

MINUTES
Of The
Seventy Sixth Annual Session
Of The
Arkansas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
At The
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

On Beaver Lake — Conway, Arkansas
August 14-16, 1973

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, 1974.

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Clerk—Betty Dixon, Rose Bud, Ark. 72137

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Moderator—Rev. L. D. Payne, Star Route 2, Lake Village, Ark. 71653

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UNITY:

Moderator—Rev. Jimmy Pursell, Route 2, Muldrow, Oklahoma 74948

Clerk—Mrs. Cleatus Southerland, Box 25, Muldrow, Oklahoma 74948

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Moderator—Rev. Herbert J. Rogers, Route 1, Lavaca, Ark. 72941

Clerk—Rev. Thomas E. Bland, 2107 High, Ft. Smith, Ark. 72901

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14, 1973

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

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

Evening Service:

Opening songs: "Blessed Assurance" and "I Love to Tell the Story"; prayer was by Rev. Glenn Lewis.

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

The moderator greeted out of town guests, and new pastors who had moved to the state.

Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Rev. Lewis Campbell, Rev. Oris Doggett, Rev. Glen Lewis, and Rev. Herbert Rogers were nominated to serve as the Committee on Committees.

The Youth Camp facilities were presented by Rev. Lawnie Coffman, a member of the Youth Camp Board.

Song, "To God be the Glory"

The Choir, from the First Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock, presented several special numbers.

Song, "Amazing Grace"

Rev. Richard Bowers, the evening speaker was introduced by the moderator. The subject for the evening was "The Blessed Revelation, The Holy Bible," and the text was Rom. 1:14-17.

Song, "The Old Time Religion"

Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Director of the National Woman's Auxiliary, was introduced by the moderator and spoke briefly.

A partial report of the Committee on Committees was received and the following people placed on committees: Registration Committee: Lucy Williams, Hazel Mann, Mrs. Carl Cheshier, Hazel Easterling, and Tereasa White; Credentials Committee: Leonard Crowder, Lester Waggoner, Jerry Fields, David Joslin, and Randy Scott.

Closing prayer was by Rev. Loyd Thomas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1973

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

Morning Devotion was given by Rev. Donald Brown, from II Tim. 4:1-4.

Song, "Have Thine Own Way"

Comments dealing with article 3 of the State Constitution were given by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed Rev. David Joslin to assist the assistant clerk for the day.

Due to the fact that Brother Bob Followwill had left the state; Rev. Carl Cheshier was nominated as assistant moderator.

Report No. 1: Report of the Credentials Committee was given and received.

Motion made and adopted to adopt the program.

Rev. James Earl Raper, who represented the Tennessee Children's Home was recognized, and extended his greetings.

Report No. 2: Report of the Committee on Committees was given and adopted.

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

Report No. 4: Report of the Promotional Director was given and adopted.

Rev. Rufus Coffey from the National Executive Office was recognized, and brought greetings from the National Offices.

Report No. 5: Report of the Christian Education Board was given and adopted. Brother Jerry Rhodes from Hillsdale College was given a few minutes to share the ministry of the college. Brother Rhodes also expressed the appreciation of the college for the support it receives from Arkansas.

Brother Paul Kettelman from Free Will Baptist Bible College was given time to represent the college needs to the delegation.

Report No. 6: An oral report from the Sunday School Board was given and adopted.

Brother Harrold Harrison from the National Sunday School Department in Nashville was given a few minutes to report on progress made, and to share the needs of the Sunday School Department.

Report No. 7: Report of the State Missions Board was given and adopted.

An offering was received to help pay for rented instruments and P. A. System. Brother Fred Hersey played "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" as a piano solo.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 15, 1973

Song, "At the Cross"; Prayer Rev. Tom Brashears.

Special, "Redemption Draweth Nigh," was sung by Jim Pursell.

Rev. Stanley Outlaw, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was introduced by the moderator. His subject was "Blood Redemption," and Leviticus 17:11 was the text verse.

Following the service all the older ministers and missionaries were asked to come to the front so that everyone could shake hands with them.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 15, 1973

Song, "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Devotion was given by Rev. Lonnie Davoult, Promotional Director of the

state of Oklahoma. Brother Davoult read from I John 1:3, and led the congregation in prayer.

Brother Leroy Scudder, a representative of Scripture Press, was recognized by the moderator and extended greetings to the congregation.

Brother Fred Green from the National C.T.S. Department read from II Tim. 2:2 and commented on the work of the C.T.S. Department.

Brother Henry Van Kluyve brought greetings from the National Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Herman Hersey presented the National Retirement Plan.

Report No. 8: The report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was given and adopted.

Report No. 9: Report of the State Ministers' and Deacons' Conference was given and adopted.

Report No. 10: Report of the Resolutions Committee was received, to be considered one item at a time. Items 1 and 2 which involved changes in the Constitution were tabled until Thursday morning. Item No. 3 was adopted, and David Joslin, W. S. Isbell, and Leonard Crowder were appointed to the Historical Commission.

Report No. 11: Partial report of the Nominating Committee was given and adopted. Those nominated were elected.

Rev. R. D. Hester, who was leaving the state was given a rising applause for his service to the state work.

Brooks Crouno, Johnnie and John Lau, Mrs. Sue Allen, and Mrs. Jack Morris were nominated and elected as delegates to the 1974 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Report No. 12: Report of the State C. T. S. Board was presented and adopted.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 15, 1973

Song, "Showers of Blessings"

Prayer led by Rev. Zane Kirkland

Special music was presented by the Whitaker family.

Mrs. Randy Scott sang "Fill My Cup Lord."

Special music was presented by the Pixley Quartet.

Rev. Baily Thompson was introduced as the evening speaker. The subject of the message was "The Bodily Resurrection."

Rev. Ralph Staten pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16, 1973

Song, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Raymond Chronister.

Devotion was presented by Wayne Roper. Mr. Roper read from James 4:7, 8.

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

Report No. 14: The Placement Committee had no report.

Report No. 15: The report of the Temperance Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 16: The report of the Budget Committee was given and adopted.

Motion made and passed to bring from the table the two items concerning a Constitutional change. Item No. 1 was discussed and adopted. Item No. 2 was discussed and adopted.

Report No. 17: The report of the Obituary Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 18: The final report of the Nomination Committee was given and received. Those nominated were elected.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow extended greetings from the National Home Missions and Church Extension Board.

Rev. Ralph Staten from Knoxville, Tennessee, and formally from Arkansas was introduced by the moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song, "Glad Reunion Day," and prayer by Rev. Oris Doggett.

Special Song, "The Stone," by Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Bostic

Special Song, "What A Day that will Be," by Rev. and Mrs. Bostic and Rev. and Mrs. Marion Pettus.

"He Did it all for Me," by Rev. Marion Pettus.

Song, "Till the Storm Passes By," by Rev. Garland Retzal.

Special, "I'm Free," by Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Ledlow.

Song, "In the Sweet By and By," by the congregation.

Following a period of silent prayer the memorial prayer was led by Rev. Rupert Pixley.

Rev. Zane Kirkland was introduced by the moderator. The subject of the message was "A Blissful Reunion" using I Thes. 4:13-18 as his text.

Closing song was "I Will Meet You in the Morning."

The service was closed with a hand shake.

Motion made and passed that expenses incurred by the Historical Commission be taken from the General Fund.

Closing prayer was by Rev. Marion Pettus.



REPORTS

REPORT NO. 1: 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, and we also find that the following associations have the following report.

Arkansas District Association: 11 Churches paid and 4 did not.

North Louisiana Association: 5 paid and 2 did not.

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

Social Band Association: 17 paid and 7 did not.

Zion Hope No. 2: 2 paid and 13 did not.

Antioch Association: 31 paid and 3 did not.

Randy Scott, L. C. Crowder

REPORT NO. 2: COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

REGISTRATION: Mrs. Lucy Williams, Hazel Mann, Mrs. Carl Cheshier, Mrs. Noel Easterling, Mrs. Tereasa White.

CREDENTIALS: Leonard Crowder, Lester Waggoner, Larry Fields, David Joslin, Randy Scott.

NOMINATING: Ronnie Blanks, Hoover Lewis, Lonnie Skyles, Boyd Ray Allen, Jimmy Chronister.

RESOLUTIONS: Richard Bowers, Gene Bishop, Roy Wilson, Noel Easterling, Silas Woodard.

BUDGET: J. W. Blanks, Fred Warner, Raymond Chronister, W. H. Bostic, Carl Cheshier.

TEMPERANCE: Bernard Roberts, Jimmy Pursell, Abbie Williams, Mrs. Merle Coles, Ethel Wilson.

OBITUARY: Shirley Thomas, Leo West.

PLACEMENT: Garland Retzell, Early White, Alene Coffman.

REPORT NO. 3: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The Executive Board met at the Youth Camp immediately following the adjournment of the State Association to organize for the year of 1972-73. Zane Kirkland was elected Chairman, and Richard Bowers was elected Secretary. Also the Promotional Director's salary was set at \$150.00 per week. Mrs. Doris Kirkland was given a \$50.00 bonus for her work in V. B. S. Motion was made and carried to give Mrs. Kirkland \$1.65 per hour. Promotional Director was given authority to hire a secretary as needed.

October 27, 1972: The Executive Board met October 27, 1972 at the new office building in Conway. Rev. Fred Warner gave the treasurer's report and it was received. Motion was made and passed to sell the 1250 Multiflex off-set

press which is no longer used. Motion was made and carried to purchase, ONE EXECUTIVE OVER HAND DESK, ONE L-SHAPED SECRETARY'S DESK, ONE NORELCO 98 TRANSCRIBING MACHINE, ONE 10 FOOT CONFERENCE TABLE AND 8 ARM CHAIRS at a cost of \$1,750.00.

December 19, 1972: The Executive Board met December 19, 1972 at the State Office Building in Conway, Arkansas. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Rev. Fred Warner. Motion was made and approved to purchase an I.C.T. Model 503 Copier at a cost of \$800.00. Motion made and adopted to pay the Promotional Director the same amount of Social Security that is paid other employees.

January 15, 1973: The Executive Board met January 15, 1973 at the State Office Building in Conway, Arkansas. The minutes were read and received. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Brother Warner reported that the Bookstore was now \$300.00 in the black. Motion was made and carried to borrow \$6,000.00 from the First State Bank of Conway, to finish construction of the Bookstore. Brother Zane Kirkland and Brother Richard Bowers were to take care of the details.

January 30, 1973: The Executive Board met on January 30, 1973, at the State Office Building in Conway, Arkansas. Minutes were read and approved along with the treasurer's report. Brother Warner reported that the goal for the furniture had almost been reached. He also reported that he would be moving into the new Bookstore building the following week. A letter was read to the board that was to be sent to the churches concerning the delinquent sales taxes on the Sunday School Literature for the year of 1972.

April 12, 1973: The Executive Board met April 12, 1973 at the State Office Building at Conway, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order, the minutes and treasurer's report approved. A detailed report was given of the building program, and all expenses were itemized. A motion was made and adopted to borrow \$2,000.00 from the First State Bank of Conway in addition to the \$6,000.00 note already in effect. Motion was made and adopted to purchase an aluminum plaque to be installed at the dedication of the State Office Building during the State Meeting. Motion made and adopted to set May 27, as Bookstore Sunday and to ask churches to receive an offering on that Sunday to retire the Bookstore indebtedness.

June 21, 1973: The Executive Board met June 21, 1973, and opened with the reading of the minutes, and treasurer's report. Motion was made and adopted to raise the Promotional Director's travel expense, along with the Board's from 8¢ to 10¢ per mile. Motion made and adopted that Rev. Loyd Thomas, State Clerk, serve as Statistician at the 1973 State meeting.

Zane Kirkland, Chairman
Richard Bowers, Secretary
David Joslin, Oris Doggett, Gene Bishop

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS		\$ 80,086.80
Received From State Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 1,587.97	1,587.97
Miscellaneous Receipts	11,894.08	11,894.08
Premiums For Insurance	15,044.79	15,044.79
Bookstore Sales	29,072.85	29,072.85
Sunday School Literature Sales	42,930.48	42,930.48
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		\$180,616.97
Balance Brought Forward	21,165.48	\$201,782.45

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Promotional Director's Salary	\$ 7,570.00	
Promotional Director's Mileage	834.60	
Promotional Director's Housing	2,700.00	
Director's Expense To National	200.00	
Executive Board Mileage & Meals	526.81	
Insurance Premiums For Pastors	15,376.42	
Utilities	1,011.60	
State Entertainment Expenses	1,890.81	
Postage	398.59	
Supplies	908.44	
National Representation Fee	100.00	
Moderator's Expense To National	50.00	
Social Security For Director	375.44	
Completion of Building Project	19,826.80	
Insurance On Building	579.00	
Miscellaneous	15.25	
Bookstore Day Expenses	<u>2,009.24</u>	\$54,373.00

STATE MISSIONS

Arkadelphia Salary	\$5,200.00	
Arkadelphia Chapel Payments	1,875.00	
Arkadelphia Housing	2,400.00	
Arkadelphia Chapel Insurance	80.00	
Mileage and Meals (Combined)	304.99	
Telephone	41.78	
Postage	51.00	
Gifts To New Churches	72.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		
(Gifts To Waggoners)	765.35	
El Dorado Salary	6,520.00	
El Dorado Housing	2,400.00	
El Dorado Furnishings For Mission	181.27	
Medical Gifts To The Waggoners	<u>902.32</u>	\$20,793.71

BOOKSTORE (THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE)

Books For Resale	\$17,955.53	
Sales Tax	842.19	
Freight	129.27	
Supplies	628.81	
Postage	442.80	
Rent (Downtown At Old Place Of Business)	480.00	
Insurance On Building	234.00	
Salaries	3,832.19	
Utilities	693.27	
Advertisement	227.13	
Miscellaneous	234.67	
Social Security	784.64	
Payment On Loan		
(Addition Note) First State	<u>722.42</u>	\$27,206.92

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Literature For Resale	\$31,220.46	
Postage In Mailing Literature	1,831.68	
Secretarial Help	3,199.25	
Payment On Loan		
(First Note) First State	4,013.76	
Utilities	119.79	
Freight (Literature From Nashville)	488.23	
Supplies	264.31	
Sales Tax	1,589.59	
Miscellaneous	<u>5.00</u>	\$42,732.07

STATE C.T.S. BOARD

\$ 7,524.14 \$ 7,524.14

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Annual Retreat For Ministers	370.81	
Board Member's Mileage & Meals	102.40	
Miscellaneous	<u>40.70</u>	513.91

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Annual Sunday School Rally	300.00	
Postage	15.70	
Miscellaneous	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 365.70

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE

\$11,279.21 \$11,279.21

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

\$ 4,934.50 \$ 4,934.50

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS

\$15,149.77 \$15,149.77

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	\$ 2,239.13	\$ 2,239.13
HILLSDALE COLLEGE (OKLAHOMA)	\$ 547.30	\$ 547.30
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	\$ 2,699.70	\$ 2,699.70
VISION (STATE PAPER)		
Photographer	\$ 167.53	
Printer	696.71	
Supplies	136.09	
Postage	467.42	
Miscellaneous	<u>4.00</u>	\$ 1,471.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$191,830.81
BANK BALANCE JULY 31, 1973		
Total Amount Received	\$180,616.97	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>21,165.48</u>	\$201,782.45
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$191,830.81	<u>\$191,830.81</u>
		\$ 9,951.64

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND		
Total Received	\$42,037.55	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>14,498.23</u>	\$ 56,535.78
Total Expenditures		<u>54,373.00</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		2,162.78
STATE MISSIONS		
Total Received	\$ 21,110.45	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,112.32</u>	\$ 23,222.77
Total Expenditures		<u>20,793.71</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		2,429.06
BOOKSTORE (CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE)		
Total Received	\$ 29,072.85	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>- 640.55</u>	\$ 28,432.85
Total Expenditures		<u>27,206.92</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		1,225.38
SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT (LITERATURE)		
Total Received	\$ 42,930.48	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>.00</u>	\$ 42,930.48
Total Expenditures		<u>42,732.07</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		198.41

STATE C.T.S. BOARD

Total Received	\$ 6,945.23	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>932.65</u>	\$ 7,877.88
Total Expenditures		<u>7,524.14</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		353.74

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Total Received	\$ 447.61	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>204.18</u>	\$ 651.79
Total Expenditures		<u>513.91</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		137.88

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Total Received	\$ 721.23	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>389.31</u>	\$ 1,110.54
Total Expenditures		<u>365.70</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		744.84

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE GIVING

Total Received	\$ 10,818.49	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,114.60</u>	\$11,933.09
Total Expenditures		<u>11,279.21</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		653.88

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Total Received	5,290.34	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>71.66</u>	5,362.00
Total Expenditures		<u>4,934.50</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		427.50

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS

Total Received	\$14,311.20	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,433.69</u>	\$15,744.89
Total Expenditures		<u>15,149.77</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		595.12

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$ 2,178.86	
Balance Brought Forward	231.02	\$ 2,409.88
Total Expenditures		<u>2,239.13</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		170.75

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$ 512.30	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>45.00</u>	\$ 557.30
Total Expenditures		<u>547.30</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		10.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Total Received	\$ 3,026.45	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>279.65</u>	\$ 3,306.10
Total Expenditures		<u>2,699.70</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		606.40

THE ARKANSAS VISION

Total Received	\$ 1,213.93	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>\$ 493.72</u>	\$ 1,707.65
Total Expenditures		<u>1,471.75</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		235.90

TOTAL FUND BALANCE

Total Received	\$180,616.97	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>21,165.48</u>	\$201,782.45
Total Expenditures		<u>191,830.81</u>
Balance July 31, 1973		9,951.64

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**BOOKSTORE FINANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1973**

Money In Petty Cash	\$ 387.48	
Accounts Receivable (Regular)	930.62	
Accounts Receivable (VBS)	<u>114.83</u>	\$ 1,432.93

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCES AS OF JULY 31, 1973

Money In Petty Cash	468.99	
Accounts Receivable	<u>46.00</u>	\$ 514.99

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Bookstore Account	\$ 1,569.23	
Sunday School Account	880.30	
Loan On Portable Chapel	1,476.66	
Loan On State Building & Property	33,661.57	
Second Loan On Building & Property	7,500.00	
Copying Machine	655.20	
Taxes On Property (Four Months 1972)	<u>224.94</u>	\$45,967.90

ASSETS

Property	\$50,000.00	
Office Equipment & Furniture	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous Equipment	750.00	
Bookstore Merchandise	12,080.67	
Sunday School Merchandise	<u>559.77</u>	\$66,390.44

GIVING TO OUTSIDE CAUSES*

National Cooperative	\$11,279.21	
National Home Missions	4,934.50	
National Foreign Missions	15,149.77	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,239.13	
Hillsdale College (Oklahoma)	<u>547.30</u>	\$34,149.91

***REFLECTS GIVING ONLY THROUGH STATE OFFICE**

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Warner
Promotional Director-Treasurer

REPORT No. 5: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:

On December 17, 1972 the Christian Education Board met in joint session with the state C.T.S. Board in Conway. At this meeting the C.T.S. Board asked the Christian Education Board to draw up a curriculum for the Youth Camp. The board agreed to do so.

The board met December 7, 1972 with the C.T.S. Board at the new office building in Conway. At this meeting a five year course of study was developed for the Youth Camp. The subjects of Salvation and Soul Winning were chosen for the 1973 session of Youth Camp. The board also agreed to meet again with the C.T.S. Board and submit the final materials on the subject of Salvation and Soul Winning. Also at this meeting the board accepted the invitation of the Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church to host the Minister's Retreat, and February 19-21, 1973 was chosen as the dates for the retreat.

The board met January 23, 1973 at the State Office Building to finalize the teaching materials for the coming Youth Camp. Also at this meeting May 6, 1973 was selected as College Day for the State and the secretary was authorized to send letters to the pastors in the state urging them to have a College Day in their churches.

The board met again February 20, 1973 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Ark., with some of the C.T.S. Board members. The teaching materials on Salvation and Soul Winning were approved by the C.T.S. Board.

The annual Minister's Retreat was held February 19-21, 1973 at the Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Ark. Dr. Joe Ange was the chief instructor for the retreat, and he taught on the subject of "The Road to Successful Sunday School and Church Building." Other speakers for the retreat were: Rev. Lonnie Skiles, Rev. Ferry Fields and Rev. Zane Kirkland. A total of 43 ministers registered for the retreat.

Glen Lewis, Chairman
Ronnie Blanks, Secretary
Raymond Chronister, Lonnie Skiles,
and Roy Wilson

REPORT No. 7: STATE MISSIONS BOARD:

The board met three times during the past year to make plans and give direction to the state missions projects at Arkadelphia and El Dorado.

ARKADELPHIA REPORT:

State Missionary Ronnie Blanks reports that the mission is ministering to around 35 people presently. Average attendance is about 21. A Vacation Bible School was held this year with 25 enrolled. Consideration will be given soon to organize into a church. The property situation is one that demands much prayer inasmuch as the space for the Chapel in the Trailer Park is becoming more and more crowded. Prayer is requested for the unsaved who continue to frequent the services. Pray for Land.

EL DORADO REPORT:

State Missionary Lester Waggoner reports that for the month of July the average attendance was 16. Good offerings are indicated and a hearty zeal for the Lord's work seems to characterize the new El Dorado project. The pressing matter centers around a permanent location with a presentable building. In this connection a joint meeting with the Saline Missions Board and the State Missions Board has resulted in a plan to issue \$20,000.00 in Bonds to provide funds for the securing of land and erection of a first unit of the building program.

The State Missions Board is suggesting that the works at Arkadelphia and El Dorado begin a token support of their pastors.

To further undergird the work of State Missions in the coming year a special appeal will be made this fall for our churches across the state to adopt a \$10.00 per month committment to State Missions.

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

REPORT No. 8: STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

The Nineteenth annual session of the State Woman's Auxiliary convention met preceeding the State Association on August 14, 1973. The theme "Ere The Lamp of God Goes Out" was carried out through out the day. Cleo Pursell, W.N.A.C. Executive Secretary was the morning speaker.

From the 8 districts a grand total of receipts of \$8,136.34 was reported. Of this amount \$1,826.76 was given to the Norman Richards' account, \$1,274.51 to State Home Missions, \$1,017.53 to the W.N.A.C., \$1,253.22 to Foreign Missions, \$1,009.52 to National Home Missions.

The Convention reported 47 local Auxiliaries with 581 members. The Convention voted to have as a project for the coming year the building of side walks for the Camp Grounds. Each Auxiliary is asked to raise at least \$50.00 on this project.

After the day's activities at the Camp Grounds 122 women met at the Holiday Inn for their sixth annual banquet. Mrs. Pursell spoke to the women on the theme "Let Your Light So Shine."

REPORT No. 10: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that the Arkansas State Association Constitution, aritle IV Paragraph 2 be amended to read \$15.00 instead of \$10.00 and \$5.00 instead of \$3.00.

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that the article VII of the Constitution be amended to read "All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. No board member shall immediately succeed himself after having served a full term on said board."

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved that a Historical Commission be elected or appointed to collect, compile, and edit Historical Articles for preservation, for the benefit of future Free Will Baptists.

REPORT No. 11: NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submits the following names to fill vacancies on the following boards:

The Executive Board:	Rev. Oris Doggett	(5 years)
The Missions Board:	Rev. Boyd Ray Allen	(5 years)
Sunday School Board	Rev. Don Brewer	(5 years)
C.T.S. Board	Rev. R. H. McCuin	(5 years)
Christian Education:	Rev. Ronnie Blanks	(5 years)

REPORT No. 12: C.T.S. BOARD REPORT:

The State C.T.S. Board met seven times this past year at the Youth Camp. On December 7 the board met with the Christian Education Board and asked the Christian Education Board to take the responsibility of compiling the Youth Camp literature and be in charge of securing teachers and superintendent of teaching for the Youth Camp. The Christian Education Board proposed a five year curriculum with the theme, "Back to Basics and On To Business." This proposal was adopted by a unanimous approval by both boards. Thanks to the dedicated effort of the Christian Education Board, our youth received the basics on Christian living and the simple course on soul winning. We believe this literature was the best ever for the Youth Camp.

Due to the rise in the cost of living, the board decided to set the youth camp fees at \$12.50 per camper this year and ask for a \$1.00 registration for those attending the State C.T.S. Convention. This was our first year to have three camps, and we feel this worked to a great advantage of all our people.

Youth Camp rental fees were set by the board and two applications were accepted. The fees for renting the Camp to our own Free Will Baptist groups in the State are; \$25.00 for a 24 hour period. Other groups; \$100.00 for opening the Camp plus \$1.00 per day per camper.

The board would like to express special thanks to those who served in any way during the Convention and Youth Camp, and to those who have contributed to the financial needs.

J. W. Blanks, Secretary-Treasurer

Financial Report State C.T.S. Board

August 1, 1972 August 1, 1973

Brought Forward August 1, 1972

\$ 5,519.50

Receipts

From State Office	\$7,524.14
Camp fees	6,242.50
Concession Stand profit	430.03
Rent from Camp	75.00
Convention fees	198.00
Special Offering for new well	175.09
Insurance reimbursement	58.15
General Receipts	<u>394.93</u>

Total Received

\$15,097.84

Total Brought Forward and Received

\$20,617.34

Expenditures

Bond Payment	\$7,242.00
Food	3,692.83
Utilities	413.10
Board mileage	
C.T.S. and Christian Education	342.24
Secretary salary	300.00
Improvements	1,819.87
Postage	56.00
Camp Literature	334.29
Trophies for State winners	
and Bibles for Mr. & Miss Y.C.	161.04
Contribution on road	100.00
Expense of State winners	
to National and Registration fees	585.00
Campers' Insurance	373.20
Miscellaneous	263.18
Audit books	<u>15.00</u>

Total Expenditures

\$15,697.75

Bank Balance August 1, 1973

4,919.59

CAMP ATTENDANCE

Camp No. 1	93 Campers	35 Workers
Camp No. 2	152 Campers	35 Workers
Camp No. 3	<u>254 Campers</u>	<u>55 Workers</u>
	499 Campers	125 Workers

Total Attendance 624

Bond Payments for 1974 \$154.00 per week

REPORT No. 13: REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

We the Registration Committee find the following have registered during this session of the Association.

Ministers	85
Deacons	26
Delegates	68
Visitors	187
Out of state visitors	<u>24</u>
Total	392

Lucy Williams, Hazel Easterling,
Hazel Mann, Barbara Cheshier,
Tereasa White

REPORT No. 14: THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We the Temperance Committee have taken a prayerful look at the decline of our moral standards and the great increase of sin in our beloved country. This trend is not only affecting the man of sin, but is also drifting into many churches. We recommend that all Christians seek God's help in their lives as they strive to apply the admonition of I Thessalonians 5:22, "abstain from all appearance of evil."

Bernard Roberts, Jimmy Pursell,
Merle Coles

REPORT No. 15: THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

We recommend that the Cooperative receipts for 1973-74 be disbursed as follows:

	Present	Recommended
National Association	30%	30%
General Fund	33%	32%
State Missions	16%	17%
C.T.S.	16%	17%
Vision	2%	2%
Christian Education	1%	2%
Sunday School	2%	0%

We further recommend that the overall budget for 1973-74 be \$190,000.00

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

Raymond Chronister, Carl Cheshier,
J. W. Blanks, Fred Warner

REPORT No. 16: THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

The Obituary Committee report shows that from the Central Association 7 have died, from the Polk Bayou Association 22 have died, from the Unity Association 11 have died, and from the Saline Association 15 have died, making a total of 55 who have been called home since the last State Association.

REPORT No. 17: FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

General Board Member	Hoover Lewis
Hillsdale Trustee	Bob Butler
State Statistician	W. S. Isbell
Assistant Clerk	Jerry Fields
Clerk	Loyd Thomas
Assistant Moderator	Hoover Lewis
Moderator	Ben Scott

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF
ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION**

Moderator	Rev. Ben Scott
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Hoover Lewis
Clerk	Rev. Loyd Thomas
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Jerry Fields
State Statistician	Rev. W. S. Isbell
Secretary-Treasurer	Rev. David Joslin

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Boyd Ray Allen	5 Years
Rev. O. D. Winfrey	4 Years
Rev. Keith Johnson	3 Years
Rev. Carl Cheshier	2 Years
Rev. Loyd Thomas	1 Year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Don Brewer	5 Years
Rev. W. H. Bostic	4 Years
Rev. Bill Whitteker	3 Years
Rev. Chester Weir	2 Years
Rev. Sidney Sawrie	1 Year

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Rev. R. H. McCuin	5 Years
Rev. Rupert Pixley	4 Years
Rev. J. W. Blanks	3 Years
Rev. Jimmie Chronister	2 Years
Rev. Lawnie Coffman	1 Year

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR—TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM AUGUST 1, 1972, THROUGH JULY 31, 1973

Association	Co-Op	Gen. Fd.	State M	C.T.S.	Home M	Foreign M	FWBBC	Hillsdale	Misc.	Vision	Total
Central	6,608.29	711.70	5,100.18	25.00	746.57	2,254.94	1,415.00	230.15	740.45	51.00	\$17,833.28
Social Band	7,043.08	325.00	412.38	755.35	1,155.01	3,318.89	18.00	—0—	230.00	77.00	13,334.71
Unity	7,143.26	315.34	1,429.73	—0—	1,592.74	633.61	—0—	257.15	225.00	30.00	11,626.83
Polk Bayou	3,859.83	432.00	479.07	—0—	655.11	2,096.20	55.00	—0—	125.00	51.00	7,753.21
Saline	2,004.35	965.30	3,119.05	25.00	236.83	754.16	—0—	—0—	200.00	39.00	7,343.69
New Hope	2,535.28	561.00	208.82	—0—	388.71	2,019.65	—0—	—0—	250.00	60.00	6,023.46
L. Mo. River	1,453.46	272.05	1,838.11	—0—	198.35	310.30	684.86	25.00	100.00	30.00	4,912.13
Arkansas	970.86	307.00	220.00	100.00	—0—	1,564.00	—0—	—0—	210.00	9.00	3,380.86
Old Mt. Zion	2,423.24	242.00	—0—	—0—	21.07	384.42	—0—	—0—	150.00	40.00	3,260.73
Antioch	325.00	774.15	275.58	55.00	40.85	303.49	—0—	—0—	240.00	33.00	2,047.07
Zion Hope	890.64	253.59	99.16	—0—	60.00	478.83	6.00	—0—	75.00	21.20	1,884.42
Harmony	179.21	135.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	314.21
N. Louisiana	28.20	91.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	6.00	125.20
Rich Mountain	45.00	65.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	9.00	119.00
Big Springs	—0—	78.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	78.00

TOTAL GIVING FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1972-73 \$80,086.80

GIVING (TOTAL AND COOPERATIVE) AND BOOKSTORE SALES
FROM 1962-63 THROUGH 1972-73

TOTAL RECEIPTS*		COOPERATIVE GIVING**		BOOKSTORE SALES***	
1962-63	\$ 16,000	1962-63	\$ 6,550	1962-63	\$ 820.00
1963-64	18,700	1963-64	8,850	1963-64	2,013.00
1964-65	24,200	1964-65	10,350	1964-65	2,773.00
1965-66	28,900	1965-66	10,250	1965-66	2,790.00
1966-67	35,500	1966-67	12,400	1966-67	4,300.00
1967-68	49,500	1967-68	16,150	1967-68	3,852.00
1968-69	56,800	1968-69	20,450	1968-69	6,015.00
1969-70	83,400	1969-70	21,350	1969-70	10,379.00
1970-71	92,300	1970-71	25,550	1970-71	13,823.00
1971-72	168,400	1971-72	34,100	1971-72	19,466.00
1972-73	180,600	1972-73	36,100	1972-73	29,073.00

*To The Nearest \$100; **To The Nearest \$50; ***To The Nearest \$1

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 \$15.00 for each church belonging to said District Association, which shall be for entertaining State Association. And \$5.00 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

All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 year. No board member shall immediately succeed himself after having served a full term on said board.

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.