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Of The  
Seventy Ninth Annual Session  
Of The  
Arkansas State Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists  
At The  
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp  
On Beaver Lake—Conway, Arkansas  
August 10-12, 1976

MODERATOR FOR 80th session  
Carl Cheshier  
8224 Cypress  
Ft. Smith, Arkansas

CLERK for 80th Session  
Wendell M. Leckbee  
No. 1 Amber Lane  
North Little Rock, Ark. 72118

## SCHEDULE FOR STANDING BOARDS AND OFFICERS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jimmy Pursell	5 years
Lawnie Colfman	4 years
Ron Parker	3 years
Oris Doggett	2 years
Ken Faison	1 year

### MISSIONS BOARD

Randy Scott	5 years
Johnny Postelwaite	4 years
Terry Forrest	3 years
Howard Hensley	2 years
O. D. Winfrey	1 year

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Andy Pearcey	5 years
David Bishop	4 years
Bob Huckaba	3 years
Johnny Bolan	2 years
Tommy Henderson	1 year

### C.T.S. BOARD

Ben Scott	5 years
George Harvey	4 years
Sid Sawrie	3 years
R. H. McCuin	2 years
Rupert Pixley	1 year

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lewis Campbell	5 years
Raymond Chronister	4 years
Richard Bowers	3 years
Ronnie Blanks	2 years
Bobby Shepherd	1 year

### MODERATOR

Carl Cheshier

Assistant Moderator

George Ritter

### CLERK

Wendell Leckbee

Ass't. Clerk

Alvie Richmond

Statistical

W. S. Isbell

Statistical Ass't.

Bob Isbell

## OFFICERS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

### ANTIOCH

Moderator, Rev. Tommy Brashear, Box 1012, Russellville, Ark. 72901

Clerk, Lola F. Crawford, 1107 North 5th St., Dardanelle, Ark. 72834

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Moderator, Norman Barnard, Paris, Arkansas 72855

Clerk, Sandra Kanady, Ratcliff, Ark.

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Moderator, Howard Pruitt, Rt. 5, Mtn. Home, Ark. 72653

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Moderator, Wendell Leckbee, No. 1 Amber Lane, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118

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Moderator, Clyde Bull, Belleville, Ark. 72824

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Moderator, Howard Hensley, 1 Dawmill Rd., Searcy, Ark. 72143

Clerk, Alene Coffman, 113 Highland Dr., Searcy, Ark. 72143

### NORTH LOUISIANA

Moderator, Elmer Holiman, Rt. 2, Box 134, Lake Village, Ark. 71653

Clerk, May Bell Holiman, Rt. 2, Box 134, Lake Village, Ark. 71653

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Moderator, Eldon Bagwell, Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738

Clerk, Willie Bohannon, Rt. 3, Box 92, Huntsville, Ark. 72740

### POLK BAYOU

Moderator, Dale Pitts, Rt. 2, Box 435, Newport, Ark. 72112

Clerk, Mrs. M. B. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 121, Strawberry, Ark. 72469

### RICH MOUNTAIN

Moderator, Donnie Jewell, Rt. 1, Box 10, Hatfield, Ark. 71945

Clerk, Linda Denton, Rt. 1, Box 242A, Hatfield, Ark. 71945

### SALINE

Moderator, Roy L. Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 134 A, Monticello, Ark. 71655

Clerk, S. L. Woodard, Rt. 2, Box 463, Warren, Ark. 71671

### SOCIAL BAND

Moderator, Carl High, 307 Joy St., Corning, Ark. 72422

Clerk, Eldridge Neece, Rt. 3, Box 21 D, Pocahontas, Ark. 72455

### UNITY

Moderator, Willard C. Day, 2705 Alma Blvd., Van Buren, Ark. 72956

Clerk—unknown

### ZION HOPE

Moderator, J. C. Holderfield, Rt. 3, Box 586 A, Ft. Smith, Ark. 72901

Clerk, Barbara Dyer, Rt. 1, Box 181 A, Mtburg, Ark. 72946

## PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 10, 1976

(Jimmy and Brenda Pursell served as Song  
Leader and Pianist for the entire Associational Meeting)

The seventy-ninth session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Camp Beaverfork near Conway, Arkansas. Congregational songs, "Victory in Jesus," "King of Kings" and "Stand up for Jesus" were sung. Prayer was led by Ronnie Parker. The session was officially called to order by the Clerk, Loyd Thomas. Bro. Thomas also introduced the Moderator, Bro. Ben Scott. A word of welcome and information regarding the Camp Ground facilities was given by Bro. Rupert Pixley.

The Committee on Committees was elected—David Joslin, J. W. Blanks, Ken Doggett, Ron Parker, and Tommy Henderson.

The congregation sang, "I Love to tell the Story" and "Revive us Again." Special music was presented by Mrs. Bonnie Doggett.

The evening message was preached by Bro. Howard Hensley, "The Gospel Worth Defending." Phil. 1:17

The prayer of benediction was led by Bro. George Harvey.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11, 1976

The opening songs by the congregation were "Victory in Jesus" and "Kings of Kings."

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Albert Halbrog, who spoke from Hebrews 2:14.

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

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

A proposed Constitutional change was placed on the table.

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

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

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

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

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

The report of the Missions Board was given and the vote to adopt was deferred until the afternoon session.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Songs sung were, "Victory in Jesus," "King of Kings," "The Longer I Serve Him" and "Higher Ground."

Prayer was led by Bro. Zane Kirkland.

Special Music was presented by Bro. Malcolm Fry, accompanied at the piano by Bro. Herman Hersey.

The morning message was preached by Bro. James Earl Raper who preached on the theme, "The Home Worth Defending." Scripture taken from 2 Kings 20:15. The service closed with a fellowship handshake.



### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 11, 1976

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. George Ritter. Scripture reading was from 1 Kings 25:28.

Report No. 8: the report of the Missions Board was adopted.

Report No. 9: The report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was adopted.

Time was given for words of greeting from the following: Free Will Baptist Bible College, Paul Kettelman; National Executive Department, Bro. Rufus Coffey; National Laymen's Board, Loyd Olson; Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, President, Bill Jones; National CTS Board, Bro. Malcolm Fry; National Board of Retirement and Insurance, Bro. Herman Hersey; National Home Missions Board, Bro. Robert Shockey. An offering was given in behalf of the Charles Harris account, missionaries to Colorado. The body voted to receive a \$1,000.00 offering for the State Home Missions Project during the evening service.

Report No. 10: The report of the CTS Board was adopted. The body voted to give a standing vote of appreciation to Bro. J. W. Blanks for his many years of faithful service as a member of the CTS Board. In connection with the CTS Board report it may be noted that 23 churches pledged to send the amount of \$124.00 to the CTS Board to help place metal doors and frames on each of the cabins at the Camp Grounds.

A motion was made from the floor that the moderator appoint a committee to study the matter of establishing a General Board in the Arkansas State Association. This committee is to report at the 1977 session. The committee was appointed, consisting of Bro. David Joslin, Bro. Howard Hensley and Bro. Phil Ange.

The body voted to give a standing vote of appreciation to Center Point Church for the fine manner in which they prepared and served the meals.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 11, 1976

Congregational songs were sung, "Victory in Jesus," "King of Kings" and "Rescue the Perishing."

The special offering in behalf of the State Missions Board Project was received. The total amount of this offering was \$1,005.42. Following this the congregation sang, "There is a Fountain" and "Blest Be the Tie." Special Music was presented by Bro. and Sister Alvie Richmond. The sermon of the evening was preached by Bro. Arthur Galloway. The subject of the message was, "The Church Worth Defending." Scripture reference, Eph. 5:25. Following the message and invitation, Bro. and Sister Jimmy Pursell sang, "Promises." The meeting was then dismissed.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 12, 1976

Songs were sung, "Showers of Blessings" and "Power in the Blood." Devotional remarks were given by Bro. Ben Scott.

Report No. 11: Report of the Registration Committee was given and adopted.

Report No. 12: Report of the Temperance Committee was given and adopted.

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

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

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

Motion was made and seconded to adopt the Constitutional changes which were placed on the table the previous day. Parts 1, 2, and 3 were adopted.

Report No. 16: The report of the Nominating Committee was given and the following were elected: to represent Arkansas on the National Association General Board, David Joslin; to serve on Hillsdale College Board of Trustees, Bob Butler; Christian Education Board, Lewis Campbell; CTS Board, 4 year term, George Harvey; CTS Board, 5 year term, Ben Scott; Sunday School Board, 5 year term, Andy Pearcey; Missions Board, 2 year term, Howard Hensley; Missions Board, 5 year term, Randy Scott; Executive Board, 5 year term, Jimmy Pursell;

State Statistician, Bro. W. S. Isbell; Assistant, Bro. Bob Isbell.

Association Clerk, Bro. Wendell Leckbee; Assistant, Bro. Alvie Richmond.

Moderator, Bro. Carl Cheshier; Assistant, Bro. George Ritter.

#### THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 12, 1976

The service opened with congregational singing. Words of greeting were given by Bro. Charles Harris in regard to his plans for establishing a new church in Lakewood, Colorado.

A trio consisting of Bro. Sidney Sawrie, Bro. Alvie Richmond, and Bro. R. H. McCuin presented special music.

The morning message was preached by Bro. Bob Rackley. He preached on the subject, "The Blessed Hope Worth Defending." Scripture was taken from Titus 2:13. The service was concluded with a song and fellowship handshake.

#### REPORTS

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**—We, the Credentials Committee, find that the Polk Bayou, Rich Mountain, Saline, Social Band, Big Springs, Harmony, Little Missouri River, New Hope, and Unity have been represented by letter, delegates, and fees. All the churches in the following associations paid the fee: Polk Bayou, Rich Mountain, Saline, Social Band, Zion Hope No. 2; In Antioch Association, 32 churches paid; 5 did not; In Arkansas Association, 9 churches paid, 4 did not; in Central Association 7 churches paid, 4 did not; In N. Louisiana 4 churches paid; 3 did not; in Old Mt. Zion, 19 churches paid, 7 did not; In Zion Hope No. 2, 16 churches paid, 6 did not. All the churches in Big Springs Association paid the fee.

Steve Trail

Johnnie Bolen

Raymond Chronister

**Committee on Committees Report**—On Nominating Committee: Sidney Sawrie, Terry Forrest, Richard Bowers, Alvie Richmond, Roy Wilson; On Temperance Committee: O. D. Winfrey, Jim Baker, Clifford Sykes, John Edington, Silas Woodard; Resolutions Committee: Williard Day, Albert Halbbrook, L. D. Payne, Roy Thompson, Phil Ange; Budget Committee: David Joslin, Andy Pearcey, Randy Scott, Rupert Pixley, Bobby Alexander; Obituary Committee: Oris Doggett, Ethel Wilson, Hazel Mann.

Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention—The 22nd annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary convention met Tuesday, August 10, 1976. The theme, "Ambassadors for Christ" was made personal to each one present as Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart, Field worker for WNAC challenged the group to realize that each person is a special representative going with a special message to special places. All nine districts reported with a total of 58 Auxiliaries and a membership of 847. A total of 233 registered for the day. The convention reported total receipts of \$14,120.51 for the year. Of this amount \$2,362.47 was given to WNAC; \$2,754.81 was given to Foreign Missions; \$758.52 was given to National Home Missions; \$2,154.54 was given to State Home Missions; \$1,033.95 was given to other state and national projects. \$2,714.27 was given to the state project, the Bobby Aycock account. The following resolutions were adopted: 1—That the project for the year be "Helping with the Arkansas Perpetual Property Loan Fund." 2—That we give \$500.00 to the Library Book Fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College. 3—That we purchase a plaque for Willa Jean Lewis in appreciation for her years of service as treasurer of the State Convention. The following were elected as officers: President, Bonita Hill; Vice-President, Betty Price; Secretary, Donna Forrest; Treasurer, Genelle Scott; Field Worker, Mary Ann Chronister; Members at large, Shirley Sawrie, Betty Bolin, Carolyn Ange. After the day's activities at the Camp Ground 190 women enjoyed the 9th annual banquet at Ramada Inn. Miss Wisehart spoke on the theme, "Wells of Living Water." The banquet was climaxed by presenting the out-going President, Genelle Scott, a money tree for her faithful years of service to the convention. The tree grew the amount of \$487.50. The convention enjoyed their annual retreat earlier in the year with 234 women and 25 Actionettes in attendance.

Genelle Scott, President  
Donna Forrest, Secretary

Report of Master's Men—Arkansas State Master's Men was organized on November 1, 1975 with approximately 75 men in attendance. A project was adopted for the year—the drilling of a new water well at the Camp Grounds. Approximately \$4,000.00 was raised, with \$2,350.00 being spent on the project, leaving some \$1,600.00 toward another project. A banquet was held at Ramada Inn on Wednesday evening, August 11, with 145 in attendance. An offering of \$315.00 was given above the expenses. A meeting was held following the Wednesday night service with officers for the year being elected. President, Johnny Bolin; Activities Vice-President, Frank Saffell; Chorister, Jerry Winston; Program Vice-President, Wendell Leckbee; Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Lewis; Membership Vice-President, George Harvey; State Senator, Don King. A new project for the year was adopted—the raising of \$5,000.00 to black top the road from the Camp Grounds to the Beaverfork road.

President, John B. Williams

Registration Committee Report—We, the Registration Committee, find the following have registered during the session of this Association: Ministers, 87; Deacons, 25; Delegates, 76; Visitors, 152; Out-of State visitors, 12; Total registering, 352.

Lucy Williams  
Linda Harvey  
Debbie Scott



Report of Temperance Committee: We, the Temperance Committee, feel that since there is so much profanity and suggestive immorality on our news media and programming and every day life that we recommend that all churches send letters to networks stating our views against such programs. We also recommend that our churches make a special effort to teach our people against drug abuse.

S. L. Woodard  
O. D. Winfrey  
Jim Baker

Report of Resolutions Committee—We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following report: Item No. 1—Be it resolved that we give our state officers, state boards, and all of those who made the state meeting possible a standing vote of thanks. Item No. 2— Be it resolved that our State Minutes be printed and made available by December 1.

Williard Day  
Albert Halbrook  
Roy Thompson  
Phil Ange  
L. D. Payne

Report of Budget Committee—We recommend the following budget and allocations for the coming year:

#### Budget for 1976-1977

Co-op	\$75,000.00
Youth Camp	30,000.00
Bookstore	110,000.00
Sunday School literature	70,000.00
State Missions	35,000.00
National Association	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total	400,000.00

#### Co-op Disbursements 1976-1977

	Present	Recommend
General Fund	29 percent	26 percent
National Association	33 percent	34 percent
C.T.S.	17 percent	18 percent
State Missions	17 percent	17 percent
Sunday School Board	1.5 percent	2 percent
C.E. Board	2 percent	2 percent
Vision	.5 percent	1 percent
		David Joslin
		Andy Percy
		Randy Scott
		Rupert Pixley
		Bobby Alexander



Obituary Committee Report: Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Rev. 2:10 "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." As reported from 4 district Associations, 49 of our Brothers and Sisters have passed from this life to receive their reward.—Rev. 14:13. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain and that others have fallen this year in battle of Christian service in Arkansas that have not been reported here. Names we have are as follows: Arkansas Association—Eloise Owens, Loney McEntiere, Lillian Vincent, Mary Guinn, Christina Jones, Nellie Plum, Pete Zemmer, Onra Cole, Mr. Carter; Saline District—Annie Eddy, James George, Audie McKenzie, Waldo Wynn, Flossie Wynn, Ella Baker, Anna Burks, Ellie Herron, Harrison Cox, T. H. Brown, Wallace Murray, Mary McGhee, Jimmy Judkins, Ulyssis McDaniel, R. C. Teague, Roma Triplet.

### Promotional Director's Report

To: The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We are in the midst of our Nation's Bicentennial. At such a time as this we should pause and attempt to assess where we are.

Arkansas Free Will Baptists have *A PROUD PAST!* The past has much to teach us. It is good to look back as long as we do not tie ourselves to the past. However, it is difficult to chart our future without knowing our past.

There are difficulties behind us as a denomination in Arkansas. Unconcern, confusion, division, and dis-organization have all taken a heavy toll from among our churches and people. But these are behind us now!

We are experiencing *A GROWING PRESENT!* Life itself hinges between the past and the present, the present and the future. Each moment is a time of transition. Christ is being exalted in our churches more today than ever before! Souls are being saved! Churches are maturing in the faith! Edifices are being constructed, not only for the present, but with the future in mind! The financial receipts through the State office has *doubled in three years!*

The accelerated rate of change serves only to accentuate the most disturbing reality: The past is lost forever, while the *FUTURE APPEARS BRIGHT!* We should cherish the memories of the past. We should prayerfully assess our present situation. But we must cast our eyes to the future, because it is here that we will spend the rest of our lives!

We must become challenged by the vastness of the unfinished task. Many of our churches have yet to become involved in the total denominational program.

If our churches are ever changed for the better, they will not be changed by directives from some ecclesiastical office or by the legislative actions of this State Association. They will be changed only by God-called pastors, preaching, teaching, and working among our people day by day!

All of the personnel in the State office request an interest in your prayers as we labor on your behalf.

Yours in Christ,  
David A. Joslin,  
Promotional-Director

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS		\$148,570.45
Received from State Woman's Auxiliary	\$2,518.52	2,518.52
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,923.19	1,923.19
Premium for Insurance	16,358.18	16,358.18
Bookstore Sales	93,632.53	93,632.53
Sunday School Sales	70,437.47	70,437.47
State Association Mission Offering	1,014.85	1,014.85
Total Receipts From All Sources		<u>334,455.19</u>
Balance Brought Forward	15,981.74	15,981.74
Total		<u>350,436.93</u>

## FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND		
Total Received	\$40,038.33	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,146.55</u>	\$41,184.88
Total Expenditures		<u>39,530.32</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$1,654.56

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE		
Total Received	\$93,632.53	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>5,024.06</u>	\$98,656.59
Total Expenditures		<u>95,012.16</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$3,644.43

STATE MISSIONS		
Total Received	\$38,901.93	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,756.86</u>	\$40,658.79
Total Expenditures		<u>39,128.07</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$1,530.72

STATE CTS BOARD		
Total Received	\$15,537.03	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,460.01</u>	\$16,997.04
Total Expenditures		<u>16,612.60</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$384.44

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD		
Total Received	\$1,489.71	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>950.94</u>	\$2,440.65
Total Expenditures		<u>1,077.09</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$1,363.56

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD		
Total Received	\$1,027.85	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>695.95</u>	\$1,723.80
Total Expenditures		<u>1,302.54</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$421.26

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE**

Total Received	\$70,437.47	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>511.19</u>	\$70,948.66
Total Expenditures		<u>70,579.60</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$369.06

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION COOPERATIVE PLAN**

Total Received	\$21,868.05	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>1,103.97</u>	\$22,972.02
Total Expenditures		<u>21,063.33</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$1,908.69

**NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS**

Total Received	\$6,724.06	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>385.64</u>	\$7,109.70
Total Expenditures		<u>6,456.18</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$653.52

**NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Total Received	\$28,997.21	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,262.50</u>	\$31,259.71
Total Expenditures		<u>28,933.45</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$2,326.26

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

Total Received	\$4,644.95	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>288.82</u>	\$4,933.77
Total Expenditures		<u>4,695.33</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$238.44

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE**

Total Received	\$4,200.23	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>42.00</u>	\$4,242.23
Total Expenditures		<u>3,725.85</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$516.38

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT**

Total Received	\$4,858.38	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>59.50</u>	\$4,917.88
Total Expenditures		<u>4,697.11</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$220.77

**VISION**

Total Received	\$2,088.46	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>293.75</u>	\$2,382.21
Total Expenditures		<u>2,372.17</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$10.04

# TOTAL FUND BALANCE

Total Received	\$334,455.19	
Balance Brought Forward	<u>15,981.74</u>	\$350,436.93
Less Expenditures		<u>335,185.80</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$15,251.13

## DISBURSEMENTS

### GENERAL FUND

Salaries	\$9,475.00	
Travel Expense	1,993.45	
Pastor's Insurance	17,617.91	
Utilities	613.54	
State Entertainment	3,223.86	
State Minutes	353.21	
Postage	178.64	
Office Supplies	560.31	
National Representation Fee	100.00	
Social Security	593.07	
Housing	3,050.00	
Miscellaneous	1,038.36	
Board Mileage & Meals	<u>732.87</u>	\$39,530.32

### THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

\$95,012.16	\$95,012.16
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### SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Literature for Resale	\$46,170.61	
Postage	2,564.46	
Secretarial Salary	5,007.85	
Utilities	1,662.35	
Freight	571.95	
Sales Tax	1,756.77	
Supplies	515.85	
Car Payments	1,267.20	
Insurance	1,152.00	
Other Salaries	513.83	
Property Tax	480.50	
Social Security & Income Tax	1,394.26	
Typewriter Payment	336.00	
Payment on Property	5,684.42	
Sidewalks	795.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>706.55</u>	70,579.60



**STATE MISSIONS**

Arkadelphia Salary	\$3,972.00	
El Dorado Salary & Housing	6,564.00	
West Helena Salary & Housing	5,875.00	
DeQueen Salary & Housing	8,214.48	
Fordyce Mission	55.00	
Sheridan Mission	72.00	
Cave City Mission (Pete Reeser)	1,645.62	
Paragould Mission	310.00	
DeQueen Property	7,066.71	
Mileage & Meals	835.67	
Telephone	214.60	
Insurance	2,262.90	
Miscellaneous	392.72	
Pews for DeQueen and Arkadelphia	700.00	
Postage	46.00	
Social Security	760.72	
Arkadelphia Mission	<u>140.65</u>	39,128.07

**STATE CTS BOARD**

\$16,612.60 16,612.60

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Mileage	\$413.90	
Retreat	599.55	
Miscellaneous	<u>63.64</u>	1,077.09

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**

Mileage	\$359.45	
Workshops	494.87	
Contest Winners	350.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>98.22</u>	1,302.54

**NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PLAN**

\$20,988.49 20,988.49

**NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS**

\$6,456.18 6,456.18

**NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS**

\$28,933.45 28,933.45

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

\$4,695.33 4,695.33

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE**

\$3,725.85 3,725.85

**MISCELLANEOUS DISBURSEMENTS**

Children's Home-Operation Partnership		
Scholarships	\$4,697.11	4,697.11

VISION (STATE PAPER)		
Printer	\$1,337.97	
Supplies	158.56	
Postage	859.58	
Miscellaneous	<u>16.06</u>	<u>2,372.17</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$335,185.80</u>

BANK BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1976		
Balance Brought Forward	\$15,981.74	
Receipts	<u>334,455.19</u>	\$350,436.93
Less Disbursements		<u>335,185.80</u>
Balance, June 30, 1976		\$15,251.13

#### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Giving to outside causes, which was sent direct and not counted in State Office Report.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	\$12,632.42
NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS	30,091.57
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	12,122.50
TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME	2,920.19
HILLSDALE COLLEGE	<u>1,608.93</u>
DONATIONS SENT DIRECT	\$59,375.61
YOUTH CAMP RECEIPTS-DIRECT TO CTS BOARD	<u>11,659.80</u>
	\$71,035.41
RECEIPTS THROUGH STATE OFFICE	<u>\$334,455.19</u>
TOTAL	\$405,490.60

**ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR—TREASURER'S REPORT  
FROM JULY 1, 1975 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976**

Association	Co-op	Gen. Fd.	State M.	CTS	Home M.	Foreign M.	FWBBC	Hillsdale	Misc.	Vision	TOTALS
Unity	11,763.08	462.55	4,492.81	220.00	1,826.70	2,958.13	—0—	3,058.51	2,793.22	100.00	27,675.00
Social Band	14,547.45	372.54	1,740.56	677.12	1,484.73	6,153.16	1,021.75	—0—	31.25	313.00	26,341.56
Central	10,495.09	327.82	4,463.55	465.72	1,074.35	3,794.21	2,081.52	485.64	912.00	136.28	24,236.18
Polk Bayou	7,652.10	280.00	1,260.50	222.25	678.34	5,708.67	20.00	—0—	5.00	198.00	16,024.86
New Hope	6,967.35	260.00	1,756.00	340.00	1,049.35	3,604.28	20.00	360.25	218.86	154.00	14,730.09
Saline	4,753.29	480.00	3,742.98	432.88	608.00	2,521.27	1,000.00	—0—	200.00	170.00	13,908.42
L. M. River	1,857.54	120.00	4,095.70	650.00	91.14	765.93	466.68	295.83	—0—	117.00	8,459.82
Mt. Zion	3,633.05	366.00	—0—	150.71	72.41	1,618.49	—0—	—0—	—0—	120.00	5,960.66
Zion Hope	2,108.92	293.19	270.36	—0—	79.04	651.73	—0—	—0—	31.76	73.00	3,508.00
Antioch	1,125.99	660.00	175.00	215.27	—0—	757.53	—0—	—0—	—0—	203.00	3,136.79
Ark. Dist.	1,440.03	165.00	100.00	35.00	—0—	402.35	—0—	—0—	652.79	38.00	2,833.17
Rich Mtn.	106.00	100.00	1,084.68	22.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	9.00	1,321.68
Harmony	85.76	100.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	35.00	220.76
Big Springs	—0—	84.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	61.46	—0—	—0—	—0—	8.00	153.46
N. Louisiana	—0—	60.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	60.00
TOTALS	66,535.65	4,131.10	23,182.14	3,430.95	6,964.06	28,997.21	4,609.95	4,200.23	4,844.88	1,674.28	148,570.45

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT—1976

The Executive Board met August 14, 1975, following the State Association and elected Hoover Lewis as Chairman and Ron Parker as Secretary. Board members present were: Hoover Lewis, Ron Parker, Ken Faison, Oris Doggett, and Lawnie Coffman.

The Executive Board met on October 14, 1975, at the State Office, in Conway, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Hoover Lewis. Carl Cheshier was appointed to the State Sunday School Board. Bobby Shepherd was appointed to the Christian Education Board.

Motion made, seconded, and carried, to grant the Promotional Director and the Bookstore Manager one (1) week's salary as a Christmas bonus, each year. Quarterly reports were given by David Joslin and Lewis Campbell.

The Executive Board met January 20, 1976, at the State Office in Conway, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Hoover Lewis. Quarterly reports were given by David Joslin and Lewis Campbell.

Motion made, seconded, and passed, that the Executive Board request all standing boards to compile written reports of their respective boards to be included in a digest of reports for the State Association.

Motion made, seconded, and passed, that the CTS Board and State Woman's Auxiliary have their fiscal year to correspond with the year of the State Association, (July 1—June 30).

The authority of the standing boards to receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey property without express authorization from the State Association was discussed.

Motion made, seconded, and passed, to contact Richard Bowers as purchasing agent for the next State Association.

The Executive Board met on April 1, 1976, at the State Office in Conway, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Hoover Lewis. Oris Doggett led in prayer. Quarterly report was given by Promotional Director, David Joslin.

Motion made, seconded, and carried, that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that Article VII, Section 3, be ammended by insertion of the following statement. "No board shall buy or sell real estate without the approval of the Executive' Board, when such transactions are made between sessions of the State Association."

Motion made, seconded, and carried, to recommend to the State Association that Article VII, Section 4 be ammended by the insertion of the following statement, "They shall be entrusted to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey State Mission Property."

Motion made, seconded, and carried, to recommend to the State Association that Article VII, Section 5 be ammended by the insertion of the following word, "receive." The word "receive" to be inserted in the sentence concerning the camp property, thus reading, "They shall be entrusted to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey the Youth Camp property."

Report given by Bookstore Manager, Lewis Campbell.

Motion made, seconded, and carried, to raise the Promotional Director's salary from \$175.00 to \$195.00 per week, and the Bookstore Manager's salary from \$165.00 to \$185.00 per week, effective April 1, 1976.

A letter of resignation was received from Rev. Hoover Lewis, Chairman of the Executive Board. Motion made, seconded, and carried, to accept letter. Brother Lewis had accepted the pastorate of a church in Alabama, and would be leaving Arkansas.



Lawnie Coffman was elected as Chairman and Ken Faison as Vice Chairman. Board members present were: Hoover Lewis, Oris Doggett, Ken Faison, Lawnie Coffman, and Ron Parker. Dismissed in prayer by Ben Scott.

The Executive Board was called in conference, June 22, 1976, at the Youth Camp at the request of David Joslin, to discuss paying \$125.00 on Lewis Campbell's expenses to the National Association. This was approved. It was also agreed to give the Promotional Director the authority to help purchase a piano to be kept at the Bookstore and utilized at the youth camp for the various activities of the State Association. Board members present were: Lawnie Coffman, Ron Parker, and Ken Faison.

Lawnie Coffman, chairman  
 Ron Parker, Secretary  
 Ken Faison, Member  
 Oris Doggett, Member

#### ASSETS:

Land	\$25,000.00	
Buildings	55,000.00	
Office Furniture & Equipment	4,000.00	
Bookstore Merchandise (Retail)	60,990.58	
Sunday School Merchandise (Retail)	574.70	
Bookstore Fixtures & Furniture	2,300.00	
Station Wagon	4,200.00	
Sunday School Accts. Receivable	2,477.20	
Bookstore Accts. Receivable	7,915.15	
Bookstore Cash on Hand	142.40	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Bank Balance, June 30, 1975	<u>15,251.13</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$177,901.16	\$177,901.16

#### LIABILITIES:

Property	\$34,297.96	
Station Wagon	1,056.00	
Typewriter	112.00	
Bookstore Accts. Payable	24,791.84	
Sunday School Accts. Payable	<u>1,975.00</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$62,232.80	\$62,232.80

TOTAL ASSETS	\$177,901.16	
Less TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>62,232.80</u>	
Net Worth of State Operation		\$115,668.36

Mr. David A Joslin, Director  
 Arkansas Free Will Baptists  
 Conway, Arkansas

I have prepared the annual operating statement, (A special report) of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1976.

In my opinion, the annual operating statement presents fairly the cash balance and the changes in the operating accounts of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists at June 30, 1976, and for the year then ended.

David Wayne Riffle  
 Certified Public Accountant  
 Sherwood, Arkansas  
 August 7, 1976

## CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

### BALANCE SHEET

From July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 1975	\$5,024.06
Total Deposits	93,632.53
Total to Account For	<u>\$98,656.59</u>
Less Total Disbursements	95,012.16
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1976	<u><u>\$3,644.43</u></u>

### CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	Increase (Decrease)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Bank Balance	\$5,024.06	\$3,644.43	(\$1,373.37)
Cash on Hand	177.87	142.40	(35.47)
Inventory (Merchandise)	38,103.42	60,990.58	22,887.16
Inventory (Fixtures)	2,300.00	2,300.00	—0—
Accounts Receivable	<u>6,615.42</u>	<u>7,915.15</u>	<u>1,299.73</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$52,220.77</u></u>	<u><u>\$74,998.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$22,735.97</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	\$11,247.40	\$24,033.43	\$12,786.03
Credit in Accounts Rec.	<u>359.85</u>	<u>758.41</u>	<u>398.56</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>\$11,607.25</u></u>	<u><u>\$24,791.84</u></u>	<u><u>\$13,184.59</u></u>
<b>CAPTIAL</b>	<u><u>\$40,613.52</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,206.98</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,551.38</u></u>

## REPORT OF SALES

Cash Sales	\$57,002.74		
Charge Sales	<u>39,220.84</u>		
Total Sales		96,223.58	
Cost of Goods Sold		<u>56,560.22</u>	
Gross Profit			\$39,663.36
Operating Expense			<u>30,621.09</u>
Net Profit*			<u>\$9,042.27</u>

\*Invested in Inventory Expansion

## CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

From July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

Merchandise	\$64,384.81
Accounting	37.50
Advertising	1,591.51
Auto Expense	775.09
Bank Americard	30.80
CBA Convention	175.00
Freight	432.15
Housing	1,851.66
Insurance	626.00
Miscellaneous	637.79
Office Expense	91.35
Petty Cash	189.91
Postage	1,021.51
Rent	3,375.00
Repairs	215.27
Sales Tax	2,655.10
Selling Expense	267.67
Soc. Sec. & Inc. Tax	2,266.05
State Tax	162.67
Supplies	894.86
Telephone	724.56
Wages	<u>12,610.90</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$95,012.16

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO THE ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The Board of Christian Education met three times during the past year.

The first meeting was held at Camp Beaverfork, near Conway, for the purpose of organizing for the coming year. Richard Bowers was elected as Chairman and Ronnie Blanks as Secretary.

The second meeting was held at the State Headquarters building in Conway, September 16, 1975. A report was given by Sonja Campbell on the possibilities of the Christian Education Board assisting her and Martha Berry in conducting workshops to promote Youth Church, Bible Clubs, and Youth Evangelism. The Board voted to call these workshops "Reach and Teach Children." It was agreed that mileage at 15¢ per mile be paid to Martha Berry to aid her in her expenses. The Board voted to use the Campus Crusade booklet entitled, "Christian Maturity" as the literature for the 1976 Youth Camp. Sonja Campbell was elected as Superintendent of teaching for the first week of camp; Howard Hensley, the second week; and Ken Faison, the third week.

The third meeting was held at the State Headquarters, November 25, 1975, for the purpose of making final plans for the Annual Minister's Retreat. The dates of February 23-25 were chosen for the Retreat. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville was selected as the host church. Speakers chosen were: Joe Ange, Fred Warner, and Arthur Galloway.

A total of fifty-seven (57) ministers attended the Minister's Retreat.

#### Board Members:

Richard Bowers, Chairman  
Ronnie Blanks, Secretary  
Raymond Chronister, Member  
Bobby Shepherd, Member  
Noel Easterling, Member

### REPORT OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO THE ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION

The State Sunday School Board met during the 1975 State Association at Camp Beaverfork and discussed the possibility of having more than one annual workshop.

Another meeting was conducted September 6, 1975. At this meeting, Bob Huckaba was elected Chairman and Tommy Joe Henderson was elected as Secretary. We finalized the two (2) workshops to be conducted during the week of September 14th, 1975. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Batesville and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warren were selected as the host churches. Roger Reeds of the National Sunday School Department was selected as the speaker for these workshops. It was agreed to pay Brother Reeds the amount of \$250.00 plus expenses. We voted to have a State Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in co-operation with the National Sunday School Campaign, using the same guidelines. We recommended that each of our churches enter their own division and push for a big increase.

We met again to determine the winners in each division on November 25th, 1975. Each of the winners were given a \$50.00 Gift Certificate from the Christian Supply Store.

Another Enlargement Campaign was conducted during the Spring of 1976. Following this campaign, David Bishop and David Joslin met to determine the winners.

We met again during the State CTS Convention for a Breakfast meeting to finalize the next workshop to be conducted at the Sutton Free Will Baptist Church near Pocahontas, October 4-8, 1976. We made plans for Brother Keith



Kenemer to conduct the workshop. We recommend that all of the churches in the Polk Bayou and the Social Band Associations attend this workshop.

Bob Huckaba, Chairman  
Tommy Joe Henderson, Secretary  
Johnny Bolin, Member  
David Bishop, Member  
Carl Cheshier, Member

## REPORT OF THE STATE MISSIONS BOARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with Joy that this report is presented to you concerning the work of the Arkansas State Home Missions Board. I will try, in a few words, to relate to you in as complete and accurate a way as I can what has been done this past year and what we anticipate in the future. The best way that I know to approach it is to provide you with information concerning the various works.

During the year that has transpired, since this body last convened, the board made the decision to put the West Helena work on its own. We are no longer underwriting any of the support of the West Helena work. We urge Free Will Baptists across the state to continue to pray for this work which at the time of this writing does not have a pastor. This is a special prayer need. We are happy to hear that attendance is staying up and good services are being reported with new prospects in view at West Helena.

Pastor Ronnie Blanks has reported a number of souls saved at Arkadelphia in the past year. He and his congregation now have a beautiful place of worship which is comprised of ten classrooms and sanctuary.

Pastor Lester Waggoner and congregation at El Dorado have also been putting the finishing touches on their building this year. Please pray for both of these works that new prospects will be found and won and that God will strengthen the people for the task.

Our newest work is located in Southwest Arkansas in the town of DeQueen. Here, Pastor Tom Johnson will soon be entering into his second year of ministry. During the past year, a choice piece of property has been acquired for this work. With generous gifts from the people of Arkansas and some from elsewhere, we were able to purchase 10.6 acres of property on the northern edge of DeQueen on Highway 71, with about 500 feet of highway frontage. This property included an older house which has been converted into a temporary meeting house for the congregation. The property sold for just over \$22,000.00. With your help, we were able to make the down payment on the land and also made the first semi-annual payment of around \$1,500.00. We are thankful to report that the mission itself is planning to pick up the payments beginning with the one this fall. The DeQueen work needs more monthly support to help underwrite Brother Johnson's salary and housing. Please send all support to: Arkansas Free Will Baptists, Box 1404, Conway, Ark. 72032, and designate it to the DeQueen work. Brother Johnson and his congregation have remodeled the house and are presently in the process of adding two new classrooms, using donated materials. Pray for the Johnsons and especially for new prospects in DeQueen.

The Board has made several changes in its policies which we feel will prove to be beneficial to the overall program. At last year's state meeting, a new contract was drawn up for all of our missionaries which we feel will help clarify both the responsibilities of the Board and the missionary. We have also developed a constitution under which our Board will function, which we feel will be an aid to the Board in the future since it will give a sense of continuity to the Board's work from year to year. Copies of the contract and constitution will be available at our booth for all who may be interested in reading them.

For the coming year and also for 1977-78, we are planning to sponsor a drive to raise \$25,000, which will go into a revolving loan fund for Arkansas State Home Missions. This money will be used for short term loans to our missions to enable them to complete construction of needed buildings at which time they will be able to acquire conventional financing and return the loan to the revolving fund. Full details are available at the Mission's Booth.

Our state is known as the "Land of Opportunity," and truly we on the Home Missions Board feel that Arkansas is a "Land of Opportunity" for Free Will Baptists. Many good sized cities in our state do not yet have a Free Will Baptist church. Will you pray with us for these great needs: We feel that we can truly echo the sentiments of Paul in I Cor. 16:9 "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." In order to respond to this need we urge every church to put Arkansas State Home Missions in your budget and send a monthly gift. Some may want to receive an offering one Sunday a month and designate it State Home Missions Sunday. Others may find it more convenient to take missions offering during each mid-week service. Large or small, the Lord will bless both the gift and the giver.

Finally, we invite and urge you to visit these churches when you are in the area. They are a product of Arkansas concern and dedication. We will be happy to answer any questions that we can and we encourage you to visit the Home Missions Booth.

In His service,  
Terry Forrest, Chairman  
John Postlewaite  
Rudel Smith  
O. D. Winfrey  
Randy Scott

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**ARKANSAS STATE C.T.S. BOARD**  
**July 31, 1975—June 30, 1976**  
**(Eleven Months)**

Balance on hand, July 31, 1975 \$5,393.39

**RECEIPTS:**

Receipts from State office	\$13,443.79
General Donations	380.92
Re-imbursement from camper's insurance	154.50
Camp Literature sales	206.25
Camp rent	50.00

CTS Convention fees	688.00	
Youth camp fees	<u>7,955.55</u>	
Total income	\$28,272.40	<u>\$28,272.40</u>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Audit of books	\$50.00	
Utilities	378.82	
Convention Awards	201.35	
Camper's insurance	584.10	
Secretary's Salary	500.00	
Entry Fees to National CTS Conv.	140.00	
Board mileage, phone calls	555.61	
Well Drilling & Pipe	793.12	
Sinking Fund (Property Payment)	7,073.50	
Payment on additional land	9,470.00	
Postage	58.55	
Athletic equipment	109.80	
Labor	307.50	
Rent on P.A. system	100.00	
Christian Supply Store (Books for camp)	444.67	
Groceries for CTS Conv. and Camp	4,082.74	
Repairs on property	304.01	
Miscellaneous	<u>261.89</u>	
Total expenses	\$25,410.66	<u>\$25,410.66</u>

Balance on hand, June 30, 1976	\$2,861.74
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#### YOUTH CAMP ATTENDANCE:

Camp No. 1	192 campers	45 workers	237 Total
Camp No. 2:	130 campers	34 workers	164 Total
Camp No. 3:	209 campers	43 workers	252 Total
Totals	<u>531</u> campers	<u>122</u> workers	<u>653</u> Total

#### CTS CONVENTION: May 7, 8, 1976

##### INCOME:

Registration	\$303.00
Fees	<u>385.00</u>
Total	\$688.00

##### EXPENSE:

Groceries	\$373.74
Milk	14.50
Ice	3.00
Gas (Cooking)	23.28
Awards & Kits	201.35
Entry Fees-National	<u>140.00</u>
Total	\$755.87

Pump cost not shown on report. This was paid for by the state office in Conway out of CTS Funds. Cost of pump was \$543.00.

The CTS Board met three times this past year.

Rupert Pixley, Chairman  
Jerry Smith, Secretary  
Sidney Sawrie, Member  
J. W. Blanks, Member  
R. H. McCuin, Member

August 3, 1976

Arkansas State Association  
of Free Will Baptist Churches  
Conway, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Upon examination of all cash receipts and disbursements furnished to us by Reverend J. W. Blanks in regard to Camp Beaverfork, Conway, Arkansas, we are of the opinion that all balances shown are accurate. It is of course understood, that this review is not certified.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and should we be able to be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,  
Connie C. Townsley  
ANN AGEE & ASSOCIATES

Arkansas State Church Training Fund  
Free Will Baptist Church  
June 30, 1976

Balance per bank, June 30, 1976		\$3,732.62
Less Outstanding Checks: No. 1505	\$15.00	
No. 1506	5.00	
No. 1508	5.00	
No. 1509	5.00	
No. 1510	5.00	
No. 1511	5.00	
No. 1512	5.00	
No. 1513	35.00	
No. 1525	584.10	
No. 1528	18.60	
No. 1530	97.25	
No. 1531	<u>90.93</u>	<u>870.88</u>
Correct balance		<u>\$2,861.74</u>



Balance per books, July 31, 1975	\$5,393.39
Add: Receipts	<u>22,879.01*</u>
TOTAL	\$28,272.40
Deduct: Disbursements	<u>25,410.66</u>
Correct Balance, June 30, 1976	<u>\$2,861.74</u>

\*There was one receipt on June 23, 1976 in the amount of \$15.00 which had not been deposited in the bank on June 30, 1976.

# ARKANSAS STATE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us; to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us; to unify the work of the various districts composing the State Association; and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various districts of the Association, or that may be hereafter represented therein, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better 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 purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various districts composing the State Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various districts in the Association.

## 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 associational clerk, and all members of State Boards.

Section 2. Each district association shall be entitled to five (5) lay delegates at large. Each local church which holds membership in a district association affiliated with this body shall be entitled to send one lay delegate.

### Section 3. Associational Delegates:

A. In the event any of the elected delegates fail to report, said vacancy may be filled by appointment of the moderator of said district or by the delegates present from said district.

B. In the event the elected delegate from a local church is not present, the Pastor of that local church shall have the authority to appoint a delegate to serve in place of the absent delegate.

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:

Section 1. This association shall be supported by a percentage of the Cooperative receipts as designated by the State Association and by designated

gifts. Said allocations to national and state work to be recommended to the association by the budget committee.

Section 2. Each district association shall send \$15.00 for each church belonging to the district association which shall be for entertaining the State Association; and \$5.00 for each church for minutes and general expenses.

Section 3. In the event any church within a local association does not pay its 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 districts composing said organization. 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 the State Association sitting in a committee as a whole.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers:

Section 1. The officers of the State Association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, promotional-director and statistician. Each of these, with exception of the promotional-director should be elected annually.

Section 2. The Moderator shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Board. The Promotional-Director shall be an ex-officio member of all standing boards.

Section 3. A committee on committees shall be elected by the body on the opening night of the association. All other committees shall be appointed by the committee on committees.

Section 4. The moderator, assistant moderator, promotional director and clerk shall serve as the program committee for the State Association.

## ARTICLE VII

### Duties and Rules of Standing boards:

Section 1. All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members, each of whom shall serve for five years. No board member shall immediately succeed himself after having served a full term on said board.

Section 2. All boards of this association shall organize immediately following the annual association meeting. They shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Each board shall give a written report at the annual association of meetings conducted, work accomplished, monies received and expended during the year.

Section 3. Executive Board: This board shall have the authority to fill irregular vacancies which may occur in its own body, and any irregular vacancies which may occur in any standing board between sessions of the state association. An office may be declared vacant for the following reason: if a member moves from the State; if a member fails to attend the board meetings for a period of one year without providential hindrance; or if for any reason he submits a statement of resignation.

This board shall have the authority to employ the state promotional-director.

In the event that none of the district associations request to entertain the State Association, it shall become the responsibility of the Executive Board to make the necessary arrangements when it is to be conducted at the camp at Conway.

The Executive Board shall keep a record of all work accomplished, money raised, meetings conducted, and make a full and complete report at the annual association of the State Association. The Executive Board shall receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey property entrusted to the State Association, except as stipulated elsewhere in the constitution.

The chairman and secretary of the Executive Board shall sign all deeds, bonds, notes, etc., and any other papers by which the State Association is to become legally responsible.

In case of an emergency situation, the Executive Board shall have the authority to call the State Association in conference by notifying each district association at least ten (10) days prior to the conference.

No board shall buy or sell real estate without the approval of the Executive Board, when such transactions are made between sessions of the State Association.

#### Promotional-Director

The promotional director shall assist in coordinating the work of the various boards of the State Association and shall serve as state treasurer. He shall promote both the state and national denominational programs, and assist in the arranging of itineraries for state and national workers, missionaries, mission conferences, etc. It shall be his duty to edit and publish the state paper.

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

He shall present a written report of his work at each annual session of this association, with a financial statement of all monies received and disbursed. These books shall be audited annually.

#### Bookstore Manager:

A bookstore shall be operated from the state headquarters under the supervision and direction of the promotional director and the Executive Board.

Section 4. Mission Board: It shall be the duty of this board to promote an active missions program within the state. It shall work in cooperation with the national home missions and foreign mission boards in the arranging of missionary conferences, missionary itineraries, and shall assist in the raising of the state quota for the national missions programs.

This board shall promote the establishing of new churches and missions within the state.

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.

This board shall be entrusted to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey State Mission Property.



Section 5. Church Training Service Board: It shall be the duty of the state Church Training Service Board to plan and assist the Church Training Service work throughout the state. It will 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 receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey the youth camp property. This board shall be responsible for the selection of the youth camp personnel. They will plan and promote the annual Church Training Service Conference and Youth Encampment.

Section 6. Sunday School Board: It will be the duty of this board to work in cooperation with the National Sunday School Department in arranging Sunday school conferences and workshops, teacher's training courses, and in recommending methods and materials for the Sunday schools of the State of Arkansas.

Section 7. Christian Education Board: It shall be the duty of this board to establish and promote a high standard of Christian Education within the framework of this association. This board shall be responsible for Bible Institutes, the teaching and training of the ministry and other interested laymen. The Treatise of the faith and practices of Free Will Baptists shall be the guide of theological positions for the institutes.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments:

This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, providing proposed amendment is presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

## ARTICLE IX

### Parliamentary Procedure:

This meeting of the State Association shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.