

**MINUTES
Of The
Eighty-Second Annual Session
Of The
Arkansas State Association
of
Free Will Baptists
At The
Municipal Auditorium
Fort Smith, Arkansas
August 14-16, 1979**

**MODERATOR FOR 83rd SESSION
Carl Cheshier
3013 Wind Drift Cove
Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72903**

**CLERK FOR 83rd SESSION
Wendell M. Leckbee
No. 1 Amber Lane
North Little Rock, Ark. 72118**

SCHEDULE OF STANDING BOARDS AND OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fred Warner	5 years
W. H. Bostic	4 years
Bobby Shepherd	3 years
Rupert Pixley	2 years
Lawnie Coffman	1 year

STATE MISSIONS BOARD

Glenn Murray	5 years
George Lynn	4 years
Roy Thompson	3 years
Randy Scott	2 years
Raymond Coffey	1 year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Ronnie Blanks	5 years
Jerry Smith	4 years
Tommy Henderson	3 years
Andy Percy	2 years
David Bishop	1 year

CTS BOARD

Bill Adcock	5 years
Jerry Taylor	4 years
L. D. Payne	3 years
Ben Scott	2 years
George Harvey	1 year

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Larry Cook	5 years
John England	4 years
Steve Trail	3 years
Lewis Campbell	2 years
Ron Ivey	1 year

MODERATOR

Carl Cheshier

Statistician

W. S. Isbell

CLERK

Wendell Leckbee

Assistant Moderator

Terry Forrest

Statistician Assistant

Bob Isbell

Assistant Clerk

George Harvey

OFFICERS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

ANTIOCH

Moderator, George Latham, 112 West 16th, Russellville, AR 72801
Clerk, Lois Robinson, Route 1, Box 152, Dardanelle, AR 72834

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Moderator, Bethel Garner, Danville, AR
Clerk, Thomas Smith, Route 2, Box 848, Mansfield, AR

BIG SPRINGS

Moderator, Howard Pruitt, Route 5, Box 280, Mt. Home, AR 72653
Clerk, Lela Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 97, Clark Ridge, AR 72623

CENTRAL

Moderator, Ken Doggett, 3010 Orange St., Pine Bluff, AR 71603
Clerk, Shirley Morgan, 41 Westminister, Little Rock, AR 72209

HARMONY

Moderator, Earl Stapleton, Rt. 1, Danville, AR 72833
Clerk, Rhonda Mitchell, Rt. 1, Danville, AR 72833

LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER

Moderator, Joe Ray Short, Gen. Delivery, Glenwood, AR 71943
Clerk, Judy Short, Gen. Delivery, Glenwood, AR 71943

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Moderator, Randy Scott, 402 Sawmill Rd., Searcy, AR 72143
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NORTH LOUISIANA

Moderator, L. D. Payne, Rt. 2, Box 159, Lake Village, AR 71653
Clerk, Millard Payne, Rt. 2, Box 159, Lake Village, AR 71653

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Moderator, Eldon Bagwell, Rt. 1, Hindsville, AR 72738
Clerk, Willie Bohannon, Rt. 3, Box 92, Huntsville, AR 72740

POLK BAYOU

Moderator, Glenn Murray, 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville, AR 72501
Clerk, Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry, AR 72469

RICH MOUNTAIN

Moderator, Bennie Fisher, Rt. 1, Hatfield, AR 71945
Clerk, Paulette Moore, Gen. Delivery, Muse, OK 74949

SALINE

Moderator, Bob Francis, P. O. Box 28, Star City, AR 71671
Clerk, S. L. Woodard, Rt. 2, Box 463, Warren, AR 71671

SOCIAL BAND

Moderator, O. D. Winfrey, Rt. 1, Box 1-A, Ravenden, AR 72459
Clerk, Eldridge Neece, Rt. 3, Box 21-D, Pocahontas, AR 72455

UNITY

Moderator, Bill Johnson, 4513 Sundown, Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Clerk, Henry Brown, 2705 Alma Blvd., Ft. Smith, AR 72956

ZION HOPE II

Moderator, J. C. Holderfield, Rt. 3, Box 586-A, Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Clerk, Wayne Smothers, Rt. 2, Box 176-C, Greenwood, AR 72936

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 14, 1979

(Sidney Sawrie served as Song Leader and
Shirley Sawrie served as pianist for the entire
Associational Meeting)

The eighty-second session of the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Municipal Auditorium in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Congregational songs "To God Be the Glory" and "Praise Him! Praise Him!" were sung. Brother Raymond Coffey led in prayer. The session was officially called to order by the Clerk, Wendell Leckbee, who introduced the Moderator, Brother Carl Cheshier.

Words of welcome were extended by the Moderator. The following were elected to the Committee on Committees: Raymond Coffey, Chairman; W. H. Bostic, Richard Bowers, Randy Scott and Raymond Chronister.

The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance" and then Bonnie Doggett presented the special music by singing "My House is Full but My Fields are Empty."

The evening message was preached by Brother Robert Picirilli, "The Lord's Condescension." The scripture text was Philippians 2:3-11.

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

Brother Carl Cheshier commented on the offering to be received Wednesday evening; Brother David Joslin announced an autograph party with Dr. Robert Picirilli; Brother Jimmy Pursell made announcements regarding a walk-a-thon for the pool for Camp Beaverfork and the checkbook plan of support for the State CTS Board and Brother Lewis Campbell made announcements regarding material available from the Book Store during the convention.

Brother Ken Doggett dismissed in prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15, 1979

"Stand Up for Jesus" was sung by the congregation. Brother Wendell Leckbee led in prayer. The morning devotion was given by Brother Mike Mutchler who spoke from 2 Kings 13:14-19.

Delegates were seated.

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

Report No. 2: Report of the Credentials Committee was given and adopted. The program was presented and adopted.

Report No. 3: Report of the Executive Board was given and accepted. A recommendation was also presented regarding a Retirement Program. The recommendation regarding the questionnaire for Ministers and Deacons was adopted. The recommendation to invite the National Association to Little Rock, July 15-19, 1984 was adopted. The recommendation regarding the Retirement Program was adopted.

Brother Morris of Oklahoma encouraged those in attendance regarding the Arkansas State Association. Brother David Joslin requested support for the

paving project from each District Association.

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

Report No. 5: Report of the Christian Education Board was given and adopted.

Report No. 6: Report of the State Missions Board was given and adopted.

Brother George Harvey dismissed the congregation in prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE-August 15, 1979

"Showers of Blessings" and "Glory to His Name" were sung by the congregation. Special music was presented by the Jimmy Pursell family.

Brother Ken Doggett called the session back to order and introduced the speaker, Brother Randy Scott. Brother Trymon Messer led in prayer prior to the morning message "the Lord's Challenge." Brother Randy Scott used Matthew 4:19 as the scripture text. "Have Thine Own Way Lord" was sung as a hymn of invitation.

The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Brother Bill Wheeler.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION-August 15, 1979

After the congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" Brother Raymond Coffey led in prayer. The devotion was presented by Brother Mike Mutchler who spoke from Daniel 3.

Report No. 7: Report of the Book Store was given and adopted.

Report No. 8: Report of the Sunday School Board was given and adopted. Brother Rolla Smith brought words of greeting from the National Foreign Missions Department. Words of greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College were brought by Bro. Ronald Creech. Bro. T. L. Burch commented on his new ministry through Burch Christian Enterprises which works to assist churches in their building programs. Brother Trymon Messer brought words of greeting from the National Home Missions Department. Words of greeting from the National Board of Retirement and Insurance were given by Brother Herman Hersey.

Report No. 9: Report of the CTS Board was given and adopted. The State Association was invited to Camp Beaverfork for the 1980 session.

Report No. 10: Report of the Youth Camp was given and adopted.

Report No. 11: Report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given and adopted.

Report No. 12: Partial Report of the Nominating Committee was given and adopted. Board members were elected to the standing Boards.

After the announcements the congregation was dismissed in prayer by Brother Steve Trail.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE-August 15, 1979

The congregation sang "Saved, Saved!" and "How Great Thou Art." Brother Willard Day led in a prayer of thanksgiving prior to the offering of \$1,814.16 which was divided equally between the National Foreign Missions (Lee account), National Home Missions (Larry Russell and Gary Thomas accounts) and Arkansas State Missions (Apple Fund).

Special music was presented by Brother and Sister E. J. Sellers who sang

"It Is Finished" and "The Sounds of His Coming."

The evening message was preached by Brother Fred Warner who preached on the theme "The Lord's Compassion." Scripture text was Matthew 9:35-38. "Just As I Am" was sung as an invitational hymn. It was announced that 725 were present for the service.

Brother Sidney Saurie dismissed the congregation in prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION-August 16, 1979

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" was sung by the congregation. The congregation was led in prayer by Brother Bailey Thompson. The devotion was presented by Brother Mike Mutchler who spoke from John 21. Brother Roger Reeds brought words of greeting from the National Sunday School and Church Training Department. Words of greeting from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College were given by Brother Bailey Thompson.

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

The following delegates to the National Association were elected: Alene Coffman, Ken Gilbert, Genelle Scott, Wendell Leckbee and Jean Francis.

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

Report No. 15: Report of the Master's Men was given and adopted.

Report No. 16: Report of the Budget Committee was given and adopted. The recommendation to eliminate the Budget Committee was replaced by a substitute motion to place the allocation of percentages in the hands of the Executive Board and eliminate the Budget Committee which was adopted. Brother Loyd Olsan brought words of greeting from the National Office for Master's Men. Words of greeting from the National Executive Department were brought by Brother Jack Williams. Brother Lonnie DaVault from Oklahoma brought words of encouragement from Oklahoma.

Report No. 17: The report of the Obituary Committee was given and adopted. Brother Leonard Crowder led in prayer thanking God for His mercy and for these servants.

A motion to change the time of the State Association to the first week of June so that it would meet before the National Association was tabled until the 1980 session.

The following resolution from the floor was adopted:

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1. That the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists accept the wording of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus as authoritative, namely, the

interpretation of the phrase "The husband of one wife" to mean that divorced personnel should not be ordained. (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)
2. That we accept God's Word as authoritative in not allowing double standards and that we also refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our associations as ordained, any man who has married a divorced woman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

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

REPORTS

REPORT NO. 1: COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

REGISTRATION:

CREDENTIALS: Steve Trail, Jerry Smith, Ron Ivey, Larry Cook and Bob Huckaba.

NOMINATING: Terry Forrest, Lawnie Coffman, Glen Murray, Andy Percy and George Lynn.

RESOLUTIONS: Ronnie Blanks, Roy Wilson, O. D. Winfrey, Ben Scott, and Gilbert Pixley

BUDGET: David Joslin, Early White, Roy Thompson, Larry Russell and Russell Johnson.

OBITUARY: Maxine Bostic, Alene Coffman and Genelle Scott.

Your Committee,
Raymond Coffey
W. H. Bostic
Richard Bowers
Randy Scott
Raymond Chronister

REPORT NO. 2: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee, find that the following associations have been represented fully by letter, delegates and fees: Polk Bayou, Rich Mountain, Saline, Little Missouri River, New Hope, Zion Hope II, Big Spring, Harmony and Unity. The following associations have not been fully represented. Name of churches were omitted. Central, 4 churches not paid; Arkansas, 1 church not paid; North Louisiana, 3 churches not paid; Social Band, 6 churches not paid; Antioch, 2 churches not paid, 1 church partial payment; Old Mt. Zion, 13 churches not paid.

Your Committee,
Steve Trail
Jerry Smith
Ron Ivey
Larry Cook
Bob Huckaba

REPORT NO.3—EXECUTIVE BOARD

The State Executive Board met five times during the year; four times at the State Office and one time at the Minister's Retreat in Searcy.

The State Executive Board met at the State office October 10, 1978. Officers were elected for the coming year. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman; Rupert Pixley, Vice-Chairman; and Bobby Shepherd, Secretary.

Lewis Campbell gave the report on the Bookstore. Finances of the store were discussed. Motion was made and carried that no new purchases of stock be made for the store during the months of October, November, or December. (Except for \$1,500 stock and orders already placed.)

Motion carried that the Executive Board borrow \$10,000 to pay past-due accounts of the Bookstore. The money will be borrowed at the First State Bank in Conway at 10% interest.

Discussion was held concerning charismatic material in Bookstore. Motion carried that we adopt the following statement:

Whereas the Charismatic movement is a force in the church world, and whereas the Christian Supply Store has a responsibility to minister to the larger Christian community, and whereas the Charismatic movement has caused confusion in many of our Free Will Baptist churches, we the State Executive Board and the management of the Christian Supply Store adopt the following statement relating to Charismatic books: "We will not knowingly promote Charismatic material to our Free Will Baptist people either in service, conference, by mail, or through the VISION paper."

Motion carried to appoint Raymond Coffey to fill the unexpired term of John Postlewaite on the State Home Mission Board.

David Joslin gave a report on the literature contract with the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. Motion carried that said contract be adopted.

Dismissed in prayer by W. H. Bostic.

The State Executive Board met at the State Office January 9, 1979. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lawnie Coffman. Minutes were read and approved. Lewis Campbell gave the Bookstore financial report. Management of the Bookstore was discussed.

Motion carried that all purchases made through the Bookstore be approved by the Promotional Director, David Joslin, and that purchases be limited to special orders and Vacation Bible School orders.

Motion carried to appoint L. D. Payne to fill the unexpired term of Bob Followwill on the CTS Board. Dismissed in prayer by Carl Cheshier.

The State Executive Board met in a special meeting February 20, 1979, at the Minister's Retreat in Searcy. Call to order by the Chairman and led in prayer by Carl Cheshier.

Motion carried to allow the Bookstore to spend \$1,000 per month for the purpose of restocking needed merchandise beginning March 1, 1979.

Motion carried that the Executive Board borrow \$20,000 from the First State Bank in Conway for the purpose of paying past-due accounts of the Bookstore.

The State Executive Board met April 10, 1979, at the State office. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lawnie Coffman. Prayer of invocation by Lewis Campbell.

David Joslin gave the State Office report and an oral report on blacktopping the State Office parking lot.

Lewis Campbell gave the Bookstore report. Bookstore sales were discussed. The incorporative proceedings of Arkansas Free Will Baptists and the Christian Supply Store were discussed. Motion passed that the Executive Board as elected by the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists, serve as directors of Arkansas Free Will Baptists, Inc. and Christian Supply Store, Inc. Namely, Lawnie Coffman, President; Rupert Pixley, Vice-President; and Bobby Shepherd, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion carried to accept the doctrinal questionnaire for ministers and deacons that was submitted by the Chairman and that the questionnaire be presented to the state convention for adoption. Dismissed in prayer by David Joslin.

A telephone conference was called May 14, 1979. Motion was carried to appoint the State Mission Board as Trustees of the Mansfield property. (The deed to the Mansfield property had been made to the State Executive Board.)

The State Executive Board met at the State Office July 5, 1979. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lawnie Coffman. Prayer of invocation by Rupert Pixley.

David Joslin gave the report from the State Office and proposed budget for the fiscal year 1979-80. Motion carried that the proposed budget be presented to the state convention for adoption.

Lewis Campbell gave a financial report on the Bookstore and a proposed budget for fiscal year 1979-80. After the Bookstore budget was revised, a motion carried to present the proposed budget to the state convention for adoption.

Motion carried to give the Bookstore Manager \$300 for expenses to the National Association.

Motion carried that an invitation be given to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to meet in Little Rock, July 15-19, 1984.

Motion carried to raise the Promotional Director's salary from \$240 to \$275 per week.

Motion carried to give the state moderator an honorarium of \$100 and motel room each year and give the state clerk an honorarium of \$75 plus motel room each year.

Management of the Bookstore was discussed and the following resolution was adopted by the Board: Due to our present economic situation we have trimmed the budget to a bare minimum and regretfully feel it wise to advise the present Bookstore Manager that unless the financial conditions are improved significantly within the next quarter of business, that the Board will have to terminate the office of the Bookstore Manager within 60 days.

Dismissed in prayer by Carl Cheshier.

We further recommend the Retirement Program which follows:

GUIDELINES:

- A. This program shall be in cooperation with the Board of Retirement and Insurance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.
- B. This program is available for pastors, either full-time or part-time, or any full-time staff employee of a local church.
- C. The local church *must* support the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists through the Cooperative Plan of support. This does not include any designated giving either to the local, state, or national programs.
- D. The church must deposit a minimum of \$120.00 for each six-months

period to the participant's account. This contribution may be made monthly, quarterly, or semi-annually.

E. On January 1 and July 1 of each year, the Promotional-Director shall send five percent (5%), to the account of the participant, of the amount sent into the state office through the Cooperative Plan of Support by the participant's church, if the participant's church has during the previous six-months met the requirements as set forth in Sections C & D above.

F. The contribution of the State Association shall be to the employer's portion of the participant's retirement program. (The reason is that it is tax sheltered)

ADMINISTRATION:

A. The Executive Board of the State Association shall direct the administration of the program. The Promotional-director shall be charged with the responsibility of administering the program.

B. Any changes, alterations, or amendments shall be subject to the approval of the Arkansas State Association when in session at its annual meeting.

FINANCE:

A. The program shall be financed by five percent (5%) of the total amount sent into the state office through the Cooperative Plan of Support by the participant's church.

Members:

Lawnie Coffman
Bobby Shepherd
W. H. Bostic
Rupert Pixley
Fred Warner

REPORT NO. 4—PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The State Woman's Auxiliary has struck a responsive note this year by their theme, "The Best is Yet To Be!" This is true, not only regarding the State Woman's Auxiliary but the work of our entire denomination as well.

The State Association of Free Will Baptists has indeed become a vital force in our society instead of a memory of the past. It is now a light that shall ever burn instead of a light that failed.

We have had a good and glorious past year, but the true glory of a church does not consist of its past history and triumphs. Free Will Baptists in Arkansas cannot put its headlight on the rear and reflect only on the glory that was. Then and thus, our light would grow dim, our voice faltering, our spiritual ambitions anemic, our worship boresomely lacking in life, and our glory one of the past.

We look to the future with more faith than ever before that God's blessings will continue to be bestowed upon us. Indeed, the best is yet to be!

In His Service,
David A. Joslin
Promotional Director

We have examined the statement of changes in fund balances of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists, Conway, Arkansas, as of June 30, 1979. The statement was prepared on a cash basis and only the cash account was audited. Due to this aspect, the financial statement does not conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the statement of changes in fund balances arising from cash transactions properly reflect, on a cash basis, the revenues collected and expenditures made by the Arkansas Free Will Baptists, Conway, Arkansas, during the year July 1, 1978, to June 30, 1979.

Brenda White Dixon
Certified Public Accountant

**ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1979**

	Balance June 30 1978	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30 1979
FUNDS:				
Arkansas State CTS Board	\$1,306.78	\$17,376.88	\$17,644.28	\$1,039.38
Arkansas State Missions	1,203.75	43,944.00	40,187.60	4,960.15
Bookstore	739.13	141,671.16	142,318.99	91.30
Christian Education Board	1,101.87	2,253.06	2,301.28	1,053.65
Free Will Baptist Bible College	40.00	3,019.29	2,726.85	332.44
General Fund	3,468.04	59,004.54	57,777.54	4,695.04
Hillsdale College	50.00	2,531.64	2,412.65	168.99
Miscellaneous	203.79	5,401.01	5,432.35	172.45
National Cooperative	2,220.70	34,053.77	34,324.04	1,950.43
National Foreign Missions	3,707.96	38,145.14	39,040.59	2,812.51
National Home Missions	655.53	9,764.09	8,868.26	1,551.36
Operational Fund	462.29	12,719.96	13,225.92	(43.67)
Sunday School Board	1,022.49	1,935.81	1,798.34	1,159.67
Sunday School Literature	345.08	96,973.81	96,268.36	1,050.53
The Arkansas Vision	(153.30)	4,027.87	4,038.42	(163.85)
	<u>\$16,374.11</u>	<u>\$472,821.74</u>	<u>\$468,365.47</u>	<u>\$20,830.38</u>

**ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR-TREASURER'S REPORT
FROM JULY 1, 1978 to JUNE 30, 1979**

ASSOCIATION	COOP	G.F.	S.M.	C.T.S.	N.H.M.	F.M.	FWBBC	HILLS.	MISC.	VISION	TOTALS
SOCIAL BAND	21,814.46	625.50	3,011.41	423.25	1,081.47	5,629.22	1,031.94	—0—	218.26	632.20	34,467.71
UNITY	12,990.13	660.00	7,957.40	—0—	2,372.76	1,230.72	—0—	1,443.14	2,530.30	216.00	29,400.45
CENTRAL	12,700.66	509.10	3,168.81	45.00	1,669.99	8,163.58	930.28	562.50	432.00	282.00	28,463.92
SALINE	7,789.98	735.00	3,794.61	—0—	750.50	3,676.32	79.50	140.00	183.78	371.60	17,521.29
NEW HOPE	6,342.95	585.00	631.71	123.84	1,236.38	6,491.69	—0—	290.00	65.00	227.00	16,093.57
POLK BAYOU	10,156.23	400.00	1,045.01	—0—	820.08	2,118.90	—0—	—0—	100.00	311.73	14,951.95
MT. ZION	7,423.29	360.00	371.10	—0—	296.78	4,947.66	—0—	—0—	—0—	158.08	13,556.91
L. MO. RIVER	2,256.61	255.00	2,598.23	—0—	1,100.25	2,560.30	896.47	96.00	80.00	199.20	10,042.06
ANTIOCH	4,469.63	1,014.03	428.48	—0—	110.00	849.09	81.10	—0—	249.63	384.33	7,586.29
ZION HOPE	5,127.41	900.00	739.52	—0—	223.38	279.30	—0—	—0—	—0—	149.20	7,418.81
HARMONY	1,740.74	120.00	50.00	—0—	92.50	815.85	—0—	—0—	793.56	96.00	3,708.65
ARK. DISTRICT	239.60	40.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	525.00	—0—	—0—	157.68	—0—	962.28
RICH MT.	527.00	60.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	36.00	623.00
NORTH LA.	48.00	80.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	300.00	8.00	436.00
BIG SPRINGS	—0—	75.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	18.00	93.00
TOTALS	<u>93,626.69</u>	<u>6,418.63</u>	<u>23,796.28</u>	<u>592.09</u>	<u>9,754.09</u>	<u>37,387.63</u>	<u>3,019.29</u>	<u>2,531.64</u>	<u>5,110.21</u>	<u>3,089.34</u>	<u>185,325.89</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS			
From July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979			
		Adjustment	
Receipts From Churches & Associations	\$185,325.89	\$2,265.70	\$187,591.59
Operational Fund	12,699.36	20.60	12,719.96
State Woman's Auxiliary	2,102.20		2,102.20
Pastor's Insurance	28,027.97		28,027.97
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,220.04		2,220.04
Missionary Offering	1,515.01		1,515.01
Sunday School Literature	97,042.96	-69.15	96,973.81
Christian Supply Store	111,626.94	44.22	111,671.16
Christian Supply Store Loan	30,000.00		30,000.00
Total Receipts From All Sources	\$470,560.37	\$2,261.37	472,821.74
Balance Brought Forward			16,374.11
Total Receipts			<u>\$489,195.85</u>

The adjustment figures are checks on which payment was stopped, which are added, and one returned check which is subtracted.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION			
June 30, 1979			
ASSETS			
Land	\$30,000.00		
Buildings	90,000.00		
Office Furniture & Equipment	12,000.00		
Bookstore Merchandise (Wholesale 60.4%)	30,370.50		
(Inventory—Retail \$50,282.28)			
Sunday School Literature (Wholesale)	766.00		
(Inventory—Retail \$1,021.33)			
Bookstore Furniture & Fixtures	5,000.00		
Station Wagon	6,000.00		
Bookstore Accounts Receivable	8,539.75		
Sunday School Accounts Receivable	3,144.94		
Petty Cash	50.00		
APPLE Project (Savings)	12,601.00		
VISION Accounts Receivable	404.00		
Bookstore Cash on Hand	310.26		
Bank Balance, June 30, 1979	20,830.38		
Total Assets	\$220,017.03		\$220,017.03
LIABILITIES			
Property	\$28,111.46		
Sunday School Account	3,307.40		
Pitney Bowes	4,676.84		
GMAC (Station Wagon)	3,475.86		
Bookstore Account	26,244.86		
Total Liabilities	\$65,816.42		65,816.42
			<u>\$154,200.61</u>
NET WORTH OF STATE OPERATION			

DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Salary	\$12,450.00	
Board Mileage & Meals	789.55	
Pastor's Insurance	29,206.27	
Phone	849.01	
State Association Expense	3,765.36	
Postage	250.85	
Office Supplies & Equipment	654.32	
Social Security & Retirement	1,602.19	
Housing	4,200.00	
Mileage & Car Expense	2,321.57	
Miscellaneous	1,208.89	
National Association Fee	260.00	
Employment taxes	219.53	
Total	<u>\$57,777.54</u>	<u>\$57,777.54</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

Literature for resale	\$66,550.44	
Postage	4,145.81	
Secretary's Salary	7,364.11	
Operational Fund	6,000.00	
Freight	701.70	
Sales Tax	2,640.89	
Supplies & Equipment	360.83	
Car Payment	1,786.80	
Stockroom Salaries	691.92	
Social Security & Income Tax	1,989.36	
Hospitalization	782.67	
Miscellaneous	1,241.25	
Building & Repairs	1,271.20	
Employment Taxes	487.04	
Texas Free Will Baptist Commission	\$254.34	
Total	<u>\$96,268.36</u>	<u>\$96,268.36</u>

OPERATIONAL FUND

Property Payment	\$4,920.00	
Utilities	1,935.06	
Dust & Pest Control	192.00	
Janitorial Service	326.92	
Property Taxes & Insurance	1,437.21	
Supplies	1,274.76	
Repairs	583.41	
Miscellaneous	362.56	
Cash Register	500.00	
Employment Taxes	1,694.00	
Total	<u>\$13,225.92</u>	<u>\$13,225.92</u>

VISION

Printer	\$2,295.54	
Postage	1,487.79	
Supplies	113.73	
Miscellaneous	141.36	
Total	<u>\$4,038.42</u>	<u>\$4,038.42</u>

CTS BOARD

State CTS Board	\$17,087.25	
Master's Men Project	9.75	
Miscellaneous	547.28	
Total	<u>\$17,644.28</u>	<u>\$17,644.28</u>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Board Mileage & Meals	\$145.69	
Retreat Expense	1,819.32	
Phone	81.70	
Miscellaneous	254.57	
Total	<u>\$2,301.28</u>	<u>\$2,301.28</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mileage & Meals	\$481.04	
Postage	15.00	
Sunday School Promotions & Workshops	873.37	
Phone	111.27	
Miscellaneous	317.66	
Total	<u>\$1,798.34</u>	<u>\$1,798.34</u>

STATE MISSIONS

El Dorado Housing & Salary	\$11,330.00	
DeQueen Housing & Salary	4,080.00	
Mansfield Housing & Salary	11,512.00	
Phone	318.05	
Board Mileage & Meals	1,171.01	
Expense to National	550.00	
Hospitalization	2,355.71	
Postage	22.52	
Social Security	1,251.28	
APPLE	3,443.16	
Miscellaneous	1,373.92	
DeQueen Property	2,779.95	
Total	<u>\$40,187.60</u>	<u>\$40,187.60</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Christian Supply Store	\$142,318.99
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,726.85
Hillsdale	2,412.65
Miscellaneous Account	5,432.35
National Cooperative	34,324.04
Foreign Missions	39,040.59
National Home Missions	8,868.26
Total Disbursements from all accounts	<u>\$468,365.47</u>

BANK BALANCE

Beginning Balance, July 1, 1978	\$16,374.11
Receipts	472,821.74
Total	<u>\$489,195.85</u>
Less Disbursements	468,365.47
Ending Balance, June 30, 1979	<u>\$20,830.38</u>

GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET 1979-80

Income

Cooperative Receipts (26% of \$105,000)	\$27,075.00	
Pastor's Insurance	32,400.00	
Representation Fee (State Assoc.)	4,100.00	
Total Income	<u>\$63,575.00</u>	<u>\$63,575.00</u>

Expenditures

Salary (Promotional Director)	\$13,780.00	
Board Mileage	900.00	
Pastor's Insurance	33,180.00	
*State Association Expense	3,500.00	
Postage	150.00	
Phone	800.00	
Office Supplies	750.00	
National Representation Fee	260.00	
Social Security & Retirement	1,650.00	
Housing	4,200.00	
Travel Expense	2,950.00	
Miscellaneous	855.00	
State Minutes	600.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$63,575.00</u>	<u>\$63,575.00</u>

*Any excess of funds available will be placed into a revolving convention fund.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80**

Income

Literature Sales	\$98,000.00	
Sales Tax	2,940.00	
Postage & Handling Charges	5,000.00	
Total Income	<u>\$105,940.00</u>	<u>\$105,940.00</u>

Expenditures

Literature for Resale	\$74,000.00	
Postage	4,000.00	
Secretary's Salary	8,060.00	
Operational Fund	6,000.00	
Freight	725.00	
Sales Tax	2,900.00	
Supplies	750.00	
Stockroom Salaries	750.00	
Social Security & Income Tax	2,000.00	
Employment Tax	350.00	
Hospitalization	780.00	
Miscellaneous	750.00	
Car Payment	1,800.00	
Texas Commission	425.00	
Building Improvements	2,650.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$105,940.00</u>	<u>\$105,940.00</u>

**OPERATIONAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80**

Income

Sunday School Literature	\$6,000.00	
Bookstore Rental	6,000.00	
Total Income	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>

Expenditures

Property Payment	\$4,920.00	
Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water)	2,000.00	
Dust & Pest Control	190.00	
Janitorial Service	300.00	
Property Taxes	825.00	
Property Insurance	1,800.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	265.00	
Repairs and/or Equipment	700.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$12,000.00</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>

VISION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80

Income

Cooperative Receipts (1 % of \$105,000)	\$1,050.00	
Vision Subscriptions	3,500.00	
Total Income	<u>\$4,550.00</u>	<u>\$4,550.00</u>

Expenditures

Printer	\$2,150.00	
Postage	1,600.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$4,550.00</u>	<u>\$4,550.00</u>

REPORT NO. 5: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The Christian Education Board has met three times during the past year, twice at Conway, and during the Minister's Retreat at Searcy.

The retreat this year, from the standpoint of spiritual impact and attendance, was one of the best that we have ever had. Much of the credit for this belongs to the pastors who have attended and their churches who have made it possible for the pastors to attend. Rev. Connie Cariker from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Rev. Ronald Creech, from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, were our featured speakers. The messages were challenging, yet down-to-earth and very practical. Our hearts were stirred by Rev. George Lynn from Van Buren and Rev. Raymond Coffey from Hot Springs as they ministered to us from God's Word.

Because of the spiraling inflation, a change was made in the registration policy. The registration for a minister was set at \$10 or \$25 for a minister and his wife, which included the cost of lodging. Layman's registration fee was \$2, which did not include lodging. It is the consensus of the Board that the registration fees should be kept at this level, if possible. However, no commitment is made by the board for future registration fees.

The 1980 Minister's Retreat will be held at the Vista Free Will Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas. Featured speakers for the retreat will be Dr. Jack Williams from the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and Rev. Don Pegram, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Newport News, Virginia.

The Board also voted to waive repayment of the \$100 loan that was made last year (1978) to the Northeast Arkansas Bible Institute.

Richard Bowers, Chairman
Raymond Chronister, Secretary
Steve Trail
Lewis Campbell

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80

Income		
Cooperative Receipts (2% of \$105,000)	\$2,100.00	
Fees From Retreat	500.00	
Total Income	<u>\$2,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>
Expenditures		
Retreat Expense	\$1,600.00	
Mileage	600.00	
Miscellaneous	400.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>

REPORT NO. 6: STATE MISSIONS BOARD

The Arkansas State Home Mission Board met at the close of the State Meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Howard Hensley, Chairman; Terry Forrest, Vice-Chairman; and Randy Scott, Secretary. The Board met four times during the year and conducted several telephone conferences.

The past year has been a most eventful one for your Board. There have been good times, and there have been hard times. Financially speaking, the Lord is blessing, and we are about to come out of the financial crisis which we were in one year ago. Let us emphasize, however, that we do need your continued financial support. We are totally dependent upon your faithful support if we are able to keep our men on the field.

The work at El Dorado is encouraging! We are beginning to see interest and involvement among the lay people in the El Dorado mission. During El Dorado's spring revival this year, they had a high attendance of 65 and an average of 48 for the week. More importantly there were two conversions during the week. Remember to pray for Lowell Graham who is the pastor.

The work at Mansfield continues to prosper under the leadership of Andy Percy. The State Home Mission Board recently authorized the Mansfield mission to construct a two-story structure of 30 x 55 feet at a cost of \$32,000. Involved in this approval was the first major loan from our APPLE Fund: a loan of \$12,000. We thank the Lord for His blessings in this area.

The work at DeQueen is in special need of our prayers. DeQueen has proven to be a very difficult area in which to establish a Free Will Baptist Church. On June 18, 1979, the State Home Missions Board terminated the contract of Tom Johnson, Missionary pastor. We thank Rev. Johnson for the work that he has done at DeQueen. At the present time, the future of the DeQueen mission is undecided. Please remember to pray for the Board in regards to this matter.

We ask for your continued support of the APPLE project. We feel that this will be a great tool in acquiring property and supporting building programs in our mission works. Every gift to APPLE is a gift that keeps on giving since the

money is on deposit in savings when not in use. Once again this year we especially thank the Woman's Auxiliary for their contributions to APPLE. We would also like to thank Unity Association for their sizeable contribution to APPLE. Many other associations, individuals, and churches have contributed during the past year, and we thank God for your concern in this area.

Howard Hensley resigned July 2, 1979, as a member of the State Home Mission Board.

Finally, we ask three things of Arkansas Free Will Baptists concerning state missions: (1) PRAYER: This is the number one need of our men and our works; (2) PATIENCE: We all would like to see all churches grow, both our own and our missions. But this takes time! (3) PERSEVERANCE: Stay behind our missionaries and their people. Keep financial support coming in so that we may continue to serve the Lord in this capacity.

Terry Forrest, Vice-Chairman

Randy Scott, Secretary

Roy Thompson

Raymond Coffey

STATE MISSION BOARD
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80

Income

Cooperative Receipts (17% of \$105,000)	\$17,850.00	
Designated Giving	30,175.00	
Total Income	<u>\$48,025.00</u>	<u>\$48,025.00</u>

Expenditures

El Dorado Salary & Housing	\$12,000.00	
Mansfield Salary & Housing	12,000.00	
DeQueen Land Payments	3,500.00	
Phone	350.00	
Board Mileage	1,500.00	
National Association	900.00	
Hospitalization Insurance	1,750.00	
Postage	25.00	
Social Security	1,000.00	
APPLE Project	13,000.00	
Evangelistic Work at Missions	500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>48,025.00</u>	<u>\$48,025.00</u>

REPORT NO. 7: BOOK STORE

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

It hardly seems possible that it has been five years since I stood before you to give my first report as the Bookstore manager. Through the years it has been a real pleasure for my family and I to be a part of the ministry of Arkansas Free

Will Baptists. As in other years, this year has been one of God revealing Himself to us in new and fresh ways. We feel, and I hope you as a minister or layman affiliated with the State Association feel, that the Christian Supply Store is very much a part of the fulfillment of the Great Commission by Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

As I think back over the last five years, it is thrilling, yet humbling, to see the way the Lord has blessed the literature ministry in our state. Several churches have initiated children's church and week-day programs for children. We have been able to advise churches on teacher training programs, church libraries, Bible institutes, new converts' classes, etc. We have seen almost a 65% increase in the number of churches using Vacation Bible School literature. The wholesale value of our Bible school order this year was almost three times what it was the year I came.

Even more exciting has been the privilege of counseling with pastors for meaningful editions for their library and giving suggestions to teachers and individual Christians about literature that would help them meet various problems that they might be facing in their life and ministry. We have also cooperated with other Mission Boards and the National Layman's Board in providing good library aids for our missionaries on four continents. Probably the most exciting single ministry has been seeing new converts come into the store or meet us at the quarterly meetings, asking for help in picking their first study Bible and many times buying study aids, such as Bible dictionaries, and concordances with the Bible. One day in particular, we sold six Bibles to people who had been saved in a revival the week before.

As you look at our financial statement, you will find that we did not set records in sales for the first time in several years. God has blessed the store abundantly above all which we are able to ask or think. The sales in 1974 were \$38,279.12; 1975—\$66,472.07; 1976—\$93,610.86; 1977—\$114,724.46; 1978—\$129,256.36. During this time we saw our basic inventory grow from approximately \$18,000.00 in 1974 to a high of over \$75,000.00 last year. Obviously, just as children grow in spurts, businesses also grow in spurts. We have been aware of the fact that it would be bad for business to expect this rate of growth to continue indefinitely. So we were not surprised to see sales leveling off and taking a dip this year. It was healthy for the growth of the store to come to a standstill that we might solidify our business position.

It will be noted in last year's Executive Board report that a program called "Controlled Buying" was instituted for the Bookstore. This had to be changed periodically this year to meet the needs of the Bookstore. However, it is accomplishing its purpose in controlling the indebtedness of the Bookstore, and at the same time, maintaining stock necessary to meet the needs of our customers. It was necessary to borrow \$10,000.00 on a short term note in October. This was paid back in four months.

Obviously, these measures were only temporary emergency measures; therefore in February it was decided and approved by the Board to borrow \$20,000.00 for twelve months to completely clear up all overdue accounts payable. All back debts have been paid, and we are making monthly payments on the note which will be completely paid off in February of 1980. It should also be noted that all accounts for the Bookstore are current as of June 30, 1979. A breakdown of accounts payable is with the financial report.

We realized that these measures would have certain effects on the business and we have accepted the results of those effects. Sales were expected to go down. They did go down approximately 15%. Purchases for the last year were cut almost in half, \$56,197.73 compared to \$92,438.39 last year; so the obvious

conclusion was that the stock inventory would go down. This was not a great problem since we were at a high stock level last year. We knew that these things would happen and have been able to adjust to them.

As a new year starts, I am convinced that the future is bright for the Bookstore. I give you my commitment that we will maintain a sound fiscal policy. Sales for the last quarter indicate that as of now recession is not bothering our store excessively. We feel that by budgeting close, we can tolerate existing conditions until the next spring when the bank note is paid off. At that time we will be in a position to progress as the Lord leads.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the Christian Supply Store. We exist to serve you.

In Christ,
Lewis Campbell, Manager

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
Balance Sheet
From July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

Beginning Balance, July 1, 1978		\$739.13
Total Deposits	\$111,626.94	
Loan	30,000.00	
Plus Stop Payment checks & Adjustment	44.22	
	<u>\$141,671.16</u>	<u>141,671.16</u>
Total		\$142,210.29
Less Total Expenditures	\$142,318.99	<u>142,318.99</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 1979		<u>\$ 91.30</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Merchandise For Resale	\$76,094.50
Advertising	3,170.58
Auto Expense	338.32
Retirement	300.00
Freight	401.52
Insurance	960.00
Corporation Expense	147.00
VISA	85.75
Miscellaneous	2,099.00
Postage	1,965.16
Rent	6,000.00
Repairs	521.87
Social Security & Income Tax	3,771.43
State Income Tax	292.25
Sales Tax	3,044.54
Supplies	1,497.05
Telephone	1,850.12
Christian Booksellers Assoc.	112.95
Traveling Expense	351.77
Wages	19,257.00
Petty Cash	75.67
Campbell Housing	3,593.80
Employment Tax	668.44
Loan Payment	15,720.27
Total	<u>\$142,318.99</u>

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

ASSETS	BEGINNING	ENDING	INCREASE (DECREASE)
Bank Balance	\$724.82	\$90.14	\$(634.68)
Cash	80.00	80.00	—0—
Inventory (Mdse.)	75,122.69	50,282.28	(24,840.41)
Inventory Fixtures	5,000.00	5,000.00	—0—
Accts. Receivable	12,384.90	9,130.95	(3,253.95)
Credit in Accts. Pay.	174.21	81.98	(92.23)
 Total Assets	 \$93,486.62	 \$64,665.35	 \$(28,821.27)
 LIABILITIES			
Accts. Payable	\$31,318.22	\$11,826.84	\$(19,491.38)
Bank Note	—0—	14,500.00	14,500.00
Credit in Acct. Rec.	770.07	590.19	(179.88)
Total Liabilities	32,088.29	26,917.03	(5,171.26)
 Capital	 \$61,398.33	 \$37,748.22	 \$(23,650.01)

Accounts Payable

June Purchases	\$3,541.79
May Purchases	2,309.19
VBS	5,975.86
Total	<u>11,826.84</u>
Credit in Accounts	81.98
Net Payables	<u>11,744.86</u>

**CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80**

Income		
Sales	\$119,900.00	<u>\$119,900.00</u>
Expenditures		
Merchandise For Resale	\$60,500.00	
Manager's Salary	10,400.00	
Staff Salary	9,600.00	
Housing	3,600.00	
Hospitalization	1,100.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Rent	6,000.00	
Travel	500.00	
Advertising	900.00	
Freight	600.00	
Postage	2,000.00	
Social Security Tax	1,850.00	
Sales Tax	3,600.00	
State Income Tax	300.00	
Phone	1,250.00	
Convention Expense	500.00	
CBA Dues	100.00	
Supplies	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Bank Note	15,500.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$119,900.00</u>	<u>\$119,900.00</u>

REPORT NO. 8: SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The Arkansas State Sunday School Board met three times this year, in addition to two conference calls.

Plans were made to conduct teacher training workshops for the coming year with Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Campbell as the leaders. Workshops were conducted at the Hatfield Church in the Rich Mountain Association and the Daisy Church in the Little Missouri River Association. Another workshop has been scheduled for the Social Band Association on November 2 and 3, 1979.

The Sunday School Board agreed to pay one-half of the expenses of any association that desired to have a follow-up workshop.

Plans for a Spring Enlargement Campaign were made. The plans were as follows: To use the National guidelines with the exception of the larger categories. Awards to be given for the first and second place winner in each division: First place, a \$50 gift certificate from the Christian Supply Store; Second Place, a \$25 gift certificate.

A letter was mailed to each church with the rules of the contest. A separate letter was mailed to each association to promote the Sunday School Campaign and the teacher training workshops.

It was also agreed to have a Fall Enlargment Campaign using the same guidelines as before. Bad weather in February was a hindrance to the Spring Campaign. We trust that more churches will enter the contest in the Fall.

The Sunday School Board is sponsoring a seminar at the State Association. Rev. Robert Picirilli is to be the speaker for this seminar.

Bob Huckaba, Chairman
Jerry Smith, Secretary
Tommy Henderson
Andy Percy
David Bishop

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET 1979-80

Income		
Cooperative Receipts (2% of \$105,000)	\$2,100.00	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
Expenditures		
Workshops and Seminars	\$1,625.00	
Board Mileage & Meals	375.00	
Postage	40.00	
Miscellaneous	35.00	
Phone	25.00	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>

REPORT NO. 9: CTS BOARD

The State CTS Board met during the State Meeting on August 17, 1978. Members present were Ben Scott, George Harvey, Jerry Taylor, and Jim Pursell. It was agreed to meet in regular session in the home of Jim Pursell on September 23, 1978.

The State CTS Board met September 23, 1978, at Camp Beaverfork. Members present were Ben Scott, Sidney Sawrie, George Harvey, Jerry Taylor, Jim Pursell, and David Joslin. Meeting called to order by Ben Scott; prayer by Sidney Sawrie. Financial report was given by Jim Pursell and approved. Business: (1) Motion passed that the Board approve someone to work with Jim Pursell to cut wood on the campground at a ratio of two-thirds ricks for cutter and one-third for the camp. The wood would be sold and the money to be used for camp purposes. It was agreed that no large trees be cut. (2) Motion passed to give Jim Pursell authority to pay \$1,000 for a tractor and accessories for the camp because of the pressing need for the tractor. If necessary, the tractor would be bought on time until February when the Master's Men project monies became available. (3) Motion passed to approve swimming pool project to be built with outside designated gifts; funds to be placed in a separate account. (4) Next meeting set for February 1, 1979.

The State CTS Board met December 16, 1978, at Camp Beaverfork in a special meeting called by Ben Scott. Members present were Ben Scott, Sidney Sawrie, George Harvey, Jerry Taylor, Jim Pursell, and David Joslin. Opening prayer by Jerry Taylor. Financial report was given by Jim Pursell and approved. Business: (1) Discussed the progress of wood cutting project that had just begun.

Received report on the tractor that had been purchased for the camp. (2) Motion passed that the camp Tabernacle be re-roofed as soon as funds were available. (3) Motion passed that a wood frame canopy be built for the camp kitchen using the funds designated by the Unity Association. (4) Next meeting set for February 3.

The State CTS Board met February 3, 1979, at the State Office. Members present were Ben Scott, Sidney Sawrie, George Harvey, L. D. Payne, Jerry Taylor, Jim Pursell, and David Joslin. Meeting called to order by Ben Scott; prayer by Sidney Sawrie. Business: (1) Motion passed that the CTS Rally be held May 11-12. (2) Motion passed that Youth Camp weeks be June 10-15, June 17-22, and June 24-29. (3) Motion passed to set a \$50 per day minimum fee for use of the Youth Camp for any group. (4) Financial report was given by Jim Pursell and approved. (5) Motion passed that the directors of Camp Beaverfork, Inc., shall be the members of the Church Training Service Board as elected by the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists. (6) Motion passed that effective February 3, 1979, the officers of the Corporation shall be: Ben Scott, President; George Harvey, Vice-President, and Jerry Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer. Thereafter, these officers shall be elected annually. (7) Motion passed to set up an emergency passbook savings account in the amount of \$1,000. (8) Motion passed to accept the literature "God Is For Me" for Youth Camp use and to pursue a missions course for teen week. (9) CTS personnel was approved for the CTS Rally. (10) Motion passed to give the evangelist an honorarium.

The State CTS Board had a telephone conference call on March 11, 1979. Business: (1) Motion passed that additional black-topping be added to the kitchen area, basketball court, and one teaching station. (2) Motion passed to recover the mattresses in the girls' cabins.

On July 28, 1979, the State CTS Board adopted a motion to invite the 1980 session of the Arkansas State Association to Camp Beaverfork.

Ben Scott, Chairman
Jerry Taylor, Secretary
Sidney Sawrie
L. D. Payne
George Harvey

**STATE CTS BOARD
PROPOSED BUDGET
1979-80**

Income			
Cooperative Receipts (18% of \$105,000)	\$18,900.00		
Checkbooks	10,000.00		
Youth Camp Receipts	19,000.00		
Camp Rental & Other Gifts	16,000.00		
Total Income	<u>\$63,900.00</u>		<u>\$63,900.00</u>
Expenditures			
Bank Mortgage	\$8,550.00		
Sinking Bond	8,690.50		
Director's Salary	12,740.00		
Insurance	1,200.00		
Social Security	700.00		
Utilities	2,800.00		
Operating Expense (Camp)	12,900.00		
Travel Expense	2,500.00		
Youth Camp Maintenance & Development	12,960.00		
Miscellaneous	859.50		
Total Expenditures	<u>\$63,900.00</u>		<u>\$63,900.00</u>

REPORT NO. 10: YOUTH CAMP

First Week—June 10-15—Ages 8-10

Rev. Ronnie Blanks served as director and Rev. Larry Russell as evangelist. A total of 231 was registered including staff and campers. Seventeen campers responded to the invitation for salvation, and 33 rededicated their lives to the Lord for a total of 50 decisions for the week. All classes and recreational activities were well conducted, and everyone seemed to enjoy a great week of camp.

Second Week—June 17-22—Ages 11-12

Rev. Terry Forrest served as director and Rev. Steve Trail as evangelist. A total of 214 was registered. Twelve campers made decisions for salvation, and 11 responded for rededication for a total of 23 decisions. Classes were well prepared and the response was good.

Third Week—June 24-29—Ages 13 and Up

Without a doubt, in my opinion, this was the best overall teen camp I have ever attended! Rev. John England was director and Rev. Randy Scott was evangelist. Rev. Fred Warner conducted a morning seminar which proved very productive. Everyone from the pulpit, to the garbage pit, and all in between were well prepared. All campers exercised the highest degree of discipline which seemed to open the door for a great spiritual blessing in all the worship services. Twenty-four responded for salvation with 63 rededicating their lives to the Lord for a total of 87 decisions for the week.

Summary

Total attendance—776. Decisions for salvation—53; rededication—107, for a total of 160 decisions.

Planned dates for 1980 are: State CTS Rally—May 2-3 and Youth Camps—June 8-13, ages 8-10; June 15-20, ages 11-12; and June 22-27, ages 13 and up.

Along with the State CTS Board, we wish to express our appreciation to all the staff and students throughout our state who helped make the 1979 state encampments a success.

National Youth Conference 1979, Charlotte, North Carolina

Arkansas Free Will Baptists were well represented by perhaps a record attendance of youth and youth sponsors at the National Convention. We wish to thank the participants all of whom represented our state with the highest degree of excellence. The following is a list of those who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in their various divisions:

Cameron Lane, First FWB, Russellville—2nd Place, Bible Sword Drill

Beth Hatfield & Lynn Plemmons, Walnut Street FWB, Ft. Smith—3rd place, Bible Bowl.

All Music & Arts participants receiving Number 1 ratings were declared winners. These are those from our state receiving Number 1 ratings:

Dawn Dee Davis, Eastside FWB, Muldrow—Cat. I, Vocal Solo, Adventurer

Steve Shinn, Harmony FWB, Russellville—Cat. I, Vocal Solo, Crusader

Kelley Joslin, Mt. Calvary FWB, Conway—Cat. VI, Keyboard Solo, Herald

Mr. Jimmy Purcell

Arkansas Free Will Baptists

CTS Department

Conway, Arkansas 72032

Mr. Purcell:

We have examined the statement of changes in cash balances of the Arkansas Free Will Baptists CTS Department, Conway, Arkansas as of June 30, 1979. The statement was prepared on a cash basis and only the cash checking and savings accounts were audited. Due to this aspect, the financial statement does not conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the statement of changes in cash balances of the checking and savings accounts arising from cash transactions properly reflect, on a cash basis, the revenues collected and expenditures made by the Arkansas Free Will Baptists CTS Department, Conway, Arkansas, during the period July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Brenda White Dixon
Certified Public Accountant

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCE-CHECKING
JUNE 30, 1979

Balance July 1, 1978		\$3,316.31
Receipts:		
Coop	\$17,087.25	
Checkbook Plan	10,860.00	
Youth Camp	13,829.25	
Concession Stand	4,397.51	
Designated Gifts	3,009.33	
Unity Association (Youth Camp Sale)	8,000.00	
Cavanaugh (Youth Camp Sale)	1,000.00	
Other	5,395.14	
Total Receipts	\$63,578.48	
Total		<u>63,578.48</u> \$66,894.79

Expenditures:		
Director's Salary	\$11,925.00	
Social Security	645.32	
Insurance	1,087.05	
Travel	1,919.42	
Utilities	2,739.99	
CTS Rally & Youth Camp Expenses	11,589.29	
Miscellaneous	1,551.03	
Sinking Bond Fund	7,896.00	
Mortgage Payment	6,694.16	
Camp & House Labor & Materials	11,042.07	
Tractor & Equipment	3,850.00	
Emergency Fund	500.00	
Total Expenditures	\$61,439.33	
Cash Balance, June 30, 1979		<u>61,439.33</u> <u>\$5,455.46</u>

ARKANSAS FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT OF SAVINGS BALANCES
JUNE 30, 1979

EMERGENCY FUND

Balance July 1, 1978	\$-0-
Deposits: Transfer from checking Feb. 2, 1978	1,000.00
Withdrawals: Transfer back to checking	500.00
Interest earned	15.85
Balance June 30, 1979	<u>\$515.85</u>

SWIMMING POOL FUND

Balance July 1, 1978	\$-0-
Deposits: Contributions	806.65
Withdrawals	-0-
Interest earned	15.56
Balance June 30, 1979	<u>\$822.21</u>

Jim Pursell, Director

REPORT NO. 11: WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Arkansas Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met Tuesday, August 14, 1979, at the Municipal Auditorium, Fort Smith, AR. Theme for the day was "The Best Is Yet To Be" taken from Philippians 1:23. The theme was emphasized by former officers Helen Day, Alene Coffman, and Genelle Scott. Vada Ann Lee, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, was our speaker. All nine districts reported with 68 local auxiliaries and a total membership of 879. Registration was 163 members with 14 visitors. Total receipts were \$19,171.36 which included \$3,764.17 to Foreign Missions, \$2,379.48 to National Home Missions, \$1,049.22 to State Home Missions, \$1,652.85 to 1978-79 State Project (Patsy VanHook account, APPLE project and the Youth Camp). The following resolutions were adopted: (1) Be it resolved that we give our morning and banquet speaker \$200.00, (2) That the State Project for 1979-80 be the Sherwood Lees account, June Arnold account and APPLE project, to be equally divided, (3) That the Youth Camp portion of the 1978-79 State Project be applied to the paneling project of the tabernacle, (4) That our Auxiliary Convention meet back at the Camp Grounds for the 1980 session, and (5) That we recommend Linda Harvey fill the unexpired term of Carolyn Ange, who moved from the state, as member-at-large on the executive committee. In celebration of our silver anniversary, we received a silver collection of over \$1,000. It was noted in our meeting that Genelle Scott was elected WNAC president.

The twelfth annual banquet was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria in Fort Smith with 195 attending. The theme was continued for the banquet. Vada Ann Lee was our speaker. All members were given *25 Years of Memories*, our printed history book.

In May, 1978, we had our annual retreat with 248 women attending. The theme was "Renewing of Your Mind" which was emphasized by Lorene Miley, Missionary returned from Ivory Coast, Africa.

Bonita Hill
President

REPORT NO. 12: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Board Member: Bob Francis	5 year term
Mission Board: Glenn Murray	5 year term
Mission Board: George Lynn	4 year term
Sunday School Board: Ronnie Blanks	5 year term
Church Training Service Board: Jimmy Bundy	5 year term
Christian Education Board: Larry Cook	5 year term
John England	4 year term
Ron Ivey	1 year term
Moderator: Carl Cheshier	
Assistant Moderator: Ken Doggett	
Clerk: Wendell Leckbee	
Assistant Clerk: George Harvey	

Your Committee,
Terry Forrest
Lawnie Coffman
George Lynn
Andy Percy
Glenn Murray

REPORT NO. 13: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, have the following resolutions to present:

Resolution No. 1: Presented to the Resolutions Committee as adopted by the Unity Association and reads as follows: "Be it resolved that the Arkansas State Association help pay the expenses of the contestants of the state winners to the National Association competition. We ask that they give each contestant \$50.00, not to exceed \$200.00 for each team or choir." A substitute motion was made and adopted to have the CTS Board investigate this matter.

Resolution No. 2: Whereas there are two invitations extended for next year's State Association meeting place, and whereas each is a sincere invitation, be it resolved that this body decide by majority vote where next year's session will convene. The body voted to convene at Camp Beaverfork.

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Unity and Zion Hope Associations for their hospitality extended to us during this session of the State Association.

Your Committee,
Ronnie Blanks
Ben Scott
Gilbert Pixley
Roy Wilson
O. D. Winfrey

REPORT NO. 14: REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

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

Ministers	113
Delegates	105
Missionaries	9
Deacons	23
Visitors	516
Total	766

Your Committee,
Members of Host Associations

REPORT NO. 15: MASTER'S MEN

The Master's Men met at the King's Table in Ft. Smith on Wednesday, August 15, 1979 for their Fifth Annual Convention.

Brother Jack Williams spoke on the theme "The Church and Its Men." The Scripture text was 1 Samuel 10:26.

A total of 95 were in attendance. The following officers were elected to one year terms: Jerry Lewis, President; Ronnie Whitten, Activities Vice President; Paul Bean, Program Vice President; Wendell Leckbee, Secretary/-Treasurer; Larry Williams, Membership Vice President and Dalton Johnson, Chorister.

Three new chapters were organized during the year. They were First at Clarksville, Faith at Jonesboro and Walnut Street in Fort Smith. A 22 member

charter for Vista in Van Buren was presented to Loyd Olsan by Larry Williams during the banquet. Brother Olsan reported that another charter had been received in Nashville.

A Spring meeting was held at Bowen's Restaurant in Conway on May 26. Brother Steve Trail, the featured speaker spoke on the theme "Mighty Men For God." Forty-nine men were in attendance.

Total receipts for the year were \$3,896.59. Expenditures for the year were: Tractor Project, \$2,808.33; Project Tool Shed, \$41.80; Project Book Shelf, \$41.80; Master's Men Board, \$20.90; Uganda Student Project, \$300.00; printing and postage, \$57.45; Annual Convention and Spring meeting expense, \$715.15.

The body voted to remove \$191.67 from the Special Fund to complete our commitment for the Tractor Project.

The body voted to place the selection of the 1979-80 project in the hands of the state officers.

Balances on hand at year end were—General Fund, \$218.43 and Special Fund, \$1,176.44.

Wendell Leckbee, President

REPORT NO. 16: BUDGET COMMITTEE

We, the Budget Committee, recommend that the Cooperative percentages remain the same as the previous year: General Fund, 26%; State Missions Board, 17%; CTS Board, 18%; Christian Education Board, 2%; Sunday School Board, 2%; Vision, 1% and the National Association, 34%. We further recommend that since this report is a duplication of action already taken by the adoption of the various budgets, that the Budget Committee be eliminated at future sessions as a part of our reports.

We recommend that the following state budgets be adopted:

General Fund	63,575.00
Sunday School Literature	105,940.00
Bookstore	133,900.00
Operating Fund	12,000.00
Vision	4,550.00
Sunday School Board	2,100.00
Christian Education Board	2,600.00
State Missions Board	48,025.00
Church Training Service	63,900.00
Total	<u>436,515.00</u>

Your Committee,
David Joslin
Early White
Roy Thompson
Larry Russell
Russell Johnson

REPORT NO. 17: OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report: According to the reports God has seen fit to call from our midst the past year the following: SALINE-Ashton Walker, Mary Ella Sweeney, Earnest Williams, Parmer McFalls, Wallace Ashcraft, Orah McClellon, Roy Connor, Grover Poole and Emma Gifford. LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER-Raymond Yeargen. CENTRAL-Omie Davis, Buena Curran, Roy Palmer, Oma Cody, Floyd Smith and Mr. Jackson. POLK BAYOU-Baryl Balser, Regina Patterson, Hester Lesley, Johnny Foy, Virginia Erwin, W. C. Townsley, Hattie Stokes, Ethel Walker, Thurman Polston, Bill Hendrickson, Dona Huskey, Tom Allen, Charlie Davis, Margaret Davis, W. E. Montgomery, Otho Richards, Jess George, Gertie Dunn, Gordon Howard, Nettie Hayes and John Langley.

Your Committee,
Maxine Bostic
Alene Coffman
Genelle Scott

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.