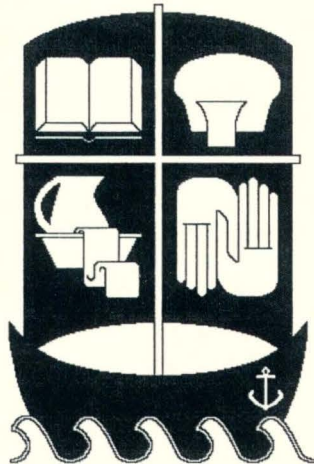


Minutes
of the
THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

January 27 –28, 2017



Mount Vernon Free Will Baptist Church
Russellville, Arkansas

Officers for the 2017 Year Are:

Moderator	(479) 858-2148	Mark Simmons
Assistant Moderator	(479) 518-4647	Joshua Aufdengarten
Clerk	(479) 280-4536	Adriana Brixey
Assistant Clerk	(479) 880-6549	Sarah Noel

Our National Free Will Baptists Logo

The logo of the National Association of Free Will Baptists (shown on the front cover) incorporates four symbols used by the earliest communities in Christendom: the Ship, the Fish, the Anchor, and the Cross.

The SHIP: The SHIP symbolizes the Church and represents all the members pulling in one direction, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeking to fulfill Christ's last command to the Church, Free Will Baptists unite in one purpose with one priority to proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

The FISH: The FISH, represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. Many believe that it was a secret symbol that identified Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" in the first century Greek (ichthus) is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior.

The ANCHOR: The ANCHOR on the bow of the ship symbolizes the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure, strong and steadfast anchor of the soul."

The CROSS: The mast of the ship in the emblem forms the most familiar symbol in the history of the world, the CROSS – an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide symbol of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the four corners of the ship's sail, the symbols of earliest Christianity are enhanced by modern emblems of a vital, living faith – the Holy Bible, the Loaf and Cup, the Basin and Towel, and Clasped Hands – the symbols of Free Will Baptists.

The BIBLE: The BIBLE has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, the centrality of the scriptures. Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe the scriptures to be inspired, inerrant, infallible and immutable.

The LOAF and CUP: The LOAF and CUP represent the Lord's Supper, one of the gospel ordinances. This ordinance commemorates the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread, which He made the emblem of His broken body and the cup the emblem of His shed blood. Participation in this ordinance expresses love for Christ, faith and hope in Him, and serves as a pledge of perpetual fidelity and faithfulness to Him.

The BASIN and TOWEL: The BASIN and TOWEL historically symbolize the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has an added significance of representing our practice of washing the saints' feet.

The CLASPED HANDS: The CLASPED HANDS symbolize many things to us: fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. Perhaps the most important thing symbolized by the clasped hands is our commitment to reach out to people around the world with the good news.

2017 Standing Boards

Executive Board

Rev. Scott Warren	479-212-2604	5 Years
Steve Hartzell	479-886-3469	4 Years
Brad McCain	479-747-5198	3 Years
Rev. Jeremy Dodd	479-886-4741	2 Years
Rev. Jerry Burris	479-886-0109	1 Year*

Christian Education Board

Melissa Haralson	479-747-5749	3 Years
Brian Kesterson	870-267-3074	2 Years
Nina Chronister	479-641-7284	1 Year

Mission Board

Mark Hybner	479-223-0633	3 Years
Kevin Haralson	479-747-5769	2 Years
Sharon Lusk	479-284-4702	1 Year

Youth Board

Clayton Brixey	479-264-8343	3 Years
Paul Pestel	479-518-5560	2 Years
Spencer Noel	479-858-8831	1 Year*

Finance Board

Jarad Higginbotham	479-453-9323	3 Years
Marchelle Foshee	501-354-5868	2 Years
Theresa Burris	479-886-1764	1 Year

*Indicates one who is completing the unexpired term of another can be re-elected for another full term.

Times and Places of Meetings for 2017-2018

April 27, 2017	Oak Grove
June 29, 2017	Union Grove
September 28, 2017	Welcome Home
January 29 & 30, 2018	Woodlawn

The Preachers and Deacons meeting will be the first Tuesday night of the month of the Quarterly Meeting at the church that will host the Quarterly Meeting. It is recommended that the pastor appoint one of his deacons to bring the devotional at their meeting.

Fellowship Association
Annual Meeting
January 27, 2017
Mount Vernon Free Will Baptist Church

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Fellowship Association of Free Will Baptists was opened by Bro. Mark Simmons, Moderator on January 27, 2017 at Mount Vernon Free Will Baptist Church.

Prayer by Bro. Freddy Bowden.

The Devotion was by Bro. Jared Higginbotham from Philippians 1: 21-24. He used quotes from the book by Francis Chan, Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God. 1. "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding in things in life that doesn't really matter." 2. "The world needs Christians who won't tolerate the complacency of their own lives." 3. Christians are like manure, spread them out and they make everything grow. Leave them in one big pile and they will stink."

He informed the district that his daughter, Madison Higginbotham will be going to Brazil in June with E-Team. He solicited prayer for her safe travel and asked if any church would be willing to have her come to their church to speak about her upcoming trip and to prayerfully consider if anyone would help with funds for said trip.

Twenty delegates were seated from the churches with Connect Church being represented by Letter.

The Minutes and Financial Report were given with Motion and second to accept. Motion carried.

Freddy Bowden, Chairman, Clayton Brixey and Jerry McCuin were appointed to the Resolution Committee.

Brenda Housley, Chairman, Darlene Hodges and Shirley Boren were appointed to the Obituary Committee.

Bro. Josh Aufdengarten led us in prayer for our Nation.

Bro. Kenneth Winningham from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries reported on the various works of Family Ministries in the state of Arkansas, Maggie House, Florence Crittenden Home and a new work the Curt, Cliff and Opal Young Children's Home near Fort Chaffee. The home is expected to be completed in August of 2017. He reported great success from the work of Family Ministries for 2016.. 155 saved, 89 baptized, 6 re-dedications, 102 babies not aborted, 64 young men graduated from the drug and alcohol addiction program.

Bro. David Taylor, Executive Director of Arkansas Free Will Baptists brought us greetings and brought the pastors of our association a copy of the book Tranquility. He informed us about the Minister's Benevolence Fund and encouraged any minister to join. He spoke about the transition from the State office to Randall House for ordering our Sunday School materials. He encouraged each church to submit any news or pictures to the Vision. He spoke about the National Association being in Little Rock in 2018 and our need to help support that meeting.

Bro. Doug Bishop, son of Missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop is now a Missionary to Japan also. He thanked us for the Acts 1:8 plan and how much it has helped them to fulfill their calling to the Missionary field. He and his wife Miriam have finished their internship and are planning to go back to Japan on a four year term. He asked for prayer for open doors and a spiritual awakening for Japan.

Bro. Don Matchett, Director of State Missions introduced Bro. Rolando Delgado who spoke about the Hispanic Ministry and the Bible Institute. He thanked us for our support and asked for continued prayer for this Ministry. Sis. Adriana Brixey was his interpreter.

Bro. Don Matchett recognized a great need for housing for Missionaries who are stateside and called out to Fellowship District for help. He said as always we stepped up and various people and churches contributed to that cause. There is still much work to be done but we have been able to help several missionaries up to this point. Doug Bishop and his family are staying in the parsonage at Connect Church and an apartment has been rented on a short term lease. The Joel Teague Family utilized that apartment until they were able to return to France.

He spoke about the Growing Healthy Churches program and said it is up and going and he expects great success.

He thanked Fellowship District for our continued giving and spoke about the upcoming World Missions Offering in April.

He reported that he has two upcoming trips one to Panama where they will be going further into the interior where they have not been. Also a trip to Cuba later on this year.

The WAC report was given by Sis. Melissa Haralson, President. She reported great success for the WAC last year in their various works. The report was received as information. (See Report)

The service was changed to a time of Worship with prayer by Bro. Scott Warren.

Bro. Dennis Condley led us in singing, "He Set Me Free" and "Are You Washed in the Blood."

Special Music was by Sis. Jannie Condley singing "Blessings."

Bro. Kevin Haralson brought us the message from Matthew 16: 13-16. Prayer by Bro. Kevin on the reading of the Word. His message began by Jesus asking, "Who do men say that I am?" The world says He is a Myth, a story. Jesus asked the Disciples "But Whom say ye that I am?" Simon answered "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." But, who do we say He is? John 3:16 showed that He loved us so much that He gave up everything that He had in heaven for us. Hebrews chapter 4, shows that He is our High Priest. He cares for and he understands us. He's our example. He walked a perfect life. He will be our Judge. Who do we say Christ is, not just with our mouths but by our lives. He read from Matthew 26: 31-35 and Matthew 26: 55-56. Who is Christ to you? Is He just words or do we back Him up in Action. He also read passages from Matthew 16: 24-26 and Matthew 23: 25-27.

Altar Call was given by Bro. Dennis Condley singing, "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary."

Closing prayer by Bro. Blaine Rogers.

Fellowship Association
Annual Meeting
January 28, 2017
Mount Vernon Free Will Baptist Church

The Fellowship Annual Meeting was opened by Bro. Mark Simmons, Moderator on January 28, 2017 at Mount Vernon Free Will Baptist Church.

Prayer by Bro. Kevin Haralson.

The Devotion was brought by Bro. Spencer Noel from Matthew 28:19. Jesus said go into all Nations. Not just a foreign country. We are a Nation. A Missionary is a person that goes out to spread the Gospel. Our country is a great mission field. We need to be focused on a life saving mission.

Sis. Brenda Housley, Chairman of the Obituary Committee reported that 10 church members from the Fellowship Association have gone on to be in the presence of our Lord this past year, 2016. Our loss is heaven's gain. They were from: Connect: Sis. Ethel Thompson and Bro. John Tisch. Dardanelle: Bro. Russ Hoffman and Bro. Jimmy Ellis. Harmony: Bro. Bill Latham and Bro. Larry Lloyd. Oak Grove: Bro. Paul (Bo) Johnson, Sis. Gracie Burton, and Bro. Arvell (Bud) Loveless. Union Grove: Sis. Janette Haralson.

Memorial Prayer was by Bro. Josh Aufdengarten.

Motion with second to accept report. Motion carried.

Bro. Brian Kestersen, Director of Camp Beaverfork thanked everyone for their prayers and work for the Camp. He informed us of a few changes for this year at the Camp.. 1. The Starr Leadership Challenge, A Student Leadership experience for Grades 9-12th. Starr Leadership Challenge is a leadership training opportunity for Arkansas Free Will Baptist High School students. It is designed to provide both training and hands on activities for students with a desire to be become "Servant Leaders".2. Summer Intern for College Students. These students will come from all aspects of studies, not just pastors and music leaders. Bro. Brian reported on the fire at Camp Beaverfork . The fire destroyed the maintenance building and all equipment therein and some cosmetic damage to one cabin and bathroom. He stated they are at the point of waiting on the Insurance Company and informed us that lots of folks were wondering in what capacity they could help out. He said the best way right now is financial help which will be put in a separate fund just for that purpose. He spoke about the Winter Retreat and about the upcoming CTS Expo April 29, 2017 at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

The Executive Board report was given by Bro. Steve Hartzell as to the following: After having met with and examining Bro. Clayton Brixey on 1/27/17 we find that he is of a sound faith and doctrine; therefore we recommend that he be accepted into the association in full standing and fellowship. Motion with second to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

After having met with Bro. John Sweigart on 1/27/17 we find he is of a sound faith and doctrine; therefore, we recommend that he be accepted into the association under the provisions of the Fellowship Association Constitution, Article 5 Section..3. Motion with second to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

Bro. Scott Warren was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board.

The Mission Board report was given by Sis. Sharon Lusk stating that on November 30, 2016 the Mission Board agreed to give \$1200.00 from the Mission Board Account to help with the financial needs of the Teague Family, Missionaries to France. A recommendation was made to give \$300.00 to Rachel Haralson and \$800.00 to Madison Higginbotham for their Mission Trips on the E-Team.. Motion with second to accept recommendation. Motion carried.

Bro. Mark Hybner was elected to a 3 year term on the Mission Board with Dennis Condley coming off.

The Youth Board Report was given by Sis. Brenda Housley making a motion to give from the Youth Board funds, \$200.00 each to Rachel Haralson and Madison Higginbotham for their Mission Trips on the E-Team. Second to the Motion. Motion carried.

Bro. Clayton Brixey was elected to a 3 year term on the Youth Board with Brenda Housley coming off.

Bro. Jared Higginbotham was elected to a 3 year term on the Finance Board with Trevor Housley coming off.

The C. E. Board Report was given by Bro. Brian Kestersen with the following recommendations

1. We recommend a one time gift of \$150.00 each to Rachel Haralson and Madison Higginbotham for their E-team Mission Trips.
2. We recommend that as funds are available the Fellowship C.E. Board pay the entry dues to the State CTS expo for each Competitive entry. Motion with second to accept recommendations. Motion carried.

Sis. Melissa Haralson was elected to a 3 year term on the Christian Education Board with Don Moore coming off.

Bro. Mark Simmons was elected as Moderator and Bro. Josh Aufdengarten as Assistant Moderator.

Sis. Adriana Brixey was elected as Clerk and Sis. Sarah Noel as Assistant Clerk, replacing Sis. Betty Hambright, Clerk and Sis. Barbara Taylor, Assistant Clerk.

Bro. Freddy Bowden Chairman of the Resolution Committee reported no resolutions. Motion with second to accept report and to dismiss the Resolution Committee.

Speakers elected for next year's annual meeting at Woodlawn Free Will Baptist Church on January 29th and 30th, 2018 are Friday night, Bro. Blaine Rogers, Saturday morning Bro. Clayton Brixey and Bro. Josh Aufdengarten as alternate.

Sis. Tazie Simmons and Sis. Melissa Haralson were elected delegates to the State Meeting at Camp Beaverfork on May 22 & 23, 2017.

The Service was changed to a time of Worship with Bro. Jared Higginbotham leading us in Prayer.

Bro. Dennis Condley led us in singing "Heaven's Jubilee" and "I've Got a Mansion Over the Hilltop."

Special Music was by Bro. Dennis Condley singing "The Middle Man."

Prayer and message by Bro. Scott Warren. Bro. Scott's message was from Matthew 28: 18-20.

The Great Commission really is an issue of authority. Who is calling the shots... Who is the authority in your life?

It's dangerous to act as the authority of your own life because...

1. ...you have a limited pool of experiences from which to draw wisdom
2. ...you have a limited field of vision through which to view your life and your circumstances.

Jesus makes an exclusive claim of authority in Matthew 28:18. He is infinitely qualified because...

- 1...he's eternal (John 1:1, Revelation 1:8)
- 2...he has all power (Colossians 1:16)
- 3...he's loving (Romans 5:8)

Ultimately, there are really only two options when it comes to who will be the authority in your life: you or Jesus. Only one of those two is qualified to be the authority, and it's not you. If we claim to know and love Jesus, we must live under his authority.

Closing Prayer by Bro. Mark Hybner.

FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

1. The Moderator or, in his absence, the Assistant Moderator Clerk shall call the Association into conference.

2. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer. Each meeting shall be closed with prayer.

3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the elected delegates to the Association. These delegates shall present themselves with the proper credentials of their right to be seated. These elected delegates and other boards and members mentioned in the Constitution compose the Association and Quarterly Meeting. Should there be a questionable representation; the case will be referred to the Parliamentarian.

4. The following committees shall be appointed by the Moderator and/or Assistant Moderator: Obituary and Resolution.

5. Any person not a member of this Association may be invited to a seat as advisory council and by permission, from the Moderator, to speak. But in no case shall he, or they, be allowed to vote.

6. It shall be the duty of all members of this Association and Quarterly Meeting to be present at the appointed time for each meeting and worship service.

7. The Moderator shall not allow discussions that are not carried on in a Christian spirit or when the discussion casts reflection on another person or church.

8. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to their feet and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator," and shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

9. No one shall speak more than once on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.

10. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present except Constitutional questions, which require a two-thirds majority.

11. Each church of the association will host the quarterly and/or yearly meeting according to alphabetical order on a rotation basis. Any necessary changes of the order of rotation may be made for convenience with a majority vote of the body. Such change will be considered temporary until the need has expired or is made permanent by vote.

12. Desiring to be consistent within the denomination, we will abide by the laws and Constitutions of the State and National Associations, should any question of discipline arise.

13. These By-Laws may be altered at any regular meeting of the association by a majority vote of members present.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FELLOWSHIP 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 Savior and Lord, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among our churches do, for the purpose of coordinating our efforts for the extension of the Kingdom of God, ordain this Constitution and its affixed By-Laws for the betterment of our Association.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be called the "Fellowship 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 objective 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 within the local area (a suggested 30 mile radius from Russellville, Arkansas) as subscribed (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the Treaties of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist, (favoring the various enterprises as endorsed by the State Association and denomination proper) by its Association 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 church.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION: Section 1. Each local church shall be represented by three (3) elected delegates or their alternates. A letter from each church shall accompany said delegates as requested by this body.

Section 2. In the event only part of the elected delegates 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 of this body shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the petitioning church, upon examination by the Executive/Examining Board, is found to be properly organized and willing to adhere to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist as specified to the Treaties and are willing to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association, they shall, by vote of this body, be received into full fellowship.

ARTICLE V

DISCIPLINE: Section 1. Its Churches: 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 Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptist shall be considered the final authority. These bodies, when in session, may by majority vote of members present, withdraw the hand of fellowship from said church or churches until such time they have set their house in order.

Section 2. Its Ministers: Should a minister take his letter from a church in this Association and neglect or refuse to place it in some other church in this Association for a period of one year, his name shall be dropped from the roll of ministers, his credentials revoked, and this Association will not recognize any work that may come under his hands as a minister after such time. Exceptions will be allowed for missionaries and Bible College students. Any minister in good standing in the Association desiring to pastor outside this Association will be granted upon request a letter of recommendation within a year from his leaving this Association.

Section 3. Any minister wishing to unite with the Fellowship Association, who cannot provide a letter of recommendation from a recognized Free Will Baptist association or is coming from an association that is not recognized by State or National Free Will Baptist, after being examined and recommended by the Executive Board, must serve a period of probation not less than 12 months with the bounds of the Association. Said minister cannot hold an office or serve on any board in the Association during the probationary period. At the conclusion of the probationary period, said minister will meet with the Examining Board and be considered for acceptance into full fellowship into the Association, and upon their recommendation be presented to the body for ratification of his credentials and be accepted into full fellowship.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE: This Association shall receive its support from each church contributing one per cent of its monthly gross income to the Association. This contribution may be sent monthly or quarterly to the Clerk/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS: The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually on the last day of the Association, at the close of the business period. They shall also serve for each Quarterly Meeting of the Association and may succeed themselves.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARDS: The Standing Boards of this Association shall be: The Executive/Examining Board, The Christian Education Board, The Mission Board, The Youth Board and The Finance Board. The Executive/Examining Board shall be made up of five (5) members (ministers and deacons). These members will serve terms of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 year. The other Standing Boards shall be made up of three (3) members each and may include men and women. Terms of these boards will be 3, 2, 1 year. An individual who leaves a Standing Board at the completion of his/her term may not succeed themselves, but may be elected to another board.

The District Women's Auxiliary 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.

ARTICLE IX

DUTIES AND RULES OF BOARDS: All boards are to organize when elected at the beginning of each associational year. They shall have a Chairman, Assistant Chairman, and when funds are entrusted to the Board, a Secretary/Treasurer. Each Board shall keep a written report at 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.

Section 1. The Executive/Examining Board is delegated the power to act in behalf of/for the Fellowship Association or its Quarterly Meeting, when either of these bodies are not in session.

Section 2. It shall be the duties of the Executive/Examining Board to examine all ministers for license and/or ordination at the request of the local church. If the candidate is approved, he will be licensed for at least one (1) year and not ordained until a full-time work or a field of work is accepted.

Section 3. The Executive/Examining Board will use "The Doctrinal Questionnaire for Ministers" provided by the Arkansas State Association to examine new ministers. Ministers coming from other states, associations or denominations shall be examined by the same document. It is the duty of the local church to request this examination.

Section 4. The millennium view-point of the minister being examined, ordained, or accepted into the fellowship of the Fellowship Association will not be a test of fellowship among us, thereby granting every minister or pastor the liberty to preach his convictions and views concerning the Second Coming of Christ, as long as those convictions and views are in total agreement with the aforementioned doctrinal statements contained in the Free Will Baptist Treaties and the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section 5. Missions Board: It shall be the duty of this board to work in conjunction with the State and National Home and Foreign Missions Boards in arranging an active Missionary Program for this Association.

Section 6. The Christian Education Board: It will be the duty of this board to work in cooperation with the State and National Sunday School Departments in arranging Sunday School conferences and workshops, teacher's training courses, Bible/Preaching conferences and/or Revivals, and in recommending methods and materials for the Sunday Schools of this Association.

Section 7. The Youth Board: The Youth Board shall work in cooperation with the State and National C.T.S. Boards to assist churches in this Association with youth oriented teaching and training workshops and programs. This board shall sponsor associational youth activities as it deems advisable.

Section 8. The Finance Board: The Finance Board shall recommend to the Association the disbursement of Associational funds. The Board shall recommend the percentage of the gross income of the Association that each Standing Board will receive to carry out its work. It will be the responsibility of the Finance Board to insure that funds are available to meet our State Association requirements and to print the Association Minutes.

ARTICLE X

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

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS: Section 1. The church year of this Association will be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. The yearly meeting will be on the last Friday night in January and the following Saturday morning. The elected delegates will be seated at the Friday night service.

Section 3. The quarterly meetings will be on the last Thursday night of the months of April, June and September.

Section 4. The times of all evening services will be 7:00 p.m.

Section 5. Each church will use the National Association of Free Will Baptist form of reporting to the quarterly and yearly meetings. The Clerk/Treasurer will use the same form to report to the Arkansas State Association.

ARTICLE XII

The Constitution may be amended or altered at any yearly session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided amendments or alterations are presented in writing with the proposed change or alteration to be placed on the table no later than Friday night and to be taken up no earlier than Saturday morning.

AMENDMENTS

Article XI, Section 3:	Adopted June 26, 1999.
Article XI, Section 4:	Adopted June 28, 2003.
Article XI, Section 2:	Adopted June 24, 2006
Article XI, Section 3:	Adopted June 24, 2006
Article VII:	Adopted June 28, 2008
Article XI, Section 3:	Adopted June 27, 2009
Article XI, Sections 1, 2 and 3:	Adopted January 26, 2013
By Laws, Item 11	Adopted January 29, 2016
Article XI, Section 3:	Adopted January 30, 2016

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE** – The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD** – There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, and adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST** – Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, and His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and gloried and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT** – The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit the attributes of God.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD** – God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN** – Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that, all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST** – The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION** – The conditions of salvation are:

- A. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
- B. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
- C. Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

9. **ELECTION** – God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL** – The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE** – God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSERVERANCE** – All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES:** **Baptism**, or the immersion of believers in water, and the **Lord's Supper**, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. **Feet Washing**, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING** – God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH** – The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION** – The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

FINANCIAL PAGE

Beginning Balance on January 30, 2016	\$8,859.66
Interest Earned	\$10.10
Teague Deposits	\$4,225.00
Total	\$13,094.76

Received:	Fellowship	Coop	Acts 1:8	Missions	Total
Connect	\$2,209.79	\$16,402.49	\$11,626.29	\$21,021.93	\$51,260.50
Dardanelle	\$1,927.00	\$1,927.00	\$3,300.00		\$7,154.00
Dover	\$561.76	\$561.76	\$1,200.00		\$2,323.52
Harmony	\$742.70	\$3,482.20	\$3,429.10		\$7,654.00
Mt. Vernon	\$526.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,820.00	\$200.00	\$6,946.00
Oak Grove	\$756.69	\$2,462.80	\$1,809.18	\$570.00	\$5,598.67
Union Grove	\$4,955.00	\$19,822.00	\$30,203.00		\$54,980.00
Welcome Home	\$1,005.00	\$4,120.00	\$3,949.00		\$9,074.00
Woodlawn	\$925.00	\$5,344.00	\$3,694.00		\$9,963.00
<i>Totals</i>	\$13,608.94	\$56,522.25	\$63,030.47	\$21,791.93	\$154,953.69

Total **\$168,048.45**

Disbursements:

Arkansas FWB	Check#2218	Remit/Churches	\$9,946.60
Betty Hambright	Check#2219	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2220	Remit/Churches	\$8,327.36
Betty Hambright	Check#2221	Clerk	\$25.00
Camp Beaverfork	Check#2222	CTS Comp. Fees	\$430.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2223	Remit/Churches	\$7,321.51
Betty Hambright	Check#2224	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2225	Dues 8 Churches	\$1,440.00
Union Grove FWB	Check#2226	reimburse 2 plaque	\$119.90
Staples	Check#2227	Print Minutes	\$281.00
Koy Williams	Check#2228	Youth Night Speaker	\$100.00
Brenda Housley	Check#2229	Youth Night Pizza	\$262.04
Arkansas FWB	Check#2230	Remit/Churches	\$8,739.07
Betty Hambright	Check#2231	Clerk	\$25.00
Void	Check#2232		
Betty Hamright	Check#2233	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2234	Remit/Churches	\$9,501.06
Staples	Check#2235	Clerk/Supplies	\$26.48
USA Fireworks	Check#2236	4th of July	\$750.00
Whattaburger	Check#2237	4th of July/Meat	\$310.65
Petit Jean Packing	Check#2238	4th of July/Meat	\$46.64
Keystone FWB Church	Check#2239	Mission Board	\$250.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2240	Remit/Churches	\$8,868.66
Betty Hambright	Check#2241	Clerk	\$25.00

Postmaster	Check#2242	Stamps	\$47.00
Wal-Mart	Check#2243	Clerk/Supplies	\$17.85
Arkansas FWB	Check#2244	Remit/Churches	\$15,993.81
Betty Hambright	Check#2245	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2246	Remit/Churches	\$13,099.03
Betty Hambright	Check#2247	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2248	Remit/Churches	\$22,486.14
Betty Hambright	Check#2249	Clerk	\$25.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2250	Remit/Churches	\$16,083.79
Betty Hambright	Check#2101	Clerk	\$25.00
Hartman Properties	Check#2102	Teague/Rent	\$855.00
Rackely Furniture	Check#2103	Teague Account	\$857.86
Don Matchett	Check#2104	Reimburse/Teague	\$945.48
Arkansas FWB	Check#2105	Remit/Churches	\$12,972.21
Betty Hambright	Check#2106	Clerk	\$25.00
Betty Hambright	Check#2107	Reimburse/Ink	\$35.94
Hartman Properties	Check#2108	Teague/Rent	\$570.00
Arkansas FWB	Check#2109	Remit/Churches	\$13,615.51
Betty Hambright	Check#2110	Clerk	\$25.00

Total Disbursements

\$154,600.59

Ending Balance on January 27, 2017

\$13,447.86

Board Allociations

General Fund	\$2,499.33
Mission Board	\$2,310.82
Scholarship Fund	\$2,758.62
C.E. Board	\$894.01
Youth Board	\$1,158.00
Executive Board	\$860.42
Total	\$10,481.20
Teague Balance	\$2,966.66
Total	\$13,447.86

Connect Church

Welch College	\$6,197.46
Florence Crittendon	\$130.00
Maggie House	\$130.00
Mimi LeLouarn	\$3,477.00
Randall Wright	\$2,400.00
International Missions	\$8,562.47
Doug Bishop	<u>\$125.00</u>
	\$21,021.93

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Members added	Members lost	Total Members	SS Average	Church Average	Baptisms
Connect Church 1103 East L Russellville, AR 72801 (479) 968-6966	Blaine Rogers 1902 West 2nd Place Russellville, AR 72801 (479) 280-0244	Danny Hale 217 Canterbury Circle Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 968-7922	18	8	461	428		20
Dardanelle First FWB 2494 State Hwy 22 Dardanelle, AR 72834 (479) 453-9323	Jared Higginbotham 2470 State Hwy 22 Dardanelle, AR 72834 (479) 453-9323	Beverly Beam 10650 Boyce Manor Dardanelle, AR 72834 (479) 477-0674	7	1	142	40	85	3
Dover FWB P.O. Box 1145 Dover, AR 72837 (479) 331-2604	George Hanna 6327 Pine Street Hector, AR 72843 (479) 223-2915	Marilyn Pritchard 849 Pine Hill Road Dover, AR 72837 (479) 747-1042	10	0	48	20	40	4
Harmony FWB 3580 SR 124 Russellville, AR 72802	Darrell Barnes P.O. Box 433 Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 747-8745	Asha Hentschel 922 East 22nd St Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 264-6199	5	2	180	35	60	0
Mt. Vernon FWB 102 Mount Vernon Rd Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 284-2227		Susan Hunt 701 Mt. Vernon Rd Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 886-1623	0	6	184	46	68	5
Oak Grove FWB P.O. Box 324 Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 641-1010	Mark Simmons 184 N. Hopewell Loop Rd Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 858-2148	Amy Johnston 504 NW 2nd ST Atkins, AR 72823 479-264-1141	3	0	195	81	213	6
Union Grove FWB 77 West Union Grove Atkins, AR 72823	Scott Warren P.O. Box 664 Russellville, AR 72811 (479) 212-2634	William Mitchell 80 Shawn Place Russellville, AR 72811 (479) 641-1005	8	7	239	96	158	2
Welcome Home FWB 127 Welcome Home Hector, AR 72843 (479) 284-3060	Joshua Aufdengarten 127 Welcome Home Rd Hector, AR 72843 (479) 518-4647	Barbara Taylor 2193 Walnut Grove Rd Hector, AR 72843 (479) 284-4421	5	4	62	31	49	1
Woodlawn FWB 110 Sequoyah Way Russellville, AR 72801	Jerry Burris 1900 Buttermilk Rd Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 886-0109	Erma Crow 23629 HWY 154 Dardanelle, AR 72834 (479) 576-4348	8	2	166	46	69	0

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Ministers List

March 2017

Rev. Joshua Aufdengarten 127 Welcome Home Road Hector, AR 72843 (479) 518-4647	Rev. Jared Higginbotham 2470 State Hwy 22 Dardanelle, AR 72834 (479) 453-9323
Rev. Darrell Barnes P.O. Box 433 Atkin, AR 72823 (479) 747-8745	Rev. Blake Jordan Student Pastor 15 Willow Oak Lane Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 968-6966 Church office
Rev. Jerry Burris 1900 Buttermilk Road Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 886-0109	Rev. Brian Kesterson 150 Beaverfork Road Conway, AR 72032 (870) 267-3074
Rev. Chris Chandler (479) 264-4055	Rev. Randy Kinnick Equipping Pastor 2106 South Greenwich Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 968-6966 Church Office
Rev. Jeremy Dodd 981 Upper Pine Ridge Rd Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 890-5955	Rev. Joel Lauckner Children Pastor 905 Covey Cove Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 968-6966 Church Office
Rev. Eric Duvall 900 Isabell Creek Rd Russellville, AR 72802 (479) 641-2336	Rev. Don Matchett 203 Austin School Crossing Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 641-1156
Rev. George Hanna 6327 Pine St. Hector, AR 72843 (479) 223-2915	Rev. Spencer Noel 1319 S. Independence Ave. Russellville, AR 72801 (870) 557-2170
Rev. Kevin Haralson 231 Hartwick Lane Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 747-5769	Rev. David Riker (479) 229-3104

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Rev. Mark Simmons 184 N. Hopewell Loop Atkins, AR 72823 (479) 858-2148	

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of education denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world, and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



