



Minutes

New Hope Association Free Will Baptists

1979

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
Rose Bud, Arkansas
July 7, 1979

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-NINETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF
NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

Convened with The
Friendship Free Will Baptist Church
Rose Bud, Arkansas
July 7, 1979

The next regular session will meet with the
Mt. Calvary Church, Conway July 5, 1980

1979-80 Officers

Moderator

Rev. Randy Scott Searcy, Arkansas

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Sidney Sawrie Rose Bud, Arkansas

Clerk-Treasurer

Shirley Sawrie Rose Bud, Arkansas

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer

Mildred Sowell Vilonia, Arkansas

PROCEEDINGS

The 1979 Session of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Friendship Church, Rose Bud, July 7, 1979

Services began with congregational singing "Redeemed" led by Bro. Butch Hannah. Pianist, Janyne Hannah. Prayer by Rev. Levell Reeves.

Meeting was called to order by the clerk who introduced the Moderator, Rev. Sidney Sawrie. Rev. Sawrie gave the Devotional from Psalms 108:1.

Reading of the Church letters by the assistant Clerk, Mildred Sowell. Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated to do business.

The following committees were appointed:
Business Committee: Joe Engdahl, Gary Scroggins, Rev. L. V. Latham.

Obituary Committee: Charlotte Engdahl, Vicke Murchler, Elva Jean Davis.

Morning Seminar by Rev. Bobby Shepherd, Pastor of Victory Free Will Baptist Church, Springdale. The Seminar Theme "Discipleship" was taken from John 21: 15-17.

Youth Seminar by Rev. Steven Sawrie.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The worship service began with singing "He Hideth My Soul" led by Bro. Burch Hannah

Special music, "Sweet Sweet Spirit" by the Friendship Chorale, directed by Jayne Hannah.

Report of Obituary Committee by Charlotte Engdahl and this was followed by a moment of silent prayer in memory of the ones who had passed away in the last year.

Congregational singing "I Am Thine O Lord".

Special offering of \$100 was given for the Norman Richards Family, our Missionaries to the Ivory Coast.

Message by Rev. Bobby Shepherd. Scripture was from 2 Peter 3: 1-4 and 2 Peter 1: 12, 13.

Benediction and Blessing on the food by Rev. Mike Mutchler.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bro. Butch Hannah led the congregation in singing "I Love to Tell the Story". Devotional from Titus 1:5 by Rev. Chester Weir, Prayer by Rev. Weir.

BUSINESS

Report of Executive Committee by Rev. Roy Wilson.
The board recommends:

1. That the license of Rev. Steve Sawrie be renewed for one (1) year.
2. That Rev. Gene Smith come before the Executive Board at the next meeting after he has had more time to become acquainted with Free Will Baptists.
3. After talking to Rev. Ken Brown and due to doctrinal differences, he decided not to pursue his request for license.

Report of Obituary Committee: The following have passed away in 1978-79.

Bro. Jordan Prowse-Sharon Church
Mrs. Jaunita Lovell - South Heights
Mrs. Ruby Rickett - Mt. Carmel
Bro. Clarence Henley - Center Point
Bro. Authur Glenn - Greenbrier
Bro. Johnny Cato - Searcy, First
Mrs. Elvie Barr - New Hart

Report of Business Committee: We recommend that:

1. The dues of the yearly meeting be raised. (This was ammended to read Quarterly Meeting dues be raised to \$15) (carried)
2. The telephone numbers of the Pastor's be listed along with their names and addresses. (Carried)
3. That Beginning January 1980 the Executive Board meet with Ministers or Deacons to be licensed or ordained before the regular Associational Meeting and that the church sending the candidate for examination be responsible for expense of the Executive Board members. (17¢ a mile) Carried.
4. That a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church. (Carried)

Report of District Auxiliary by Shirley Sawrie.
 Report of Master's Men by Bro. Willie Dixon.
 Report of Youth Seminar. New Officers were
 elected as follows.

President	Jonathan Sawie
Vice President	Allen Dixon
Sec. Treas.	Patty Graham
Sponsors	Rev. Randy Scott & Bro. Joe Engdahl

Places were selected for Quarterly Conference
 for 1979-80.

October 6, 1979	Center Point Church, Vilonia
January 5, 1980	First Church, Searcy
April 5, 1980	Mt. Bethel Church, Rose Bud
July 5, 1980	Mt. Calvary Church, Conway

Election of Officers:

Moderator	Rev. Randy Scott, Searcy
Assist. Moderator	Rev. Sidney Sawrie
Clerk-Treasurer	Shirley Sawrie
Assist. Clerk	Mildred Sowell
Song Leader	Wendell Pettus
Executive Board Member	Rev. Sidney Sawrie (5 year term)

Program Committee Arlis Dickins, Rev. Lewis
 Campbell, Rev. Randy Scott

Churches

Delegates

Bethel, Gravel Hill	Dorothy Burkett, Chlois Honley, Rhonda Taylor
Center Point 18th St.	Lorene Fowlkes, Mildred Sowell Weldon Pickord, Gene Smith, Ida Teague
Friendship	Butch Hannah, Carol Spradlin, Blanche Sumner
Greenbrier	Mary Sawrie, Gary Scroggins, Junior Mount
Liberty Hill	None
Mt. Bethel	Sandi Clark, Iva Turner, Lucy Barr

Mt. Calvary	Danny Loveless, Velera Glenn, Vicki Mutchler
Mt. Carmel	Jimmy Killough
New Hart	Glenda Graham, W. R. Palmer, Patti Graham
Searcy First	Jim Holliman, Elva Jean Davis, Velma Holliman
Sharon	Charlotte Engdahl, Loretta Engdahl, Mrs. Jim Bennett
Soda Valley	None
South Heights	George Gray, May Rhodes, Marilyn Wilson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Representation fees	\$ 468.00
Offering for Richard's	<u>100.00</u>
	568.00
Balance Brought forward	<u>109.25</u>
TOTAL	677.25

EXPENDITURES

State Meeting Fee	\$ 280.00
National Meeting Fee	15.00
Richard's Account	100.00
Mission Press	16.22
Postage	12.28
Rev. Bobby Shepherd (Seminar Speaker)	75.00
Clerk's Fee	<u>50.00</u>
Total Paid Out	548.50

Balance in Treasury	\$ 128.75
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Shirley Sawrie, Clerk-Treasurer

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NEW HOPE
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

PREAMBLE: From long experience, we, the members of the Free Will Baptist church of this district, having been baptized by immersion upon profession of 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 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 New Hope Association of Free Will Baptists, affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas.

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The purpose of this body shall be to unify the work of the churches composing said body in extending the Kingdom of God on earth.

ARTICLE III

COMPOSITION AND REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The members of this body shall be all ordained ministers, deacons, church clerks, and elected delegates who are in good standing with their respective churches.

Section 2. Each church shall be allowed to represent with three (3) elected delegates. A letter from each church will accompany said delegates. If only part of the elected delegates of a church are present, those present may fill vacancies with other members of their church who are present. Any delegation not having a letter from their church shall be allowed to prepare a letter and present it to the body for its approval.

Section 3. As many as three (3) youth representatives shall meet, promote and plan their Associational activities.

Section 4. Churches desiring membership in our Association must come with recommendation from the Association to which they have held membership. New churches, when properly organized, shall be accepted by majority vote of the body providing they have complied with requirements of this Association.

Section 5. Ministers and deacons coming from another body must be examined and meet the requirements of our Association. He shall be examined in the same manner as any new minister. He must be recommended by a Free Will Baptist Church of which he shall be a member, and shall be received into this body by a majority vote of members voting. All shall fill in a questionnaire to be placed on file.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline: See the National Treatise, Practices Division, chapter three (3), all parts listed there. This body believes in and practices congregational government.

ARTICLE V

Finance: This Association shall be financed by the Churches belonging to said Association. Quarterly fees shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and yearly fees of twelve dollars (\$12.00); the annual fees of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for the State Association. Offerings may be received and disbursed by the desires of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI

Officers: The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer to be elected annually.

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ARTICLE VII

BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. This body shall have an Executive Board who will help coordinate the work of the Association and investigate any irregularity in the churches belonging to the body.

Section 2. The Christian Education Board shall adopt the theme and plan meetings, giving plans to clerk to be sent to the churches of said Association as to inform them of opportunities in Ministering.

Section 3. Any committee needed shall be elected to the body.

ARTICLE VIII

ORDINATION

Section 1. Ministers to be licensed must be recommended by the church of which they are a member. They shall be examined by the Executive Board. If approved shall be licensed for one (1) year. After one (1) year should he be pastoring or doing evangelistic work, he may be examined for ordination. He must return to the Executive Board before license are renewed.

Section 2. Deacons who have been approved by their local church are sent to the Conference for examination.

Section 3. Ministers to be licensed or ordained and deacons to be ordained shall have the privilege of being ordained in their local church, by a presbytery of their choice, said presbytery shall be members of the New Hope Association.

Section 4. No prospective minister, deacon or those already ordained coming from this state, other states, associations, or denominations, shall be accepted into New Hope Association who has been divorced and or re-married. Neither shall a minister or deacon be accepted into this Association, whose wife has been divorced and or re-married. All ministers belonging to the Quarterly Conference for neglect or disorderly conduct. (Changed July 1, 1978 at First Church, Searcy.)

ARTICLE IX

Meeting: This Association shall meet the first Saturday of January, April, July, and October for Quarterly Meetings. Selection of meeting with churches shall be selected at the July (yearly) meeting.

ARTICLE X

Rules for Conducting Business: The rules set forth in the State Minutes and proper parliamentary procedures shall be used.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments: This constitution may be amended or altered by a majority vote of members voting at any regular session of the body provided said amendments or alterations have been presented in writing at the last regular session of this body.

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the Association 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. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any one board, committee, or office, provided the person nominated be elected.

3. A majority of all votes cast on any subject or discussion shall be final.

4. The officers of this body shall be nominated from the floor.

5. Letters of Quarterly Meetings shall be mimeographed so letters will not need to be read at meetings. Clerk shall send statistical report within one (1) month following the meeting. This report shall be sent to each church in said conference.

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6. This body requests that all churches of this body require their pastors to be a member of the church he serves unless he pastors in two (2) associations or two (2) different churches. However, he can only hold membership in one church and one Association.

7. The speaker for the Memorial Service shall be elected during the regular business session of the Association. The Christian Education Board will help plan the meetings, with theme that is to be used with each meeting.

8. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of the body by a majority (51%) of the members present who vote.

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 men.

We agree faithful to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scripture, 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 to 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 and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, 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.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Church Clerk</u>
Bethel	Velon Harmon	Arnold Kaylor, Sr.
Center Point	Levell Reeves	Mildred Sowell
18th St.	L. V. Latham	Betty Schlattmann
Friendship	Sidney Sawrie	Janice Burlison
Greenbrier	None	Clodean Scroggins
Liberty Hill	Earl Fuller	Mona English
Mt. Bethel		Loyce Culwell
Mt. Calvary	Mike Mutchler	Mildred Loveless
Mr. Carmel	Billy F. Jones	Helen Barnes
New Hart	Faber Hall	Ann Palmer
Searcy First	Randy Scott	Judy Pearson
Sharon	None	Brenda Atkinson
Soda Valley	Curtis Lybarger	Lottie Jo Woodrome
South Heights	Roy Wilson	Bessie Gray

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Jesse Pratt *	556-5749 Rt. 1, Rose Bud, AR
Rev. Faber Hall	556-5649 Rt. 1, Rose Bud, AR
Rev. Mike Mize **	Nashville, TN
Rev. Chester Weir	2313 Linda Ln., Jacksonville, AR
Rev. Roy Wilson	268-3281 113 Hiland Dr., Searcy, AR
Rev. Curtis Lybarger	679-2547 Greenbrier, AR
Rev. John Parks	354-5564 Morrilton, AR
Rev. Sylvester Qwatney*	Conway, AR
Rev. R. E. Pruitt *	Rt. 4, Searcy, AR
Rev. Sidney Sawrie	556-5320 Rt. 1, Rose Bud, AR
Rev. Steven Sawrie **	Nashville, TN
Rev. Norman Richards***	Ivory Coast, Africa
Rev. Earnie Deeds ***	Brazil
Rev. Mike Mutchler	327-6491 2154 Prince St., Conway, AR
Rev. Levell Reeves	796-2228 Rt. 2, Vilonia, AR
Rev. Jim Purcell	329-8908 Rt. 4, Conway, AR
Rev. David Joslin	327-1729 122 Oaklawn Dr., Conway, AR
Rev. Lewis Campbell	327-2729 336 Locust, Conway, AR
Rev. L.V. Latham	374-5168 1238 W. 8th, N. Little Rock, AR
Rev. Randy Scott	268-2871 #1 Sawmill Rd., Searcy, AR
Rev. Earl Fuller	Rose Bud, AR
Rev. Billy F. Jones	796-3418 Rt. 2, Box 358, Vilonia, AR
Rev. Velon Harmon	362-6813 Hillcrest Dr., Heber Springs, AR

* Retired

** Student, Free Will Baptist Bible College

*** Missionary

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Board

Bro. Don King	1980
Rev. Mike Mutchler	1981
Rev. Roy Wilson	1982
Rev. Levell Reeves	1983
Rev. Sidney Sawrie	1984

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
1979-1980

Mary Kay Joslin
Sonja Compbell
Jackie Fowlkes
Pat Richard
Elva Jean Davis
Pauline Reeves
Shirley Sawrie

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The New Hope District Woman's Auxiliary meets quarterly on Friday night before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October. The following churches have Auxiliaries: Greenbrier, Mt. Bethel, Friendship, Center Point, Searcy First, South Heights, and Mt. Calvary. The Annual Meeting was at Center Point with our State President, Mrs. Bonita Hill as speaker. The following officers were elected for 1979-80. President - Mary Kay Joslin, Vice President - Sonja Campbell, Secretary - Jackie Fowlkes, Treasurer - Pat Richards, Mission Study - Elva Jean Davis, Mission Prayer - Pauline Reeves, and Mission Action - Shirley Sawrie.

MASTER'S MEN

The District Master's Men meet at the same time and place as the Woman's Auxiliary. The last meeting was in July at Friendship with Bro. Willie Dixon as speaker. Bro. Dixon was elected President for 1979-80.

CHURCHES	Church Membership	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary	Master's Men	Representation Fee	Amount Paid Pastor	Building & Repairs
Bethel	40	1	2	37		none			\$32.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 715.13
Center Point	150	1	4	120	71	79	21	12	32.00	6240.00	2459.92
18th St.	25	1	1	20	18	none			32.00		334.98
Friendship	87	3	5	85	78	40	11	12	32.00	5050.00	30,000.00
Greenbrier	98	1	6	60	40	30	10	12	32.00	7325.00	none
Liberty Hill	75		3	30	20	none			32.00		
Mt. Bethel	98	2	3	86	80	46	10		32.00	58.8.00	4,183.72
Mt. Calvary	42	4		35	30	35	10		32.00	7320.00	1,023.00
Mt. Carmel	39	1	4	68	48	30			32.00		
New Hart	81	2	3	64	45	34			32.00	2060.00	
Searcy First	135	1	5	137	65	80	10	12	32.00	9790.00	
Sharon	50	1	4	34	30				32.00	2935.00	100.00
Soda Valley	82	1		31	31				32.00	2600.00	
South Heights	146	3	4	73	55	35	12	5	32.00	7491.50	

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Co-Op	Total Spent for Outside Causes
.Bethel			\$ 15,000.00			
Center Point	\$1475.00	\$1114.18	98,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$2084.61	\$4673.79
18th St.		603.06	30,000.00			603.06
Friendship	1428.00	605.00	60,000.00	30,000.00	1426.00	3459.00
Greenbrier	829.00	256.00	60,000.00	25,000.00	1350.00	2435.00
Liberty Hill			5,000.00	3,000.00		
Mt. Bethel			100,000.00	15,000.00		
Mt. Calvary	125.00	392.00			1505.00	2022.00
Mt. Carmel	220.00		50,000.00		256.00	476.00
New Hart			25,000.00	16,000.00		
Searcy First			147,000.00	30,000.00	475.00	475.00
Sharon	200.00		7,500.00			200.00
Soda Valley	500.00		35,000.00			500.00
South Heights	2046.00	321.00	120,000.00	35,000.00		2367.00