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MINUTES

Of The

Seventy Seventh Annual Session

Of The

Arkansas State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

At The

Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

On Beaver Lake—Conway, Arkansas

August 13-15, 1974

**Rev. Ben Scott, Moderator
2001 Parkway
North Little Rock, Ark. 72118**

**Rev. Loyd Thomas, Clerk
1044 S. Garland
Fayetteville, Ark. 72701**



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POLK BAYOU:

Moderator—Rev. Hoover Lewis, 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville, Ark. 72501

Clerk—Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry, Ark.

RICH MOUNTAIN:

Moderator—Rev. Roy L. Wilson, P.O. Box 126, Hatfield, Ark. 71945

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SALINE:

Moderator—Rev. Jack Dodson, Rt. 3, Box 106, Crossett, Ark. 71635

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Moderator—Rev. Carl High, 307 Joy St., Corning, Ark.

Clerk—Estalene Winfrey, Rt. 1, Box 149—C, Hoxie, Ark. 72433

UNITY:

Moderator—Rev. Jack Gilbert, Ozark, Ark. 72949

Clerk—Cleatus Southerland, Muldrow, Oklahoma 74948

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Moderator—Rev. Donnie Patton, 5112 Lovett Lane, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901

Clerk—Mrs. Sue Breeden, Rt. 1, Box 45, Van Buren, Ark. 72956

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 1974

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

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

Evening Service:

Call to Worship, "Harvest Time." Prayer by Rev. Raymond Chronister.

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

The Youth Camp facilities were presented by Rev. Rupert Pixley, President of the Youth Camp Board.

Oris Doggett, Herbert Rogers, Carl Cheshier, Sidney Sawrie and Carl High were nominated and elected to serve as the Committee on Committees.

Songs "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "Rescue The Perishing."

Special Music was presented by the Cavanaugh Youth Choir and John Yasuda.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Lonnie Skyles using "The Call for Reapers" as his subject. The Text was from Luke 10:1-2.

The moderator welcomed all out of town guests to the association.

Song "O How I Love Jesus," and closing prayer was by Rev. Loyd Thomas.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14, 1974

Songs "Glory To His Name" and "Harvest Time."

Devotional by Rev. Jerry Fields.

The moderator read articles III and IV of the constitution.

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

A letter from the Illinois State Association recommending Brother George Ritter to the Arkansas State Association was read and received.

Motion and second to adopt the program passed.

Report No. 2: The report of the Committee on Committees was received and adopted.

Report No. 3: The report of the Executive Board was received and adopted.

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

Report No. 5: The report of the Bookstore was given and adopted.

Brother Don Robirds spoke briefly representing the Foreign Missions Department.

Report No. 6: The report of the Christian Education Board was given and adopted.

Report No. 7: The report of the Sunday School Board was given and adopted.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell represented the National Sunday School Department. Prayer for intermission was given by Rev. Ben Scott.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 14, 1974

Songs "O How I Love Jesus," "Harvest Time," "Footsteps of Jesus," "Stand Up For Jesus."

Special Music by the Pixley twins.

Rev. Jackie Williams from California Christian College brought the message. The subject of the message was "The Conflict That Rages."

The message was followed by a handshake.

Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Gilbert Pixley.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 14, 1974

Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."

Devotion by Mrs. Cleo Pursell.

Brother Eugene Workman brought greetings from the National Executive Office; the following also brought greetings: Rev. Jerry Rhodes from Hillsdale College, Rev. Paul Kettelman from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Rev. Lawnie Coffman from the National Retirement Board, Rev. Leroy Scutter from Scripture Press, Rev. James Raper from the Tennessee Children's Home and Rev. Roy Thomas from the National Home Missions Department. Each was given a short time to speak. Rev. Larry Russell was also given a time to speak concerning his work.

Motion was made and passed to receive an offering for the Larry Russell account.

Report No. 8: Report of the State Missions Board was received and adopted.

Report No. 9: Report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was received and adopted.

Report No. 10: Report of the Resolutions Committee was received and adopted. Each item to be considered separately.

Rev. Lawnie Coffman was given a rising vote of thanks for his many years of service on the State CTS Board.

Report No. 11: Partial report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted.

Delegates to the National Association for 1975 were Mrs. Jack Morris, Geniva Coffman, Mrs. Frankey Stahl, Johnny Bolen, Mrs. Virginia Lewis.

Report No. 12: The report of the State CTS Board was received and adopted.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Coffman.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 14, 1974

Songs "Send the Light" and "Harvest Time."

Special Music by the Russellville Choir and Brother and Mrs. Roy Thomas.

Moderator spoke briefly concerning the Layman's Project.

An offering was received for Brother Larry Russell.

Special Music was presented by the Russellville Choir.

Rev. Tommy Brashears brought the evening message, using as his text Luke 10:4. The subject of his message was "The Conduct on the Road."

Rev. Carl Cheshier gave a brief report concerning Rev. Johnny Hale's going to West Helena.

Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Closing prayer was by Rev. O. D. Winfrey.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1974

Songs "Standing on the Promises" and "Harvest Time."

Morning devotion was by Rev. Herbert Rogers.

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

Report No. 14: Report of the Placement Committee was received and passed.

Report No. 15: Report of the Temperance Committee was received and adopted.

Report No. 16: Report of the Historical Committee was received and adopted. Motion made and adopted to add Rev. Lewis Barker and Hoover Lewis to the Historical Committee.

Report No. 17: Report of the Budget Committee was received and adopted.

Miscellaneous business was discussed. The question of air conditioning for the Chapel was discussed but no action taken at this time.

Rev. Lonnie DeVoult was given some time to speak concerning the Oklahoma State Work.

Brother Hargrave spoke concerning the Honey Creek Association of Free Will Baptists.

Motion made and adopted to seal, insulate, and air condition the Chapel.

Report No. 18: Report of the Obituary Committee was received and adopted.

Report No. 19: Final report of the Nominating Committee was given and adopted.

Motion made and adopted to send Rev. David Joslin to the Oklahoma State Association.

Dismissed by Rev. Raymond Patrick.

THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song "Harvest Time."

Motion made and adopted that each association send list of deceased to state clerk so their names can be printed in State Minutes.

Song "When We All Get To Heaven."

Special Music by John Yasuda, "Oh, To Be Like Jesus."

Song "Rescue the Perishing."

Special Music by Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pursell, "Another Step."

Rev. W. H. Bostic brought the message from Luke 10:20.

Prayer by Rev. Hoover Lewis.

All the preachers who had preached during the association were asked to come to the front of the building, and everyone extended them the right hand of fellowship.

Song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Closing prayer was by Rev. Noel Easterling.

REPORTS

REPORT NO. 1: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee, find that the Unity, New Hope, Little Missouri River, Saline, Harmony, Polk Bayou and Central Associations have represented by letter, delegates and fees; and we also find that the following associations have the following report.

Arkansas Association: 8 Churches paid and 5 did not.

Antioch Association: 32 Churches paid and 4 did not.

North Louisiana: 4 Churches paid and 2 did not.

Also we find that the following associations show a difference between the \$20.00 representation fee and what was actually sent in.

Social Band Association	Paid \$361.00	Short \$119.00
Old Mt. Zion	Paid 335.00	Short 165.00
Rich Mountain	Paid 72.00	Short 28.00
Big Springs	Paid 46.00	Short 14.00

The Zion Hope No. 2 Association did not report by letter or fee.

Your Committee,

S. L. Woodard, Raymond Chronister,

Terry Forrest, Ron Parker and Randy Scott

REPORT NO. 2: COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

REGISTRATION: Charlsia Morgan, Linda Harvy, Mrs. Benny Dyer, Mrs. Lawnie Coffman, Robbie King.

CREDENTIALS: Silas Woodard, Terry Forrest, Ronnie Parker, Raymond Chronister, Randy Scott.

NOMINATING: Richard Bowers, Gilbert Pixley, Don Brewer, J. W. Blanks, Roy Wilson.

RESOLUTIONS: Terrell Holland, James Spears, Lonnie Skyles, Jimmy Chronister, Fred Warner.

BUDGET: David Joslin, Ronnie Blanks, Lawnie Coffman, Carl Cheshier, George Harvey.

TEMPERANCE: Jimmy Purcell, Inita Tusing, Mrs. Gale Finn, H. B. Dole, Burle Stewart.

OBITUARY: Lucy Williams, Mrs. Ethyl Wilson, Mrs. Ollie Doggett.

PLACEMENT: Jerry Smith, Garland Roetzel, Mrs. Lavenia Taylor.

Your Committee,
Oris Doggett, Sidney Sawrie, Herbert Rogers,
Carl Cheshier, Carl High

REPORT NO. 3: EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

The Executive Board met August 15, 1973, and elected Zane Kirkland Chairman and Richard Bowers Secretary. Some discussion was given to a Bookstore Manager, but no action was taken at this time.

The Board met again September 29, 1973, and accepted the resignation of Rev. Fred Warner as Promotional Director. Rev. David Joslin was hired as Promotional Director.

The next meeting was February 26, 1974, and the Promotional Director's salary was raised to \$190.00 per week. Also, the mileage was set at 12¢ per mile.

The Board met again April 30, 1974, when Rev. Lewis Campbell was hired as Bookstore Manager. The Promotional Director's salary was set at \$200.00 per week.

The next meeting of the Board was June 11, 1974, when Brother Kenneth Facon was appointed to fill the un-expired term of Lewis Campbell on the Executive Board. Brother Campbell had been appointed to fill the term of David Joslin.

The Board met by telephone conference July 6, 1974, and June Arnol was hired as secretary. Also Rev. Hoover Lewis was appointed to fill the un-expired term of Gene Bishop on the Executive Board.

Zane Kirkland, Oris Doggett, Kenneth Facon,
Hoover Lewis, Richard Bowers

REPORT NO. 4

Promotional Director—Treasurer's Report From August 1, 1973—June 30, 1974

We have examined the records of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists as of June 30, 1974. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of accounting

records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying Operating Statement presents fairly the financial position of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists as of June 30, 1974 and the results of its operations for the period covered is in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and is consistent with that of the preceding period.

John F. James
818 Chestnut
Conway, Arkansas
Public Accountant

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR—TREASURER'S REPORT
FROM AUGUST 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

Associations	Co-op	Gen. Fd.	State M.	CTS	Home M.	Foreign M.	Bible Colleges	Misc.	Vision	Total
Central	6,851.82	50.00	4,178.60	—0—	1,011.78	1,815.89	1,802.25	120.29	150.00	\$15,980.63
Social Band	7,880.80	288.00	593.58	272.00	701.87	2,556.50	18.00	—0—	153.00	12,463.75
Unity	9,044.14	23.57	2,346.61	—0—	4,467.47	2,283.06	982.66	4.00	72.00	19,223.51
Polk Bayou	4,583.93	165.00	610.31	—0—	1,266.88	1,856.04	330.00	—0—	114.00	8,926.16
Saline	1,895.19	399.98	4,232.66	—0—	431.92	1,295.97	560.00	—0—	105.00	8,920.72
New Hope	2,842.66	204.16	222.00	—0—	531.00	2,155.67	56.00	—0—	90.00	6,101.49
L. Mo. River	878.91	—0—	1,051.04	—0—	30.00	281.34	488.82	—0—	62.00	2,792.11
Arkansas	1,106.52	180.10	376.00	—0—	47.87	1,579.50	—0—	321.42	30.00	3,641.41
Old Mt. Zion	2,011.29	233.00	10.00	—0—	69.48	514.60	—0—	—0—	27.00	2,865.37
Antioch	921.09	403.00	130.00	100.00	50.00	630.55	—0—	—0—	60.00	2,294.64
Zion Hope	1,453.03	242.34	94.52	—0—	66.38	431.44	—0—	35.00	12.00	2,334.71
Harmony	—0—	100.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	60.00	—0—	—0—	6.00	166.00
N. Louisiana	—0—	65.00	—0—	—0—	60.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	15.00	140.00
Rich Mountain	10.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	9.00	19.00
Big Springs	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Miscellaneous	—0—	1,360.88	464.00	—0—	89.50	10.00	—0—	—0—	17.00	1,941.38

TOTAL GIVING FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1973-1974..... \$87,810.88

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS		\$ 87,810.88
Received From State Woman's Auxiliary	1,455.03	
Miscellaneous Receipts	9,930.72	
Premiums For Insurance	12,331.68	
Bookstore Sales	33,281.59	
Sunday School Literature Sales	47,834.57	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		192,644.47
Balance Brought Forward	9,951.64	\$202.606.11

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND

Total Received	\$28,699.71	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,162.78</u>	\$30,862.49
Total Expenditures		<u>28,282.68</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 2,579.81

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

Total Received	\$33,281.59	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,255.38</u>	\$34,506.97
Total Expenditures		<u>28,537.94</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 5,969.03

STATE MISSIONS

Total Received	\$31,924.71	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,429.06</u>	\$34,353.77
Total Expenditures		<u>27,875.02</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 6,478.75

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Total Received	\$47,834.57	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>198.41</u>	\$48,032.28
Total Expenditures		<u>39,983.90</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 8,049.08

STATE CTS BOARD

Total Received	\$7,042.28	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>353.74</u>	\$7,396.02
Total Expenditures		<u>6,726.28</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 699.74

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Total Received	\$1,169.49	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>137.88</u>	\$1,307.37
Total Expenditures		<u>819.45</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 487.92

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Total Received	\$ -0-	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>744.84</u>	\$744.84
Total Expenditures		<u>50.50</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$694.34

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE GIVING

Total Received	\$11,771.08	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>653.88</u>	\$12,424.96
Total Expenditures		<u>11,370.11</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 1,054.85

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Total Received	\$8,698.45	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>427.50</u>	\$9,125.95
Total Expenditures		<u>8,382.15</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 743.80

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS

Total Received	\$15,787.42	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>595.12</u>	\$16,382.54
Total Expenditures		<u>15,077.89</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 1,304.65

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$2,505.82	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>170.75</u>	\$2,676.57
Total Expenditures		<u>2,549.91</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 126.66

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Total Received	\$1,741.91	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>10.00</u>	\$1,751.91
Total Expenditures		<u>1,515.91</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 236.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Total Received	\$480.71	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>606.40</u>	\$1,087.11
Total Expenditures		<u>797.23</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 289.88

THE ARKANSAS VISION

Total Received	\$1,706.73	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>235.90</u>	\$1,942.63
Total Expenditures		<u>1,455.64</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 486.99

TOTAL FUND BALANCE

Total Received	\$192,644.47	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>9,951.64</u>	\$202,596.11
Total Expenditures		<u>173,424.61</u>
Balance, June 30, 1974		\$ 29,171.50

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Promotional Director's Salary	\$7,219.00	
Promotional Director's Mileage	462.47	
Promotional Director's Housing	2,287.50	
Executive Board Mileage and Meals	557.40	
Insurance Premiums for Pastors	13,157.14	
Utilities	419.60	
State Entertainment Expenses	1,935.68	
Postage	120.00	
Supplies	334.02	
National Representation Fee	100.00	
Social Security For Director	542.82	
Miscellaneous	809.92	
Minutes	<u>337.13</u>	\$28,282.68

STATE MISSIONS

Arkadelphia Salary	\$4,700.00	
Arkadelphia Housing	1,200.00	
Arkadelphia Chapel Payments	1,558.86	
Mileage and Meals (Combined)	715.93	
Telephone	40.44	
Postage	8.00	
Gifts to New Churches	50.60	

Miscellaneous Expenses	99.44	
El Dorado Salary	6,450.00	
El Dorado Housing	2,200.00	
El Dorado Mission	500.00	
West Helena Salary	4,614.97	
West Helena Housing	1,733.00	
Arkadelphia Land Fund	3,979.71	
Printing Costs	<u>24.07</u>	\$27,875.02

BOOKSTORE (THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE)

Books for Resale	\$21,649.03	
Sales Tax	1,208.92	
Freight	243.04	
Supplies	432.50	
Postage	363.91	
Insurance on Building	317.00	
Salaries	1,317.00	
Utilities	970.84	
Advertisement	77.50	
Social Security	391.87	
Miscellaneous	681.99	
Payment on Loan	858.33	
Mileage	<u>26.00</u>	\$28,537.94

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Literature for Resale	\$28,923.49	
Postage in Mailing Literature	1,775.45	
Secretarial Help	2,930.64	
Payment on Loan		
(First Note) First State Bank	3,679.28	
Utilities	537.53	
Freight (Literature from Nashville)	441.61	
Supplies	544.58	
Sales Tax	981.15	
Miscellaneous	<u>170.17</u>	\$39,983.90

STATE CTS BOARD	\$6,726.28	\$ 6,726.28
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Annual Retreat for Ministers	\$ 653.84	
Board Members Mileage & Meals	150.74	
Telephone	<u>14.87</u>	\$ 819.45

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD		
Telephone and Mileage	\$ 50.50	\$ 50.50
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE	\$11,370.11	\$11,370.11
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	\$ 8,382.15	\$ 8,382.15
NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$15,077.89	\$15,077.89
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	\$ 2,549.91	\$ 2,549.91
HILLSDALE COLLEGE (OKLAHOMA)	\$ 1,515.91	\$ 1,515.91
MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 797.23	\$ 797.23
VISION (STATE PAPER)		
Printer	\$909.02	
Supplies	101.29	
Postage	439.33	
Miscellaneous	<u>6.00</u>	\$1,455.64
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$173,424.61
BANK BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1974		
Total Amount Received	\$192,644.47	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>9,951.64</u>	\$202,596.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$173,424.61	<u>\$173,424.61</u>
		\$29,171.50

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

BOOKSTORE FINANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 1974

Money in Petty Cash	\$513.05	
Accounts Receivable (Regular)	1,482.79	
Accounts Receivable (VBS)	<u>2,239.38</u>	\$4,235.22
Credits (Regular Accts.)		135.00
Credits (VBS Accts.)		<u>105.90</u>
		\$3,944.32

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 1974

Money in Petty Cash	\$83.34	
Accounts Receivable	<u>2,257.88</u>	\$2,341.22
Credits		<u>373.34</u>
		\$1,967.88

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Bookstore Account	\$6,898.37	
Sunday School Account	8,066.66	
Loan on State Building & Property	32,454.60	
Second Loan on Building & Property	6,985.00	
Copying Machine	369.58	
Taxes on Property	<u>480.50</u>	\$55,254.71

ASSETS

Property	\$70,000.00	
Office Furniture & Equipment	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous Equipment	750.00	
Bookstore Merchandise	20,468.08	
Sunday School Merchandise	<u>691.23</u>	\$94,909.31

GIVING TO OUTSIDE CAUSES*

National Cooperative	\$11,370.11	
National Home Missions	8,382.15	
National Foreign Missions	15,077.93	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,438.05	
Hillsdale College (Oklahoma)	<u>1,515.91</u>	\$38,784.15

*REFLECTS GIVING ONLY THROUGH STATE OFFICE

Respectfully submitted,
David Joslin
Promotional Director—Treasurer

REPORT NO. 5: BOOKSTORE REPORT:

The Bookstore Report was given by Rev. Lewis Campbell. The financial report is found in the Promotional Director's report.

REPORT NO. 6: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT:

The Board of Christian Education had its first meeting August 15, 1973,

at the campgrounds in Conway. At this meeting Brother Glenn Lewis was elected as chairman, and Brother Ronnie Blanks was elected as secretary for the coming year. Plans for the annual Minister's Retreat were discussed, and February 18, 19, and 20, 1974 were selected as the dates for the retreat. The invitation of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Warren, Arkansas was accepted as the sight of the retreat. The Board also selected Brother Stanley Outlaw to be the chief instructor for the retreat. Other speakers chosen for the retreat were Brother Boyd Ray Allen and Brother Lewis Campbell. The two subjects adopted for the curriculum of the 1974 Youth Camp were Stewardship and Separation.

The Board had its final meeting December 18, 1973, at the headquarters building in Conway. At this meeting the final drafts on the subjects of Stewardship and Separation were approved, and Bob Francis of St. Louis, Missouri was approved as the printer for the 1974 Youth Camp literature.

Brother Lonnie Skiles was selected as the superintendent of teaching for the three weeks of Youth Camp.

Forty two ministers registered for the Minister's Retreat.

Glen Lewis, Lonnie Skiles,
Roy Wilson, Raymond Chronister, Ronnie Blanks

REPORT NO. 7: SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:

The Sunday School Board helped sponsor the State Ministers' and Deacons' meeting. The Board also recommends that all Sunday schools buy their literature from the Arkansas State Association. The State Sunday School Work Shop will be sponsored by the Board September 6 and 7, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Conway.

Don Brewer, W. H. Bostic, Bill Whittaker,
Chester Weir, Sidney Sawrie

REPORT NO. 8: STATE MISSIONS BOARD REPORT:

The State Missions Board is now supporting work in Arkadelphia, El Dorado and West Helena. The Board is thankful for the fine support the churches of Arkansas have given to the various works in the state. The financial report is found in the report of the Promotional Director.

Carl Cheshier, Boyd Ray Allen, O. D. Winfrey
Keith Johnson, Loyd Thomas

REPORT NO. 9: WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

The twentieth session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met on Tuesday, August 13, 1974, at the campgrounds. The theme "Women In Action" was displayed throughout the day as the group shared memories of "yester-year"

and presented new channels of work and talent. Margaret Dixon, the first state president, was the morning speaker.

A new district, Old Mount Zion, was received into the convention, making nine districts reporting with a total of 54 local auxiliaries and a membership of 666. A total of 228 registered for the day.

The group reported total receipts of \$11,764.81. Of this amount \$2,841.50 was given to Foreign Missions, \$1,168.27 to National Home Missions, \$1,793.11 to State Home Missions, \$1,090.81 to W.N.A.C., \$2,693.83 to the CTS Board for sidewalks.

The group voted to have as their project for the coming year raising money for the schooling of the Jim McKown children in Puerto Rico.

After the day's activities at the camp, 149 women met at the Ramada Inn for their seventh annual banquet. Betty Sawrie, second president of the convention, was the speaker.

Genelle Scott, President
Ollie Doggett, Secretary

REPORT NO. 10: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 1: Be it resolved that we give Brother Lawnie Coffman a recorded vote of thanks for 20 years of service on the CTS Board.

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that whereas there is much confusion on the part of youth camp workers concerning duties and responsibilities, and whereas there is a lack of discipline due to the absence of any written rules and regulations concerning dress and conduct, and whereas there is much heartbreak and a heavy burden on the hearts of many youth camp workers,

therefore be it resolved:

- (1) That the Board of CTS of the State of Arkansas be requested to formulate a permanent *Youth Camp Handbook* containing within it the duties and responsibilities of all camp personnel, the rules and regulations of the camp concerning dress and conduct for all campers, and expectations as to general Christian conduct.
- (2) That said handbook be distributed to all campers and camp personnel prior to youth camp.
- (3) That all rules, regulations, and expectations set forth in the handbook be adhered to at all sessions of Youth Camp without variation or exceptions.
- (4) That said handbook be prepared in time for use in the 1975 Youth Camps.

Randy Scott, Lonnie Skyles, Fred Warner,
Jimmy Chronister, Terrell Holland

REPORT NO. 11: PARTIAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee submits the following names to fill vacancies

on the following Boards:

General Board Member	David Joslin	
Hillsdale Trustee	Bob Butler	
Executive Board	Ron Parker	(5 years)
Missions Board	Terry Forrest	(5 years)
Sunday School Board	Bob Huckaba	(5 years)
Church Training Service	Sidney Sawrie	(5 years)
Christian Education Board:	Noel Easterling	(2 years)
	Terrell Holland	(5 years)

REPORT NO. 12: CTS BOARD REPORT

August 1, 1973—August 1, 1974

Brought Forward	\$4,919.59
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Receipts:

Received from State Office	\$7,396.02	
Received for Sidewalks	2,571.79	
Youth Camp Fees	7,491.50	
Concession Stand Profits	702.75	
Convention Fees	207.00	
Special Gifts for Food for Youth Camp	922.11	
Tabernacle Improvement Fund	167.28	
Reimbursement from Campers' Insurance	297.74	
Rent from Youth Camp	735.00	
Sale of Cattle Guard	100.00	
General	<u>552.93</u>	
Total Received		<u>\$21,144.12</u>
Total		\$26,063.71

Expenditures:

Food	\$4,564.22	
Improvement and Repairs on Property	1,302.46	
Utilities	679.14	
Sinking Fund (Bond Payments)	7,684.00	
Board Mileage	362.30	
Labor	638.00	
Secretary Salary	275.00	
Sidewalks	2,875.16	
Postage and Supplies	97.10	
Camp Literature	219.90	
Awards Nat'l. Fees and Gifts to State Winners	714.88	
Caretaker for Camp Property	100.00	
Campers' Insurance	534.75	
Audit of State Books	15.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>581.65</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$20,643.56</u>
Bank Bal. August 1, 1974		\$ 5,420.15

CAMP ATTENDANCE

Camp No. 1	157 Campers	38 Staff and Children	Total 195
Camp No. 2	180 Campers	45 Staff and Children	Total 225
Camp No. 3	<u>253 Campers</u>	<u>40 Staff and Children</u>	Total <u>293</u>
	590 Campers	123 Staff and Children	Total 713

The State CTS Board met nine times during the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank every individual, and each Church for their support in helping staff the three encampments, contributing to the food cost and their general support.

J. W. Blanks, Secretary—Treasurer

REPORT NO. 13: REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Registration Committee, find the following have registered during the session of the association.

Ministers	84
Delegates	104
Visitors	281
Out-of-State Visitors	<u>31</u>
Total	500

Barbara Dryer, Robbie King
Charlcia Morgan, Alene Coffman,
Linda Harvey

REPORT NO. 14: THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

It is to be noted that no other church or association has requested the State Association, so we recommend that the next annual meeting be held here at the campground.

Since God has been so wonderful in granting us with this great place in which to meet, and seeing that there is such a great number of us, which would make it difficult to meet at local churches, we move that this committee be disbanded until further need arises.

REPORT NO. 15: THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee, feel that there has been a great falling away of our Adults, partly causing moral decline of our young people; therefore, we recommend a return to the scripture in the training of a child.

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend these scriptures: Eph. 6:4 and Jer. 6:16.

Jimmy Pursell, Inita Tusing, Gale Finn,
H.B. Dole, Burl Stewart

REPORT NO. 17: THE BUDGET COMMITTEE:

We recommend that the Co-op receipts for 1974-75 be disbursed as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
National Association	30%	32%
General Fund	32%	30%
State Missions	17%	17%
CTS	17%	17%
Vision	2%	1%
Christian Education Board	2%	2%
Sunday School Board	0%	1%
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

We further recommend that the overall budget for 1974-75 be \$200,000.00

David Joslin, George Harvey,
Lawnie Coffman, Ronnie Blanks,
Carl Cheshier

REPORT NO. 18: THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Due to insufficient information, we, your committee, cannot report the number of deceased in the state.

Only four associations—Central, New Hope, Polk Bayou, and Saline—had reported their number of deaths.

Rev. 14:13—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors; and their works to follow them."

We believe that the ones we have lost in the past year are enjoying the blessings in Heaven.

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION:

Theodore Fulbright, Rev. Obie Eagan, Claude Clark, Della Clark, Josephine Wentz, Manerva Matheny, Tommy Burns, Vallie Mac Colter, Joe Ballew, Joe Woodruff, Ira Prince, Hattie Prince

SALINE ASSOCIATION:

Garvin Brewsster, Olena Beaty, Mrs. J. H. Craig, Mrs. R. W. Estelle, Andrew Kelley, Mrs. Nolan Jeffers, Mrs. Ira Castleberry, Veta Young, Bud Peters, Robert Hamilton, Fate Parks, Mrs. Earlie McLure, Alma Cox, Herman Thompson, W. H. Golden, Mrs. Bobbie McClellon, Mrs. Pearl McKinzie, Mrs. Katie Johnson, Sue Allen, Erma Jean Evans, Effie Roberts, Stevie Adams, Clyde White, Inez Pierce, Francis Wheeler, Mrs. Nelson Dobbs, Greg Morgan, Mr. Jackie Best, Alford Owens, Tom Craig, Dave Reape, Mrs. Shelton Adams.

Lucy Williams, Chairman
Ethel Wilson, Ollie Doggett

REPORT NO. 19: FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

State Statistician	W.S. Isbell
Assistant Clerk	Jerry Smith
Clerk	Loyd Thomas
Assistant Moderator	Hoover Lewis
Moderator	Ben Scott
Your Committee, Richard Bowers, Gilbert Pixley, Don Brewer, J.W. Blanks, Roy Williams	

**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 Smith
State Statistician	Rev. W. S. Isbell
Secretary Treasurer	Rev. David Joslin

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ron Parker	5 Years
Rev. Oris Doggett	4 Years
Rev. Kenneth Fasen	3 Years
Rev. Hoover Lewis	2 Years
Rev. Richard Bowers	1 Year

MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Terry Forrest	5 Years
Rev. Boyd R. Allen	4 Years
Rev. O. D. Winfrey	3 Years
Rev. Keith Johnson	2 Years
Rev. Carl Cheshier	1 Year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Bob Huckaba	5 Years
Rev. Don Brewer	4 Years
Rev. W. H. Bostic	3 Years
Rev. Bill Whittaker	2 Years
Rev. Chester Weit	1 Year

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Terrell Holland	5 Years
Rev. Ronnie Blanks	4 Years
Rev. Lonnie Skiles	3 Years
Rev. Noel Easterling	2 Years
Rev. Roy Wilson	1 Year

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.