



# *Minutes*

## **New Hope Association Free Will Baptists**

# **1980**

**ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**1880 — 1980**

**Center Point Free Will Baptist Church  
Vilonia, Arkansas  
July 5, 1980**

MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE-HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
OF  
**NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION**

CONVENED WITH THE

Center Point Free Will Baptist Church  
Vilonia, Arkansas  
July 5, 1980

*The next regular session will meet with the Mt. Calvary Church  
Conway, Arkansas, July 4, 1981*

**1980 - 81 OFFICERS**

**MODERATOR**

Rev. Sidney Sawrie..... Rose Bud, AR

**ASSISTANT MODERATOR**

Rev. Roy Wilson ..... Searcy, AR

**CLERK-TREASURER**

Shirley Sawrie..... Rose Bud, AR

**ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER**

Mildred Sowell ..... Vilonia, AR

## PROCEEDINGS

The 1980 Session of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Center Point Church, Vilonia, AR, July 5, 1980.

Services began with congregational singing, "Banner of the Cross" and "Since I have been Redeemed" directed by Mildred Sowell.

Meeting was called to order by the clerk, Shirley Sawrie. In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Randy Scott, Assistant Moderator Rev. Sidney Sawrie, gave the Devotional from Psalms 16:6.

Assistant Clerk, Mildred Sowell read the church letters and the delegates were recognized.

A special welcome was given to the visitors, Bro. Phil Mutchler, Nashville, TN, Janet Williams, Antioch Association, and Rev. Ronald Creech from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN.

The following committees were appointed:

Business Committee: Rev. George Harvey, Jr., Bro. Wendell Pettus, Rev. Steve Sawrie.

Obituary Committee: Betty Mutchler, Betty Dixon, Linda Whitten.

This being the Centennial Meeting of our Association a History of Free Will Baptist was given.

Rev. Jesse Pratt spoke on the Heritage of New Hope Association.

Rev. David Joslin gave a brief history of the State and National Free Will Baptist.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Wendell Pettus directed the congregation in singing "My Faith looks up to Thee" and "I want to be a worker". Pianist was Judy Pearson.

Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Whitten.

Report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN, by Rev. Ronald Creech.

Message "Remove Not the Ancient Landmark" Proverbs 22:28 by Rev. Creech. Benediction and Blessing by Rev. Harold Wilkins.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing "I choose Jesus" directed by Bro. Wendell Pettus. Prayer by Rev. Velon Harmon.

Report of Obituary Committee:

Mrs. Oretta Johnson, Liberty Hill Church

Mrs. Blanche Dixon Sumner, Friendship

Mr. Everett Allen, Friendship

Mr. Elmer Bass, Center Point

Mrs. Mille Hall, Soda Valley

Mrs. Ethel Benton Calhoun, Searcy First

Mrs. Addie Ezell, Searcy First

Rev. John Parks, Sharon

Memorial service for those listed above was by Rev. Mike Mutchler. Scripture was from Hebrews 12:1 - 2.

BUSINESS

Executive Committee Report.

We recommend that Rev. Steve Sawrie's license be extended for one (1) year. (Passed)

Report of District Auxiliary by President Mary K. Joslin.

Report of District Master's Men, Willie Dixon.

Motion made and passed to print the yearly minutes and the Associational History together.

Motion made and passed for the clerk to rent a strong box to keep the Associational Minutes in.

Motion was made to give the Free Will Baptist Bible College Development program a gift of \$200.00. (Carried)

Places were selected for the Quarterly Conferences for the year 1980 - 81.

October 4, 1980 ..... Soda Valley, Greenbrier

January 3, 1981 ..... Mt. Bethel, Rose Bud

April 4, 1981 ..... Friendship, Rose Bud

July 4, 1981 ..... Mt. Calvary, Conway

Offering of \$60.86 was given.

A Special offering of \$1927.34 was given by the churches for the Norman Richards account. The Richard's are Missionaries to the Ivory Coast and are both members of the South Heights Church in Searcy.

Election of Officers for 1980 - 81:

Moderator ..... Rev. Sidney Sawrie

Assist. Moderator ..... Rev. Roy Wilson

Clerk-Treasurer ..... Shirley Sawrie

Assist. Clerk ..... Mildred Sowell

Song Director ..... Wendell Pettus

Executive Board Member .... Bro. Joe Engdahl  
(5 yr.)

Executive Board Member ..... Rev. Harold  
Wilkins (3 Yr.)

Youth Directors ..... Rev. George Harvey  
Rev. Harold Wilkins

Program Committee ..... Rev. Roy Wilson  
Rev. George Harvey  
Rev. Ronnie Whitten

Benediction by Bro. Wayne Crawford.

CHURCHES

Bethel  
Center Point  
18th Street  
Friendship  
Liberty Hill  
Mt. Bethel  
Mt. Calvary  
Mt. Carmel  
Searcy First  
Sharon

DELEGATES

Mary Kaylor  
Ronnie Fowlkes, Doyne Farmer, Ira Sowell  
Ann Hubbard, Doyle Hubbard, Ida Teague  
Maxine Dixon, Betty Dixon, Marjorie Oliver  
David Yancy, Elenora Corbitt, Selena Fuller  
Betty Mutchler, JoAnn Culwell, Sheila Head  
Veleria Glenn, Mary Joslin, Vicki Mutchler  
No delegates  
Lorene Laffoon, Sam Lafoon, Hettie Pettus.  
Linda Whitten, Melanie Crawford, Charlotte Engdahl

CHURCHES

DELEGATES

South Heights	May Rhodes, Marilyn Wilson
Soda Valley	Pat Hall, Mildred Turney, Agnes Graham
Greenbrier	Linda Harvey, Joe Kruger, Mary Sawrie
New Hart	Dan Graham, Cindy Graham, Dwade Hall

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Representation Fee .....	\$ 444.00
Offering for Lee's .....	20.00
Offering from Quarterly Conference .....	60.86
Offering for Richard's .....	1877.34
Late offering for Richard's .....	50.00
	<u>\$2452.20</u>
Balance brought forward .....	250.46
	<u>\$2702.66</u>

**EXPENDITURES**

Postage .....	\$ 5.17
Yearly letter forms .....	2.08
Clerk's fee .....	50.00
Bulletins (yearly meeting) .....	7.90
Printed checks .....	3.73
Printed deposit slips .....	1.70
Richard's Account .....	1927.34
Lee's Account .....	20.00
FWB Bible College (development program).....	200.00
State & Nat.representation fee.....	<u>295.00</u>
Total paid out .....	\$2512.92
Balance in Treasury.....	189.74

# **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.

### **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 is 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 meetings 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.
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 faithfully 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 Saviour, 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.

<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTOR</u></b>	<b><u>CHURCH CLERK</u></b>
Bethel	Rev. Velon Harmon	Arnold Kaylor Sr. Rt. 1 Romance, AR
Center Point	Rev. Harold Wilkins	Mildred Sowell Rt. 2 Vilonia, AR
18th Street	Rev. L. V. Latham	Betty Schlattmann 1513 N. Chandler, N.L.R.
Friendship	Rev. Sidney Sawrie	Janice Burlison Rose Bud, AR
Greenbrier	Rev. George Harvey, Jr.	Mrs. Juanita King Rt. 3 Greenbrier
Liberty Hill		Mrs. Mona English Rose Bud, AR
Mt. Bethel	Rev. James Mutchler	Loyce Culwell Rose Bud, AR
Mt. Calvary	Rev. Mike Mutchler	Mrs. Daniel Loveless 505 Monroe Conway, AR
Mt. Carmel		Helen Barnes Rt. 3 Vilonia, AR
New Hart	Rev. Faber Hall	Ladotta Barlow Rose Bud, AR
Searcy First		Judy Pearson Rt. 3 Box 167 Searcy, AR
Sharon	Rev. Ronnie Whitten	Brenda Atkinson Rt. 1 Vilonia, AR
Soda Valley	Rev. Curtis Lybarger	Lottie Jo Woodrome Rt. 1 Box 407 Greenbrier
South Heights	Rev. Roy Wilson	Bessie Gray 1211 W. Academy Searcy, AR

### **MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES**

Rev. Harold Wilkins	Rt. 2 Violinia, AR 796-2228
Rev. L. V. Latham	1238 W. 8th N. Little Rock 374-5768
Rev. Sidney Sawrie	Rt. 1 Rose Bud, AR 556-5320
Rev. Steven Sawrie**	409 31st Ave. S. Nashville, TN
Rev. Mike Mize**	138A 37th Ave. N. Nashville, TN
Rev. Velon Harmon	Rt. 2 Box 231 F. Heber Springs, AR 362-6813
Rev. George Harvey, Jr.	Rt. 3 Box 500 Greenbrier, AR 679-2516
Rev. James Mutchler	Rt. 1 Rose Bud, AR 556-5571
Rev. Mike Mutchler	2154 Prince St. Conway, AR 327-6491
Rev. Faber Hall	Rt. 1 Rose Bud, AR 556-5649

## **MINISTERS & ADDRESSES (continued)**

Rev. Ronnie Whitten	Rt. 1 El Paso, AR 882-5220
Rev. Roy Wilson	113 Highland Dr. Searcy, AR 268-3281
Rev. Curtis Lybarger	Rt. 3 Greenbrier, AR
Rev. Jesse Pratt *	Rt. 1 Rose Bud, AR 556-5759
Rev. Rueben Pruitt*	Rt. 4 Searcy, AR
Rev. Sylvester Quatney*	Conway, AR
Rev. Norman Richards***	Mission Protestante B.P. 24, Angibilekrou Ivory Coast, Africa
Rev. Earnie Deeds***	Brazil
Rev. David Joslin	122 Oaklawn Conway, AR 327-1729
Rev. Jim Purcell	Rt. 4 Conway, AR 329-8908

- \* Retired
- \*\* Student Bible College
- \*\*\* Missionary

## **STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Rev. Mike Mutchler .....	1981
Rev. Roy Wilson .....	1982
Rev. Harold Wilkins .....	1983
Rev. Sidney Sawrie .....	1984
Bro. Joe Engdahl .....	1985

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY 1980 — 1981**

Mary Kay Joslin  
Brenda Fowlkes  
Jackie Fowlkes  
Pat Richards  
Mildred Sowell  
Shirley Sawrie  
Linda Harvey

*The New Hope District Auxiliary meets Quarterly on Friday night before the second Sunday in January, April, July, and October.*

**NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**CENTENNIAL**  
**1880 — 1980**

## FOREWORD

*The centennial committee wishes to express their appreciation to all persons who have been helpful in supplying the information to make this centennial report possible.*

*It is not possible to compile a complete report, because so many of the sources of information have been lost. We give credit to all the ministers and deacons who have served in the New Hope Association from the time of its organization until the present time.*

*It is with regret that many of the names of people who were among the pioneers, have been omitted. These labored faithfully to make possible that which we enjoy today.*

*The exact date and place of the organization of the New Hope Association has not been determined. Let us thank God for our heritage and pray for both spiritual and numerical growth through the next century or until time shall be no more.*

### **Centennial Committee:**

**Rev. Jesse E. Pratt, Chairman**

**Rev. Sidney Sawrie**

**Rev. David A. Joslin**



Through the century, at least thirty churches have been organized. Many of the country churches ceased to exist due mostly to the migration of people from these areas to more populated areas.

The following churches were organized as member churches of the New Hope Association, but are no longer in existence. These are: McAnear, Harrison Chapel, Union Hill, New Hope, Oak Grove, Bailey's Chapel, Sidon, Shady Grove, Brannon, and Beckett Mountain.

Two other churches are still in existence as community churches, that is, Center Point #1 and Cross Roads.

Four churches have united with other Free Will Baptist Associations. Oakland Church, near Bradford, united with the Polk Bayou Association. The First Free Will Baptist Church of North Little Rock, the Capitol City Church of Little Rock, and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Conway united with the Central Association.

Fourteen churches compose the New Hope Association in 1980. These are: Mt. Bethel at Rose Bud, Friendship at Rose Bud, New Hart at Rose Bud, Liberty Hill at Rose Bud, Center Point #2 at Vilonia, First Church at Searcy, South Heights at Searcy, Mt. Calvary at Conway, 18th Street at North Little Rock, Bethel at Romance, Sharon at Naylor, Mt. Carmal at Vilonia, Greenbrier at Greenbrier, and Soda Valley at Greenbrier.

The following is a list of the ministers who have served within the bounds of the New Hope Association:

W. B. Moore, J. S. Moore, J. A. Stephens, C. E. Wilson, J. W. Moore, E. L. Hunter, S. A. Morgan, O. D. Presley, A. L. Mote, J. H. Hartsell, J. M. Holleman, R. E. Pruitt, Jesse E. Pratt, John Pate, Curtis Lybarger, Faber Hall, Lawnie Coffman, Roy Wilson, Roy Moore, James Turner, Sidney Sawrie, Walter Maddox, Coy Douthit, G. W. Tucker, Mike Mize, John Parks, Sylvester Gartaney, Jason Helms, R. E. Lee, Roger Bomar, Douglas Johnson, Donald Starkey, Alton Loveless, Lewis Campbell, Charles Nichols, Mike Mutchler, Chester Weir, Norman Richards, Jim Purcell, Leland Horton, L. V. Latham, Lavelle Reeves, Ernie Deeds, Steven Sawrie, Alton Wall, W. J. Barnard, Henry Brown, W. H. Bostic, Raymond Patrick, Richard Lane, E. C. Atkins, Dermont Smith, W. F. Pritchett, Wilton Chastain, Clarence Campbell, Keith Woody, Will Cooper, Pinkney Rutherford, Orbin Doss, D. J. Dollar, Dell Beckett, Pette Reeser, J. W. Phelps, G. W. Williams, Ronnie Blanks, Roy Thompson, Wayne Melton, Garland Roetzell, Ralph Hart, Roger Harwell, Cecil Rushin, Randy Scott, Thomas Dixon, Ed Hall, Marion Pettus, Lewis Barker, L. C. Doyle, Roy Bingham, Wayne Douthit, Doyle Dipboye, Ronnie Whitten, Earl Fuller, Harold Wilkins, Jim Killough, Jame Mutchler, Herman Lewis, W. S. Isbell, David A. Joslin, Charles Biggers, R. G. Lane, Roy Bingham, J. W. Phelps, Jim Stephens, Loyd Thomas, D. J. Dollar.

The following men have served as Deacons in the churches of the New Hope Association. This list is an incomplete list due to the unavailability of church records.

Frank Dollar, Arlie Furgerson, Dave Crockett, L. D. Crockett, H. L. Carter, Oscar Carter, Cecil Oliver, Grover Oliver, Achel Bostic, John Corbett, Darrel Hare, Frank Graham, Matt Baker, Wendell Pettus, Walter Pettus, Rufus, Stevens, Lewis Sawrie, James Sawrie, Frank Hankins, George Hall, Arlis Dickens, Ewell Sowell, Tommy Fowlkes, John Prince, Lee Teague, Olen Barnes, Jerry Frazer, Ben Dickson, R. E. Sellers, A. H. Patrick, Chester Cotton, Ben Dixon, William Dixon, Winfred Burlison, John Thomas, Ed McGuire, Chester Langford, Dal Knowell, Henry Hamilton, Ernest Turner, O. B. Wortham, Artis Clay, Robert Lawson, Vernon Barnett, Amos Cohorn, Otha Lawson, Junior Pruitt, Dick Clark, Penny Ausburn, Wayne Richards, Herman Jennings, Horace Thacker, Wayne Thacker, Johnnie White, Orville Sawrie, Clifford Sawrie, Will Linton, Bill Hunt, Luther G. Presley, Buddy Johnston, Doyle Lawrence, Marshall Smith, Sr., Marshall Smith, Jr., Lum Parrish, Gaither Griffin, Curtis Cole, Henry Holleman, Tommy McDaniel, Claud Bennett, Bill Loyd, Bill Gunter, Birthold Burkett, John Engdahl, John House, Wesley Hunter, Harold Bomar, Richard Smith, J. B. Ticker, Cloy Lee Stacy, Joe Hill, Austin Jones, J. C. Clarke, Clarence Snowden, Wilbur Lawrence, Don King, Paul Patton, Ralph Tolleson.

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES**

**PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH**(Greenbrier) was organized by Rev. J. W. Phelps in 1890. Charter members were T. R. Gray, Susie Gray, C.S. Tucker, T. Tucker, J. A. Tucker, Mary Tucker, William Cates & wife, W. W. Glover, Dora Glover, N. C. Craig, D. L. Tucker, Arnnie Tucker, Amanda Tyler, J. D. Craig, and Agnes Craig. Resident membership is now 49 with non-resident being 33. Pastors from the time of organization until the present were: J. W. Phelps, Jim Moore, Jim Stephens, E. C. Stkins, John Moore, Emmitt Wilson, Walter Maddox, J. H. Hartsell, T. H. Dixon, R. G. Lane, W. S. Pritchett, Burl Brakebill, Raymond Patrick, Roy Moore, Roy Thompson, Ronnie Blanks, Charles Biggers, A. E. Coffman, Roy Bingham, Roy Wilson, Jim Baker, Leland Horton, George Harvey. Deacons who have served the church are: John Craig, Lee Willis, A. F. Hankins, O. S. Sawrie, Tom Craig, J. B. Tucker, Lewis Sawrie, Shannon Cotton, James Sawrie, Morris Snowden, D.F. Nowell, Leonard Dempsey, and Arlis Dickens.

MT. BETHEL FWB CHURCH was organized in August of 1901 by the Rev. G. W. Williams, with seven charter members, namely, Z. T. Helms, and wife, L. L. Helms, R. B. Furgerson, M. B. Furgerson, H. B. Nunn, T. McClure, S. L. Mason, Rev. W. B. Moore served as the first pastor. Other pastors have been: Jim Moore, E. C. Atkins, Walter Maddox, J. H. Hartsell, Monroe Holleman, Roy Moore, R. H. McCuin, Lawnie Coffman, Herman Lewis, Loyd Thomas, Curtis Lybarger, Lonnie Clark, Charles Nichols, Roger Harwell, and James Mutchler.

NEW HART FWB CHURCH was organized August 29, 1907, by Rev. W. B. Moore. The charter members were: Z. T. Helms, L. L. Helms, Eady Barger, Debie Bell, W. L. Orren, L. L. Orren, L. McClure, Effie Benton, Gracie Cooper, Delie May, Mary Miller, Bill Free, Frank Baker, Leroy Miller, Albert Miller, Cora Baker, Janie Miller, Ella Gresham, Euribell Free, Lillie Morton, Sirda Hill, Merta McCoy, Anna Wortham, Altha May, John Well, A. S. Wortham, Lillie Armstrong, Loney Hef-fington.

SHARON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH was organized in September, 1909, by Rev. Will Moore. The charter members were: John Cartwright and wife, Maram; John Stephens and wife, Mary; Joey Rice and wife, Bell; Joie Elliot, Jim Everett and wife, Marthy. Rev. Jim Moore was the first pastor. Some of the other pastors have been: J. H. Hartsell, Garland Roetzell, Burl Brakebill, Dermont Smith, W. F. Pritchett, David Joslin, John Parks, and Ronnie Whitten.

MT. CARMAL FWB CHURCH was organized November 5, 1909, by Rev. W. B. Moore. The charter members were G. W. Tucker, C. Atkins, P. P. Wharton, W. J. Auldridge, Julia Auldridge, Mrs. Mann, Maggie Wharton, S. C. Martin, Penny Hooks, Rena Cook, Bertha Tullos, Emma Morgan, Clara Witcher, R. E. Sellers, Etta Sellers, W. W. Tucker, and Emma Tucker. Some of the pastors were: James Moore, John Moore, Emmett Wilson, Walter Maddox, R. E. Pruitt, Dermont Smith, Jesse E. Pratt, Clarence Campbell, Curtis Lybarger, Wilton Chastain, David Joslin, and Chester Weir. Some of the deacons who have served the church are: R. E. Sellers, G. W. Tucker, R. L. Teague, A. H. Patrick, Ben Dickson, Olen Barnes, Randy Robinson, and Jerry Frazer.

CENTER POINT #2 FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH was organized in 1913 by Rev. J. S. Moore. Seven people were present. Three deacons were selected, namely, Wesley Gunter, John House, and Richard Smith. Other deacons who have served are: Frank Dallas, Bill Gunter, A. D. Furgerson, Doyle Lawrence, Tommy Fowlkes, Ewell Sowell. Pastors of the Church have been: Jim Moore, J. H. Hartsell, E. L. Hunter, John Moore, Walter Maddox, Emmett Wilson, Dermont Smith, Wilton Chastain, Jesse Pratt, Alson Wall, Sidney Sawrie, Levelle Reeves, and Harold Wilkins.



**BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** was orgainzed in 1906. However, all of the records concerning the initial organization have been lost. The church is commonly known as the Gravel Hill Church. Pastors have been: D. J. Dollar, Will Moore, S. A. Morgan, Jim Stephens, J. H. Hartsell, John Moore, R. E. Pruitt, Doyle Dipboye, Walter Maddox, Mike Mize, Wayne Douthit, C. E. Wilson, Coy Douthit, R. H. McCuin, Carlton Williams, Faber Hall, Mike Mize, Donald Starkey, A. L. Mote, L. C. Doyle, Chester Weir, David Joslin. Deacons at the present time are: Cloy Lee Stacy, Robert Lawson, and Berthold Burkett.

**FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** was organized in September 1932, by Rev. J. H. Hartsell and Rev. J. W. Moore. The charter members were Ben Dixon and wife, Blanche; Nellie Dixon, F. A. Brown and wife, Alice; Marvin Dixon and wife, Alta; Dick Clark, Chester Langford, A. J. Roberson, Albert Adcock and wife. The church was constructed in 1933 and was dedicated in April of 1933 by Rev. J. W. Moore. Deacons have been: Ben Dixon, F. A. Brown, Dick Clark, Chester Langford, Cecil Oliver, Arivil White, John Thomas, Ed. McGuire, Winfred Burlison, William Dixon, Austin Jones, anf Roy Forbes. Pastors have been: J. W. Moore, Walter Maddox, J. H. Hartsell, Reuben Pruitt, Jason Holmes, Monroe Holleman, Jesse Pratt, Alton Loveless, Mike Mize, and Sidney Sawrie.

**LIBERTY HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** was organized January 14, 1939, by Rev. Jesse E. Pratt in the Home of H. L. Carter. Charter members were; H. L. Carter and wife, Belle; W. W. Bostic and wife, Ellie; Annie Edwards, Ida Hartsell, Arvil Bostic and wife, Maybell; Oscar Carter and wife, Beatrice; Achel Bostic, Earl Bostic and wife, Hazel; George Gray and Bessie; Jesse Pratt and wife, Lula; and Syble Carter. Jesse Pratt was the first pastor. Other pastors have been: Jesse Pratt, Walter Maddox, Jason Holmes, Reuben Pruitt, Humphrey Hartsell, Cecil Rushin, Alton Loveless, John Moore, Ralph Hart, Monroe Holleman, Earl Fuller, David Joslin, James Donald Turner, Jerry Taylor, Frank Saffell, Clarence Campbell, Noel Brown, Douglas Johnson, and Faber Hall. Some of the deacons have been: John Corbit, H. L. Carter, J. H. Thacker, Oscar Carter, Bill Hunt, A. C. Oliver, and Darrel Hare.

**MT. CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH** was organized in Conway, Arkansas, May 7, 1978, by the Revs. Fred Warner, Sidney Sawrie, Howard Hensley, and Mike Mize. There were 28 charter members. Current membership is 51 with one non-resident. Mike Mutchler is the pastor. Deacons are Ralph Tolleson and Paul Patton.

**SEARCY FIRST FWB CHURCH** was organized January, 1954, by Rev. Lonnie Coffman. The charter members were: Harold and Inez Bomar, Ollie & Olivia Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Artis Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Cohorn, John Humbles, Mr. and Mrs. Othar Lawson, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Clent Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pettus, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Pettus, Rev. and Mrs. Rueben Pruitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Hardon Stracener. Pastor's who have served the church are: Reverends Walter Maddox, Lawnie Coffman, Henry Brown, Lewis Barker, Reuben Pruitt, Sr., Pinky Rutherford, Jr., David Joslin, Bobby Cox, Keith Woody, Howard Hensley, and Randy Scott. Deacon's who have served the church are: Amos Cohorn, Ollie Carter, Artis Clay, John Humbles, Walter Pettus, Carl Cohorn, Othor Lawson, Curtis Cole, Rueben Pruitt, Jr., Arthur Ausburn, Thomas McDaniel, Donald King, Fabarn Davis, Dale English, Wendell Pettus, Waymon Pearson.

**SOUTH HEIGHTS FWB CHURCH** was organized April 8, 1962, in the Bell Telephone Company building, Searcy by Rev. Lawnie Coffman. The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Artis Clay, Mrs. Mossie Clay, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richards, Curtis Richards, Wayne Richards, Mrs. Annie Richards, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnston, Carl Duffell, Lucille Duffell, May Rhodes, Gladys Cohorn. Deacons of the church have been: Artis Clay, Curtis Cole, Howard Johnston, Willie Dixon, Wayne Richards, Donald Moss and Dale English. Pastors have been Rev. Lawnie Coffman and Rev. Roy Wilson.

**SODA VALLEY FWB CHURCH** was organized July 21, 1946, by Rev. J. H. Hartsell. Charter members were: Calvin Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. George Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jennings, Rufe Smith, Minda Smith, L. D. Ogles, Willie Mae Jennings, James May, Mary Lee May, Ansa Bell Glenn, Pauline Glenn, Tennie Baker, Leviga Mae Langley, Fannie Woodrone, Mae Glenn, Lottie Blair, Mille Hall, Rev. Ed. Hall, Lula Mae Blair, Nancey Langley, Faber Hall, Ruth Edgmon, Ezra Soears. The deacons of the church have been Bryan Ogles, Rufe Smith, Herman Jennings, Wayne Edgmon, Gerald Hall, Clarence Woodrone. The following have served as Pastors: Reverends J. H. Hartsell, J. M. Holliman, Jesse Pratt, Rueben Pruitt, John Robertson, Nath Baker, and Rev. Curtis Lybarger.



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	30	28	0	0	0	\$32.00	\$ 2095.00	\$ 4648.50
Center Point	148	1	4	120	85	79	23	20	32.00	8947.00	8019.04
18th Street	50	1	1	50	38	0	0	0	32.00		1588.25
Friendship	89	2	5	105	90	48	14	11	32.00	6600.00	5500.00
Greenbrier	99	1	6	60	40	30	10	8	32.00	7325.00	
Liberty Hill	76	1	3	30	25	0	0	0	32.00	3676.00	1553.91
Mt. Bethel	155	2	4	88	80	48	10	0	32.00	6977.00	11000.00
Mt. Calvary	51	3	2	62	52	30	12		32.00	6275.00	145.00
Mt. Carmel	40	1	4	68	50	30	0	0	32.00	1535.00	
New Hart	86	1	3	50	40	20	0	0	32.00	5200.00	
Searcy First	134	1	3	140	60	75	10	12	32.00	10000.00	11065.00
Sharon	50		5	22	25	19	0	0	32.00	2920.00	
Soda Valley	82	1	4	40	30	0	0	0	32.00	2665.00	
South Heights	149	3	4	73	57	30	11	3	32.00	7634.00	

CHURCHES	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	VALUE OF PARSONAGE	CO-OP.	SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE RICHARD'S
Bethel			\$ 25,000.00			\$ 20.00
Center Point	\$1787.68	\$1009.15	80,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$2312.53	269.34
18th Street	42.22	917.51	38,530.00			42.22
Friendship	1850.00	275.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	1945.00	539.00
Greenbrier	922.55	86.50	40,000.00	30,000.00	1665.25	57.50
Liberty Hill			4,000.00	4,000.00		
Mt. Bethel	50.00		120,000.00	20,000.00		183.62
Mt. Calvary	202.00	52.70	81,000.00		2575.25	50.00
Mt. Carmel		100.00	50,000.00		235.52	50.00
New Hart			30,000.00	20,000.00		25.00
Searcy First			150,000.00	33,000.00		
Sharon	100.00	450.00	7,500.00		309.00	250.00
Soda Valley	620.00		35,000.00			100.00
South Heights	2464.85	152.13	120,000.00	40,000.00		315.66