

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**Eightieth Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**Arkansas State Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**At The**  
**Free Will Baptist Youth Camp**  
**On Beaver Lake—Conway, Arkansas**  
**August 16-18, 1977**

**MODERATOR FOR 81st session**

**Carl Cheshier**

**8224 Cypress**

**Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72901**

**CLERK for 81st session**

**Wendell M. Leckbee**

**No. 1 Amber Lane**

**North Little Rock, Ark. 72118**

## SCHEDULE FOR STANDING BOARDS AND OFFICERS

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bobby Shepherd	5 years
Rupert Pixley	4 years
Lawnie Coffman	3 years
Fred Warner	2 years
Oris Doggett	1 year

### STATE MISSIONS BOARD

Roy Thompson	5 years
Randy Scott	4 years
Johnny Postlewaite	3 years
Terry Forrest	2 years
Howard Hensley	1 year

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Tommy Henderson	5 years
Andy Percy	4 years
David Bishop	3 years
Bob Huckaba	2 years
Johnnie Bolin	1 year

### CTS BOARD

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

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Steve Trail	5 years
Lewis Campbell	4 years
Raymond Chronister	3 years
Richard Bowers	2 years
Ronnie Blanks	1 year

### MODERATOR

Carl Cheshier

### Assistant Moderator

George Ritter

### CLERK

Wendell Leckbee

### Assistant Clerk

George Harvey

### Statistician

W. S. Isbell

### Statistician Assistant

Bob Isbell

## OFFICERS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

### ANTIOCH

Moderator, Jimmy Chronister, Route 3, Atkins, Ark.

Clerk, Wayne Douthit, 1108 N. 5th St., Dardanelle, Ark. 72834

### ARKANSAS

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Clerk, Sandra Kanady, Ratcliff, Ark. 72951

### BIG SPRINGS

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

Clerk, Willa Pruitt, Route 5, Mtn. Home, Ark. 72653

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### HARMONY

Moderator, Bob Rackley, Atkins, Ark.

Clerk, Rhonda Mitchell, Danville, Ark. 72833

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Moderator, Ronnie Blanks, Route 1, Box 251, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923

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Moderator, R. H. McCuin, Rose Bud, Ark. 72173

Clerk, Shirley Sawrie, Route 2, Box 62, Vilonia, Ark. 72173

### NORTH LOUISIANA

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

Clerk, JoAnne Payne, Route 2, Lake Village, Ark. 71653

### OLD MOUNT ZION

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

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

### POLK BAYOU

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

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

### RICH MOUNTAIN

Moderator, Horace E. Thoburn, Route 8, Box 193, Black Springs, Ark. 71930

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

### SALINE

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

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

### SOCIAL BAND

Moderator, O. D. Winfrey, Route 1, Hoxie, Ark.

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

### UNITY

Moderator, Unknown

Clerk, Unknown

### ZION HOPE

Moderator, Everett Smith, Route 1, Box 320D, Alma, Ark. 72496

Clerk, Wayne Smothers, Route 2, Box 176C, Greenwood, Ark. 72936

## PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 16, 1977

(Boyd Osborn and JaNelda Henry served as Song Leader and Pianist for the entire Associational Meeting)

The eightieth session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Camp Beaverfork near Conway, Arkansas. Congregational song "Church's One Foundation" was sung. The session was officially called to order by the Clerk, Wendell Leckbee, who introduced the Moderator, Bro. Carl Cheshier. A word of welcome and information regarding the camp ground facilities was given by Bro. Sidney Sawrie.

The Committee on Committees was elected—David Joslin, W. H. Bostic, Herbert Rogers, Johnny Bolin and Oris Doggett.

Special music was presented by Phil Cooper who sang "He Keeps Me Singing" and by Jimmy and Brenda Pursell who sang "This Could Be The Dawning of That Day."

The evening message was preached by Bro. J. D. O'Donnell, "The Marks of the Church," Isaiah 59:21. A partial report of the Committee on Committees was given and adopted.

The prayer of benediction was led by Bro. Jackie Williams.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17, 1977

The opening song by the congregation was "Victory in Jesus."

Prayer was led by Bro. Thomas McClellan.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. George Lynn, who spoke from Mark 8:22.

New ministers in the state during the past year were recognized.

Delegates were officially seated.

Bro. George Harvey was elected as assistant clerk to fill the unexpired term of Alvie Richmond.

The program was presented and adopted.

Bro. Rolla Smith gave words of greetings from the National Foreign Missions Board. Bro. Malcolm Fry gave words of greetings from the National CTS Department.

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

Report No. 2: Partial Report of the Credentials Committee was given and adopted.

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

A proposed constitutional change was placed on the table.

Bro. Jackie Williams gave words of greeting from the National Executive Office.

Congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

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

Report No. 5: Report of the Bookstore Operation was given and adopted. A motion was passed to give a rising vote of appreciation to Sue Patton for her work at the Bookstore and that she be mailed a letter.

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



The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Gary Thomas for the morning recess.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation."

Prayer was led by Bro. Terry Forrest.

Special music was presented by Bro. Steve Trail and Bro. Boyd Osborn.

The morning message was preached by Bro. Bob Shepherd who preached on the theme, "The Message of the Church." Scripture taken from Romans 1:16.

Bro. Harrold Harrison gave words of greeting from the National Sunday School Board. The prayer of benediction was led by Bro. W. H. Bostic.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 17, 1977

Congregational songs sung were "Amazing Grace," "Blessed Assurance" and "Saved Saved." Bro. Ronnie Blanks led the congregation in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Jimmie Bundy. Scripture reading was from John 23.

Final report of the Credentials Committee read and adopted.

Bro. Paul Kettelman gave words of greeting from the Free Will Baptist Bible College and Bro. James Amick gave words of greeting from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

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

Report No. 8: Report of the Missions Board was given and adopted. State Missionaries Tom Johnson of DeQueen; Andy Percy of Mansfield and Lowell Graham of El Dorado gave reports on their Mission. Bro. Ronnie Blanks gave a report on the Arkadelphia Church which recently became independent of the Missions Board. Bro. Blanks received a plaque for the work at Arkadelphia.

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

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given, adopted and those nominated were elected.

A partial report of the Resolutions Committee was received and adopted.

Delegates to National Association were elected: Jerry Lewis, Ken Gilbert, Linda Harvey, Johnny Bolin and Bob Huckaba.

The congregation sang "Nearer Nearer."

Bro. Loyd Olsan gave words of greeting from the National Laymans Board.

Report No. 10: Report of the General Board was read and tabled.

Special music was presented by Jimmy and Brenda Pursell who sang "Come on Down."

Report No. 11: Report of the CTS Board was given and adopted. A recommendation regarding the Camp ground facilities and a Camp Director was tabled.

Bro. Bill Wheeler dismissed the congregation in prayer.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 17, 1977

The congregation sang "The Church's One Foundation" and "At the Cross."

Prayer was led by Bro. Gilbert Pixley. Bro. Loyd Olsan of the National Laymans Board presented the Runner-Up Layman of the Year Award to Bro. Dean Worley.

The choir of the Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church presented the special music.

A special offering in behalf of Missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards and the APPLE Project was received. The total offering was \$1,083.59.

Special music was presented by Bro. Bob and Sister Nadine Followwill, who sang "Sounds of His Coming."

The evening message was preached by Bro. Ben Scott who preached on the theme "The Ministry of the Church." Scripture taken from 1 Peter 5:23.

"Harvest Time" was sang as preachers, missionaries and laymen were forward at the invitation to come for a season of prayer of togetherness which was led by Bro. Rupert Pixley.

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Raymond Chronister.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 18, 1977

Congregational songs "I Love to Tell the Story" and "Praise the Lord" were sung.

Bro. Norman Richards led the congregation in prayer.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Andy Percy. Scripture reading was from Matthew 11:1.

Bro. Keith Johnson led the congregation in prayer.

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

Report No. 13: Report of the Masters Men was given and adopted.

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

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

Bro. Jimmie Bundy led the congregation in prayer.

Constitutional amendment adding section 5 to article 3 was brought from the table and adopted.

The report pertaining to the General Board was brought from the table and accepted as information. By a vote of the body, no further action will be taken in regard to the election of a General Board.

The CTS Board report was removed from the table and adopted.

Report No. 16: Report of the Budget Committee was given and adopted. Bro. Lawnie Coffman brought a report from the National Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Bro. Jimmy Pursell resigned from the Executive Board because of his new position as Camp Director and Bro. Rupert Pixley was elected to complete the unexpired 4 year term.

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

Those nominated were elected.

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tommy Henderson.

#### THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, AUGUST 18, 1977

The congregation sang "Marching to Zion" and "Stand Up For Jesus."

Bro. Sidney Sawrie led the congregation in prayer.

Special music was presented by Sister Bonnie Doggett who sang "So Little Time."

The evening message was preached by Bro. Phil Ange who preached on the theme "The Mission of the Church." Scripture taken from Matthew 28:18.

Bro. Carl High prayed the prayer of dismissal and asked the blessings on the food.

## REPORTS

**REPORT NO. 1—COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**—Appointed to the Nominating Committee were Don Elkins, Richard Bowers, Doug Johnston, J. W. Blanks and Jimmy Pursell. Appointed to the Resolutions Committee were George Ritter, Ken Doggett, Bob Followwill, Horace Doyle and Johnny Jones. Appointed to the Budget Committee were David Joslin, George Harvey, Jimmie Bundy, Roy McCuin and Raymond Chronister. Appointed to the Obituary Committee were Lucy Williams, Patsy Bishop and Geneva Pope. Appointed to the Credentials Committee were Fred Warner, Roy Thompson, George Lynn, Howard Hensley and Noel Easterling. Appointed to the Registration Committee were Genelle Scott, Vivian Burlison and Estalene Winfrey.

We recommend that the Temperance Committee be combined with the Resolutions Committee.

David Joslin  
W. H. Bostic  
Herbert Rogers  
Johnny Bolin  
Oris Doggett

**REPORT NO. 2—CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**—We, the Credentials Committee, find that the following associations have represented fully by letter, delegates and fees: New Hope, Polk Bayou, Little Missouri River, Rich Mountain, Harmony and Saline. Of the remaining associations we have the following report: Unity represented by delegates, but no letter or fees; Big Springs represented by fees and letter, but no delegates and for the following associations we have the following report: In Old Mt. Zion 17 churches paid, 9 did not; in Arkansas 4 churches paid, 9 did not; in Antioch 32 paid, 5 did not; in Zion Hope No. 2 13 churches paid, 9 did not; in Social Band 22 churches paid, 7 did not; in Central 10 churches paid, 1 did not; in North Louisiana 5 churches paid, 1 did not.

Fred Warner  
Noel Easterling  
Roy Thompson  
George Lynn  
Howard Hensley



## REPORT NO. 3—EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met August 12, 1976, following the State Association, at Camp Beaverfork. A motion was passed that the Woman's Auxiliary be requested to pay \$150.00 for the noon meal. Motion passed to retain the same officers: Lawnie Coffman, Chairman; Ken Faison, Vice-Chairman; and Ron Parker, Secretary.

The Executive Board met October 26, 1976, at the state office in Conway, Arkansas. The quarterly report was given by Promotional Director, David Joslin. A motion was passed to set a sixty (60) day grace period for delinquent insurance payments on the pastor's insurance.

Quarterly report was given by Bookstore Manager, Lewis Campbell. The possibility of opening a branch bookstore was discussed. The resignation of Ron Parker was accepted. Fred Warner was appointed to fill the unexpired term. Jimmy Pursell was elected as secretary of the Executive Board.

Motion passed to pay \$50.00 per month for the Promotional Director, and \$25.00 per month for the Bookstore Manager into the National Retirement Program of the National Association. Motion passed to use \$100.00 from the General Fund for legal expenses against the liquor issue in Faulkner County, as this is where the state headquarters is located.

The Executive Board met January 17, 1977, at the state office in Conway, Arkansas. The possibility of having the state meeting in another location, other than the Youth Camp, was discussed. The proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

Quarterly report was given by Promotional Director, David Joslin. An oral report was given by David Joslin concerning the defeated liquor issue in Faulkner County. Quarterly report was given by the Bookstore Manager, Lewis Campbell.

Report was given by Jimmy Pursell regarding the purchase of a P.A. system for use in state activities. After discussion, the general consensus was not to purchase one at the present time.

Motion passed that a letter be sent from our state office to the Governor and all Legislators expressing our opposition to the E.R.A.

The Executive Board met April 19, 1977, at the state office in Conway, Arkansas. Quarterly report was given by Promotional Director, David Joslin. The Promotional Director was directed by the Executive Board to check the College of the Ozarks as a possible site for our state meeting.

Report was given by the Promotional Director concerning the new contract request from the National Sunday School Board. Motion passed that letter be sent to the National Sunday School Board expressing our opposition to the new contract and that reconsideration be given.

Motion passed that the Executive Board recommend the following constitutional change:

That a "Section 5" be added to "Article 3" of the State Constitution and that the wording be as follows:

"The State Association shall convene annually on the Tuesday following the second (2nd) Sunday, in the month of August."

Quarterly Bookstore report was given by Lewis Campbell. Motion passed authorizing the Bookstore Manager to have authority to add delinquent charges to past due accounts.

Motion passed to raise the Promotional Director's housing allowance from



\$265.00 to \$350.00 per month. Motion passed to raise the Bookstore Manager's housing allowance from two per cent to three per cent of the gross monthly income; and to raise the minimum from \$125.00 to \$250.00 monthly.

The Executive Board met July 8, 1977, at the State Office in Conway, Arkansas.

The quarterly bookstore report was given by Lewis Campbell. The budget for 1977-78 was approved. The possibility of the Bookstore being independent of the state office was discussed. At the request of Lewis Campbell, the item was tabled until the October meeting.

An oral report was given by David Joslin concerning the College of the Ozarks as a possible site for the state meeting. Motion passed not to select this location. Oral report was given by David Joslin concerning the literature contract with the National Sunday School Board. Carl Cheshier, member of the National Sunday School Board, explained the National Sunday School Board's intent for the future and advised that they would be contacting the state office in the future.

Motion carried to approve a Master Charge card for the state office.

Quarterly financial report was given by David Joslin. The proposed budgets for the General Fund, Operational Fund, *Vision*, and Sunday School Literature were approved for 1977-78.

Motion was made to recommend the budgets of these, along with the Bookstore budget, to the State Association for adoption.

The Executive Board met five times during the year. On each occasion, all board members were in attendance, as well as the State Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawnie Coffman, Chairman  
Jimmy Pursell, Secretary  
Ken Faison, Vice-Chairman  
Fred Warner, Member  
Oris Doggett, Member

#### REPORT NO. 4—PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

The personnel at the office of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists are always conscious of the fact that we are responsible to the Free Will Baptist people of Arkansas. While boards, committees, churches, quarterly meetings, and assorted church organizations are involved in our work, we attempt to never lose sight of the fact that our people are the ones to whom we are accountable.

Between the state work and the people, there is a common bond, a common soul, a common experience, stretching over past, present, and future. We need you. We depend on you. You are the key to our success! Our success is your success! For this reason, we submit this report to you, the people, for your approval.

You have stood with us over the years and we trust that this bond will continue into the future. Arkansas Free Will Baptists have a tremendous responsibility to our Lord. The responsibilities of the whole are the responsibilities of the individual. God works His plan by working His people.

Stand with us! Help us reach our goals! Pray for us!

Yours in Christ,  
David A. Joslin  
Promotional Director

June 30, 1977

ASSETS:

Land .....	\$25,000.00
Buildings .....	80,000.00
Office Furniture & Equipment .....	4,000.00
Bookstore Merchandise (retail) .....	57,617.82
Sunday School Merchandise (retail) .....	1,014.81
Bookstore Furniture & Fixtures .....	2,351.00
Station Wagon .....	3,000.00
Sunday School Accounts Receivable .....	1,419.12
Bookstore Accounts Receivable .....	7,513.95
Bookstore Cash on Hand .....	613.04
Bank Balance, June 30, 1977 .....	14,185.37
Petty Cash .....	50.00
APPLE Project (Savings Account) .....	<u>4,988.10</u>

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$201,753.21

LIABILITIES:

Property .....	\$32,378.75
Bookstore Accounts Payable .....	18,717.35
Sunday School Accounts Payable .....	<u>649.69</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES

51,745.79

NEW WORTH OF STATE OPERATION

\$150,007.42

RECEIPTS

District Associations .....	\$162,121.44
State Woman's Auxiliary .....	4,071.84
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	1,984.29
Insurance Premiums .....	24,317.68
Bookstore Sales .....	114,552.18
Sunday School Literature Sales .....	73,633.09
State Association Mission Offering .....	1,005.65
Operational Fund .....	9,020.00
Check Returned from State Farm Insurance .....	965.00
Youth Camp Receipts .....	<u>5,036.22</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

\$396,707.39

Balance Brought Forward

15,251.13

TOTAL

\$411,958.52

FUND BALANCES

Cash on hand and in bank:

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$15,251.13
Add: Receipts	396,707.39
Less: Disbursements	<u>(397,773.15)</u>
Balance—June 30, 1977	

\$14,185.37

**OPERATING ACCOUNTS:****ARKANSAS STATE CTS BOARD**

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$384.44	
Add: Receipts	26,056.70	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(25,225.08)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		\$1,216.06

**ARKANSAS STATE MISSIONS**

Balance—July 1, 1976	1,530.72	
Add: Receipts	35,472.30	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(35,807.12)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		1,195.90

**BOOKSTORE**

Balance—July 1, 1976	3,644.43	
Add: Receipts	114,552.18	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(117,560.90)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		635.71

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Balance—July 1, 1976	1,363.56	
Add: Receipts	1,631.87	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,648.47)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		1,346.96

**FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$238.44	
Add: Receipts	2,609.44	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(2,756.88)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		91.00

**GENERAL FUND**

Balance—July 1, 1976	1,663.56	
Add: Receipts	48,089.51	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(48,076.21)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		1,676.86

**HILLSDALE COLLEGE**

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$516.38	
Add: Receipts	3,996.50	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(4,391.88)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		121.00

**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT**

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$220.77	
Add: Receipts	2,678.34	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(2,823.84)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		75.27

**NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE**

Balance—July 1, 1976	\$1,908.69	
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Add: Receipts	24,701.01	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(24,592.37)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		2,017.33
<b>NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	\$2,326.26	
Add: Receipts	39,456.13	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(38,280.15)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		3,502.24
<b>NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	\$653.52	
Add: Receipts	9,396.80	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(9,302.71)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		747.61
<b>OPERATIONAL FUND</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	—0—	
Add: Receipts	\$10,198.24	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(9,755.77)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		442.47
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	\$421.26	
Add: Receipts	1,423.83	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(1,207.81)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		637.28
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	\$396.06	
Add: Receipts	73,633.09	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(73,610.94)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		391.21
<b>THE ARKANSAS VISION</b>		
Balance—July 1, 1976	\$10.04	
Add: Receipts	2,811.45	
Less: Disbursements	<u>(2,733.02)</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1977		88.47
<b>TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNTS—June 30, 1977</b>		<u>\$14,185.37</u>

#### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Giving to outside causes, send direct and not counted in the state office report:

National Home Missions	\$26,394.74
National Foreign Missions	27,705.88
Free Will Baptist Bible College	9,431.45
Hillsdale College	2,231.03
Tennessee Children's Home	<u>4,505.54</u>
Donations sent direct	\$70,268.64
Youth Camp Receipts—Direct to CTS Board	3,908.29
Receipts through state office	<u>396,707.39</u>
<b>TOTAL Receipts from all sources</b>	<b>\$470,884.32</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

### ARKANSAS STATE MISSIONS

Arkadelphia Salary	\$2,684.00	
El Dorado Salary & Housing	5,502.62	
DeQueen Salary & Housing	10,850.00	
Phone	580.83	
Board Mileage & Meals	1,044.47	
Missionary Expense to Nat'l. Assoc.	300.00	
Hospitalization Insurance	1,978.97	
Postage	38.00	
Cave City Mission	656.51	
Mansfield Salary & Housing	4,371.95	
Social Security	676.39	
Miscellaneous	655.85	
Missionaries' Christmas Gifts	300.00	
Quitman Mission	200.00	
Fordyce Mission	246.28	
DeQueen Mission	658.40	
Paragould Mission	22.25	
West Helena Church	52.50	
APPLE Savings	<u>4,988.10</u>	
TOTAL		35,807.12

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Board Mileage & Meals	\$529.50	
Phone	98.74	
Retreat	974.87	
Supplies	<u>45.36</u>	
TOTAL		1,648.47

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Sunday School Convention	\$837.61	
Board Mileage and Meals	318.87	
Postage	25.00	
Miscellaneous	16.53	
Phone	<u>9.80</u>	
TOTAL		1,207.81

### STATE CTS BOARD

State CTS	\$21,079.22	
Stack the Rack Project	170.25	
Master's Men Project	3,249.05	
Camp Supplies	484.81	
Miscellaneous	<u>241.75</u>	
TOTAL		25,225.08

### THE ARKANSAS VISION

Printer	\$1,399.36	
Postage	1,011.09	
Supplies	283.83	

Miscellaneous	38.74	
TOTAL		2,733.02
GENERAL FUND		
Salary	\$10,140.00	
Travel Expense	1,669.86	
Pastor's Insurance	24,594.77	
Phone	279.91	
State Meeting Expense	3,530.17	
State Minutes	452.45	
Postage	170.77	
Office Supplies	503.10	
National Representation Fee	520.00	
Social Security & Retirement	1,177.51	
Housing	3,350.00	
Miscellaneous	887.08	
Board Mileage and Meals	800.59	
TOTAL		\$48,076.21
THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE		117,560.90
SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE		
Literature for Resale	\$52,565.91	
Postage	2,836.76	
Secretarial Salary	4,666.34	
Phone	320.08	
Freight	585.63	
Supplies	337.63	
Social Security/Income Tax	1,140.98	
Hospitalization Insurance	654.95	
Car Payment	1,056.00	
Stock-Room Salaries	569.57	
Operational Fund	4,800.00	
Miscellaneous	1,486.42	
Typewriter Payment	112.00	
Sales Tax	1,990.63	
Travel Expense	488.04	
TOTAL		73,610.94
OPERATIONAL FUND		
Property Payment	\$4,920.00	
Utilities	1,814.49	
Pest Control	84.00	
Dust Control	104.00	
Janitorial Service	354.50	
Property Taxes	468.10	
Insurance	1,249.00	
Supplies	473.75	
Miscellaneous	287.93	
		9,755.77



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE	\$2,756.88
HILLSDALE COLLEGE	4,391.88
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT (Children's Homes—Scholarships)	2,823.84
NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE	24,592.37
NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS	38,280.15
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	9,302.71
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$397,773.15</u>

BANK BALANCE—June 30, 1977

Balance Brought Forward	\$15,251.13	
Receipts	<u>396,707.39</u>	\$411,958.52
Less Disbursements		<u>397,773.15</u>
BALANCE—JUNE 30, 1977		<u>\$14,185.37</u>

BUDGET  
GENERAL FUND 1977-78

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Co-operative Receipts (26% or \$80,000.)	\$20,800.00	
Pastor's Insurance	23,800.00	
Representative Fee (State Association)	<u>4,100.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$48,700.00</u>

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:

Salary	\$10,140.00	
Board Mileage	850.00	
Pastor's Insurance	24,600.00	
State Meeting Expense	3,500.00	
State Minutes	500.00	
Postage	250.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	
National Representation Fee	260.00	
Social Security & Retirement	1,380.00	
Housing	4,200.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	420.00	
Travel Expense	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$48,700.00</u>

BUDGET  
OPERATIONAL FUND 1977-78

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Sunday School Literature	\$4,800.00	
Bookstore Rental	<u>4,500.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$9,300.00</u>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:**

Property Payment	\$4,920.00	
Property Insurance	1,152.00	
Property Taxes	485.00	
Pest Control	85.00	
Dust Control	105.00	
Janitorial Service	350.00	
Utilities (Electric-Gas-Water)	2,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>203.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$9,300.00</u>

**BUDGET**  
**VISION 1977-78**

**ANTICIPATED INCOME:**

Vision Subscriptions (134 churches)	\$2,200.00	
One Percent of Co-op (\$80,000)	<u>800.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$3,000.00</u>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:**

Printer	\$1,600.00	
Postage	1,100.00	
Supplies	200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$3,000.00</u>

**BUDGET**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE 1977-78**

**ANTICIPATED INCOME:**

Literature Sales	\$69,560.00	
Sales Tax	2,040.00	
Postage & Handling charges	<u>3,400.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$75,000.00</u>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:**

Literature for resale	\$52,460.00	
Postage	2,900.00	
Secretary's Salary	5,000.00	
Operational Fund	4,800.00	
Freight	600.00	
Sales Tax	2,000.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Car Insurance	250.00	
Stock-room salaries	600.00	
Social Security & Income Tax	1,100.00	
Reserve for new Station-wagon	2,000.00	
Hospitalization	780.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,010.00</u>	
Total		<u>\$75,000.00</u>

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR-TREASURER'S REPORT  
FROM JULY 1, 1976 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1977

Association	Co-op	Gen. Fd.	State M.	CTS	Home M.	Foreign M.	FWBBC	Hillsdale	Misc.	Vision	TOTALS
Social Band	18,399.22	540.00	1,517.81	1,116.28	2,409.11	8,346.76	637.00	89.00	5.00	328.00	33,388.18
Unity	10,762.35	—0—	5,099.56	653.25	3,714.22	1,310.19	170.16	2,943.50	1,733.21	180.00	26,566.44
Central	9,529.41	197.11	3,429.25	1,118.40	1,028.08	6,458.56	1,176.34	268.00	240.00	208.00	23,653.15
Polk Bayou	8,314.70	321.90	1,691.39	1,147.44	187.16	8,377.02	—0—	90.00	12.00	204.00	20,345.61
New Hope	6,411.31	683.29	1,070.00	425.00	704.20	5,954.59	—0—	315.00	50.00	132.00	15,745.39
Saline	5,376.18	580.00	1,798.64	1,566.73	604.22	1,818.15	—0—	206.00	—0—	298.00	12,247.92
Mt. Zion	4,887.80	435.00	183.96	230.55	139.97	3,808.79	—0—	—0—	—0—	140.00	9,826.07
L. Mo. River	1,691.39	195.00	1,771.90	10.00	97.85	1,285.25	655.94	55.00	51.00	104.00	5,917.33
Antioch	1,678.70	635.00	317.10	594.43	94.45	780.92	—0—	—0—	—0—	286.00	4,386.60
Zion Hope	3,354.95	377.61	159.83	—0—	363.57	30.55	—0—	—0—	—0—	92.00	4,378.51
Ark. Dist.	1,316.98	80.00	—0—	380.00	—0—	804.00	—0—	—0—	587.13	20.00	3,188.11
Harmony	260.38	80.00	322.50	—0—	15.00	243.50	—0—	—0—	—0—	28.00	949.38
Rich Mtn.	481.00	100.00	47.93	—0—	36.97	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	34.00	699.90
N. Louisiana	380.00	80.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	40.00	500.00
Big Springs	—0—	75.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	237.85	—0—	—0—	—0—	16.00	328.85
TOTALS	72,844.37	4,379.91	17,409.87	7,242.08	9,394.80	39,456.13	2,639.44	3,966.50	2,678.34	2,110.00	162,121.44



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

I have prepared the annual operating statement of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1977.

In my opinion, the annual operating statement presents fairly the cash balance and changes in the operating accounts at June 30, 1977 and for the year then ended.

David Wayne Riffle  
Certified Public Accountant  
Sherwood, Arkansas  
July 29, 1977

## REPORT NO. 5—BOOKSTORE

### CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE Balance Sheet From July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Balance Brought Forward July 1, 1976	\$3,644.43
Total Deposits	114,552.18
Total to Account for	<u>\$118,196.61</u>
Less Total Expenditures	117,560.90
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1977	<u><u>\$635.71</u></u>

### CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL

	Beginning	Ending	Increase (Decrease)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Bank Balance	\$3,644.43	\$635.71	\$(3,008.72)
Cash on Hand	142.40	613.04	470.64
Inventory (Merchandise)	60,990.58	57,617.82	(3,372.76)
Inventory (Fixtures)	2,300.00	2,351.00	51.00
Accounts Receivable	7,156.74	7,513.95	357.21
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$74,234.15</u>	<u>\$68,731.52</u>	<u>\$(5,502.63)</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts Payable	<u>\$24,033.43</u>	<u>\$18,717.35</u>	<u>\$(5,316.08)</u>
<u>CAPITAL</u>	<u>\$50,200.72</u>	<u>\$50,014.17</u>	<u>\$(186.55)</u>

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

<u>Sales</u>	
Cash Sales	\$66,314.38
Charge Sales	<u>49,625.09</u>
Total Sales	\$115,939.47

Cost of Sales			
Beginning Inv. (Net)	36,594.35		
Purchases	<u>69,529.50</u>		
Total	\$106,123.85		
Less Ending Inv.	<u>34,570.69</u>		
Net Cost of Sales	\$71,553.16		
Freight	<u>464.18</u>		
Total Cost of Goods Sold		<u>72,017.34</u>	
Gross Profit		\$43,922.13	
Less Operating Expenses		<u>41,159.01</u>	
Net Profit			<u>\$2,763.12</u>

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
Total Expenditures  
From July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977

Merchandise for Resale	\$75,937.71
Advertising	2,460.40
Auto Expense	1,292.07
Retirement	210.00
Freight	464.18
Insurance	776.50
Bank Americard	95.76
Miscellaneous	1,027.04
Postage	1,306.48
Rent	4,200.00
Repairs	865.17
Soc. Sec. & Inc. Tax	3,598.33
State Tax	272.37
Sales Tax	3,315.72
Selling Expense	14.95
Supplies	1,534.17
Telephone	1,109.25
Wages	16,625.33
Petty Cash	121.54
Housing	2,323.93
Trade Dues	10.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$117,560.90</u>

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Future Billing		
July 1, 1977	\$6,211.84	
September 1, 1977	<u>1,756.37</u>	
Total Future Billing		\$7,968.21
Current Purchases		
May Purchases	\$5,554.35	
June Purchases	<u>4,284.14</u>	

Total Current Purchases	9,838.49	
60 Days and Over	<u>910.65</u>	
Total Accounts Payable		<u>\$18,717.35</u>

**CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE**  
**Proposed Budget**  
**Fiscal Year 1977-1978**

<u>Income</u>	
Sales	\$130,000.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Merchandise for Resale	\$78,000.00
Manager Salary	9,620.00
Bookkeeper Salary	6,240.00
Clerk Salaries	4,900.00
Other Salaries	350.00
Housing	3,900.00
Insurance	850.00
Retirement	300.00
Travel	1,500.00
Advertising	2,000.00
Freight	500.00
Postage	1,000.00
Rent	4,800.00
Soc. Sec. Tax	1,475.00
Sales Tax	3,900.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00
CBA Dues	100.00
CBA Convention	500.00
Repairs	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$123,635.00</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$7,365.00</u>

Lewis Campbell  
Bookstore Manager

**REPORT NO. 6—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

The board met August 12, 1976 for the purpose of reorganizing. Richard Bowers was elected chairman, and Ronnie Blanks was elected secretary. During the year the board had four additional meetings.

The Minister's Retreat was planned for February, 1977 in Springdale, Arkansas. The camp literature was selected and acquired for the 1977 Youth Camp Sessions. The superintendents of teaching were appointed for each week of camp.

The Minister's Retreat for February, 1978 has already been planned. We



will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville. The chief instructor will be Rev. Leroy Forlines. Other speakers will be Rev. Dale Burden. and Rev. Bobby Jackson.

The board is doing research in the areas of Bible Institutes and Family Life Conferences. We hope to have some definite proposals in these areas in the near future. The board is continuing its "Reach and Teach Children" ministry. If we can be of help to you in this area, please let us know.

Richard Bowers, Chairman  
 Ronnie Blanks, Secretary  
 Raymond Chronister  
 Bobby Shepherd  
 Lewis Campbell

### BUDGET CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD 1977-78

#### ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Two per-cent of co-operative receipts	\$1,600.00	
Receipts from Retreat	<u>300.00</u>	
Total		<u><u>\$1,900.00</u></u>

#### ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:

Minister's Retreat	\$1,200.00	
Board Mileage	400.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>300.00</u>	
Total		<u><u>\$1,900.00</u></u>

### REPORT NO. 7—SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The Sunday School Board of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met three times during the 1976-77 year.

Following the close of the 1976 State Meeting at Camp Beaverfork, Tommy Joe Henderson was selected as chairman, and Johnnie Bolin, secretary.

Plans for the area-wide workshop to be conducted at the Sutton Free Will Baptist Church on October 4-8, 1976, were finalized.

We also finalized our plans to sponsor an enlargement campaign to run concurrently with the National Sunday School Campaign. At the conclusion of the campaign, the board voted to allow David Bishop and David Joslin to determine and announce the winners. The winners were as follows:

First Place in Division (E), Phillip's Chapel, Springdale	7% gain
First Place in Division (F), Sutton Church, Pocahontas	23% gain
First Place in Division (G), Harmony Church, Russellville	54% gain
Second Place in Division (G), Victory Church, Springdale	24% gain
First Place in Division (H), Pleasant Valley, Warren	25% gain
Second Place in Division (H), First, Fayetteville	23.5% gain

There were no entries in Division A, B, C, or D.

In the second meeting, January 24, 1977, the board met at Conway. Following an evaluation of workshops, the board initiated plans for another workshop. Tommy Joe Henderson was authorized to proceed with plans to co-sponsor a workshop with the Christian Education Board of the Central Association during the month of October, 1977.

Our third meeting was on May 23, 1977, to finalize the plans for the fall workshop. The proposed budget for 1977-78 was approved.

On August 16 we met again due to the problem of not having a seminar worker, so we now are tentively rescheduling the workshop to be held in (5) locations across Arkansas as with each one being a one night meeting working with the National Sunday School Office.

In our opinion, this gives you, the people, a clear report of the board's actions and proposed actions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tommy Joe Henderson, Chairman  
Johnnie Bolin, Secretary  
David Bishop, Member  
Bob Huckaba, Member  
Andy Percy, Member

## REPORT NO. 8—MISSIONS BOARD

The past year has been a most eventful one for your State Missions Board. As you may remember, during our State Meeting a year ago, it was announced that Brother Lester Waggoner had resigned as missionary pastor at El Dorado. The board, realizing the difficulty and expense involved in called meetings, set in motion that day the process of selecting a replacement. It was to take several months, a number of meetings, dozens of calls and hours of prayer before the Lord directed us to contact Brother Lowell Graham. Brother Graham and family have been in El Dorado now for several weeks and are doing well. A special word of appreciation is due Brother Cecil Sanders for filling in at El Dorado until a pastor could be found.

The board has also given much of its attention to the new work at Mansfield, Arkansas. The church at Mansfield disbanded and deeded its property over to the State Home Mission Board. The board decided that it would be wise to accept the title to the property and simply wait until it was possible financially to see about starting the work up as a mission. In the meantime, Brother Andy Percy became available and was asked by the board if he would consider the possibility of going to the work. With strong support from the brethren and churches of the Unity Association and generous Free Will Baptists all over the state, we were able to put him on the field part time.

At DeQueen, Brother Tom Johnson continues to labor to establish the only Free Will Baptist Church in his county. Many physical improvements have been made there on the church property during the last year. We are also grateful to report that the DeQueen work has been able thus far to make its own property payments, which are almost \$250.00 per month.

As of mid 1977, the work at Arkadelphia, under the direction of Brother Ronnie Blanks, became independent of the board. We are deeply thankful to the

Lord for all that has been accomplished there, and we are grateful to the Blanks' for their faithfulness and cooperation.

This past year has been seen considerable progress towards our A.P.P.L.E. Project. We are especially indebted to the Woman's Auxiliary for their enthusiastic support of this project.

There is this one bitter note that must be sounded along with the sweet. Giving to State Home Missions has generally run behind what it was for last year. At the same time, our board has been approached by a number of people from different areas for new works. We feel that we must do all that we can do, but limited financial resources are a constant source of restraint.

**WILL YOU PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The board members that we may have wisdom.
2. The present works and workers.
3. Needed financial undergirding.

Randy Scott  
John Postlewaite  
Terry Forrest, Chairman  
Howard Hensley  
O. D. Winfrey

**BUDGET  
1977-78  
Arkansas State Home Missions**

**ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS:**

17% of Co-op (\$80,000 )	\$13,600.00
Designated Gifts	26,650.00
APPLE Project	10,000.00
	<u>\$50,250.00</u>

**ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES:**

GIFTS to Missions	\$2,000.00	
El Dorado Salary & Housing	10,800.00	
DeQueen Salary & Housing	10,000.00	
Mansfield Salary & Housing	10,000.00	
Hospitalization Insurance	3,000.00	
Board Mileage	1,000.00	
Missionary Expense to National	600.00	
Postage	50.00	
Social Security	1,300.00	
APPLE	10,000.00	
Phone	500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
	<u>\$50,250.00</u>	<u>\$50,250.00</u>

**REPORT NO. 9—WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

The 23rd annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday, August 16, 1977. The theme "Loves Commitment" was emphasized throughout the day



as Bessie Richards, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, shared her thoughts with us that "the more we follow the Lord the more we love Him and the more we love Him the more we want to serve Him." All nine districts reported with a total of 49 auxiliaries and a membership of 911. A total of 181 registered for the day. Total receipts for the convention year were \$14,309.33. \$2,951.02 for Foreign Missions; \$1,203.17 for National Home Missions; \$1,393.56 for State Home Missions and \$3,457.00 was given to our State Project, APPLE.

The following resolution was adopted: "That our State Project for the year be supporting the Earnie Deeds account, the Norman Richards account and the APPLE Project." The women were encouraged to send letters of support to Anita Bryant Green in her stand on the homosexual issue.

Climaxing the days activities 169 women enjoyed the 10th annual banquet at the Holiday Inn. Willia Jean Deeds, our missionary to Brazil, spoke on the theme "Footsteps of Jesus."

Bonita Hill, President.

## REPORT NO. 10—GENERAL BOARD

The committee assigned to investigate the feasibility of organizing a general board in connection with the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists submits the following report.

In order to better acquaint ourselves with the operations of a general board, we sat through a session of the General Board of the Oklahoma State Association of Free Will Baptists and have studied the constitutions of Oklahoma, Missouri, and Ohio as pertains to the general board concept.

As a rule, the general board is composed of one member from each affiliated association in the state organization, (15 local associations in Arkansas) the chairman of each standing board, (5 standing boards in Arkansas) and the moderator, assistant-moderator, clerk, and the promotional-director. Organized as such, this would be a board of 24 members for Arkansas.

The general board is presided over by the moderator of the state association, with the assistant-moderator and clerk performing their usual constitutional responsibilities.

The duties of the general board is to meet preceeding the annual session of the state association. The board serves as the credential committee of the state association as well as the budget committee. This board hears the reports of all standing boards of the state association and makes recommendations as deemed pertinent to the state association.

The local association may choose its representative to the general board, or the membership of the board can be elected at the discretion of the state association. Mileage and expenses incurred by the local representative should be the responsibility of the local association, with the state association assuming responsibility for the expenses of the general officers of the state association and the chairman of its standing boards.

If organized in Arkansas, it would be wisdom, in order to give continuity and a state of permanence, that the 15 associations be divided to elect initially as follows: Five would elect for one year; five for two years; and five for three years. Then following, five positions would be open each year with the term of office being three years.

If organized in Arkansas, several constitutional changes would be necessitated to accommodate the operations of a general board.



The general board would not take the place of the executive board, rather it would compliment the executive board and such constitutional responsibilities as previously granted to the executive board should be retained by the executive board.

We submit this report as information, without any recommendation pro or con, but rather we leave this decision to the discretion of the state association while in session.

Respectfully,  
David A. Joslin,  
Phil Ange  
Howard Hensley

### REPORT NO. 11—CTS BOARD

We recommend that the CTS Board be given the authority to borrow enough money, not to exceed \$125,000.00 by mortgaging 50 acres of our Camp Ground property—said money to be used to pay of the present two loans and retire the bonds and provide a house.

We recommend that the CTS Board be empowered to employ a full time State CTS Director-care taker. Job description will be provided by the CTS Board.

### FINANCIAL REPORT Arkansas State CTS Board July 1, 1976—June 30, 1977

Balance on hand June 30, 1976 \$2,861.74

#### Receipts

Receipts from State Office	\$16,606.87	
Youth Camp Fees	7,682.22	
CTS Convention	610.00	
Utility Refund (AP&L Co.)	21.17	
General Donations	67.25	
Total Income		24,987.51
Total to be accounted for		27,849.25

#### Expenditures

Camp Supplies	629.25
Sinking Fund (property payments)	8,554.00
Payments on additional land	4,290.39
Audit of books	65.00
Groceries for CTS Convention and camp	945.84
Utilities	572.51
Board mileage and telephone	205.70
Dozer work	400.00
Repairs on property	124.91
New doors for camp	2,874.48
Concrete decks	330.00
Secretary salary	550.00

Registration fees to National	90.00	
Camp work and mileage	72.00	
Piano rent	85.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>75.64</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>19,864.72</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1977		<u><u>\$7,984.53</u></u>

ARKANSAS STATE CHURCH TRAINING FUND  
Free Will Baptist Church  
June 30, 1977

Balance per books, June 30, 1976			\$2,861.74
Add: receipts			<u>24,987.51</u>
			27,849.25
Less: Disbursements			<u>19,864.72</u>
Balance per books			<u><u>\$7,984.53</u></u>
Balance per bank, June 30, 1977			\$9,179.96
Less: Outstanding Checks No.	1594	\$19.43	
	1606	15.00	
	1607	210.00	
	1608	658.00	
	1609	248.00	
	1610	<u>45.00</u>	
Balance per bank			<u><u>1,195.43</u></u>
			<u><u>\$7,984.53</u></u>

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

First Week	213 campers
	<u>71 workers</u>
	284 total
Second Week	138 campers
	<u>24 workers</u>
	162 total
Third Week	186 campers
	<u>42 workers</u>
	228 total

R. H. McCuin  
Rupert Pixley  
Sidney Sawrie  
George Harvey  
Ben Scott

July 25, 1977  
Arkansas State Association  
of Free Will Baptists  
Conway, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

We have examined all cash receipts and disbursements furnished to us by Rev. R. H. McEuen in regard to Camp Beaverfork, Conway, Arkansas and believe that all balances shown are correct. It is of course understood that this examination 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.

Your Very Truly,  
R. E. Pruitt  
Pruitt Accounting Service

#### REPORT NO. 12—REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, report the following: Registering for the session were 101 ministers, 35 deacons, 76 delegates, 235 visitors. Total registering 489.

Genelle Scott  
Vivian Burlison  
Estalene Winfrey

#### REPORT NO. 13—MASTER'S MEN

The Arkansas State Master's Men met at the Holiday Inn of Conway for their annual convention. At this convention our hearts were challenged by Bro. Keith Kenemer with the subject content being "Joy In Laboring for Jesus." We then adjourned until after the Wednesday night service of the State Association at which time we reconvened for business purposes.

We amended our constitution to allow our State Senator to serve three years instead of one year term based on the National Laymans Board recommendation.

We elected the following officers: Wendell Leckbee, President; Johnny Bolin, Activities Vice-President; Bob Followwill, Chorister; Bob Huckaba, Program Vice-President; Jerry Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Ronnie Whitten, Membership Vice-President and Jim Hill, State Senator.

We adopted our New "Project \$5,000.00." \$1,000.00 to Project Tool Shed; \$1,000 to Project Book Shelf; \$500.00 to National Layman Board and \$2,500.00 to General Fund. This money will be paid out percentage wise as we receive our funds on four payments based on the following percentage—20% to Tool Shed; 20% to Book Shelf; 10% to Layman's Board and 50% to General Fund. In closing let me say that we as a laymans organization have received \$3,735.85 for our asphalt project. We have another \$841.00 ear marked for us at

the State Office which gives us a total collected of \$4,676.85 to date. We wrote a check for \$3,037.50 to the asphalt contractor. This leaves us a balance of \$1,539.35 in our paving project.

Johnny Bolin, President

#### REPORT NO. 14—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that we give Rev. Rupert Pixley a standing vote of appreciation for serving more than 20 years as chairman of the CTS Board, and that a record of this action be made in our State Association minutes; this action to include the following retiring members of other boards—Ron Parker and Ken Faison, Executive Board; O. D. Winfrey, Missions Board; Tommy Henderson, Sunday School Board and Bobby Shepherd, Christian Education Board.

Be it resolved that the State Association give recognition to Anita Bryant in her fight against homosexuality, and write to her commending her actions.

Be it resolved that we make available to our people information on local option referendums concerning the liquor traffic in Arkansas.

Be it resolved that a standing vote of appreciation be given the Center Point Church for the delicious meals that they prepared and served.

Be it resolved that we adopt the resolution concerning the “tongues movement” passed by the National Association in 1973, and have our Promotional Director print it in *Vision*.

George Ritter  
Ken Doggett  
Bob Followill  
Johnny Jones  
Horace Doyle

#### REPORT NO. 15—OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works as follow them.”

As reported from five district associations 55 of our Brothers and Sisters have passed from this life to receive their reward. We feel our loss in Heaven’s gain. The following names were available: Bertha Utchman, Martha Word, Tranis Henderson, Donna Buchanan, Viola Berry, Luther Loudermilk, and Harvey Moore.

Geneva Pope  
Lucy Williams  
Patsy Bishop

#### REPORT NO. 16—BUDGET COMMITTEE

We, the Budget Committee, recommend that the Co-operative percentages remain the same as the previous year.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

General Fund	26 percent
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State Missions Board	17 per cent
State CTS Board	18 per cent
Christian Education Board	2 per cent
Sunday School Board	2 per cent
Vision	1 per cent
	<u>66 per cent</u>
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	34 per cent
	<u>100 per cent</u>

We further recommend that the budgets as presented by the various state boards be accepted, along with the budget quotas for Arkansas from the National offices.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

General Fund	\$48,700.00	
Operational Fund	9,300.00	
Vision	3,000.00	
Sunday School Literature	75,000.00	
State CTS Board	38,000.00	
State C.E. Board	1,900.00	
State S. S. Board	1,900.00	
State Mission Board	50,250.00	
Christian Supply Store	130,000.00	
	<u>\$358,050.00</u>	\$358,050.00

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:**

Co-operative Plan	\$28,000.00	
National Home Missions	30,000.00	
National Foreign Missions	81,000.00	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	2,500.00	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	12,000.00	
	<u>\$153,500.00</u>	\$153,500.00

**TOTAL BUDGET FOR 1977-78**

\$511,550.00

David Joslin  
Raymond Chronister  
George Harvey  
Jimmie Bundy

**REPORT NO. 17—NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Bobby Shepherd—5 year term on Executive Board  
Roy Thompson—5 year term on State Missions Board  
Tommy Henderson—5 year term on Sunday School Board  
Bob Followwill—5 year term on CTS Board  
Steve Trail—5 year term on Christian Education Board  
Carl Cheshier—Moderator  
George Ritter—Assistant Moderator  
Wendell Leckbee—Clerk  
George Harvey—Assistant Clerk

W. S. Isbell—Statistical  
Bob Isbell—Assistant Statistical

Don Elkins  
Richard Bowers  
J. W. Blanks  
Jimmy Pursell  
Doug Johnston

# 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.

Section 5. The State Convention shall convene annually on the Tuesday following the second Sunday in the month of August.

## 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.