion was made and passed that the Executive Board request that the tenth Chancery District Court reopen the Consolidated Cases number 722 and 723 of Charleston District-Franklin County Chancery. The reason being that an agrieved faction came to us and pointed out that their district association, the Arkansas District Association, had been by-passed in the normal chain of appeals. In this meeting the Board appointed Brother Oris Doggett to finish the unexpired term of Brother Gilbert Pixley after Brother Pixley's resignation.

On November 23, 1971 the Executive Board met by telephone. Brother Fred Warner informed the Board that the Conway zoning and planning commission had refused to re-zone the property located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Tyler Street which this Board was considering buying to use for an office building and bookstore. Since the property could not be zoned where we could use it, we decided that it would be of no further use to this Board. At this time, we voted to rent office space in the McNutt Building located east of the Christian Supply Store until other arrangements could be made.

Our meeting held December 11, 1971 was in the city of Texarkana. We voted at this time to give Mrs. Kirkland \$50 for a Christmas bonus plus \$1.40 per hour for extra work required during the Christmas rush. We voted to pay part-time help \$1.40 per hour on a temporary basis. We appointed Bill Whitteker to the State Sunday School Board to fill the unexpired term of Brother Ken Doggett who moved from our state to Missouri. We appointed Bob Followwill as our trustee to Hillsdale College.

The Board met on February 12, 1972 in the State Office in Conway. We voted for our state to begin shipping Sunday School literature. We gave Brother Fred Warner authority to sign the contract with the National Sunday School Department. We voted to hire Deborah Osborne as part-time secretary (three days per week for now). Salary is to be \$1.75 per hour. She shall receive one week vacation after the first year of service. Vacation time shall be counted from

the time she begins working three days per week. We voted to purchase property for the purpose of building a state office building bookstore and Sunday School shipping complex. We gave Brother Warner the authority to offer Gulf Oil Company \$25,000 for the property that we had under consideration. After checking a number of pieces of property in Conway, we feel that the fact that we were able to purchase this property and building for the sum of \$25,000 was a miracle from God. We were prepared to offer as much as \$32,000, but they took our first bid of \$25,000. This property had been appraised by a professional appraiser for \$32,000.

In our meeting of April 28, 1972, we voted to sign a paper from the bank stating that the Executive Board has the right to borrow money from the bank for Arkansas Free Will Baptists, We voted to be our own contractors in building the new state headquarters building. We gave Brother Warner and Brother Kirkland authority to over-see the construction of the new building.

Our last meeting was held on August 12, 1972 in our new State Headquarters Building. We voted to raise money to buy furniture for the new office building by an appeal for direct giving from our churches. We voted to pay our promotional secretary's hospitalization insurance beginning in August of '72. This report is respectively submitted by:

Marion Petus—Chairman  
 Richard Bowers—Secretary  
 Zane Kirkland  
 Gene Bishop  
 Oris Doggett

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|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS   |             | \$80,515.99  |
| Received from State Woman's Auxiliary | \$ 1,947.51 | 1,947.51     |
| Miscellaneous Receipts                | 52,431.09   | 52,431.09    |
| Premiums for Insurance                | 14,046.70   | 14,046.70    |
| Bookstore Sales                       | 19,465.66   | 19,465.66    |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES       |             | \$168,406.95 |
| Balance Brought Forward               | \$ 7,298.24 | \$175,705.19 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

### GENERAL FUND

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Promotional Director's Salary             | \$ 7,030.00 |             |
| Promotional Director's Mileage            | 1,301.09    |             |
| Executive Board Mileage & Meals           | 771.37      |             |
| Insurance Premiums                        | 14,434.63   |             |
| Utilities                                 | 961.98      |             |
| State Entertainment Expenses              | 1,792.14    |             |
| Printing Of Minutes                       | 406.36      |             |
| Office Supplies                           | 426.29      |             |
| Postage                                   | 305.38      |             |
| National Representation Fee               | 100.00      |             |
| Moderator's Expense to National Assn.     | 50.00       |             |
| Director's Expense to National (\$135.93) | 200.00      |             |
| Building Expense (Purchase Price)         | 25,000.00   |             |
| Building Expense (Interest on Loan)       | 300.00      |             |
| Building Expense (Materials, Labor, etc.) | 3,357.90    |             |
| Cost of Sunday School Literature          | 7,008.82    |             |
| Cost of Sunday School Operation           | 819.77      |             |
| Rent on McNutt Building                   | 150.00      |             |
| Salary of Secretary                       | 335.12      |             |
| Social Security for Director              | 103.50      |             |
| Promotional Director's Housing            | 2,250.00    |             |
| Miscellaneous                             | 245.68      | \$67,350.03 |

### STATE MISSIONS

|                                     |          |             |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Arkadelphia Salary                  | 4,852.00 |             |
| Chapel Rent at Arkadelphia          | 650.00   |             |
| Chapel Payments to First State Bank | 1,903.94 |             |
| Combined Mileage & Meals            | 514.27   |             |
| Combined Moving Expense             | 327.10   |             |
| Arkadelphia Housing                 | 1,850.00 |             |
| Telephone                           | 113.67   |             |
| New Church Club Gifts               | 310.16   |             |
| Supplies                            | 100.37   |             |
| El Dorado Salary                    | 2,000.00 |             |
| El Dorado Housing                   | 605.00   |             |
| El Dorado Mission & Utilities       | 125.00   |             |
| El Dorado Mileage (Itinerary)       | 518.60   | \$13,870.11 |

**BOOKSTORE (THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE)**

|  |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Books For Resale                         | \$13,575.27        |                    |
| Sales Tax                                | 582.68             |                    |
| Freight                                  | 85.97              |                    |
| Office Supplies                          | 163.02             |                    |
| Rent                                     | 720.00             |                    |
| Salaries                                 | 3,172.74           |                    |
| Insurance                                | 219.00             |                    |
| Utilities                                | 572.66             |                    |
| Advertisement                            | 309.00             |                    |
| Miscellaneous (includes Social Security) | 439.34             |                    |
| Postage                                  | 166.08             |                    |
| Remodeling                               | 79.28              |                    |
| Rent on Office Building for Gen. Fund    | 550.00             |                    |
| Office Help & Supplies For Gen. Fund     | 179.40             | \$20,814.44        |
| <b>STATE C.T.S.</b>                      | <b>\$ 9,060.15</b> | <b>\$ 9,060.15</b> |
| <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD</b>         |                    |                    |
| Board Mileage & Meals                    | \$ 59.20           |                    |
| Yearly Minister's Retreat                | 369.00             |                    |
| Miscellaneous                            | 23.37              | \$ 451.57          |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD</b>               |                    |                    |
| Board Mileage & Meals                    | \$ 58.04           |                    |
| Yearly Sunday School Rally               | 579.13             |                    |
| Postage                                  | 18.00              |                    |
| Miscellaneous                            | <u>18.03</u>       | \$ 673.20          |
| <b>NATIONAL COOPERATIVE</b>              | <b>\$ 9,950.35</b> | <b>\$ 9,956.35</b> |
| <b>NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS</b>            | <b>\$ 1,336.05</b> | <b>\$ 1,336.05</b> |
| <b>NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS</b>         | <b>\$23,718.91</b> | <b>\$23,718.91</b> |
| <b>FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE</b>   | <b>\$ 1,813.65</b> | <b>\$ 1,813.65</b> |
| <b>HILLSDALE COLLEGE</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,024.75</b> | <b>\$ 1,024.75</b> |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS</b>            | <b>\$ 3,209.10</b> | <b>\$ 3,209.10</b> |
| <b>VISION (STATE PAPER)</b>              |                    |                    |
| Printers                                 | \$ 831.50          |                    |
| Supplies                                 | 77.30              |                    |
| Postage                                  | 350.60             |                    |
| Refunds                                  | <u>2.00</u>        | \$ 1,261.40        |

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|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS        |                 | \$154,539.71        |
| BANK BALANCE JULY 31, 1972 |                 |                     |
| Total Amount Received      | \$168,406.95    |                     |
| Balance Brought Forward    | <u>7,298.24</u> | \$175,705.19        |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES         | \$154,539.71    | <u>\$154,539.71</u> |
|                            |                 | \$ 21,165.48        |

#### FUND BALANCES

|                                  |                 |                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>              |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 79,136.12    |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>2,712.14</u> | \$ 81,848.26     |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>67,350.03</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | 14,498.23        |
| <b>STATE MISSIONS</b>            |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 15,880.25    |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>102.18</u>   | \$ 15,982.43     |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>13,870.11</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | 2,112.32         |
| <b>BOOKSTORE</b>                 |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 19,465.66    |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>708.23</u>   | \$ 20,173.89     |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>20,814.44</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | -640.55          |
| <b>STATE C.T.S.</b>              |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 9,368.21     |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>624.59</u>   | \$ 9,992.80      |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>9,060.15</u>  |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | 932.65           |
| <b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD</b> |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 406.79       |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>248.96</u>   | \$ 655.75        |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>451.57</u>    |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | 204.18           |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD</b>       |                 |                  |
| Total Received                   | \$ 744.08       |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward          | <u>318.43</u>   | \$ 1,062.51      |
| Total Expenditures               |                 | <u>673.20</u>    |
| Balance July 31, 1972            |                 | \$ 389.31        |

**NATIONAL COOPERATIVE GIVING**

|                         |               |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 10,396.12  |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>674.83</u> | \$ 11,070.95    |
| Total Expenditures      |               | <u>9,956.35</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |               | 1,114.60        |

**NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS**

|                         |              |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 1,349.14  |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>58.57</u> | \$ 1,407.71     |
| Total Expenditures      |              | <u>1,336.05</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |              | 71.66           |

**NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS**

|                         |                 |                  |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 23,902.33    |                  |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>1,250.27</u> | \$ 25,152.60     |
| Total Expenditures      |                 | <u>23,718.91</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |                 | 1,433.69         |

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

|                         |               |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 1,853.01   |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>191.66</u> | \$ 2,044.67     |
| Total Expenditures      |               | <u>1,813.65</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |               | 231.02          |

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE**

|                         |              |                 |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 1,044.75  |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>25.00</u> | \$ 1,069.75     |
| Total Expenditures      |              | <u>1,024.75</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |              | 45.00           |

**MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS**

|                         |               |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 3,379.95   |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>108.00</u> | \$ 4,588.75     |
| Total Expenditures      |               | <u>3,209.10</u> |

**VISION**

|                         |               |                 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Received          | \$ 1,480.54   |                 |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>274.58</u> | \$ 1,755.12     |
| Total Expenditures      |               | <u>1,261.40</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |               | 493.72          |

**TOTAL FUND BALANCE**

|                         |                 |                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total Received          | \$168,406.95    |                   |
| Balance Brought Forward | <u>7,298.24</u> | \$175,705.19      |
| Total Expenditures      |                 | <u>154,539.71</u> |
| Balance July 31, 1972   |                 | 21,165.48         |

**BOOKSTORE FINANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1972**

|                           |               |             |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Money In Petty Cash       | \$360.28      |             |
| Accounts Receivable       | 675.15        |             |
| Accounts Receivable (VBS) | <u>458.83</u> | \$ 1,454.66 |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1972**

|                     |               |           |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Money In Petty Cash | \$ 267.49     |           |
| Accounts Receivable | <u>351.36</u> | \$ 618.85 |

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

|                             |                  |              |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Bookstore Account           | \$ 1,058.16      |              |
| Sunday School Account       | 211.05           |              |
| Loan On Portable Chapel     | 3,143.39         |              |
| Loan On Building & Property | <u>35,000.00</u> | \$ 39,412.60 |

**ASSETS**

|                         |                 |              |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Property                | \$ 45,000.00    |              |
| Office Equipment        | 1,250.00        |              |
| Miscellaneous Equipment | 1,425.00        |              |
| Bookstore Merchandise   | <u>7,641.00</u> | \$ 55,316.94 |

**GIVING TO OUTSIDE CAUSES\***

|                                 |                 |              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| National Cooperative            | \$ 9,956.35     |              |
| National Home Missions          | 1,336.05        |              |
| National Foreign Missions       | 23,718.91       |              |
| Free Will Baptist Bible College | 1,813.65        |              |
| Hillsdale College               | <u>1,024.75</u> | \$ 37,849.71 |

**\*ONLY MONEY SENT THROUGH STATE OFFICE**

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Warner  
Promotional Director-Treasurer

## REPORT NO. 5: BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

The Board of Christian Education met at the Youth Camp grounds in Conway, Arkansas, August 12, 1971, for the purpose of organizing for the coming year and to make plans for the annual Ministers Retreat. Brother David Joslin presided over the meeting with 5 board members present. Brother Joe Grizzel was elected as chairman for the coming year, and Brother Ronnie Blanks was re-elected as secretary. February 21-23, 1972 was selected as the dates for the annual ministers retreat, and Dr. Robert Picirilli was chosen as chief instructor.

The board also met at the Oak Park Free Will Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas December 7, 1971 to make final plans for the ministers retreat. The invitation of the Oak Park Free Will Baptist Church, to host the ministers retreat was accepted. The board also, agreed that a registration fee of \$4.00, be paid by those ministers attending the retreat and staying in the motel, and a fee of \$1.00 be paid by those registering for the retreat but not staying in the motel.

The Ministers Retreat was held February 21-23, 1972 at the Oak Park Church in Pine Bluff. Dr. Robert Picirilli gave a study on the book of 1 Thessalonians. Other speakers were Brother J. C. Holderfield, Brother Fred Warner and Brother Carl Cheshier. A total of 28 ministers were registered for the retreat.

During the month of April the board sent out a letter to all of the ministers in the state to encourage them to have a college day in their church during the month of May.

Raymond Chronister, Glen Lewis, David  
Joslin, Joe Grizzel, Ronnie Blanks

## REPORT NO. 6: SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD:

The State Sunday School Board met August 13, 1971 at the close of the State Meeting. Brother Hoover Lewis was elected Chairman, and Brother Sidney Sawrie was elected secretary.

The Board met August 28, 1971 during the Sunday School Workshop held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock. There were 86 persons in attendance at the workshop.

The next meeting was November 13, 1971 to plan the 1972 workshop and to discuss a replacement for Brother Kenneth Doggett who had moved out of the state. The Executive Board selected Brother Bill Whiteaker as a replacement for Brother Doggett.

The board met again January 13, 1972 and February 21 to complete plans for the State Sunday School workshop. The workshop was with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Atkins, Arkansas, May 26-27. Brother Keith Kenemer of Portsmouth, Virginia and Rev. Thurmon Murphy, of Northport, Alabama were speakers for the workshop.

Sidney Sawrie, Bob Huckaba, Chester  
Weir, Bill Whiteaker, Hoover Lewis

## REPORT NO. 7: MISSIONS BOARD REPORT:

The board met August 16, 1971 via arrangements of a telephone conference call. Brother Carl Cheshier was elected Chairman and Brother Keith Johnson was elected Secretary. A discussion was conducted concerning the work at Arkadelphia, and Brother Fred Warner was authorized to fill in when ever possible. Brother Joe Short also filled in some of the time. Brother Warner gave a financial report and stressed the need for added financial support and renewed interest in the state missions work.

On September 30, 1971 the board met with Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Blanks on behalf of their burden and desire to assume the work at Arkadelphia. Motion was made and passed that Brother Fred Warner be paid \$72.00 for supply work at Arkadelphia. Motion was made and passed that Brother Ronnie Blanks be sent to Arkadelphia and that he be paid \$110.00 per week salary plus \$150.00 per month housing allowance. Motion also passed that Brother Blanks be given a two-week annual vacation with pay.

The board met April 6, 1972 with Rev. Lester Waggoner relative to the establishment of a new work in El Dorado, Arkansas, under the joint sponsorship of the State Missions Board and the Saline Home Mission Board. Plans were made for a three month itinerate schedule. Brother Waggoner was to receive \$125.00 per week plus \$135.00 per month for housing allowance.

The board met June 7, 1972 at the Camp Grounds with Rev. Lester Waggoner relative to his going to El Dorado. It was decided to move Brother Waggoner to El Dorado July 17, 1972. Brother Loyd Thomas and Brother Carl Cheshier helped Brother Waggoner move to El Dorado. The first service at El Dorado was conducted on July 30, 1972.

Carl Cheshier, Keith Johnson, John Postlewaite, O. D. Winfrey, Loyd Thomas

## REPORT NO. 8: ARKANSAS STATE C.T.S. BOARD REPORT:

August 1, 1971 - August 1, 1972

|                              |             |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance brought forward      |             | \$ 2,730.52 |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>              |             |             |
| Bonds                        | \$ 2,000.00 |             |
| Ricky Coffman Memorial Fund  | 80.00       |             |
| General Receipts             | 406.78      |             |
| Received from State Office   | 9,060.15    |             |
| N.E. Arkansas Master's Men   | 125.00      |             |
| Sale of Old Camp Property    | 14,105.87   |             |
| Camp Fees                    | 5,866.00    |             |
| Insurance reimbursement      | 197.00      |             |
| Concession Stand             | 782.85      | \$32,623.65 |
| Brought Forward and Receipts |             | \$35,354.17 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                                      |              |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Executive Board (Headquarters House) | \$5,000.00   |                    |
| Road and Ground Work                 | 576.21       |                    |
| Secretary Salary                     | 300.00       |                    |
| C.C. & P. Construction Co.           | 2,860.58     |                    |
| Legal Work & Deeds                   | 100.00       |                    |
| Labor                                | 411.11       |                    |
| Honorarium (Rev. Dann Patrick)       | 50.00        |                    |
| Convention awards & camp lit.        | 442.42       |                    |
| Medical and Doctor for campers       | 245.96       |                    |
| Board travel and expense             | 500.99       |                    |
| Postage and Promotions               | 341.53       |                    |
| Insurance                            | 404.40       |                    |
| Miscellaneous                        | 624.82       |                    |
| Food                                 | 3,268.59     |                    |
| Utilities                            | 586.95       |                    |
| Furnishings for new camp             | 7,857.11     |                    |
| Sinking Fund Bond Payment            | 5,999.00     |                    |
| State winners to Natl. Assn.         | 250.00       |                    |
| Audit                                | <u>15.00</u> | <u>\$29,834.67</u> |
| Balance August 1, 1972               |              | \$ 5,519.50        |

## YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE

| Pre-teen  |                      | Teen      | Total      |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| 284       | Campers              | 271       | 555        |
| <u>71</u> | Workers and Children | <u>48</u> | <u>129</u> |
| 355       | Total Attendance     | 319       | 684        |

The State C.T.S. Board met 11 times during the year.

J. W. Blanks, Secretary-Treasurer

## REPORT NO. 9: WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met August 16, 1972 at Camp Beaver Fork, Conway, Arkansas. The theme was "Lively Stones" taken from 1 Peter 2:5, and Mrs. Brenda Spruill the W.N.A.C. Field Worker was guest speaker.

There were 205 who registered with 42 Auxiliaries reporting a total membership of 543. One new district joined the State Convention. The Little Missouri River District Auxiliary united with the state convention.

Total monies received from the Auxiliaries was \$7,478.17. Of this amount \$1,705.41 was given to the Lonnie Palmer account, \$772.24 was for table and chairs for youth camp, and \$622.52 was given to State Home Missions.

The project for the coming year is raising support for the Norman Richards account. Each Auxiliary is asked to raise at least \$50.00 on this

project.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Genelle Scott; Vice President, Bonita Hill; Secretary, Ollie Doggett; Treasurer, Willa Jean Lewis; Field Worker, Alene Coffman; Members at Large, Myra Hill, Brenda Walton and Brenda Pursell.

The fifth annual banquet was held at the Ramada Inn, with 112 attending. Hawaiian decorations were used around the theme "Winning Women," with Mrs. Spruill being the speaker.

#### REPORT NO. 10: STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE:

The officers of the State Ministers and Deacons conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock, for the purpose of planning the 1971 program. The theme "Ministries of the Church" was chosen. The following topics were assigned.

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| "Preaching" | Bob Ashmore    |
| "Education" | Ken Doggett    |
| "Music"     | Bob Followwill |

Officers for the coming year are Don Brewer, President; Wendall Leckhee, Vice President.

#### REPORT NO. 11: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

WHEREAS, The question as to whether or not to accept divorced personnel into the ordained ministry and into the office of the deaconship of the local church has been a source of reoccurring division among us, and

WHEREAS, All ordaining councils, who solemnly set apart a man to the work of the Gospel Ministry by the laying on of hands, in so doing acknowledge the sentiments of the candidate, and such sentiments being wrong and dangerous, they, as a religious body, are responsible for their effects, inasmuch as they bid him Godspeed,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists accept the wording of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus as authoritative, namely the interpretation of the phrase "The husband of one wife" to mean that divorced personnel should not be ordained. (1 Tim. 3:2, 12, Titus 1:6)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. Those saved individuals who are thus affected be encouraged to find other places of service within the Church in accordance with Biblical standards.
2. That we recommend to the ministers of this State, in their examination of candidates for ordination, to observe greater caution, and in agreement with the injunction of the Apostles, "to lay hands suddenly on no man." (1 Tim. 5:22)

**REPORT NO. 12: NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 1)**

Executive Board . . . . . David Joslin (5 years)  
Mission Board . . . . . O. D. Winfrey (5 years)  
Sunday School Board . . . . . W. H. Bostic (5 years)  
C.T.S. Board . . . . . R. H. McCuin (5 years)  
Christian Education Board . . . . . Lonnie Skiles (5 years)  
Roy Wilson (3 years)

All nominees were elected with the exception of the C.T.S. Board and Brother Rupert Pixley was nominated from the floor and elected.

**REPORT NO. 13: TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:**

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that the Free Will Baptist Church Treatise be a pattern of conduct for all Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

Don Brewer, Marion Pettus, Bernard Roberts, Buel Osborne, Lewis Campbell

**REPORT NO. 14: BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We, the Budget Committee recommend that the Cooperative receipts for 1972-73 be disbursed as follows:

|                      | Present % | Recommended % |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| National Association | 30        | 30            |
| General Fund         | 32        | 33            |
| State Missions       | 14        | 16            |
| C.T.S.               | 19        | 16            |
| Vision               | 2         | 2             |
| Christian Education  | 1         | 1             |
| Sunday School        | 2         | 2             |

We further recommend that the overall budget for 1972-73 be \$135,000.00.

We further recommend that the district associations consider sending more of their cooperative receipts that come through their districts directly to the State Office.

Fred Warner, Lonnie Skyles, W. H. Bostic,  
Lewis Barker, R. H. McCuin

**REPORT NO. 15: REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We, your committee on registration, find the following registered:

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Ministers . . . . .             | 75        |
| Deacons . . . . .               | 30        |
| Delegates . . . . .             | 90        |
| Visitors . . . . .              | 195       |
| Out of State Visitors . . . . . | <u>13</u> |
| Total . . . . .                 | 403       |

Lucy Williams, Carolyn Bowers, Maxine Bostic

**REPORT NO. 17: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (final)**

We, the Nominating Committee, offer the following names in nomination as our final report:

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Moderator . . . . .           | Rev. Ben Scott     |
| Assistant Moderator . . . . . | Mr. Bob Followwill |
| Clerk . . . . .               | Rev. Loyd Thomas   |
| Assistant Clerk . . . . .     | Rev. Zane Kirkland |
| Statistician . . . . .        | Mr. M. B. Williams |

**ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR—TREASURER'S REPORT  
FROM AUGUST 1, 1971 THROUGH JULY 31, 1972**

| Association   | Co-op Fd.  | Gen. Fd. | State-M    | C.T.S.   | Home-M   | Foreign-M  | FWBBC    | Hillsdale | Misc.    | Vision  | Total              |
|---|------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|--------------------|
| Unity   | \$9,043.07 | \$338.75 | \$2,237.44 | \$160.00 | \$278.07 | \$7,905.84 | \$439.02 | \$685.66  | \$481.45 | \$41.00 | \$21,610.30        |
| Central   | 5,465.77   | 391.00   | 2,436.52   | 30.00    | 229.10   | 4,022.69   | 552.00   | 130.00    | 496.79   | 143.00  | 13,896.87          |
| Social Band   | 6,466.34   | 208.00   | 592.88     | 494.45   | 172.00   | 3,076.81   | 20.00    | -0-       | 462.95   | 98.00   | 11,591.43          |
| Polk Bayou  | 4,090.44   | 364.00   | 317.13     | 100.00   | 253.08   | 2,021.14   | 147.87   | -0-       | 93.01    | 66.00   | 7,452.67           |
| Saline  | 1,714.48   | 314.50   | 2,293.10   | 50.00    | 50.00    | 953.18     | 13.00    | 10.00     | 44.00    | 101.00  | 5,543.26           |
| New Hope  | 1,923.43   | 319.00   | 191.32     | 100.00   | 40.00    | 1,762.34   | 15.00    | -0-       | 50.00    | 93.00   | 4,494.09           |
| Arkansas  | 855.84     | 212.00   | 266.00     | -0-      | -0-      | 1,505.00   | 74.08    | 74.09     | 1,290.00 | 9.00    | 4,286.01           |
| L. Mo. River  | 1,004.32   | 78.00    | 1,275.50   | 236.28   | -0-      | 664.98     | 582.04   | 25.00     | 229.00   | 50.50   | 4,145.62           |
| Old Mt. Zion  | 1,746.41   | 249.00   | 38.08      | -0-      | 150.00   | 288.28     | -0-      | -0-       | 50.00    | 57.20   | 2,578.97           |
| Zion Hope   | 1,179.79   | 246.30   | 234.29     | -0-      | 84.33    | 206.20     | 5.00     | 120.00    | -0-      | 24.00   | 2,099.91           |
| Antioch   | 222.00     | 865.00   | 259.51     | 138.75   | 92.56    | 349.47     | -0-      | -0-       | 55.00    | 47.00   | 2,029.29           |
| Harmony   | 280.20     | 15.00    | -0-        | -0-      | -0-      | -0-        | -0-      | -0-       | -0-      | -0-     | 295.20             |
| Rich Mtn.   | 65.00      | 65.00    | -0-        | 27.53    | -0-      | -0-        | -0-      | -0-       | -0-      | 15.00   | 172.53             |
| N. Louisiana  | 57.09      | 78.00    | -0-        | -0-      | -0-      | -0-        | -0-      | -0-       | -0-      | 33.00   | 168.09             |
| Big Springs   | -0-        | 39.00    | -0-        | -0-      | -0-      | -0-        | -0-      | -0-       | 112.75   | -0-     | 151.75             |
| <b>TOTAL GIVING FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR 1971-72 .....</b> |            |          |            |          |          |            |          |           |          |         | <b>\$80,515.99</b> |

|                      | No. of Churches | Membership | Ordained Ministers | Deacons | Sunday School Enrollment | C.T.S. Enrollment | Auxiliary Members | Masters Men | Paid Pastors | Paid Evangelists |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| ANTIOCH              | 35              | 2,739      | 72                 | 110     | 1,707                    | 382               | 77                | 5           | 42,113       | 6,132            |
| ARKANSAS             | 14              |            | 24                 | 42      | 643                      | 339               |                   |             | 11,473       | 1,168            |
| BIG SPRINGS          | 3               | 144        | 5                  | 6       | 120                      | 30                |                   |             | 1,724        | 403              |
| CENTRAL              | 11              | 1,051      | 17                 | 31      | 867                      | 442               | 77                | 14          | 47,600       | 2,966            |
| HARMONY              | 5               | 214        | 5                  | 5       | 274                      | 40                |                   |             | 5,874        | 449              |
| LITTLE MO. RIVER     | 6               | 468        | 10                 | 24      | 325                      | 65                | 46                |             | 15,693       | 1,589            |
| NEW HOPE             | 13              | 1,013      | 15                 | 43      | 812                      | 287               | 69                |             | 30,315       | 3,015            |
| NO. LOUISIANA        | 8               | 541        | 11                 | 11      | 357                      |                   | 55                |             | 9,200        | 784              |
| OLD MT. ZION         | 24              | 1,799      | 65                 | 77      | 1,387                    | 203               | 34                |             | 37,463       | 8,129            |
| POLK BAYOU           | 14              | 1,353      | 24                 | 50      | 1,188                    | 420               | 75                | 25          | 38,091       | 2,763            |
| RICH MOUNTAIN        | 5               | 350        | 8                  | 15      | 277                      |                   | 30                |             | 3,609        | 355              |
| SALINE               | 20              | 2,327      | 69                 | 28      | 1,350                    | 472               | 85                |             | 55,192       | 5,412            |
| SOCIAL BAND<br>UNITY | 24              | 2,173      | 31                 | 56      | 2,173                    | 629               | 129               | 18          | 49,628       | 4,286            |
| ZION HOPE            | 16              | 1,007      | 35                 | 43      | 688                      | 141               | 43                |             | 20,902       | 2,817            |

|                      | Building and<br>Repair | Literature | Cooperative Fund | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Value of<br>Church Property | Value of<br>Parsonage Property | Spent for<br>Local Causes | Spent Outside Causes |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| ANTIOCH              | \$32,423               | \$6,162    |                  | \$2,425          | \$2,426       | \$422,500                   | \$5,500                        | \$94,397                  |                      |
| ARKANSAS             | 10,426                 | 1,423      | 889              | 2,291            | 346           | 13,200                      |                                | 26,914                    | 4,289                |
| BIG SPRINGS          | 318                    | 210        |                  |                  |               |                             |                                | 3,391                     | 56                   |
| CENTRAL              | 31,744                 | 5,651      | 8,937            | 4,891            | 753           | 493,250                     | 90,000                         | 103,505                   | 15,185               |
| HARMONY              | 451                    | 503        | 709              | 71               |               | 10,000                      |                                | 8,607                     |                      |
| LITTLE MO. RIVER     | 12,313                 | 1,086      | 2,165            | 348              | 308           | 80,000                      | 25,000                         | 33,049                    | 3,707                |
| NEW HOPE             | 16,375                 | 3,108      | 1,882            | 2,728            | 285           | 189,000                     | 46,000                         | 70,794                    | 6,629                |
| NO. LOUISIANA        | 4,225                  | 865        | 90               |                  | 434           | 105                         |                                | 19,482                    | 1,037                |
| OLD MT. ZION         | 54,240                 | 5,464      | 1,771            | 2,038            | 1,556         | 317,750                     | 29,000                         | 130,474                   | 13,676               |
| POLK BAYOU           | 18,759                 | 5,574      | 4,127            | 3,384            | 678           | 264,000                     | 58,000                         | 82,459                    | 9,466                |
| RICH MOUNTAIN        | 8,749                  | 684        |                  |                  |               | 56,750                      |                                | 14,717                    | 227                  |
| SALINE               | 35,015                 | 5,201      | 6,816            | 1,628            | 1,262         | 413,500                     | 85,000                         | 118,440                   | 11,068               |
| SOCIAL BAND<br>UNITY | 35,616                 | 7,742      | 6,629            | 4,221            | 1,964         | 420,000                     | 63,000                         | 128,723                   |                      |
| ZION HOPE NO. 2      | 11,066                 | 2,163      | 1,178            | 162              | 656           | 163,000                     | 15,000                         | 42,783                    | 3,654                |

# 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., Wednesday, 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 itinerary 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.

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

|                               |                    |
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| Moderator . . . . .           | Rev. Ben Scott     |
| Assistant Moderator . . . . . | Mr. Bob Followwill |
| Clerk . . . . .               | Rev. Loyd Thomas   |
| Assistant Clerk . . . . .     | Rev. Zane Kirkland |
| State Statistician . . . . .  | Mr. N. B. Williams |
| Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . | Rev. Fred Warner   |

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

|                               |          |
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| Rev. David Joslin . . . . .   | .5 Years |
| Rev. Gene Bishop . . . . .    | .4 Years |
| Rev. Richard Bowers . . . . . | .3 Years |
| Rev. Zane Kirkland . . . . .  | .2 Years |
| Rev. Oris Doggett . . . . .   | .1 Year  |

### MISSIONS BOARD

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Rev. W. H. Bostic . . . . .   | .5 Years |
| Rev. Bill Whitteker . . . . . | .4 Years |
| Rev. Chester Weir . . . . .   | .3 Years |
| Rev. Sidney Sawrie . . . . .  | .2 Years |
| Mr. Bob Huckaby . . . . .     | .1 Year  |

### CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

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

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

|                                   |          |
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| Rev. Lonnie Skiles . . . . .      | .5 Years |
| Rev. Glen Lewis . . . . .         | .4 Years |
| Rev. Roy Wilson . . . . .         | .3 Years |
| Rev. Raymond Chronister . . . . . | .2 Years |
| Rev. Ronnie Blanks . . . . .      | .1 Year  |