

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Containing a five year report  
1983-1987

**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Wendell Leckbee
Asst. Moderator .....	Marshall Smith
Clerk .....	Shirley Morgan
Asst. Clerk .....	Edith Smith
Treasurer .....	Genelle Scott

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

July 9, 1983

CONWAY CHURCH

Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms ... Prayer: Rev Don Brown

Welcome and Devotion: Rev. Zane Kirkland

Reading of letters ... accepted ... delegates seated

Appointment of Committees:

Placement: Bonita Hill, Lori Hudman, Lavenia Taylor

Digest: John Williams, Bill Fisher, Edith Smith

Auditing: Jimmy Hill, Kay Dickson, Martha Williams

Minutes approved and treasurer's report given and accepted.

Introduction of guests: Missionaries Norman Richards and

Eddy Payne. Rev. Keith Johnson gave a report from the state

office and bookstore. Norman Richards spoke concerning the

giving of the Central Association, going back on the field on July 30, and the need of prayers as they go back.

Delegates elected to the state meeting were Bob Isbell, Ted Henry,

Genelle Scott, Lori Hudman and Stephen Messer. A suggestion was

made for each church to send some young people as delegates

to the next quarterly meeting.

Dismissed for recess.

Hymn: Victory in Jesus ... Prayer: Rev. Kevin Francis

Speaker: Rev. Eddy Payne, missionary for 21 years in the

Ivory Coast, talked about his work in the Ivory Coast and then gave a stirring message for everyone.

Hymn: Wherever He Leads I'll Go

Benediction and Blessing on food: Rev. Raymond Coffey.

Hymn: Power in the Blood ... Prayer: Delbert Hughes

## Report of Boards and Committees:

AUDITING: We, the Audit Committee have examined the treasurer's book with Sister Scott and found it to be accurate. Passed.

RESOLUTION: We recommend that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for a fine meal and great hospitality. Passed. April 3, 1988 ... We recommend we give a one time gift of \$500 to go toward paying off the indebtedness of the youth camp, with the money coming from the general fund.

## DIGEST:

Church Membership	1,452	New Members	28
Sunday School	978	Members Dismissed	10
Morning Worship	1,108	Members Deceased	2
Evening Worship	593	Number Saved	27
C.T.S.	373	No. of Rededications	59
Prayer Meeting	434	Number Baptized	25
Master Men	37	Number of Churches Rep.	11
Woman's Auxiliary	118	Number Registered	75
Accepted		Number of Visitors	5

C.E. BOARD: #1. We would like to congratulate the young people who participated in the State Competition and those who will be going on to the National Competition. #2. We respectfully ask the general fund to consider financial assistance for those young people representing your district in the National Competition. #3. We are planning and requesting your approval

of a district volleyball tournament for our young people. This will be held in Pine Bluff on August 20, 1983. There will be no charge as the C.E. Board will be meeting the expenses. Steve Messer will be delivering a devotion.

#1. Accepted. #2. \$50 to each participant. #3. Accepted.

January 8, 1983 ... #1. The C.E. Board had planned and are requesting your approval of a District Valentine Banquet for your youth, 7th-12th grades, their guests and sponsors to be held at Bowens Restaurant at Conway on February 19, at 6:00 p.m. The dress will be formal or Sunday dress. Accepted.

#2. We are encouraging your support of this function and in the light of the cost of the dinner, we would like to recommend that the C.E. Board pay \$1.00 toward each person's meal, making \$5.00 the cost for each person attending. Accepted. #3. At the next quarterly meeting, our District Competition Activities will be held. April 3, 1988 ... We would like to thank all the youth and their sponsors for their attendance to our Teen Banquet held February 19, 1983. We had 64 youth in attendance and 27 sponsors. In today's activities, we have 60 separate entries to the competition activities consisting of approximately 95 young people.

MISSIONS: #1. We recommend we give \$200 monthly for one year to the Norman Richards Account from the mission fund. #2. We recommend we give \$500 as a one time gift to the Fowlkes Brothers Mission to Brazil from the mission fund. #3. We recommend we give \$100 as a one time gift from the mission fund to Siloam Springs Project Mission.

October 9, 1982 ... #1. We recommend to give \$500 to Ernie Deeds Account. #2. We recommend to give \$500 to Pat Dickens Account as a one time gift. #3. We recommend to give \$500 to June Arnold Account as a one time gift.

January 8, 1983 ... #1. We recommend we give as a one time gift from the mission fund \$500 to Norman Richards Account. #2. We recommend we give as a one time gift \$500 to Cindy Cunningham Account. #3. We recommend we give as a one time gift \$500 to the Eddy Payne Account.

April 3, 1983 ... #1. We recommend we give \$600 as a one time gift to Steve Trail. #2. We recommend we give \$500 as a one time gift to Pat Dickens Account. Motion made and second to give Rev. Eddy Payne \$200 for a personal gift. It was voted on that in hope of increasing attendance and interest at the quarterly meeting that a \$15.00 gift certificate from the bookstore be presented to the pastor of the church with the most in attendance based on registration. Host church not eligible.

EXECUTIVE: #1. The Executive Board voted to contribute \$350 to the C.E. Board for the purpose of financially assisting our representatives to the National Youth Conference Competition activities. #2. We recommend that Bro. James Morris be licensed to preach for one year.

October 9, 1982 ... #1. We recommend that Rev. John Gilliland be received pending a letter from his former association. #2. We recommend that the clerk read the Board members present and Board members absent at each meeting following report of each Board.

#3. Rev. Zane Kirkland will preach at January meeting.

We, the committee appointed at the last quarterly meeting, submit the following:

Mission	54%	General Fund	30%
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C.E. Board	15%	Executive Board	1%
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It was recommended that each Board and treasurer operate within their own funds.

January 8, 1983 ... We, the Executive Board, recommend the following: #1. This body receive the voluntary surrender of the ordination credentials of Rev. Tommy Henderson effective January 18, 1983, as he has joined a church of the Southern Baptist Convention. Received by approval of body. #2. The April Quarterly meeting be moved to the first Saturday of April. Information: #1. Speaker for April will be Rev. John Gilliland. #2. Speaker for July will be Rev. Eddy Payne, missionary to the Ivory Coast.

April 3, 1983 ... We recommend the licensing of James Runyon for one year.

It was voted to buy a new briefcase for the clerk, coming from the general fund.

#### NOMINATING:

Executive..5 year..Raymond Coffey	Moderator..Wendell Leckbee
Mission....5 year..John Gilliland	Asst. Moderator..Kevin Francis
C.E. ....5 year..Denise Franics	Clerk..Shirley Morgan
4 year..Danny Williams	Asst. Clerk..Jean Sory
Resolution.3 year..John Williams	Treasurer..Genelle Scott

The Body voted to raise the clerk and treasurer to \$100 per quarter from \$75. Rev. John Gilliland will preach at the next meeting.

PLACEMENT: We recommend we go to Bethel for our next meeting.

Announcements...Dismissed in prayer...John Williams

## TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

July 21, 1984

Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Prayer: Rev. Bill Whiteaker

Welcome and Devotion: Rev. Zane Kirkland

Special Music: Angie Wolfenbarger..All the Way..Russellville

Reading of letters ... Minutes approved ... Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Appointment of Committees:

Auditing: Dennis Taylor, Stephen Messer, Euletta Clay

Placement: Edith Smith, Mary Isbell, Opal Butler

Digest: Earlene Fuller, Idus Madewell, Madeline Whiteaker  
Patsy Vanhook, missionary to France, spoke about her work and needs in France.

Recess: Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger

Prayer: Rev. Ben Scott

Special in Music: Joe Bass..Conway..Child, Child.

Speaker: Rev. Roy Smith...Jacksonville...Acts 2:46

Benediction and Blessing on food: Rev. David Joslin

Hymn: Rock of Ages...Special Music..Deann Greenwood..Oak Park

Rev. David Joslin, State Promotional Director,  
spoke about state needs.



Delegates to state meeting: Bob Isbell, Tommy Rogers, Dennis Taylor, Katrina Messer and Yvonne Wolfenbarger.

Report of Boards and Committees:

DIGEST:

Church Membership	1,120	New Members	25
Sunday School	732	Members Dismissed	3
Morning Worship	837	Members Deceased	3
Evening Worship	472	Number Saved	9
C.T.S.	323	No. of Rededications	26
Prayer Meeting	342	Number Baptized	11
Master Men	46	No. of Churches Rep.	8
Woman's Auxiliary	90	Number Registered	89
Oak Park had the most....	21	Number of Visitors	2

AUDIT: We have examined the treasurer's book and have found it to be correct.

EXECUTIVE: #1. We recommend that James Morris' license be renewed for one year. #2. We recommend that the by-laws be amended as follows: Any officer or board member who is absent without providential reason for six (6) months shall have their office declared vacant and have a replacement elected. #3. Rev. Jordan will preach at the next quarterly meeting.

October 8, 1983...#1. We, the executive board, elected Rev. Zane Kirkland chairman. #2. We recommend that Mike West be received as an ordained Deacon from the Saline Association. He is a member at Oak Park.

January 14, 1984...#1. We recommend that Bobby Lester be ordained as a Deacon at Jacksonville. #2. We recommend that Eugene Meredith



be ordained as a Deacon at Jacksonville. Items of information...

#1. The Hindman Park Free Will Baptist has disbanded and sold the property and proceeds will continue to come through the quarterly meeting. #2. Rev. Bobby Jackson will preach the next quarterly meeting.

April 14, 1984... #1. We recommend that Rev. Dale Smith be accepted into the Central Association as a minister in good standing. #2. We recommend that Rev. James Runyon's license to preach be extended for one year. #3. We recommend \$100.00 honorarium be given to Rev. Bobby Jackson in appreciation for today's service. #4. Rev. Roy Smith will preach at the next quarterly meeting.

C.E. BOARD: We would like to recommend: #1. We give \$500.00 toward the Master's Men Project (P.A. System). #2. We would like to congratulate all the youth who participated in the district, state and national competition. We want this association to know we had 75, #1 ratings at the district level.

October 8, 1983... #1. We would like to report that three churches were represented at the volleyball tournament held at the Oak Park Church on August 20th. The first place team was Oak Park white team. We would like to thank Oak Park Church for the use of their premises for the event. #2. We would like to recommend your approval of the C.E. Board sponsoring a youth rally to be conducted by the Bible College attendants at the next meeting. #3. We would like to recommend your approval of a separate meeting for the district C.T.S. Rally to be set at the next quarterly meeting.

Motion made and second that each church receive a special offering for the Bible College students participating in the retreat in January and that the Central Association give \$1,000.00 to the college. Passed.

January 14, 1984...Item of information...Denise Francis resigned from the board. #1. We would like to recommend that Ken Neighbors of Jacksonville finish Denise Francis' term on the C.E. Board. #2. We would like to recommend that the District C.T.S. Rally be held on April 21, at Oak Park Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. We would like to remind the youth about the youth rally starting at 6:30 p.m. tonight with dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. We would also like to thank the attendants from the Bible College who are in our services today.

April 14, 1984...We would like to recommend: #1. We pay the judges for the music and art competition \$25.00 each. Item of Information...The district C.T.S. Rally will be held next Saturday, April 21, at Oak Park Church in Pine Bluff beginning at 10:00 a.m. We have received 70 entries for next week's competition which should include approximately 100 youth in attendance. Please come and join us and enjoy our youth.

Resolution: We resolve to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality and fine meal.

MISSION BOARD: #1. We recommend to give Patsy Vanhook for her account \$500.00 as a one time gift and \$100.00 per month for one year. #2. We recommend we give Dale Bishop \$500.00 as a one time gift and \$100.00 per month for one year from the mission fund.

October 8, 1983... #1. We recommend we give to West Helena \$250.00 per month for two months to cover utilities and church payment. The Mission Board further asks the governing body approval to check the current progress of said church and work with the state association on this subject. #2. We recommend we give \$100.00 per month for the next three months for the following: Patsy Vanhook and Dale Bishop accounts. #3. We recommend we give \$100.00 as a one time gift to Stan Bunch account.

January 14, 1984: #1. We recommend we give from the Mission fund as a one time gift: a. Stan Bunch...\$300.00...b. Ron Parker...\$300.00 c. Kevin Francis...\$400.00. #2. The Mission Board wants to pursue an association wide missionary conference.

April 14, 1984: #1. We recommend to the Executive Board to consider for one quarterly meeting each year, to invite a missionary to speak at the 11:00 hour. We feel this annual meeting with the missionary would be beneficial to our association. Possibly this person could be invited to some of our churches the next day. #2. We recommend that \$1,000.00 be sent to the April 29th Call-A-Thon for missionaries newly appointed to the field.

PLACEMENT: We recommend we go to Capitol City Church for our next meeting. Due to the National meeting in Little Rock in July, our quarterly meeting has been changed to July 21.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Executive..5 year..Zane Kirkland	Moderator..Wendell Lockbee
Mission....5 year..Roy Dale Smith	Ast.Moderator..Marshall Smith
C.E.....5 year..Sandra Rogers	Clerk....Shirley Morgan
Resolution.3 year..Danny Mundy	Asst. Clerk..Edith Smith
	Treasurer...Genelle Scott

Announcements.....Dismissed in prayer...Rev. John Gilliland

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

July 13, 1985

Hymn: At the Cross

Prayer: Rev. Zane Kirkland...Devotion: Rev. Roy Helms

Letters read...Minutes accepted...Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Committees appointed:

Auditing: Danny Mundy, Matt Martin, Darlene Hutson

Digest: Mary Isbell, Imogene Sawyer, Edith Smith

Hymn: All Hail the Power...Prayer: Bob McDaniel

Special Music...Susan Jones...Hot Springs...Statue of Liberty

Message: Rev. Ben Scott...N.L.R....1 Kings 19:18-21

Prayer and closing hymn for rededication...My Jesus, I Love Thee

Benediction and Blessing on food...Rev. Roy Helms

Hymn: Are You Washed in the Blood

Prayer: Rev. Zane Kirkland

Special Music..Hot Springs Jr. Choir..Happy and Glad

### REPORTS...DIGEST:

Church Membership	1,294	New Members	10
Sunday School	952	Members Dismissed	45
Morning Worship	1,041	Members Deceased	2
Evening Worship	602	Number Saved	10
C.T.S.	269	No. of Rededications	30
Prayer Meeting	400	Number Baptized	15
Master Men	48	No. of Churches Rep.	10
Women's Auxiliary	101	Number Registered	86

Number of Visitors 0

Report accepted. N.L.R. had the most.

MISSION: #1. We recommend that a one time gift of \$250.00 be given to the Siloam Springs Mission work to help pay off the indebtedness. #2. We recommend that we give \$200.00 a month to the Norman and Laura McFall Account for one year.

October 13, 1984...#1. We recommend that a one time gift of \$400 for Bro. Mike Lake, National home missionary to Elkhart, Indiana.

#2. We recommend \$100.00 per month to Bro. Mike Lake beginning in October 1984 and ending with the fiscal year (June 30, 1985).

January 12, 1985...Rev. Roy Helms was elected to replace Rev.

Ron Hutsen on board. #1. We recommend that a one time gift of \$500.00 be given to the Patsy Vanhook account.

April 13, 1985...We recommend that a one time gift of \$500.00 be given to the Sherwood Lee Account.

AUDITING: We find the treasurer's book in order and correct.

RESOLUTION: We resolve that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the fine meal and the kind hospitality shown us today.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: #1. We accept Bro. Wayne Douthit into our association. #2. We give \$200.00 to Van Whiteaker from the general fund. #3. We give \$200.00 to Sister Wolfenbarger from the general fund. #4. That each church take up a love offering for Bro. Shockey.

October 13, 1984...#1. We recommend that the request of Hot Springs Church be granted and that Bro. Helms credentials be ratified

and that he be received into the Central Association as a minister in good standing. Rev. Roy Helms will preach at the next meeting.

January 12, 1985...#1. We recommend that the October quarterly meeting be held at Camp Beaverfork on October 11-12.

a. That the district officers make all program arrangements.

b. That district officers make all arrangement for food and that each church contribute \$25.00 with the balance paid from the general fund. #2. That Rev. Wayne Douthit preach at the next meeting.

April 13, 1985...#1. That Mike Phillips be licensed to preach for one year. #2. That Horton Goodwin be accepted for ordination credentials. #3. That Clarence Campbell be accepted into our association. #4. That James Runyon's license be extended for one year. Rev. Ben Scott will preach at the next quarterly meeting.

C.E. BOARD: #1. We would like to thank the youth of our district for competing in the district C.T.S. rally and for those that will be representing our district at the national competition. #2. We would like to recommend awarding each youth that will be competing in the national competition from our district \$10.00 each.

January 12, 1985...We would like to recommend your approval of the District C.T.S. Rally to be held at the North Little Rock Church on April 20, 1985 at 9:00 a.m. We urge you to continue your support of the district C.T.S. activities.



April 13, 1985...We would like to invite you to the district C.T.S. Rally at North Little Rock and request your approval to pay the judges for the music and art competition \$25.00.

PLACEMENT: We will be going to Camp Beaverfork on October 11-12 for our next quarterly meeting. Friday night meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Gilliland gave a report on Woman's Auxiliary. Danny Mundy gave a report on Master Men. Delegates to the state meeting were elected as follows: Steve Thomas, Mary Isbell, Stephen Messer, Melba Brown and Melvin Martin.

October...Motion made and second to let the nominating committee take care of vacancies that might occur during the year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Executive Board..Ben Scott..5 year

John Gilliland..2 year

C.E. Board.....Steve Messer..5 year

Mission Board....Eddy Campbell..5 year

H. A. Goodwin..3 year

Resolution Committee..Thurston Taylor..3 year

Dismissed in prayer..Ken Neighbor

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

July 12, 1986

Hymn: Faith is the Victory...Prayer...Jerry Lewis

Welcome: Wendell Leckbee

Special Music: N.L.R. Duet

Reading of letters..accepted..Minutes approved..Treasurer's report given and accepted.



Appointment of Committees:

Digest: Charlotte Stewart, Vera Bell, Sharon Carter  
Placement: Cindy Ellis, Loretta Reid, Ellen Boozer  
Auditing: Judy Ashcraft, Jamie Shelton, Earlene Fuller

Dismissed for recess...Bro. Doug Little

Hymn: Redeemed

Special Music: Tonya Williams...N.L.R.

Message: Rev. Donald Brown...Bethel...Drifting on God

Special Music: Bro. Doug Little..The Unseen Hand..The Ninety  
and Nine

Benediction and Blessing on food...John Williams

Hymn: When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Prayer: Rev. Bill Whiteaker

Devotion..Mike Phillips..Special Music..How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

Reports:

DIGEST:

Church Membership	1,298	New Members	23
Sunday School	923	Members Dismissed	94
Morning Worship	1,000	Members Deceased	2
Evening Worship	671	Number Saved	14
C.T.S.	247	No. of rededication	27
Prayer Meeting	461	Number baptized	20
Master Men	45	No. of Churches Rep.	10
Woman's Auxiliary	111	Number registered	103

MISSION: #1. We recommend that we give \$100.00 a month to the Norman McFall Account until June 20, 1987 (Missionaries to Brazil). #2. We recommend that we give \$100.00 a month to

the Mike Cousineau's Account until June 30, 1987 (Missionaries to Africa). #3. We recommend that we give \$100.00 a month to the Steve Reeves Account. #4. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to the Norman Richards Account.

October 11-12, 1985...#1. We recommend that we give \$100.00 a month to the Teague Account for the rest of the year (the Teague's of France). #2. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$200.00 to the Parker Account.

January 11, 1986...#1. We recommend that we give \$50.00 a month to Bro. Steve Trail land account for the rest of the year. #2. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to Bro. Steve Trail.

April 12, 1986...#1. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to summer missionary Steve Palmer account (Spain). #2. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to Bro. Mike Turner. #3. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to the Donnie McDonald Account.

AUDITING: We, the Auditing Committee, find the treasurer's book in order.

RESOLUTION: #1. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the North Little Rock Church for providing an outstanding meal and fine hospitality.

October 11-12, 1985...We would like to say THANK YOU to Wendell Leckbee, Delbert and Ruby Hughes, Archie and Ruby Henderson, Ben and Genelle Scott, Margell Carmichael, and all others for their combined efforts in making this meeting a great success. Also, the Gospel Tones, Calvary Quartet and singers from the Oak Park and Russellville Church.

C.E. BOARD: #1. We would like to recommend that each contestant from the Central Association attending the National in Tulsa be given \$10.00 for representing our association. We have 30 contestants this year.

Item of Information: We would like to remind each church of the recommendation which was passed last meeting that each church elect a senior high school student to serve on the C.E. Board in a non-voting advisory position for one year. Please notify the Board of who has been chosen from your church.

October 11-12, 1985...We would like to congratulate the youth that represented our district at the national competition in Nashville. #1. We would like to recommend a district youth lock-in, entitled "Where No Man Has Gone Before." This is to be conducted at the Oak Park Church on Dec. 31st. We encourage your prayers now for this event. #2. We would like to recommend the purchase of a portable Bible bowl quizzing equipment in the amount of \$350.00. This equipment would be available to be use in any local church that has a Bible bowl, prior to district competition.

January 11, 1986,,,#1. A recommendation was made that all sword drill and Bible memorization contestants from each church be allowed to the district. #2. We would like to recommend the District C.T.S. Rally to be conducted at the Jacksonville Church on March 15, starting at 9:00 a.m. All entires to be in by March 8th to Stephen Messer. #3. We would like to recommend your approval to pay the judges for the music competition \$25.00 each. #4. We would like to request your approval of the resignation of Sandra Rogers from the C.E. Board.

Items of Information: #1. The district C.E. Board lock-in was held at the Oak Park Church on December 31st. and had 57 youth in attendance. #2. If a local church needs help obtaining judges for their local competition, please contact Ken Neighbors.

April 12, 1986...#1. We would like to recommend that each church elect one senior high school student to serve on the C.E. Board in a non-voting advisory position for one year.

Items of information: #1. We would like to sincerely thank the Russellville Church for hosting the district C.T.S. competition. #2. We would like to thank each competitor for their hard work and willingness to use their God-given talents. #3. We would like each pastor to poll the adult singles in his church to see how much interest there is in a district-wide fellowship dinner for this group. #4. There are 30,000,000 teens living in the U.S. today; 27,000,000 of them have never attended a Bible-believing, gospel-preaching, Christ-honoring church. Let us pray for workers to work in this field.

EXECUTIVE: #1. We recommend acceptance upon receipt of letter of good standing from former association for David Riker. #2. We recommend license for one year for Jon Landers. #3. We recommend license for one year for James Ashcraft. #4. Motion made and second that the Executive Board honor the request from the Jacksonville Church that the Central Association withhold a letter of good standing in regard to the credentials of Kevin Francis.

October 11-12, 1985...#1. We recommend Rev. Doug Little be accepted as an ordained minister. #2. We recommend that James Carter be ordained as a deacon. #3. Rev. Doug Little will preach at the next meeting.

January 11, 1986...#1. Rev. Bill Whiteaker will preach at our next meeting.

April 12, 1986...#1. We recommend Bro. Tim Carter for license to preach the gospel for one year. #2. We recommend that Bro. Mike Phillips license be renewed for one year. #3. We recommend that Bro. Duane Crewse's credentials be accepted upon receipt of letter of recommendation from former association. #4. We have received a letter from the Tulsa Area Quarterly Meeting requesting a letter of recommendation for Rev. Kevin Francis from our association. Due to some problems that need to be clarified, we, the Executive Board, recommend that this body vote to delay his request until these problems can be resolved and report back at the next quarterly meeting.

PLACEMENT: We recommend that we go to Oak Park at Pine Bluff for our next meeting. Nominating committee elected to serve for the next year: Ted Henry, Bob Isbell, Roger Heard, Wayne Doughit and Gay Mundy. Delegates to state meeting: Ken Neighbor, Mike Phillips, Ann House, Bob Isbell and Melvin Martin.

NOMINATING:

Executive..5 year..Rev. Doug Little  
Mission....5 year..Rev. Donald Brown  
C.T.S.....5 year..Cindy Ellis  
Resolution.3 year..Tommy Rogers

Moderator..Wendell Leckbee

Asst. Moderator..Marshall Smith

Clerk..Shirley Morgan

Asst. Clerk.. Edith Smith

Treasurer..Genelle Scott

Motion made and second to raise the clerk and treasurer \$25.00.

New form letter..Motion was made and second to refer this to the Executive Board, and they are to report back.

Dismissed in prayer...Rev. John Gilliland.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

July 11, 1987

Hymn: He Keeps Me Singing...Welcome: Rev. Roy Helms

Special Music: Hot Springs Trio, Holy Ground

Pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag and Bible.

National Anthem and God Bless America.

Devotion and Prayer...Rev. Roy Helms

Reading of letters...accepted...delegates seated.

Appointment of Committees:

Digest: Earlene Fuller, Charlotte Stewart, Doris Earnest

Placement: Edith Smith, Sarah Bridges

Auditing: Lee Sawyer, Mary Isbell, Terri Martin

Resolution: Sue Watkins, Diane Hurst, Judy Ashcraft

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

Minutes accepted.

Dismissed for recess..Rev. Roy Smith

Hymn: At the Cross...Prayer: Rev. Don Brown

Special Music: Hot Springs, The Name of Jesus

Speaker: Norman McFall, Missionary to Brazil...Mark 2:2-4

"Miscellaneous pictures of our Savior"

Benediction and Blessing on food...Jon Landers

Hymn: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

Special Music: Betty Campbell, N.L.R....Jesus is the Son of God

Reports: AUDITING: We, the Auditing Committee, find the records to be correct and in order. Passed.

RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and fine noon meal.

DIGEST:

Church membership	1,298	Members deceased	0
Sunday School	990	Number Saved	13
C.T.S	378	No. of Rededications	4
Master Men	44	Number baptized	11
Woman's Auxiliary	116	No. of Churches Rep.	10
New Members	28	Number registered	79
Members dismissed	12	Number of visitors	2

Accepted...Oak Park had the most present.

MISSION: #1. Recommend that we give \$1,000.00 as a one time gift to the Norman McFall account. The money to come from the balance on hand as of now. #2. We recommend that we give the following percentage of mission money to the following missionaries:

Norman McFall	20%	Patsy Vanhook	10%
Steve Reeves	15%	Norman Richards	10%
Mike Cousineau	15%	Advance Celebration	10%



#3. We recommend that we receive a love offering today for the Norman McFall account. Each one voted on and passed. Offering prayer by Wendell Fuller.

October 11, 1986... #1. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$200.00 to the Norman and Laura McFall account. #2. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to the Norman and Bessie Richards account. #3. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to the Ernie and Jean Deeds account. #4. We recommend that we give a one time gift of \$100.00 to the National Foreign Mission's office.

January 10, 1987... We recommend we give \$200.00 to the following as a one time gift: 1. McDonald's. 2. Bunch's. 3. Patsy Vanhook account.

April 11, 1987... #1. \$500.00 to the church that is being built in France (one time gift from the mission fund). #2. Rue Dell Smith for Home Missions walk-a-thon to retire debt of Home Missions (one time gift of \$300.00 from mission fund). #3. \$200.00 to the McFall's Account (in addition to the regular gift); a one time gift.

C.E. BOARD: We would like to recommend that each contestant from the Central Association attending the National in Birmingham be given \$10.00 for representing our association. We would like to remind each church of the recommendation which was passed earlier, asking each church to elect a senior high school student to serve on the C.E. Board in a non-voting advisory position for one year. Please notify the Board of who has been chosen or if someone will be chosen.

October 11, 1986...#1. The Board is looking into the possibility of having a "Family Fantastic Day"...a day of fun, fellowship and inspiration. More information will be presented at the next quarterly meeting. #2. We recommend that a New Year's Eve retreat be conducted on Dec. 31, 1986 for all Junior and Senior high school students. The Board recommends that Jonathan Thigpen be invited as guest speaker, with the district paying his expenses and a \$100.00 honorium. Further details will be forwarded to the churches.

January 10, 1987...The New Year's Eve Retreat was a success! There were 33 in attendance. Plans are being made for another retreat next year.

April 11, 1987...We calculate that the district competition, to be held April 25, 1987 at Camp Beaverfork, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 1:00 p.m. In keeping with this schedule, we would like to present the following:

(1) A light lunch to be served immediately following competition; and (2) dismiss after the awards ceremony.

If we elect to have a lunch, we recommend the Board be allowed to use the necessary funds to purchase lunch. A motion was made and second and voted on to not have lunch at camp.

The rally scheduled to follow competition has been postponed to a later date.

EXECUTIVE: #1. The license of Timothy Carter was turned in since he left the Free Will Baptist denomination. We accepted. #2. Bro. Roy Dale Smith will preach at the next conference.

We recommend: #1. Jon Landers, N.L.R., license be extended for

one year; #2. Mike Phillips, N.L.R., license be extended for one year; #3. James Ashcraft, Oak Park, license be extended for one year. Motion made and second that pastors of the association meet and discuss the percentages of our CO-OP. Rev. Roy Smith was chosen to contact all pastors.

October 11, 1986...We recommend: #1. Bro. James Ashcraft preach at the next meeting; #2. That we give Bro. Eugene Waddell \$75.00 honorium; #3. That we use the national reporting form and instruct the clerk to add the number of salvation decisions to this form before mailing to the churches; #4. That Bro. Douglas Jones be licensed to preach for one year; #5. That Bro. Steve Palmer be licensed to preach for one year; #6. That Bro. Richard Brown be accepted upon receipt of letter of good-standing from former association (Russellville); #7. That Bro. John Hewett be accepted upon receipt of letter of good-standing from former association (Russellville).

April 11, 1987...We recommend: #1. Jerry Lewis be ordained as a deacon in the N.L.R. Church; #2. Justin Barnett be ordained as deacon in the N.L.R. Church; and #3. Tim Carter's license to preach be extended for one year.

C.E. BOARD: January 10, 1987...#1. We recommend that a district C.T.S. competition be held on Saturday, March 28 at Camp Beaverfork. It will start at 10:00 a.m. #2. Seeing as the National Youth Conference states in the new competition guidelines on pages 4 and 9, Bible memorization and Bible sword drill have a local competition before district, we recommend that we accept these guidelines. #3. We recommend that we give the competition judges a \$25.00 honorium.

#4. We recommend that on Saturday night, March 28, following the competition, that a district-wide youth rally be held. This would include a weiner roast, the showing of a christian film, and closing campfire rally around 9:30 p.m. Minutes for five year period to be printed. The clerk is to have 250 copies made. She will get a price, and the officers will approve.

PLACEMENT: We recommend we go to Conway for our next meeting.

October 11, 1986...Rev. Gene Waddell, Director of Foreign Missions, gave the Arkansas update and prayer requests. He spoke on the "Awakening of the Church". Delegates to state: Lee Sawyer, Madeline Whiteaker, Jon Landers, Ken Neighbors and Lavena Taylor.

NOMINATING:

Executive..5 year..Wayne Douthit	Moderator..Wendell Leckbee
Mission....5 year..Bob Isbell	Asst. Moderator..Marshall Smith
C.E.....5 year..Edith Smith	Clerk..Shirley Morgan
Resolution.3 year..Melvin Martin	Asst. Clerk..Edith Smith
	Treasurer..Genelle Scott

Motion was made and second for clerk to write Bro. Jordan a letter of appreciation and send \$100.00 to him since he is very ill.

Dismissed in prayer...Rev. Ben Scott.

## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

### EXECUTIVE:

Rev. Wayne Douthit	5 year
Rev. Doug Little	4
Rev. Ben Scott	3
Rev. Zane Kirkland	2
Wendell Fuller	1

### MISSION:

Bob Isbell	5 year
Rev. Donald Brown	4
Rev. John Gilliland	3
Rev. Roy Smith	2
Rev. H.A. Goodin	1

### Christian Education:

Edith Smith	5 year
Cindy Ellis	4
Steve Messer	3
Betty Campbell	2
Ken Neighbors	1

### Resolution:

Melvin Martin	3 year
Tommy Rogers	2
Thurston Taylor	1

### Nominating Committee:

Ted Henry	Bob Isbell
Roger Heard	Wayne Douthit
Gay Mundy	

## CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 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 it's affixed By-Laws for the betterment of our Associational Government.

### ARTICLE I

**NAME:** This organization shall be called the "Central Association of Free Will Baptists", affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 Baptists Churches as subscribed (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists, (favoring the various enterprises as endorsed by the State Association and denomination proper) by it's General Officers, Standing Boards, and Standing Committees; the duly appointed delegates of the local Churches, all Ordained Ministers, Deacons, Church Clerks and Treasurers 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 (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 the 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 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, with the exception of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. These officers shall be elected by the quarterly meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:** The Standing Boards of this Association shall be: The Executive Board, Mission Board, and Christian Education Board. The district Woman's Auxillary Convention shall be considered Auxiliaries of this Body. Each of the above name 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 of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, terms year.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

**DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS:** All Boards 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 treatise 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 attention of this body. It shall hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to or have been purchased by said body, 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 co-operation 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 Christian Educaiton Board 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 Church Training Service. These boards shall sponsor conventions as they deem advisable.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Executive 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 Baptists. (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:** Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide in all business transactions, parliamentary usage, etc.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

**AMENDMENTS:** This 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, Ministers, 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 an 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.

12. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjection except to amend the Constitution and By-Laws, or to reverse the ruling of the Moderator, which shall require a two-thirds majority vote of members voting.

13. All officers of this Association and quarterly meeting shall be placed in nomination by the nominating committee (with privilege of nominating from floor given by moderator) except otherwise requested by this body.

14. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present.