

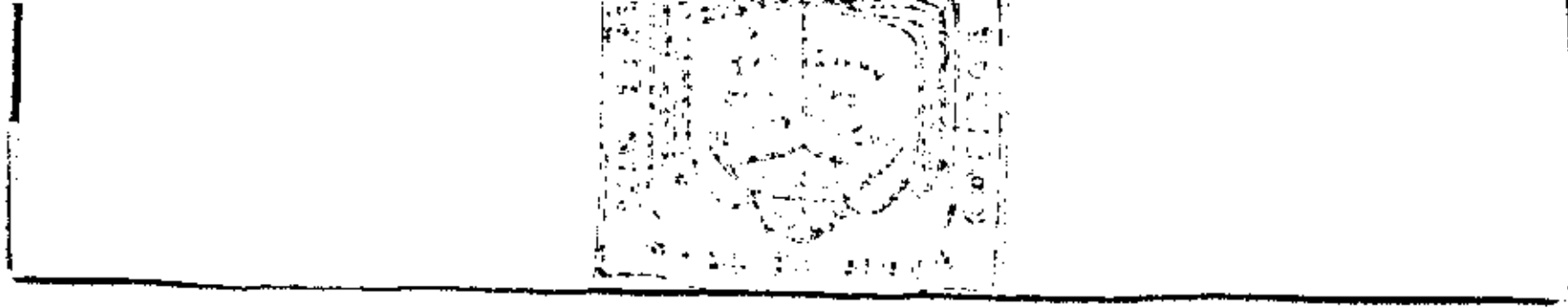
MINUTES
of the
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

**Containing a five year
report 1961-1965**

Last annual session held with the first
Free Will Baptist church of Pine Bluff,
July 10, 1965.

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Kenneth Doggett
Asst. Mod.	Rev. Raymond Patrick
Clerk	Mrs. Betty Price
Asst. Clerk	Mrs. Jean Sory
Treasurer	Mr. Bob Isbell



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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mr. Olen Fendley
Rev. Lewis Barker
Mr. Thurston Taylor
Mr. Lamone Johnson
Mr. Burl Stewart

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. James E. Raper
Rev. Oris Doggett
Rev. Jimmy Bundy
Rev. Lewis Barker
Mr. Brooks Staggs

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. W. S. Isbell
Rev. Donald Brown
Mrs. Helen Ewing
Mrs. Morrison Westerman
Mrs. Ann House

C. T. S. BOARD

Mr. Ted Henry
Mrs. Audry Cotton
Mr. Delbert Hughes
Mrs. Thurston Taylor
Mr. Burl Stewart

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Mr. D. F. Holland
Rev. W. H. Bostic
Mr. A. C. Tygart
Rev. Kenneth Doggett
Rev. John Small

INTRODUCTION

By Rev. William J. Mishler

On May 20, 1960 seventeen representatives together with their pastors, met at the Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The representatives were from the following Free Will Baptist Churches; First Church of Pine Bluff, First Church of Hot Springs, First Church of North Little Rock, 18th Street Church of North Little Rock, and the Capitol City Church of Little Rock.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibilities of the organization of a New District Association to be composed of the above named churches.

Services was opened by singing led by Mr. Marshall Smith. Devotion was given by Rev. Raymond Patrick. Rev. William J. Mishler, was selected to serve as chairman of the group and Rev. Jimmy Bundy to serve as clerk.

After brief discussion as to the purpose, benefits, needs, etc., of a new association in the area, the thinking of the group appeared to center around two main objectives; first, this would open up to these churches a new stewardship challenge. Second, that because of the strategical location of these churches, the opportunities to establish new churches in the towns and cities of the area, could become a reality.

It seemed apparent from the very outset of the first meeting, that God through His Providence was leading the group along. New zeal was evedient on the part of everyone. It was apparent that God had led us to an open door. A door, through which, if we would by faith enter, would lead us into a much broader field of service, first to God, secondly to our local churches, and finally to every phase of our denominational work. This surely seemed to be the hour. After further discussion and prayer, it became evident that we were all of "one accord" in this place to begin, from here, our march through the door.

This was begun by a motion "that the Pastors of each of the above named churches, together with a Deacon from each church, formulate a committee to draft a Constitution and By-laws" that would govern the activities of this new association. This Committee met June 1, 1960 at the Capitol City Church, and carried out the wishes of the group. Copies of the Constitution and By-laws were sent to each local church wishing to become a part of the New Association. These were unanimously adopted by four of the five churches that met in the first meeting.

September 17, 1960 will always be a red-letter date in the history of the Central Association of Free Will Baptist. This was the organizational date. This meeting was held at the Capitol City Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Executive Board of the Arkansas State Association presided in the organization of the New Association. The members of the Board present were; Rev. Bob King, Mr. Millard Williams, Rev. Ray Watkins, and Rev. W. S. Isbell. Rev. Willard C. Day, State Promotional Secretary was also present. Rev. Bob King served as moderator, and Rev. Raymond Patrick was appointed clerk Pre-tem.

Petitionary letters were present from the following churches: First Church North Little Rock, Capitol City Church, Little Rock,

First Church, Hot Springs, and the First Church, Pine Bluff. These letters were read together with letters of dismissal from the various associations from which these churches were coming. All was declared by the Board to be in order.

The Rev. W. S. Isbell presented the "Treatise of the Faith and Practise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist to the group. The same was adopted by the group. The Bible was adopted by the group as their rule of faith and Practice.

The Preposed Constitution and By-laws were read and with a few minor changes were adopted by the group. And now, according to the statement in the adopted Constitution this group would, from now on be known as, "The Central Association of Free Will Baptists" affiliated with both the State and National Associations of Free Will Baptists. After adoption of the Constitution the right-hand of Christian fellowship was given by the counsel. The Rev. Ray Watkins, prayed the prayer of consecration. The Rev. Willard C. Day, brought the message at the eleven o'clock hour, using as his text Esther 4:14 — "and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" The message was a real challenge to all present.

The following officers were elected to lead this new work: Rev. William J. Mishler, Moderator; Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Alton Loveless, Clerk; and Mrs. Alton Loveless, Treasurer. Other committees were chosen, and members are named in the following records.

The first delegates to represent and carry the petitionary letter from the Central Association to the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists were: Mrs. Alton Loveless, Mrs. William Mishler, Mrs. A. C. Cotton, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walling. The Association was accepted into the State body. And so on September 29, 1960 the Central Association became an official member of the State and National bodies.

There were two ideas born out of this new organization that were relative new to Free Will Baptist work in Arkansas. The first was, that through systematic giving on the part of the local church, God would bless her efforts because of her faithfulness in the stewardship of giving, and through this means the local church would be supporting all phases of the denominational work. Secondly, that it is more fesible to operate a Church Extension Program on the local level in cooperation with the State or National Program, rather than to leave it to the higher bodies alone.

Thus, was the humble beginning of the work of the Central Association of Free Will Baptists/A work that was destine to set a precedent in the State of Arkansas for other Free Will Baptist Churches and leaders who have a zeal to extend their stewardship vision.

William J. Mishler

**FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
of the
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

JULY 8th, 1961

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

Registration began at 9:45 A. M. by Host church

10:00 Session was opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing" and "He Keeps Me Singing".

Directed by Bro. James Ira Sparks, with Mrs. Jimmy Bundy at the piano.

Call to assemble: Rev. Alton Loveless, Clerk of Association.

Prayer: Rev. Bob Buchanan.

Introduction of Moderator by clerk.

Remarks by Rev. William J. Mishler, Moderator of the Association.

Appointments of Committees:

Auditing Committee: Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Chairman, Bro. Ted Henry, Sis. Harlon Sory

Nominating Committee: Rev. W. S. Isbell, Chairman, Sis. Audrey Cotton, Bro. Aubrey Lord.

Resolution Committee: Rev. R. A. Patrick, Chairman, Sis. Irene Roberts, Bro. James Sparks.

Placement Committee: Sis. Mary Coffman, Sis. William Mishler, Bro. Charlie Blackman.

Reading of Previous Minutes: Motion and second to receive minutes as read. Passed.

Reading of church letters: Accepted.

Seating of Delegates.

Reading of Yearly Financial Report: Received as read.

Motion to seat Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, visitors as advisory members. Passed.

Prayer: Rev. Jimmy Bundy

11:00 A.M. Worship service: Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Presiding.

The Lilly of the Valley, and Have Faith in God were directed by Bro. James Ira Sparks, with Sis. Bundy at the piano.

Introduction of speaker by Rev. Jimmy Bundy.

Prayer by Rev. W. S. Isbell.

Rev. Bob Buchanan was the selected speaker, his text taken from 2nd Tim. 2:15 "Study to Shew thyself approved". He brought an inspiring message.

Benediction: Rev. Alton Loveless

12:00 noon meal was served by Host Church.

1:30 P. M. Session was opened by singing Tell It To Jesus and Power In the Blood.

Devotion: Rev. Jimmy Bundy, pastor of Capitol City Church, reading from Psalm 1:1-6.

Prayer by Bro. Bundy

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report from Jan. 14, 1961 thru July 8th, 1961

Jan. 14, 1961—Be it resolved that we give \$100.00 to the Free

Will Baptist Bible College on the indebtedness of the New Alumni Building. Passed

April 7th and 8th, 1961—Be it resolved that we give \$36.06 to the college to make our offering total \$50.00. Passed

July 8th, 1961—Be it resolved that we make available to the State Treasure \$70.00 in the form of a loan for the purpose of paying the State dues to the National Association. Passed

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

From Oct. 8th, 1960 to July 8th, 1961

Oct. 8th, 1960—Motion made and seconded to accept report and vote item by item.

1. We recommend that we pay the Association Clerk \$15.00 per quarter for his services. Passed.

2. We recommend that we pay the Associational Treasurer \$10.00 per quarter for his services. Passed.

3. We recommend that the League Board and Sunday School Board set their said conventions to meet semi-annually alternating their conventions each quarter. The time and place to be decided by said boards. The Associational clerk to inform said board concerned. Passed.

4. We recommend that the distribution of the 50% of the Co-operative funds retained in the Association and the percentages to each board be delayed until the organization of said boards are determined so that the percentage to each board can be better made. Passed.

5. We recommend that the quarterly meeting use the short forms with the church membership and the average attendance of all the Auxiliaries of the church, and that the Yearly Meeting use the long form with all information concerning the church be given. Passed.

6. We recommend that the Missions Board consider and study the proposal by Rev. Hubert Rodgers concerning sponsoring a Chaplain in the State Sanatorium at Booneville. Passed.

January 14, 1961—

1. We recommend that all Boards of the Association meet on Friday night April 7th, 1961 before the next District Conference in order that the boards can decide the amount of funds to be allocated to each said board. Passed.

2. We recommend that a meeting, the time to be decided by this convention, for the purpose of organizing a Ministers and Deacons Meeting. Passed.

3. We recommend that this Association place in the By-Laws in this Association's Constitution prohibiting the establishment of a mission, or church in a city, where we have an Orthodox church, doing such under our name without the fellowship and sponsorship of that church already located in the city or community. The Executive Board to prepare said constitutional change. Passed.

4. Bro. E. T. Taylor has been selected to fill vacancy on Sunday School Board.

April 8, 1961

1. We recommend these allocations, after the 50% Co-operative is sent to the State Treasurer for our own District Association: This is for the 50% retained: General Fund 25%, Sunday School Board 2%, League Board 2%, Presbytery Board 2%, Missions Board 69%. These totals are figured on the 50% retainment becoming the usual figuring per cent basis of 100%. Passed.

July 8, 1961

Annual Report—We the Executive Board of the Central Association met July 6, 1961 at the Capitol City Free Will Baptist Church. Items of Business:

1. (Amendments) This constitution may be amended or alternated at any regular (Yearly Session) of this association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided amendments or alterations be placed on the table no later than 11:00 on the session day, and to be taken up no earlier than 2:00 P.M. on the same day.

2. Proposed amendments to Article IX Sec. #3.

The Sunday School and League Boards shall work in co-operation with the State and National Boards. They shall assist the churches of this Association in the teaching and training programs, workshops, of the Sunday School, and Leagues. These boards shall sponsor conventions as they deem advisable.

3. Proposed Addition to Article IX Sec. #1.

1b—The Missions board shall not participate in the organization of any church, or mission that is being organized in a town, city or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist Church, without first seeking the cooperation of said church. Neither shall their board participate in the organization of a group that is out of fellowship with established church.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

Oct. 8, 1960 to July 8, 1961

October 8, 1960

The following men were elected to the Presbytery Board: Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Rev. Alton Loveless, Rev. William Mishler, Deacon Will Black, Deacon Brooks Staggs.

Jan. 14, 1961

1. Acceptance of Board's Questionnaire for the Ministry.

2. Report of Questionnaire concerning ordination to ministry of Bro. Oscar Walling. Passed.

April 8, 1961

The Presbytery Board met at the First Church of Hot Springs to ordain Bro. Oscar Walling to the ministry, on Jan. 22, 1961. The Rev. R. A. Patrick, Rev. Jimmy Bundy, Rev. Alton Loveless, Deacon M. E. Westerman and Rev. Jimmy Richardson were the Ordaining cancel Rev. Richardson brought the message and Rev. Loveless the Presbytery clerk administered the charge. Passed.

July 8, 1961—Annual Meeting

In comply to the request of the Hot Springs and Capitol City Free Will Baptist Churches, the Presbytery Board met for the purpose of ordaining two men to the Ministry. Both met qualification and were ordained at local churches. Bro. Cecil Rushing was examined Oct. 8, 1960 at the First F.W.B. Church of Hot Springs and found worthy of the Boards recommendations. He was ordained at Capitol City Church Oct. 19, 1960. Rev. Alton Loveless led the charge. The ordaining counsel consisted of Rev. Loveless, Rev. Patrick, Rev. Geo. Rollen and Deacon Archie Henderson, all in good standing as Free Will Baptists. Bro. Oscar Walling was examined orally Oct. 29, 1960 and Nov. 29, 1960 and completed his written examination on Jan. 6, 1961. The Board met on Jan. 22, 1961 and conducted the ordination service. The ordaining service was at 3:30 P.M. at the First Church of Hot Springs. The Rev. Jimmy Richardson spoke as the ordaining speaker. The ordaining counsel consisted of Rev. Jimmy Richardson

and Deacon M. E. Westerman. All in good standing as Free Will Baptist. Bro. Loveless, Secretary of Presbytery Board administered the Charge.

The Presbytery Board met (4) four times during the year for business purposes. They introduced the Questionnaires for Ordination of Ministers and Leccentiate. Both were accepted at Quarterly Conference No. 3 (January 14, 1961) at Pine Bluff, Ark.

MISSIONS BOARD REPORT:

The Missions Board was formed Oct. 8, 1960 by the acceptance of the nominating Committees report recommending the following to serve on the board: Bro. Aldrich Tygart, Rev. Raymond Patrick, Bro. Oscar Walling, Bro. Howard Trent, Bro. Verl Pinkerton.

April 8, 1961

We recommend that the Association place a Missionary on the fields as soon as possible and the Missions Board be responsible for the selection of such man. Passed

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Oct. 8, 1960

The following were elected to the Sunday School Board: Bro. Harlen Sory, Sis. Billy Williams, Sis. Ann Puckett, Sis. Morris Westerman, Sis. Helen Ewing.

April 8, 1961

We recommend that each Sunday School shall bring \$3.00 per quarter to the support of the convention. The North Little Rock Church will be host April 30, 1961. Rev. William J. Mishler will conduct a workshop on "Evangelism in the Sunday School." The Capitol City and North Little Rock Churches will give programs. Rev. W. C. Day will be the evening speaker on "Importance of Evangelism in Sunday School." Bro. Eugene Small, Bro. Harlon Sory and Sis. Alton Loveless will also conduct workshops for the various age group problems in the Sunday School. Passed.

The District League Convention was organized October 29, 1960 at the First Church in North Little Rock. Officers elected at this time: President—Bro. Delbert Hughes, Vice President—Bro. Tommy Henderson, Recording Sec.—Sis. Joan Ewing, Corresponding Sec.—Sis. Janice Brashears, Treasurer—Sis. Patsy Holland, Sword Drill—Sis. Alton Loveless, Asst. Sword Drill—Sis. Mishler.

Oct. 8, 1960

Members elected to League Board: Rev. Jimmy Richardson, Bro. Lewis Sullivan, Bro. Delbert Hughes, Bro. W. B. Stewart, Bro. Wayne Williams.

January 14, 1961

Letter of Recommendation from League Convention:

"Dear Association: The District League Convention while in session at the First Church of North Little Rock, offered this recommendation to the Association. It reads as follows: We recommend to the Quarterly Meeting that the Sunday School Convention work in unity with us concerning meeting of the First Sunday afternoon. We offer this for your consideration. In His service, Janice Brashear, Secretary."

April 8, 1961

We recommend that the Executive Committee of the League

Convention select a speaker for a workshop with the subject, "How to better our Leagues."

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. William J. Mishler—Moderator, Sis. Audrey Cotton—Clerk, Bro. Cotton—Treasurer.

Delegates to the State Association: Sis. Mary Coffman, Sis. Wm. Mishler, Sis. Montie Wilson, Sis. Betty Price, Sis. Jean Westerman.

Motion and seconded to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Alton E. Loveless.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the CENTRAL ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

JULY 21, 1962

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS

9:45 Registration by Host church.

Piano Prelude

10:00 Singing directed by Bro. Alton Loveless with Miss Terri Baily at the organ.

Prayer by Bro. Loveless.

Hymn - Are Ye Able Said The Master - At The Cross.

Welcome address by Bro. Isbell. Scripture reading from Psalms 139.

Prayer by Bro. Tommy Henderson.

Introduction of Moderator by clerk, Mrs. Audry Cotton.

Remarks by moderator, Rev. William Mishler.

Church letters called for.

Motion was made and second that moderator appoint committees.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. Jimmy Bundy, Sis. Jean Sory, Bro. A. C. Cotton.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Bro. Donald Brown, Bro. Staggs, Sis. Buchanan.

Church letters were read. Motion made and second to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Passed.

Motion was made to seat delegates in absence of letter. Passed.

Minutes were read — A discussion was called for. A report was given on Benton Church concerning buying property for a church.

The minutes were approved as read.

Our visitors were recognized at this time. We had three visiting Ministers, Bro. Loveless, Bro. David Joslin, Bro. William Crouch.

Report of the Resolutions Committee; Motion made and second that this report be tabled until in the afternoon. Passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Isbell, Bro. Lowell Tanner, Bro. Ted Henry.

Treasurer's report called for and read.

Motion and second that we receive report as read. Passed.

Recess for five minutes. Dismissed by Bro. Mishler.

11:00 call to assemble - Hymn - Faith of our Fathers and Amazing Grace.

Prayer by Bro. Lowell Tanner.

Hymn - Open my eyes that I may see.

Special Music by Bro. and Sis. Sory - Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah.

Introduction of speaker for the Eleven O'clock service - Bro. David Joslin from Batesville Free Will Baptist Church, By Bro. Jimmy Bundy. Scripture was read from I John 2:15-17. Prayer by Bro. Joslin. Subject - The Lust of the Flesh, The Lust of the Eye, and the Pride of Life. He brought a wonderful message.

Benediction and Blessing on the food by Bro. Lovless.

1:15 P.M. call to assemble. Hymn - Footsteps of Jesus and Bless Be the Tie that Binds.

Directed by Bro. Loveless. Prayer by Bro. James Merritt.

A special was given by Sis. Freda Lewis and Bro. Alton Loveless. Why Should He Love Me So.

Hymn - Love Lifted Me, and I Love to tell the Story.

Devotion and prayer by Bro. Bundy. Scripture reading Psalms 27:1.

Business Period: Report of Committees

PRESBYTERY BOARD:

Report from October 14, 1961 - July 21, 1962

Oct. 14, 1961 - We the Presbytery Board have examined Bro. Glen Campbell, Bro. John Small, Bro. Richard Harrison and found them in agreement with the Constitution, having proper Credentials in good order we therefore recomend them to this body to be received into full fellowship. Passed.

July 21, 1962 - 1. We recomend that Tommy Henderson be licensed for the ministry, we found him to be sound in the Word. 2. We recommend that Bobby Buchanan be ordained to preach the Word. We found him sound in the Word of God. Passed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

From Oct. 14, 1961 - July 21, 1962

Oct. 14, 1961 - We recomend that the Sunday School Board re-elect Sis. Helen Ewing for a four year term.

April 14, 1962 - The Sunday School Board gave a report what the Sunday School Convention would consist of.

MISSIONS BOARD

Report from Oct. 14, 1961 to July 21, 1962

Oct. 14, 1961 - Bro. Lowell Tanner was nominated to replace Bro. Howard Trent for a five year term and Bro. John Small to replace Bro. Pinkerton for a four year term.

Jan. 13, 1962 - The Mission Board met in Hot Springs Oct. 29, 1961 at which time an allociation of seventy-five (75.00) dollars was made to the Mission Church in Jacksonville with the recommendation that they make a payment on a piano. Ten (10.00) dollars of this amount was used to pay for a sign for the mission and sixty-five (65.00) on the Piano. Bro. John Small, Bro. Lowell Tanner, and Bro. Raymond Patrick participated in the organization of the church on Jan. 7th, 1962. Accepted.

April 14, 1962 - Having been blessed by the Lord as we have in the terms of financial support from our sister churches, we the Mis-

sions Board recommend that we give financial assistance to each of our Mission Churches at Jacksonville and Benton, to purchase property suitable to each body. The assistance shall be in the form of an outright gift in the amount up to five hundred (500.00) dollars, provided a promise from each body taking advantage of gift is made, at such time the said body will legally relinquish through it's board and trustees, it's rights to titles to the property so that the Central Association of Free Will Baptist, may salvage what it can from the adventure. Accepted.

LEAGUE BOARD

Oct. 14, 1961 - We recommend that Bro. Richard Harrison replace Bro. Jimmy Richardson for a five year term. Passed.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

From Oct. 14, 1961 to July 21, 1962

Oct. 14, 1961 - Be it resolved that the Central Association go on record in that we indorse the action of the State Concerning Congregational form of government of our church, be it further resolved that we re-affirm our Doctrinal, and Church Practices as stated in our National Treaties. Passed.

July 21, 1962 - A motion made and second that article six in the constitution and by-laws be changed. A motion was made and seconded that the following ammendment be attached. The allocations of this money be made through a budget committee to this body at each yearly meeting. Passed. Article six read as follows:

FINANCE: This Association shall receive its support from a designated percentage of the Cooperative receipts that come from the churches composing this body. The remaining percentage shall be sent to the State Promotional office for State and National Programs. This Association recommends that each church belonging to said body give One-tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to this body for its support and the support of the State and National Programs. The allocations of this money be made through a budget committee to this body at each yearly meeting. Passed.

Delegates elected to go to the State Meeting Oct. 3, 4, 5. Sis. Miley Ashbrook, Benton - Sis. Ruby Henderson, Capitol City - Sis. Mary Isbell, North Little Rock - Sis. Orville Johnson, Jacksonville - Bro. Frank DuValle, Russellville - Sis. William Mishler, Pine Bluff - Sis. John Small, Hot Springs. A motion and second that the first five of these serve as delegates and the last two as alternates. Passed.

Auditing Committee: Bro. Ashbrook, Bro. Charles Richen, Sis. Joan Ewing.

A letter of resignation was read from Bro. Glenn Campbell.

A motion and second that we accept Bro. Campbell's resignation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your nominating committee submit the following recommendations:

Bro. Thurston Taylor be re-elected to the Executive Board.

Bro Jimmy Bundy be re-elected to the Presbytery Board - 5 years

Mrs. Morris Westerman be re-elected to the Sunday School Board - 5 years

Bro. Delbert Hughes be re-elected to the League Board - 5 years

Bro. A. C. Tygart be re-elected to the Mission Board - 5 years

Bro. Laymon Johnson be elected to replace Bro. Glenn Campbell on the Execuitve Board - 3 years.

We further recommend that the present officers of our Associa-

tion be re-elected for another year. Motion made and seconded that we receive the report as read. Passed.

Bro. and Sis. Cotton did not wish to continue serving as Treasurer and Clerk. Bro. Harlon Sory was elected Treasurer, Bro. Staggs as Asst., Sis. Jean Sory was elected Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded that we accept the report for the balance of the officers as requested. Passed.

Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Board with the officers of the Association check into the possibilities of getting the minutes printed in book form. Passed.

Report of the Auditing Committee

We, the Auditing Committee find the Treasurer's books in good order. The report was received as read.

A motion was made and seconded that we give the officers of the past year a rising vote for the splendid job they have done. Carried. Also, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Host Church for their wonderful hospitality during the convention.

Hymn: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Benediction by Bro. Crouch

Right hand of christian fellowship given Bro. Bobby Buchanan and Bro. Tommy Henderson and bid them Godspeed as young ministers.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING of the CENTRAL ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

JULY 13, 1963

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BENTON, ARKANSAS

9:45 Registration

Hymns: When the Roll is Called up Yonder and Count Your Blessings, led by Sis. Brown

Devotion and prayer by Bro. Miley Ashbrook.

Welcome by Bro. Jimmy Bundy

Response by Bro. Burl Stewart

Hymn: Where We'll Never Grow Old

Introduction of Moderator by clerk, Sis. Jean Sory.

Remarks by Moderator and meeting called to order

Church letters called for and read

Motion made and second to receive the reading of the Church letters and seat the delegates. Passed.

Appointment of Committees:

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Bro. Miley Ashbrook, Sis. Phillips, Sis. Marilyn Hays.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. John Small, Bro. Kenneth Doggett, Bro. Harlon Sory.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Raymond Patrick, Bro. W. S. Isbell, Bro. Aubrey Lord.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Bro. A. C. Cotton, Bro. Burl Stewart, Bro. Donald Brown.

Our visitors were recognized at this time, they were, Bro. and Sis. Marion Pettus.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Dismissed for recess by Bro. Cecil Sanders.

Hymn: Footsteps of Jesus.

Prayer by Bro. Kenneth Doggett.

Hymn, Whosoever Will.

Introduction of speaker for the Eleven O'clock service, Bro. Marion Pettus, Pastor of the Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church by Assistant Moderator, Bro. Jimmy Bundy.

Special music by Bro. Pettus, Teach Me Lord To Wait.

A wonderful message was brought on the subject, "Determined For What?"

Benediction and Blessing on the noon meal by Bro. Cotton.

1:15 Called to assemble.

Hymn: At Calvary and There Is Power In the Blood.

Prayer by Bro. Jimmy Bundy.

Report of Boards and Committees:

PRESBYTERY BOARD:

Report from Oct. 13, 1962—July 13, 1963

Oct. 13, 1962—We recommend that Bro. Cecil Sanders and Bro. Kenneth Doggett be accepted into the Central Association. 2. We recommend that Bro. Cox be re-licensed for 1 year. Passed.

Jan. 13, 1963—We the Presbytery Board met and examined the Credentials of Bro. Stanfield and found them to be in order, and by his statement to uphold our Constitution and By-Laws, we recommend him to the Association. Passed.

July 13, 1963—We, the Presbytery Board met with Bro. Buddy Meyers and Bro. Harlon Sory. We, the Board found them sound in Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists. We recommend them to the body and to their Churches for Deaconship. Passed.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Report from Oct. 13, 1962—July 13, 1963

Oct. 13, 1962—We your committee on Resolutions recommend that we request the Missions Board to send \$15.00 per month to the National Foreign Missions, Deed's account to underwrite the support of one child. Passed.

Jan. 13, 1963—Be it resolved that we in the Central Association investigate and offer assistance to our brethren in the Little Missouri River Association in helping establish a new Free Will Baptist Church in Malvern. This effort was started last summer, but has not been continued for lack of local help. 2. May we as an Association of Free Will Baptist in Arkansas clarify our stand against legalized gambling in our state to the appropriate representatives. Passed.

July 13, 1963—We the resolutions committee recommend that the Association grant \$10.00 to Bro. Pettus to help defray the cost of coming to our meeting and to show our appreciation of his efforts. 2. That this Association contribute 60% of its Co-operative receipts to the State Association instead of the 50% now contributed. Passed.

MISSIONS BOARD:

July 13, 1963—Is it the feeling of this Board that Malvern presents a challenge to the Central Association to establish a new church. We wish to spend up to three hundred (300.00) dollars for a Revival, advertising and other costs of establishing a new work before Oct. 1, 1963 and ask the co-operation of every church in the Association to

make this work a success. Concerning the Jacksonville request, we recommend that we loan the church five hundred (500.00) dollars at 6% interest according to the request but that proper legal papers be presented to the Central Association. We do not wish to encourage others to follow suit for fear we may get into a loan business and neglect our Mission. Passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the nominating committee wish to place the following persons in nomination for the following offices:

Moderator—Bro. William Mishler, Assistant Moderator—Bro. Bundy, Treasurer—Bro. Harlon Sory, Clerk—Sis. Jean Sory.

Bro. Burl Stewart—Executive Board, 5 years term

Bro. Brooks Staggs—Presbytery Board, 5 year term

Sis. Ann House—Sunday School Board, 5 year term

Bro. Burl Stewart—League Board, 5 year term

Bro. John Small—Missions Board, 5 year term

Bro. Ted Henry to replace Bro. Harrison on the League Board, 3 year term

Motion made and seconded that all names submitted by the nomination committee be elected. Passed.

Sis. Audrey Cotton was elected to replace Bro. Lewis Sullivan on the League Board.

The following delegates were elected to the State Association: Sis. Brown, Sis. Barger, Sis. Chappel, Sis. Cotton, Sis. Ashbrook, Sis. DuValle.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer send the \$21.00 representation fee to the State Association and each Church which hasn't already done so, repay the \$3.00 representation fee to the Central Association at the next Quarterly meeting. Passed.

Hymn: I Will Sing The Wondrous Story.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. W. S. Isbell.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

JULY 11, 1964

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

9:45 Registration

Hymn: "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus". Song leader, Bro. Merrit.

Devotion and prayer by Bro. Tommy Henderson

Welcome by Bro. Thurston Taylor

Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing"

Introduction of Moderator by Clerk Pro Tem, Sis. Jean Sory

Remarks by Moderator and meeting called to order.

Motion made and seconded that each church send \$3.00 to each yearly meeting if subscribing to the Co-operative Program, or \$6.00 if not subscribing to the Co-operative Program. Passed.

Church letters called for and read.

Motion made and seconded to receive the reading of the church letters and seat the delegates. Passed. Motion made and seconded that the Moderator appoint the Committees. Passed.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Bro. Lewis Barker, Bro. Oris Doggett, Bro. Tommy Henderson.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Sis. Oris Doggett, Sis. W. H. Bostic, Bro. Aubrey Lord.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Bro. Harlon Sory, Bro. W. H. Bostic, Bro. Burl Stewart.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Bro. Kenneth Doggett, Bro. Archie Henderson, Bro. Donald Brown.

Reading of minutes of last meeting by Clerk

Our visitors were recognized at this time. They were Bro. and Sis. Elro Driggers, Pastor of Wesconette Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

Dismissed for recess by Bro. W. S. Isbell.

Hymn: Send the Light

Prayer by Elro Driggers

Hymn: Amazing Grace.

Special Music "Neath the Old Olive Trees" by Pine Bluff Church.

Introduction of speaker for the eleven o'clock service, Bro. Oris Doggett, Pastor of Malvern Free Will Baptist Church, by Bro. Mishler. A wonderful message was brought on the subject "What is a Christian". Hymn: There is a Fountain.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal by Bro. Lloyd Thomas.

1:15 Called to assemble.

Hymn: Praise Him, Praise Him. Special music by the Bostic Family, "I'll Thank Him, I'll Praise Him". Russellville Church letter was read, accepted, and delegates seated.

Motion made and seconded to seat our visitors in an advisory capacity. Passed.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Report of committees.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report from October 12, 1963 to July 11, 1964

Oct. 12, 1963—1. Be it resolved that this body consider sending an offering to Rev. Elvie Johnston to assist him in his mission work in Aubernedale Florida. 2. Be it resolved that the Central Association purchase three (3) dozen Free Will Baptist Hymn Books. That the Hymn books be purchased from the Missions Fund. Said Hymn Books are to be used in the Mission work in the Central Association.

Jan. 11, 1964—Be it resolved that the Central Association give Bro. Tommy Henderson \$25.00 as a love offering. He is attending Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible College.

April 11, 1964—That the Central Association purchase a typewritten for the Clerk and Treasurer in this Association. 2. That we send \$50.00 from Missions Fund to the National Home Missions to help establish an emergency loan fund as recommended by the National Home Missions Board.

July 11, 1964—1. Be it resolved that this Association send \$50.00 from the League Board Fund to the Youth Camp to help pave the road in front of the Camp Ground. 2. Be it resolved that we ask the League Board and Sunday School Board to consider a merger of the conventions. 3. We the resolution committee recommend that this body discuss the feasibility of printing minute books of the Yearly Meetings. 4. Be it resolved that the Central Association of Free Will

Baptist of the State of Arkansas go on record as being in opposition to the proposed legalized gambling law. Also that a copy of the resolution be attached to our letter to the State Association. 5. Be it resolved that this Association take \$500.00 from the Missions Board account and give to the Malvern Church for the purpose of purchasing property at Malvern Arkansas. This resolution by the Missions Board.

Motion made and seconded that the following amendment be inserted in Resolution #3.

"That the responsibility be placed in the hands of the Executive Board, Moderator and Clerk. Passed.

Each resolution voted upon seperately and passed.

PRESBYTERY BOARD: Report from Oct. 12, 1963 - July 11, 1964

Oct. 12, 1963—We the Presbytery Board report the following: We recommend that Bro. Cox be ordained as a minister. We recommend Bro. Barker to be accepted into the Association. We recommend Bro. Johnson be ordained as a Deacon. We recommend that Bro. Hendersons License be extended for one year. Passed.

April 11, 1964—We the Presbytery Board wishes to report after examination of Rev. Oris Doggett, according to the request of the First Church of Malvern, wish to recommend him to this Association to become a standing member of this body. Passed.

July 11, 1964—We the Presbytery Board recommend that this body act upon the acceptance of Bro. W. H. Bostic into this Association. Passed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Report from Oct. 12, 1963 - July 11, 1964

Jan. 11, 1964— We the Executive Board instructs the treasurer to order 500 Bulletins for the Central Association Quarterly and Annual Conference, also two dozen stencils

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Report from Oct. 12, 1963 - July 11, 1964

Jan 11, 1964—Bro. Donald Brown was nominated and elected by acclamation to replace Mrs. Billie Williams to the Sunday School Board.

DIGEST COMMITTEE: Refer to table

MISSION BOARD

Report from Oct. 12, 1963 - July 11, 1964

Oct. 12, 1963—The Mission Board met at the Pine Bluff Church Sept. 3, 1963 and decided to ask Bro. Fred Warner of Fort Smith to come to Malvern for one week revival and stay on the field for an additional week to do follow-up work. Upon further investigation we found the following expenditures necessary:

500 Free Will Baptist tracts	\$ 7.09
Motel room for two week at Town House	72.10
Meals and milage allowance for two weeks	90.00
Rent - American Legion Building for one week	10.00
Printing of 1000 handbills with pictures	12.00
Salary for evangelist—per week	75.00

This board has already been aurtherized to spend \$300.00 in this work, but in order to finance the above mentioned items, we will need an additional \$50.00. Therefore we are asking an authorization from the body to spend \$50.00 more from the Mission Fund. Accepted.

Jan. 11, 1964—The Mission Board completed the plans as described in the minutes of the Oct. Quarterly Meeting of the Central Association of Free Will Baptist. Bro. Fred Warner conducted the opening revival in Malvern, Nov. 4-9. A new church was organized in Malvern

Nov. 17, 1963 with a membership of nine, and was called the First Free Will Baptist Church of Malvern, Arkansas. In the absence of two members, the Board did not meet today to make definite plans for the immediate future.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We the Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's book, find everything in order. We wish to commend him for the job well done.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. William Mishler

Asst. Moderator—Rev. Raymond Patrick

Clerk—Sis. Betty Price

Treasurer—Bro. Harlon Sory

Executive board for 5 years—Bro. Lewis Barker

Presbytery Board for 5 years—Bro. Oris Doggett

Missions Board for 5 years—Bro. W. H. Bostic

Sunday School Board for 5 years—Bro. Donald Brown

League Board for 5 years—Sis. Audrey Cotton

Motion made and seconded that this slate of officers be elected,
Passed

Sis. Jean Sory was elected as Assistant Clerk.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Associations: Sis. Maxine Bostic, Sis. Nancy Thomas, Sis. Melba Brown, Bro. D. B. Huett, Sis. Hazel Chappel.

A word of thanks was given to the Central Association from Bro. Oris Doggett, Pastor of the Malvern Church for the gift of \$500.00 given them.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Passed

Hymn: God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Dismissed by Bro. Tommy Henderson

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the CENTRAL ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTIST

JULY 10, 1965

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

9:45 Registration

Piano Prelude

Hymn: "Glory To His Name"

Devotion and Prayer by Bro. Raymond Patrick.

Hymn: "I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"

Introduction of Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Doggett by Clerk Betty Price.

Remarks by Moderator and meeting called to order.

Letters called for and read. Motion and second to receive letters.
Passed.

Delegates seated

Appointment of committees:

Resolution—Bro. Donald Brown, Bro. Bostic, Sis. Barger

Placement—Jean Sory, Bro. Finley, Bro. Jerry Lewis

Digest—Bro. Bob Isbell, Mrs. Raper, Sis. Buchanan

Nominating—Bro. Aubrey Lord, Bro. Lyman Johnson, Bro. John Small

Auditing—Bro. Tommy Henderson, Sis. Ollie Doggett, Charles Henry

Minutes read and approved

Report given by Bro. Lloyd Thomas, State Promotional Director

Dismissed for recess by Bro. Cox

Hymn: "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?"

Prayer by Bro. Tommy Henderson

Hymn: Blessed Assurance

Special music by Sis. Raper, No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus

Introduction of speaker for morning worship, Bro. Bostic of Russellville, by Asst. Moderator

Text taken from Luke 6:27-33. A wonderful message was brought on "Christian Characteristics"

Benediction and blessing of food.

1:15 Piano Prelude

Hymn: "The Light of the World Is Jesus" and "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Devotion and Prayer by Tommy Henderson

Special music—This is My Fathers World

Report of Committees

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Report from Oct. 11, 1964—July 10, 1965

Oct. 11, 1964—During the National Association a resolution was passed to change the name of our church training program from League to Church Training Service (C.T.S.) We recommend that the churches refer to this program as "C.T.S." Passed.

Jan. 9, 1965—Be it resolved that we change the letter forms concerning League, Y.P.A., GTA, BA, and MM to comply with our National Program. Passed.

As we become aware of the work of our quarterly meeting clerk increasing as our business grows for which we are thankful, it seems that we should pay our clerk twenty dollars (\$20.00) per quarter. Passed.

April 10, 1965—Be it resolved that the Central Association Quarterly Meeting give Bro. Tommy Henderson, a Ministerial student at Oklahoma Bible College, and a member of Capitol City Church, a gift of \$25.00. Tommy Joe will graduate from O. B. C. in May, and plans to transfer to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. this fall.

July 10, 1965—Be it resolved that the Central Association give a \$25.00 offering to Vision. We recommend that this offering come from the General Fund.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Report from Oct. 11, 1964—July 10, 1965

Oct. 11, 1964—To whom it may concern: From the Presbytery Board of the Central Association. This is to certify that William J. Mishler is a member of the Central Association of Free Will Baptist and as such, a member in good standing. We recommend him to God's people wheresoever God in His Providence may call him.

The Presbytery Board recommends that the license of Tommy Henderson be extended for one (1) year. Passed.

Jan. 9, 1965—We the Presbytery Board have met with Bro. Girthal Robinson of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Benton and recommend to the church our findings. We the Board have found Bro. Robinson in sound Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist. Passed.

April 10, 1965—We the Presbytery Board met and examined Bro. John Williams as a Deacon for the First Church of North Little Rock. We found him to be sound in Doctrine and Practices of the Free Will Baptist Church and recommend that he be given the privilege of being ordained in his home church. Passed.

July 10, 1965—We the Presbytery Board recommend to the First Church of Benton to License Bro. Robert Jorden for the ministry of the Gospel.

We the Presbytery Board recommend to the First Church of Pine Bluff to accept Rev. James Earl Rapers credentials as in order. We request the Associational clerk to notify Bro. Rapers past Association of his present officiating with the Central Association. Passed.

MISSIONS BOARD

Report from Oct. 11, 1964—July 10, 1965

Oct. 11, 1964—Three members of the board were present and met with Bro. Cox according to the request of the Hot Springs Church concerning the new work in Hot Springs. Recommendation: We recommend that Bro. Cox be given complete freedom, along with our prayers to investigate the situation farther and bring a report to the next meeting. The board feel the Association should back the work fully, but only if there are good prospects of a new church. Further investigation is absolutely essential before any farther action can be taken at this time.

The State Missions Board requested that each association designate a man to arrange itineraries for missionaries visiting churches within the association. Recommendation: We recommend that such a man be elected by the body. Rev. Kenneth Doggett was nominated and elected by acclamation. Passed.

April 10, 1965—On March 12, 1965, the State Missions Board met with the Missions Boards from Central, Little Missouri River, and Saline Associations to request support from these Associations in establishing a new Free Will Baptist Church in Texarkana, Arkansas. Bro. Marion Pettus of Glenwood was selected as the Home Missionary for that area. The Missions Board of the Central Association recommends that this body send \$50.00 per month for 1 (one) year to the State office to be used in the Texarkana project, beginning May 10, 1965. We also recommend Bro. Pettus to each local church in the Association as he makes his itinerary, that prayer and whole hearted support, both moral and financial be given him as he launches out in this new work for the Lord and Free Will Baptist in Arkansas. Passed.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Report from Oct. 11, 1964—July 10, 1965

Jan. 9, 1965—The executive board met with the moderator, clerk, and treasurer Oct. 16, 1964 at the First Church in North Little Rock at 7:30 P.M.

A motion was carried that the clerk and chairman of the executive board prepare a manuscript of the minutes, and that the chairman of the board get estimates from two or three printers of the cost of having 500 to 1000 copies of the minutes printed. He is to use his

discretion in the choice of stock and cover. It was agreed at this meeting to recommend to the next quarterly conference that actual printing of the minutes be deferred until the end of this year, and that it contain a minute of a five (5) year period, and that this be repeated every 5 years. Two bids have been offered and one is considered by the board to be a reasonable price of eight (8.00) dollars per page or one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) to two hundred (200.00) dollars for printing 1000 copies. Passed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS BOARDS

Oct. 11, 1964—The Sunday School and CTS boards recommends that the Sunday School and CTS conventions be held twice annually, on Saturday before a fifth Sunday. The Conventions would meet together with a given church. We recommend that these auxiliaries alternate in the morning and afternoon meetings. As the next CTS Convention is scheduled for Nov. 28th at the Russellville Church, we recommend that the Conventions begin meeting together at that time. Passed.

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

We the auditing committee have examined the books and have found them to be well kept and in order. Passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

We the nominating committee wish to submit the following names:

Moderator: Rev. Kenneth Doggett, Asst. Moderator: Rev. Raymond Patrick, Clerk: Mrs. Betty Price, Asst. Clerk: Mrs. Jean Sory, Treasurer: Bro. Bob Isbell, Executive Board: Olen Fendley, Presbytery Board: Bro. Raper, Sunday School Board: Bro. W. S. Isbell, C.T.S. Board: Ted Henry, Missions Board: D. F. Holland, Missionary Co-ordinator: Rev. Donald Brown.

Motion made and seconded to elect by acclamation the names brought by the nominating committee. Passed.

Nominations opened for delegates to State Association. The following were nominated: Mrs. Bostic, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Ollie Doggett, Mrs. Barger.

Motion made and seconded to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Passed.

The following were nominated for alternates: Mrs. Raper, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Bonnie Doggett, Mrs. Henderson.

Motion made and seconded to close nominations and elect by acclamation. Passed.

Report by Bro. Jimmy Bundy on the work of missions and how it pays off both financially and spiritually.

Word of testimony given by Mrs. Tommy Henderson.

Announcements made. Hymn: "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

Motion and second to adjourn. Passed.

Dismissed by Bro. Jerry Lewis.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TREASURERS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 17, 1961 - JULY 10, 1965

RECEIPTS:

Co-operative Program:

Hot Springs	\$ 1,499.48
North Little Rock	1,277.16
Capitol City	1,753.68

Pine Bluff	4,854.50	
Russellville	1,492.08	
Benton	1,041.62	
Jacksonville	360.61	
Malvern	154.74	
Total		\$12,383.87
Missions:		
Pine Bluff	\$ 1,164.00	
Hot Springs	548.26	
Russellville	45.10	
Capitol City	230.01	
North Little Rock	37.81	
Benton	15.00	
Jacksonville	59.78	
Special offering (Elvie Johnson)	20.23	
Total		\$ 2,120.19
Bible College:		
Pine Bluff	\$ 510.00	
Miscellaneous:		
Represents amounts taken in from special offerings, the Luman, State Rep. fees, State Ass'n on loan	\$ 147.62	
Payments on Loans	178.00	
Total		\$ 325.62
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$15,399.68
EXPENSES:		
Arkansas Free Will Baptists:		
Co-op Program	\$ 6,681.36	
Missions	2,225.19	
Bible College	740.00	
La Donna Deeds Fund	360.00	
Texarkana Project	150.00	
Street Paving—Youth Camp	50.00	
State Assoc. Rep. Fees	94.00	
National Assoc. Rep. Fees	5.00	
Books	64.21	
Gifts to General Fund (special offering)	16.13	
Gifts to Promotional Director	10.00	
Loan to State Association	70.00	
Total		\$10,396.06
National Association:		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	
Bookstore	85.14	
Lumen	30.00	
Total		\$ 215.14
Miscellaneous:		
Gift to Malvern Church	\$ 500.00	
Gift to Jacksonville Church	575.00	
Gift to Benton Church	575.00	
Projector Rental	26.15	
Gift to Tommy Henderson	75.00	
Farewell gift to Bro. Mishler	7.73	
Office supplies	185.68	

Loans to Jacksonville Church	35.00	
Loans to Jacksonville Church	500.00	
Clerk and Treasurers Fees	520.00	
Malvern Revival	307.00	
Gift to Bro. Marion Pettus	10.00	
Total		\$ 3,316.56
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$13,997.76

		Membership	Members Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Ministers	Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	Woman's Aux. Membership	Master's Men
Pine Bluff	1961	232	12	30	....	2	6	200	104	18	23
	1962	215	19	3	....	2	6	202	96	20	26
	1963	225	2	....	....	....	5	202	85	19	18
	1964	200	12	9	1	....	5	190	90	23	20
	1965	220	22	16	1	....	5	201	94	20	12
North Little Rock	1961	74	9	7	....	1	4	84	35	7	....
	1962	75	6	5	....	....	4	84	38	10	....
	1963	75	4	....	....	....	4	....	49	7	....
	1964	69	29	28	1	2	3	75	52	11	....
	1965	62	10	18	....	....	4	94	56	11	....
Hot Springs	1961	160	7	4	....	....	....	34	27	5	5
	1962	150	2	1	....	3	4	61	30	8	....
	1963	122	4	....	....	1	6	61	30	5	....
	1964	98	9	30	....	....	5	61	25	7	....
	1965	105	3	....	....	1	5	58	35	6	....
Capitol City	1961	62	23	7	....	1	3	62	40	10	....
	1962	65	4	8	....	1	2	....	....	....	....
	1963	71	16	13	....	1	3	55	20	10	....
	1964	77	11	1	....	1	3	50	20	7	....
	1965	95	18	1	....	1	3	87	30	10	....
Russellville	1961	128	....	4	....	....	....	97	54	13	....
	1962	130	4	2	....	1	4	83	44	14	....
	1963	129	3	4	1	1	3	78	39	25	....
	1964	137	8	1	1	2	3	75	30	15	....
	1965	118	11	32	....	1	3	94	42	15	....
Benton	1962	18	18	....	....	1	1	25	25	....	....
	1963	27	10	1	....	1	1	45	40	15	....
	1964	35	7	5	....	....	2	55	45	10	....
	1965	37	3	1	....	....	3	70	35	10	....
Jacksonville	1962	17	....	....	....	1	....	15	15	....	....
	1963	26	13	....	....	....	1	20	20	....	....
	1964	31	5	4	....	....	....	30	20	....	....
	1965	31	1	....	....	....	2	29	29	....	....
Malvern	1964	17	17	....	....	2	....	25	22	....	....
	1965	17	....	....	....	2	....	30	24	....	....

		Total Giving In Churches (as reported)	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	For Literature	For Building and Repair	Cooperative Fund	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Value of Church Property	Education
Pine Bluff	1961	\$ 8,140.85	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 473.85	\$ 554.55	\$ 809.12	\$ 304.00	\$	\$35,000.00	\$
	1962	18,052.00	3,900.00	150.00	498.26	4,340.61	851.10	343.00	.....	38,000.00	240.00
	1963	67,000.00	3,900.00	200.00	600.00	54,000.00	1,061.99	162.00	.....	70,000.00	162.00
	1964	14,100.00	3,900.00	190.00	470.16	7,005.36	1,101.77	219.00	25.00	75,000.00	192.00
	1965	15,000.00	3,400.00	130.00	520.00	504.00	1,500.00	270.00	25.00	.....	220.00
North Little Rock	1961	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	295.00	.....	.....	25,000.00	.....
	1962	8,820.00	2,340.00	148.55	200.00	2,467.15	297.00	.....	.....	35,000.00	.....
	1963	3,696.04	2,215.00	75.00	225.00	950.48	286.66	74.00	.....	25,000.00	.....
	1964	4,847.69	2,814.32	240.00	155.87	871.34	80.00	25.46	8.60	20,000.00	34.06
	1965	5,886.63	3,398.54	100.00	213.59	326.57	411.50	91.00	.....	15,000.00	.....
Hot Springs	1961	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77.02	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1962	3,273.82	1,771.00	75.00	167.55	1,190.68	316.89	30.00	30.77	20,000.00	100.00
	1963	4,608.90	1,961.45	75.00	2411.9	328.93	400.43	132.75	28.74	18,500.00	19.00
	1964	3,945.38	1,932.00	215.00	342.25	798.57	622.22	177.00	4.25	18,000.00	.....
	1965	3,654.12	1,932.00	195.00	277.40	317.63	343.41	288.27	.....	17,000.00	.....
Capitol City	1961	.....	3,380.00	110.00	143.60	2,000.00	418.00	40.00	.....	40,000.00	20.00
	1962	6,196.46	2,481.50	140.00	109.29	1,437.39	493.32	8.00	.....	15,000.00	25.21
	1963	5,623.68	3,145.00	144.00	192.76	12.92	478.28	57.00	.....	15,000.00	.....
	1964	5,532.67	3,589.00	135.00	214.00	1,094.99	39.63	114.05	22.30	28,000.00	.....
	1965	6,951.49	3,935.00	125.00	216.71	1,805.07	356.53	82.71	23.50	30,000.00	.....
Russellville	1962	1,203.81	3,150.00	112.64	247.61	1,003.60	394.12	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1963	6,843.21	3,490.00	150.00	248.15	5.00	321.04	39.22	.....	25,000.00	.....
	1964	7,594.06	3,600.00	150.00	369.10	51.50	188.00	8.00	.....	25,000.00	.....
	1965	7,131.10	3,900.00	175.00	304.53	.....	298.89	21.10	.....	40,000.00	.....
Benton	1962	805.68	405.00	.....	23.00	.....	90.03	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1963	2,422.77	930.00	.....	56.00	894.50	242.27	.....	.....	8,500.00	.....
	1964	3,914.34	1,560.00	130.00	123.96	1,322.46	372.08	20.25	10.00	9,000.00	.....
	1965	4,095.66	1,610.00	110.00	103.93	1,225.55	391.49	.....	9.79	8,000.00	.....
Jacksonville	1962	.....	41.00	15.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1963	1,293.12	240.00	.....	49.60	972.56	58.91	.....	.....	2,887.56	.....
	1964	1,320.00	290.00	278.40	73.60	178.40	7.00	.....	.....	2,300.00	.....
	1965	2,018.32	455.17	110.00	113.00	285.85	157.09	69.78	.....	3,500.00	.....
Malvern	1964	848.76	270.00	.....	42.41	.....	31.78	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1965	1,466.81	540.00	35.00	70.97	587.55	108.87	14.25	.....	7,500.00	.....

**CONSTITUTION
Of The
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Of The
STATE OF ARKANSAS**

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Churches of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches do, for the purpose of co-ordinating our efforts for the extension of the kingdom of God, ordain this constitution and its affixed By-Laws for the betterment of our Associational Government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be called the "Central Association of Free Will Baptist", affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptist of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The object and purpose of this Organization shall be to unify the work of its various boards and churches composing this Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Gospel of Christ in connection with the various boards, auxiliaries and churches; or those that may hereafter be represented therein.

ARTICLE III

COMPOSITION: This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as subscribed (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the Treaties of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist, (favoring the various enterprised as endorsed by the State Association and denomination proper) by its General Officers, Standing Boards; the duly appointed delegates of the local Churches, all Ordained Ministers, Deacons and Church Clerks who are in good standing with their local Churches.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. Each local church shall be represented by delegates elected as follows: Three (3) delegates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, not to exceed seven (7) elected delegates. A letter from each church shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 2: In event only part of the elected delegation is present from a church, they together may in consultation with their pastor fill said vacancies with other members who are present from said church. Said delegates to be approved by this body.

Section 3: New churches desiring membership in this body shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. Churches coming from another association, quarterly meeting or denomination shall send delegates, bearing a petitionary letter, together with a letter of recommendation from said body they are leaving. If the above churches, upon examination by the Credential Committee are found to be

properly organized and willing to adhere to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as specified in the Treatise, they shall by vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

ARTICLE V

DISCIPLINE: This Association shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local Church any question on doctrine, practice or discipline, the Bible and the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists shall be considered the final authority. This body, when in session, may by majority vote of members present, withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church or churches until such a time they have set their house in order. (The above statements shall also apply to individual members belonging to said body.)

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE: This Association shall receive its support from a designated percentage of the Co-operative receipts that come from the churches composing said body. The remaining percentage shall be sent to the State Promotional Office for State and National Programs. This Association recommends that each church belonging to said body gives one-tenth (10%) of its tithes and offerings to this body for its support and the support of the State and National Programs. The allocation of this money be made through a budget committee to this body at each yearly meeting.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS: Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually on the last day of the Association, at the close of the business period. These officers shall also serve for each quarterly meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: The Standing Boards of this Association shall be: The Executive Board, and the Presbytery Board. The District Women's Auxiliary Convention shall be considered Auxiliaries of this Body. Each of the above named boards and auxiliaries are requested to report to the Yearly meeting of this Association. The Credential Committee, as well as other committees deemed necessary, shall be appointed by the Moderator, or by the body if it so desires. All Standing Boards shall be composed of five (5) members who shall serve terms of 5,4,3,2,1 year.

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All Board and Committees are to organize when elected or appointed, at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer when funds are entrusted to a board. Each board or committee shall keep a written report of each meeting, the receiving and disbursement of its funds, etc., and shall make a written report to this body of its work done during the year, or as requested by the body. Each standing board shall have its own by-laws which shall govern its activities, only when otherwise stated by this constitution. All by-laws are to conform to the principles and tenets of this association.

Section 1A: The Executive Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of and for the Central Association or its quarterly meetings, when either of these bodies are not in session. It shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur on any of these Standing

Boards or offices of the Association or quarterly meeting. This Board shall be responsible for all legal matters that might claim the properties that belong to or have been purchased by said body, attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Section 1B: The Mission Board shall not participate in the organization of any church or mission that is being organized in a town, city or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist Church without first seeking the cooperation of said church, neither shall their board participate in the organization of a group that is out of fellowship with an established church.

Section 2: Missions Board: It shall be the duty of this board to work in conjunction with the State and National Home and Foreign Missions Board in arranging an active Missionary Program. The activities of this board shall be governed by its By-laws and approved by this body, and shall be answerable to this body for all of its activities.

Section 3: The Sunday School and C.T.S. Boards shall work in cooperation with the State and National Boards. They shall assist the churches of their Association in the teaching and training programs, workshops, and in recommending methods of the Sunday Schools and Leagues. These boards shall sponsor conventions as they deem advisable.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Presbytery Board to examine all candidates (Ministers and Deacons) at the request of the local church. Such candidates shall be members in good standing with the local church (Having been a Christian for at least two (2) years. All licensed Ministers seeking ordination shall be given a written examination Questionnaire to be furnished by this board. Ministers coming from other states, Associations, or Denominations shall be examined by this board at the request of the local church. Deacons shall be examined according to the Scripture and Practice of Free Will Baptist. (See Treatise) No prospective Minister or Deacon shall be ordained by Association who have been divorced or does not practice and teach tithing.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS: This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by said body. It shall also meet in regular quarterly meetings and at such quarterly meetings shall have power to transact business for the Association. With the exception of changing the Constitution, setting up new boards or electing of board members to standing boards. The quarterly meeting shall meet on the Second Saturday of the first month in each calendar quarter. (The meeting date preceding the Arkansas State Association shall be the yearly meeting date.) Place of meeting to be chosen as that of Association.

ARTICLE XI

RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS: Roberts Rules of order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usage, etc.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS: The constitution may be amended or altered at any regular (yearly) session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided amendments or alterations be presented in writing with proposed change or alterations to be placed on the table no later than eleven (11:00) A.M. on session day and to be taken up no earlier than two (2:00) P.M. on the same day.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

(Can be used as Decorum)

1. The Clerk or assistant Clerk or in their absence, the Senior Minister in years shall call the Association or quarterly meeting into conference and if a quorum is present the Moderator, or in his absence the Assistant Moderator shall take charge and if neither of them is present the Senior Minister in years of service shall act as Moderator.
2. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with Prayer, and shall be closed with Prayer.
3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper credentials of their rights to be seated therein. Those enrolled by the clerk shall, with the other Boards and Members mentioned in the Constitution, compose the Association and quarterly meeting. Should there be questionable representation the case shall be referred to the credential committee.
4. It shall be the duty of each church, Minister, Board, Committee, Auxiliary and Quarterly Meeting to report their work and statistics by letter or prepared form, to the annual session of this Association. (Ministerial Report Blanks and yearly and quarterly report blanks to be prepared according to wishes of this body).
5. This Association and quarterly meeting may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
6. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.
7. Any person not a member of this Association may be invited to a seat as advisory council and by permission from Moderator, speak. But in no case shall he, or they, be allowed to vote.
8. It shall be the duty of all members of this Association and quarterly meeting to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and worship service. Anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave from the Moderator.
9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any Board, Committee or office, provided the person nominated be elected.
10. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or cast reflection upon another person.
11. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator", and shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.