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## Ministers

Ben F. Black,	Hackett	J. S. Lovette,	Magazine
Linnie Talyor,		A. N. Best,	Magazine
Elmer Turner,	Branch	O. C. Hunt,	Waldron
C. G. Askins,	Branch	I. J. Wilson,	Charleston
A. R. Brooks,	Branch	W. M. Quinn,	Boonville
C. G. Forrest,	Olla	Marion Wilson,	Charleston
Robert Hiddy,	Charleston	D. M. Sherril,	
B. O. Stahl,	Olla	C. C. Kitchens,	Gravelly

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## Deacons

N. A. Carnahan,	Waldron	B. Blaylock,	Gravelly
C. E. Clem,	Charleston	Howell Hunt,	Waldron
J. C. Robison,	Branch	B. Jones,	Gravelly
Amos Hook,	Ratcliff	J. S. Voyle, Heavener,	Okla.
Homer Robison,	Branch	H. Jones,	Gravelly
A. C. Gipson,	Ratcliff	S. M. Beler, Heavener,	Okla
Byrum Hays,	Charleston	J. W. Bullock,	Branch
Dilt Connell,	Ratcliff	Will Higgins, Heavener,	Ok
Calvin Looney,	Charleston	Sam Plum,	Waldron
S. T. Philips,	Boonville	Gladys Canady,	Ratcliff
Dalph Sharp,	Charleston	Joe Plum,	Waldron
T. E. Phillips,	Boonville	William Hogue,	
Richard Cirtes,	Olla	E. R. Lovette,	Magazine
A. L. Levels,	Olla	C. A. Hutchin,	Magazine
Frank Robinson,	Gravelly	S. M. Whitaker,	
Carl Parton,	Olla		

# ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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## OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. C. G. Forrest,	Ola, Ark.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. C. C. Kitchens,	Gravelly, Ark.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Eld. Elmer Turner,	Branch, Ark.
Ass't Clerk,	Eld. O. C. Hunt,	Waldron, Ark.

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## Credential Committee

Eld. I. J. Wilson, (40),	.....	Charleston, Ark.
Deacon Amos Hook, (39),	.....	Ratcliff, Ark.
Deacon Frank Robinson, (38),	.....	Gravelly, Ark.

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## Mission Board

Eld. W. M. Guinn, (40),	.....	Boonville, Ark.
Eld. Elmer Turner, (40),	.....	Branch, Ark.

## PROCEEDINGS

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The Sixty- Ninth Session of the Arkansas Association of the Church of God, or Christ, commonly known as the Free Will Baptist, convened with the Mulberry Church, at Gravelly, Yell County, Ark. September 3, 4, and 5th, 1937.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The assembly was called to order by singing praises unto God.

Invocation by Eld. O. C. Hunt.

The Moderator, C. G. Forrest, introduced Eld. A. N. Best who brought the message of the evening; using for a text, Rom. 10:13. The theme subject was "Oneness in Christ Jesus."

Dismissed by Bro. B. Blaylock.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together at 8:30 A. M.

The Moderator read 128th Psalms for our morning les-

The Moderator read 128 Psa. for our morning lesson.

Prayer was offered by Eld. A. N. Best.

Singing by the choir.

The following answered the roll call:

Elders: A. N. Best, O. C. Hunt, C. C. Kitchens, Elmer Turner, C. G. Forrest, and I. J. Wilson.

Deacons: H. Jones, B. Blaylock, B. Jones, A. L. Levels, H. Robinson, J. W. Bullock, and Frank Robinson.

A quorum being present, letters from the churches were called for, and the following churches were represented:

Antioch:— Sister Hassie Robinson.

Brooklyn:— By letter.

Harmony:— Bro. Fred Hund, and Sister E. Hunt.

Social Chappel:— Sisters M. Levels, Frankie M. Stahl, L. T. Cochran, and Bro. J. T. Cannon.

Pleasant Ridge—Sisters W. M. Guinn and Georgia Rogers.

Freedom:— By letter.

Mulberry:— Sisters Lester Olliver, Esplene Jones, N. L. Limmon, and Bro. L. T. Dishough.

Mt. Olive:— By statement.

The following churches were absent:— Coaldale, Lamb, Mt. Pisgah, Pleasant Grove. Each were reported in good standing.

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### Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. C. G. Forrest,	Ola, Ark.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. C. C. Kitchens,	Gravelly, Ark.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. Elmer Turner,	Branch, Ark.
Ass't Clerk,	Eld. O. C. Hunt,	Waldron, Ark.

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### Appointment of Committees

DIVINE SERVICE—Brothers H. Robison, A. L. Levels, and B. Jones.

RESOLUTION—Brothers I. J. Wilson, A. N. Best, and C. C. Kitchens.

FINANCE—Brothers J. W. Bullock, Frank Robison, and Sister Georgia Rogers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. O. C. Hunt, Sister Grace Oliver.

OBITUARY—Brothers Fred Hunt, L. T. Dishough, and Sister Frankie May Stahl.

Resolution No. 1, presented from Antioch Church and Branch Quarterly Conference for consideration (Resolution asked for the state to adopt resolution tabled at its 1936 session), was deferred to 3:00 p. m., at which time it passed unanimously.

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### SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Called together by singing.

Prayer by Brother W. M. Guinn.

Brother I. J. Wilson preached, using for a text, Eph. 6:11. Subject of theme, "Full Armoured Christian."

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Assembled at 1:30 for business.

Prayer offered by Bro. Elmer Turner.

Lesson read from Psalm 19 by Moderator.

Temperance Committee recommended that our State Resolution on Temperance be our stand on Temperance. Passed unanimously.

Sunday School Committee requested the retaining of our 1936 standard for our Sunday school work. Passed.

The following deceased were reported by the Committee on Obituary:

Sister Mary Jane Plegger, June 22, 1937, age 83 years, 11 months, and two days.

Sister Ethel Hogue.

Bro. T. W. Stubblefield, Nov. 15, 1936, age 77 years.

Sister Lizzie King, May 11, 1937, age 64 years.

Sister Carrie Williams, June 17, 1937, age 42 years.

Sister Ettie Walker, Feb. 8, 1937, age 36 years.

Sister Jane Scarbough, April 13, 1937, age 65 years.

Bro. Jim Brown, Aug. 28, 1937, age 41 years.

Bro. Max Harris.

The service on Sunday, at 11:00 a. m., to be held in memory of these our departed brothers and sisters.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Balance in treasury .....		\$0.04
Reported by churches .....	\$14.17	
Collected .....	3.30	17.47
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Total .....		\$17.51

## EXPENSES

Clerk fee .....	8.30
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Balance .....	\$9.21

Recommended that the minutes be printed with the State minutes. Passed unanimously.

Selected Pleasant Grove Church, at Potts, near Charleston, as place of our 1938 Association.



Selected Eld. C. G. Askins, with Elmer Turner for the introductory sermon.

Eld. C. C. Kitchens, with Eld. W. M. Guinn, to preach on the Articles of Faith at Saturday night service.

Brothers I. J. Wilson and A. R. Brooks for our Memorial Service on Sunday at 11:00 o'clock a. m., next session.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Called to order by singing.

Prayer by Bro. W. M. Guinn.

Devotional service led by Bro. A. L. Levels.

Bro. O. C. Hunt gave an excellent talk on "Our Articles of Faith."

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### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Sunday School was opened at 9:30 a. m., and a fair lesson was rendered. 68 in attendance, collection 31c.

The Memorial Service was opened at 11:00 a. m., with Bro. W. M. Guinn in charge. A consoling message was brought forth on the "State of Our Loved Ones."

Dismissed by prayer offered by Bro. Frank Robinson.

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### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 3:00 p. m., called in business session.

Recommended the paying of 61 cents cost of a. m. session.

The following were elected delegates to State Association: Bro. Ralph Robison, Sister Addie Hook, Sister W. O. Clem, Sister Fannie King, Bro. F. Hunt.

Bro. I. J. Wilson was elected to fill vacancy on Credential Committee, term expires 1940.

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### SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The evening message was delivered by Bro. C. G. Forrest. Subject, "How Shall We Escape?" The sermon was excellently delivered.

The resolution of thanks was offered and the parting hand was taken. Thus ended another wonderful session of the Arkansas Association.

Eld. C. G. Forrest, Moderator,  
Eld. Elmer Turner, Sec.-Treas.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**TEMPERANCE**—We view with alarm the great wave of crime and debauchery now sweeping over our nation, caused, we believe, by the return of the saloon and beer joints.

We earnestly urge all Free Will Baptist to join with all God-loving people in voting and in other ways, using their influence to banish same from our communities.

We further urge the Free Will Baptist to join their influence with God-fearing people for the strict observance of the Sabbath and to keep it sacred unto the Lord.

We further urge the Free Will Baptist to resist the swimming pools, dance halls, Sunday baseball, Sunday picture shows, and all other evils of like nature.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**—We urge parents of our faith to be more attentive to the necessity of Sunday school, and we pray they will help to make the Sunday school more attractive for the children.

We urge our Sunday schools to use Free Will Baptist literature.

We furthermore recommend the continuation of the Sunday School day at each Annual Session of the Association, and pray that each Free Will Baptist Sunday school be represented by a program for the Sunday School day. We recommend the banner for the Sunday school meriting the highest attendance during the year.

Eld. O. C. Hunt, Chairman.

## ENACTMENTS

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1916—Be it Resolved, That we recommend that the several churches give our deacons credentials, and that they be required to live up to same, and

Be it further Resolved, That we live up to and practice the same.

1918—Be it Resolved, That each church in this Association report annually what they have paid their pastor, and the number of times their pastor has attended their church.

1919—Be it Resolved, That we empower our Moderator with the power to supply or recommend a pastor to any church that he may know of without a pastor.

1932—Be it Enacted, That we, known as the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptist, strictly forbid "Tongues" as used by the Apostolic people, and any member of any church within our bounds using these tongues is already excluded from our fellowship by their own act.

1936—Be it Enacted, That our Committee on Divine Service shall select a preacher before the close of each session of our Association to preach a Memorial Sermon at the next session.

1937—No. 1—Be it Resolved, That we shall petition our State Association to enact Resolution No. 4, deferred in session of 1936.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That the Divine Service Committee shall select a preacher before the close of each session of our Association, to preach on some point of our Articles of Faith at the next session.

No. 3—We, the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptist, do hereby take this method of expressing our thanks to the Mulberry Church and community for their splendid hospitality, spirit of love, and Christian fellowship shown us during our stay with them. May God bless you all, we pray.

Eld. I. J. Wilson, Chairman.

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION. 1937.

CHURCH	Clerk's Name	Address	Pastor's Salary	Ass'n Funds	S. S. Expense	Value of Property	No. in Fellowship	S. S. Enrollment	League Enrollment
Antioch.....	R. P. Robison	Branch, Ark.	\$35.00	\$2.00	\$48.00	\$500.00	56	55	40
Brooklyn.....	Addie Hook	Ratcliff, Ark.	15.00	2.25	48.00	500.00	36	50	40
Coaldale.....	Mitch Harris	Heavener, Ok.	6.00	2.00	17.00	.....	16	40	...
Freedom.....	N. A. Carnahan	Waldron, Ark.	6.25	1.25	.....	.....	30	...	...
Harmony.....	J. F. Jifcoat...	Waldron, Ark.	.....	2.00	.....	.....	85	...	...
Lamb.....	Betty Barrett	Waldron, Ark.	15.00	1.00	12.00	.....	20	30	...
Mt. Olive.....	N. Lovett.....	Magazine, Ark.	.....	1.00	2.50	300.00	30	35	...
Mt. Pisgah....	A. Womack	Boles, Ark.	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	...	...
Mulberry.....	Grace Oller	Gravelly, Ark.	72.00	2.70	12.00	500.00	65	40	...
Pleasant Grove	Maggie Sharp	Charleston	60.00	3.50	18.00	500.00	180	40	60
Pleasant Hill..	Ida Brasher	Hackett, Ark.	20.00	.....	.....	.....	17	...	...
Social Chappel	Frankie Stahl	Ola, Ark.	.....	1.50	12.00	500.00	30	50	...
Pleasant Ridge	Mary Phillips	Boonville, Ark.	.....	2.00	15.00	500.00	67	37	...
Totals .....			229.25	21.15	184.50	3300.00	662	377	140