

MINUTES OF THE  
NEW HOPE DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHILE CONVENED AT  
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ROSE BUD, ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 20, 1958

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NEXT ANNUAL SESSION TO CONVENE WITH PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENBRIER, ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 5, 1958.

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MODERATOR - REV. CURTIS L. LYBARGER  
ROSE BUD, ARKANSAS

CLERK - CLIFFORD SAWRIE  
2012 HAIRSTON ST.  
CONWAY, ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS -

REV. ROY M. MOORE	- - - - -	5 YR. TERM
REC. G. E. CAMPBELL	- - - - -	4 YR. TERM
REV. JERRY C. THOMPSON	- - - - -	3 YR. TERM
REV. JAMES BUNDY	- - - - -	2 YR. TERM
REV. LAWNIE COFFMAN, CH.	- - - - -	1 YR. TERM

Rose Bud, Arkansas

September 20, 1958

## New Hope District Yearly Association convened With Friendship Free Will Baptist Church

Services opened with singing "The Wonderful Story" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There", directed by Bro. James Sawrie. Scripture was read from the book of Proverbs and prayer offered by Rev. James Bundy.

Letters from the churches were read, and, by move, second, and vote, received and delegates seated. "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross" was directed by Rev. J. M. Holliman while the hand of fellowship was extended.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Obituary - Sis's Louise Pratt, Montine Nichols, Mildred Sowell

Sunday School - Sis's Ethel Wilson, Iva Turner, Ester Lawson

Resolutions - Bro. J. C. Richards, Rev. C. E. Campbell, Rev. Roy M. Moore

A move and second was carried to omit the Intermission and continue with Memorial Service "Glad Reunion Day" and "Amazing Grace" were directed by Rev. Curtis Lybarger. Prayer was led by Rev. Thomas Breshears. A Solo was rendered by Rev. Johnny Denham singing "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone".

The Memorial Message was delivered by Rev. James Bundy in memory of those of our Association who have passed from this life to their reward during the preceeding year. The Subject of the Message was, "The Death of Our Friends". Scripture Text: Matt. 9:23 - 25. At the end of the message "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" was sung directed by Bro. James Sawrie. Prayer was led by Rev. Roy M. Moore.

Rev. Thomas Breshears directed a time of Testimony. "When We All Get to Heaven" and "I Feel Like Traveling On" were sung directed

by Rev. Jerry C. Thompson while the congregation engaged in handshaking.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Chester Weir.

#### Afternoon Session

Services resumed with singing "Victory In Jesus", "I Want to Know More About My Lord" and "I Want to Be Ready" directed by Bro. James Sawrie. Prayer was led by Bro. Johnny White.

The Sunday School Committee report was read and adopted as received. See Reports.

The Resolutions Committee report was received for discussion. Resolutions (No. 1 & 2) were passed and adopted. See Committee Reports.

While the Sawrie Quartet sang "Mansions Over the Hilltops" an offering was received in the amount of \$24.30.

The Financial Report was read and accepted.

Pleasant Grove (Greenbrier) Church was selected as host to the 1959 Session of our District Yearly Meeting to be on Saturday, September 5th, before the first Sunday in September.

Rev. Thomas Breshears was elected by acclamation as Memorial Speaker at our 1959 Yearly Meeting. Rev. John Denham was selected as Alternate Memorial Speaker.

Rev. Roy M. Moore was by acclamation elected to a five (5) year Term on the Executive Board of New Hope District Association.

A motion was sustained to discontinue the offices of Home Mission Contact and Associational Evangelist.

Delegates to the Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened at Russellville in October, 1958 were elected by acclamation as follows:

Sis's Ethel Wilson, Allene Coffman,  
Vera Campbell, Mary Sawrie, Iva Turner  
Alternates - Sis's Bessie Gray, A. D.

Furgerson, Sylvester Guatney, Charlie Gray, Pearl Linton.

Rev. Curtis Lybarger was elected Moderator of New Hope District Association (Yearly). Rev. Lawnie Coffman was elected Assistant Moderator.

Clifford Sawrie was reelected Clerk by acclamation. Rev. C. E. Campbell was re-elected Assistant Clerk by acclamation.

Oral report of New Hope District Woman's Auxiliary work was given by Sis. Ethel Wilson.

The report of the Executive Board was read and received for consideration by the body. (See 'Reports')

Part #1 - Rejected by 23 to 13 vote.

Part #2 - Passed with one dissenting vote.

Rev. Curtis Lybarger offered his resignation as Executive Board Member for the remaining 4 unexpired years; resignation accepted.

Rev. C. E. Campbell was elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board - 4 year term.

A motion was passed that we request the Executive Board of our State Association for an opinion as to the duties which a licensed minister and an ordained minister may perform.

Rev. Jesse E. Pratt offered his resignation as Executive Board Member. The resignation was accepted.

Rev. James Bundy was elected to the Executive Board unexpired 2 year term.

Executive Board Member, Rev. J. M. Holleman, offered his resignation - resignation was accepted.

Rev. Jerry C. Thompson was elected to the unexpired 3 year term of the Executive Board.

"I Am Thine O Lord" was sung, directed by Bro. James Sawrie. Rev. Lawnie Coffman, Chairman of the Executive Board, officiating, Rev. John Denham was licensed Minister of the Gospel. Dedication prayer by Rev. R. M. Moore.



# DIRECTORY - 1958 - NEW HOPE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Moderator - Rev. Curtis L. Lybarger  
Rose Bud, Arkansas

Clerk - Clifford Sawrie  
Conway, Arkansas

Church, Address, & (NO.) of Deacons	Pastor & Address	Clerk & Address	Membership		Value of Church Property
			Res.	Total	
Capitol City (2) Little Rock, Ark.	James Bundy 8823 N. 36th Little Rock, Ark.	Ruth Jones 77 Lancaster Little Rock, Ark.		38	\$11,000
Center Point #1(1) Quitman, Ark.				23	1,000
Center Point #2(4) Vilonia, Ark.	Jesse E. Pratt Rose Bud, Ark.	Mrs. D. Lawrence Vilonia, Ark.		85	4,000
Bethel(Gravel Hill) Joy, Ark. (3)	Chester Weir * Little Rock, Ark.			86	1,500
First F&B (3) 1711 Washington Av. Conway, Ark.	John Denham * 1423 Davis St. Conway, Ark.	Mrs. Marvin Clay Conway, Ark.	20	34	4,000
First F&B (2) 41st. Street No. Little Rock, Ark.	W. S. Isbell Russellville, Arkansas	Majorie Teague No. Little Rock, Arkansas		55	14,000
First F&B (6) Center Street Searcy, Ark.	Lawnie Coffman 1401 W. Center Searcy, Ark.	Curtis Cole 505 N. Sowell Searcy, Ark.	105	115	50,000
Friendship (4) Rose Bud, Ark.	Jesse E. Pratt Rose Bud, Ark.	Blanche Dixon Rose Bud, Ark.	38	64	3,000
Eighteenth St. F&B No. Little Rock, Ark. (3)	Thomas Breshears 1901 W. Long 17th No. Little Rock	Mrs. D. Burkett 1205 Vestal Ave. No. Little Rock	55	58	14,500
Liberty Hill (4) Rose Bud, Ark.	C. L. Campbell 1808 Independence Conway, Ark.		44	74	2,000
Pleasant Grove (5) Greenbrier, Ark.	Roy M. Moore Greenbrier, Ark.	Mrs. J. W. Sawrie Greenbrier, Ark.	54	96	8,500
Mt. Bethel (5) Rose Bud, Ark.	Curtis Lybarger Rose Bud, Ark.	Iva Turner Rose Bud, Ark.	51	131	11,000
Mt. Carmel (1) Vilonia, Ark.	R. E. Pruitt Searcy, Ark.	W. F. Sellers Vilonia, Ark.	27	58	1,500
New Heart (2) Rose Bud, Ark.				110	1,500
Sharon (3) Naylor, Ark.		Era Stephens Vilonia, Ark.	20	26	800
Soda Valley (3) Greenbrier, Ark.	R. E. Pruitt Searcy, Ark.	Mrs. C. Woodrome Greenbrier, Ark.	30	55	1,500

Totals -- Number Churches - 17      Total Membership - 1,108  
                  " Deacons - 51  
                  " Ministers - 20 \*\*      Parsonages - 2  
                  Total Value of Church Property -- 118,800

\* Licensed Ministers serving churches.

\*\* of this number 4 are licensed ministers.

The hand of fellowship was extended to Rev. and Mrs. Denham by the congregation and to the Executive Board pledging support.

Move and Second was carried to adjourn followed by prayer of dismissal.

Clifford Sawrie, Clerk

### Committee and Board Reports

We, your Sunday School Committee, have reports from 13 churches having Sunday Schools with an average attendance of 682 pupils.

We urge our people to comply with the resolution passed last year - that " - on the first Sunday in each month we make special effort to increase membership in our Sunday Schools."

Because records show that of all youths apprehended by law, only 2% have received teaching and training in Sunday School;

And because it offers the greatest teaching units in our churches, we feel that more consideration should be given to this important medium of instruction.

Signed by Committee

### Resolutions Committee Report

#1 - That a current list of Churches and Pastors with location be put in the Minutes of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings so that interested parties may know of our active churches and Pastors. - Also the retired Ministers of our Association.

#2 - That the New Hope District Association meet Saturday before the first Sunday in September.

Signed by Committee

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Part- We, the Executive Board, find it unethical for License Ministers to Pastor a Church in any Capacity -- Our reference Qualifica-



tions of a Ministers Page 31 in our Treatise

Part #2 We recommend license for Bro. John Denham if he will if he is willing to abide by the treaties Pertaining to the Ministry.

Expense - 55 mi. \$2.75

(Signed) Curtis Lybarger, Jesse E. Pratt,  
J. M. Holleman

Credentials -- Ministers, Ministers wives, Deacons, Deacon's wives, and Church Clerks have a 'standing' seat. Delegates listed below.

1st Ch. No. L.R. - Sis's Cordelia Hilliard, Carolyn Cotton, Linda Patrick. 1st Ch. Searcy - Bro. J. C. Richards, Sis's Ester Lawson, Bessie Gray. Plsnt. Grove, Greenbrier - Ila Mae Reynolds, Ermon Castleberry, Kay Watson, Mary Lois King. Mt. Bethel - Bro. Richard McKay, Bro. Lee Holleman, Sis. Sofie Holleman. Capitol City - Bro's Alton Davis, Archie Henderson, Sis. Ruby Henderson. Center Point #2 - Bro. Euel Sowell, Sis's Mildred Sowell, Lorene Faulk. Liberty Hill - Bro. Charlie Gray, Sis's Brenda Johnson, Sonja Campbell. 1st Ch. Conway - Sis's Mildred Loveless, Billie Clay, Myrtle Tucker. Soda Valley - Bro. Calvin Robertson, Sis's Nomah Robertson, May Glenn. Friendship - Sis's Maude Allen, Judy Dixon, Laura Beth Forbes. 18th St. No. L. R. - Sis. Ruby Denham, Bro's John Denham, Carl Rex Stracener.

# MINISTERS DIRECTORY

1958

- Rev. Thomas Breshears, 1901 W. Long 17th St.,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas
- Rev. James Bundy, 8823 W. 36th, Little Rock, Ark.
- Rev. C. E. Campbell, 1808 Independence St.,  
Conway, Arkansas
- Rev. Lawnie Coffman, 1401 W. Center St.,  
Searcy, Arkansas
- Rev. S. L. Corder, North Little Rock, Ark.
- Rev. John Denham\*, 1423 Davis, Conway, Ark.
- Rev. Sylvester Gwatney, 2329 Weems, Conway, Ark.
- Rev. J. M. Holleman, Rose Bud, Arkansas
- Rev. W. S. Isbell, Russellville, Arkansas
- Rev. Curtis L. Lybarger, Rose Bud, Arkansas
- Rev. Roy M. Moore, Greenbrier, Arkansas
- Rev. A. L. Mote, Beebe, Arkansas
- Rev. Raymond Patrick, 4626 Marion St.,  
North Little Rock, Arkansas
- Rev. Marion Pettus, Free Will Baptist Bible  
College, Nashville, Tennessee
- Rev. Jesse E. Pratt, Rose Bud, Arkansas
- Rev. R. E. Pruitt, Searcy, Arkansas
- Rev. Norman Richards, Searcy, Ark. FWBBC
- Rev. Loyd Thomas\*, FWB Bible Col. Nashville, Tenn
- Rev. Jerry C. Thompson, Bradford, Ark. Box 211
- Rev. Chester Weir\*, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Rev. Carlton Williams, North Little Rock, Ark.

\* Licensed Ministers, other ordained.