



Minutes

**New Hope Association
Free Will Baptists**

1988

ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

1880 — 1988

Cedar Heights Free Will Baptist Church
Quitman, Arkansas
July 9, 1988

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF
NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION

CONVENED WITH THE
Cedar Heights Free Will Baptist Church
July 9, 1988
Quitman, Arkansas
The next regular session will meet with the Mt. Bethel Church
July 1, 1989

1988 - 89 OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Rev. Sidney Sawrle Rose Bud, AR

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Raymond Patrick Vilonia, AR

CLERK-TREASURER

Shirley Sawrle Rose Bud, AR

Jayne Hannah Rose Bud, AR

PROCEEDINGS

The 1988 Session of the New Hope Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Cedar Heights Church in Quitman on July 9, 1988.

Bro. Wayne Richards led the congregation in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him". Eddy Jean Forbus was the pianist.

Prayer by Bro. Joe Engdahl.

Song "The Wondrous Story".

The meeting was called to order by the Assist. Clerk, Jayne Hannah. Moderator was Rev. Sidney Sawrie.

Jayne Hannah, Assist. Clerk read the church letters and there was a motion made and passed to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Raymond Patrick, Assist. Moderator appointed the following committees.

Business Committee: Melanie Crawford, Mildred Sowell, Danny James.

Obituary Committee: Kathy Moss, Charlotte Engdahl, Paul Wilson.

Youth Seminar by Rev. Frank Gregory and Rev. Johnny Conyers.

Message "Prayer" by Rev. Nick Hollis. Scripture from Esther 4:15, 16.

Prayer by Rev. Orville Berg.

Intermission

11:00 SERVICE

Congregation singing "O How I Love Jesus".

Offering \$59.75.

Prayer by Bro. Danny James.

Special music "I Will serve Thee" by Jayne Hannah of the Friendship Church.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Memorial Message by Rev. Raymond Patrick. Scripture was taken from Romans 7:24 Romans 8:1.

Benediction and Blessing on the food by Rev. Lawnie Coffman.
Lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing "To God be the Glory".
Prayer by Bro. Dwayne Chapman.
Song "When we all get to Heaven".
Devotional from Psalms 105:1 - 4 by Rev. Sidney Sawrie.
Business.

- Report of Business Committee: We recommend the following.
- 1. We give the Cedar Heights Church a rising vote of Thanks for their hospitality.
 - 2. That the C.T.S. Board be a rotating Board of Three (3), Two (2) and One (1) year members with the 3 year member serving as the Chairman of the Board. (Passed)
 - 3. That the Association finance the District C.T.S. Competition each year. (Passed)

- Report of Executive Board. We recommend the following.
- 1. Bro. Danny James be ordered as a Deacon in the New Hart Church.
 - 2. Rev. Eddy Campbell be accepted into this Association as an ordained Minister pending a letter of recommendation from Central Association.

BUSINESS

The following C.T.S. Board members were elected by acclamation.

3 year Term and Chairman	Rev. Orville Berg
2 year	Rev. Nick Hollis
1 year	Rev. David Copeland

Delegates were elected for the State Meeting to be August 16 - 18 at Camp Beaverfork. They were David Smith, Mary Davis, Buelah Patrick, Betty Campbell and Mary Pearl Earnhart.

Motion made and passed to start a savings account for the Norman Richard's plane fare from Africa. Motion was also made and passed to give our Quarterly meeting Offerings above the expenses to the savings fund for the Richard's.

OFFICERS FOR 1988-89

Moderator	Rev. Sidney Sawrie
Assist. Moderator	Rev. Raymond Patrick
Clerk	Shirley Sawrie
Assist. Clerk	Jayne Hannah
Song Leader	Wayne Richards
Executive Board member 5 yr. term	Rev. Raymond Patrick
Program Committee	Rev. Sidney Sawrie
	Rev. Frank Gregory, Rev. Eddy Campbell

Places were selected for the Quarterly Conference for 1988-89

October 1, 1988	Friendship
January 7, 1989	Sharon
April 1, 1989	South Heights
July 1, 1989	Mt. Bethel

Report of District Aux. Milderd Sowell
Report of Master's men Wayne Richards
Report of C.T.S. Rev. Frank Gregory

The Conference voted to give Rev. Melvin Moon and Rev. Ken Reiter a letter of recommendation.

Benediction by Rev. Curtis Lybarger.

CHURCHES

DELEGATES

Cedar Heights	Lois Morton, Gerald Holland, Sis. Harmon
Center Point	Carl Smith, Mildred Sowell, David Smith
Chapel Lane	Bod Bradley, Shirley Foster, Loy Wells
18th St.	Carolyn Collier, Ida Teague, Arkie Sheperd
Friendship	Sandra Healy, Eddy Forbus, Dora D. Forbes
Gravel Hill (Bethel)	Norma Stacey, Ella Stacy
Greenbrier	Sara Chapman, Erie Dempsey
Liberty Hill	(no delegates)
Mt. Bethel	Kathy Moss, Melissa Rodgers, Iva Turner
Mt. Calvary	(no delegates)
Mt. Carmel (no delegates)	
New Hart	Shelly Berg, Wendy James
Sharon	Charlotte Engdahl, Melanie Crawford
Soda Valley	Betty Edgmon, Mary Davis
South Heights	Wanda Rose, L.E. McKay
Wesley Chapel	David Houston, Marion Grubbs, Della Grubbs

OBITUARY REPORT

Center Point	Mrs. Marguerite Gunter
	Mrs. Sally Bass
	Carrol Lavoy Gunter
Chapel Lane	A.E. Ausburn
	Mrs. Alice Hightower
18th St.	Authur Reedy
Friendship	Mrs. Alma Pearson
Chapel Lane	Sam Laffoon

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mary Kay Joslin	President
Mary Mergenschoer	Vice President
Mildred Sowell	Secretary
Brenda Conyers	Treasurer
Pat Richards	Prayer Chairman
Barbara Johnson	Study Chairman
Bea Myhand	Mission Action Chairman
Donna Moon	Field Worker
Shirley Sawrie	Reporter

YEARLY REPORT
NEW HOPE DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
April 1, 1987 to March 31, 1988

Membership Dues to State (81 members)	\$162.00
WNAC Printed Minute Fee \$1.00 per local aux.	7.00
District Representation Fee to State	10.00
District Entertainment Fee to State	30.00

National Home Missions

Pre-Thanksgiving Offering - Gen. Fund	\$ 71.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering - R. Johnson	59.52	
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering - M. Mutchler	33.00	
Howard Gwartney (Arizona)	100.00	
Mike Mutchler	75.00	
Total to National Home Missions	<u>\$ 338.52</u>	338.52

Foreign Missions

General Fund	\$ 27.17	
Pre-Easter Offering (Gen. Fund)	149.99	
Pre-Easter Offering - Norman Richards	25.00	
Pre-Easter Offering - Uruguay Missionaries	50.00	
State Project (1987) Earnie Deeds	18.67	
State Project (1988) Norman McFalls	389.87	
Patsy Vanhook "Brick"	600.00	
Earnie Deeds	43.00	
Ivory coast Clinic	27.00	
Sherwood Lee	302.00	
Martens/Leatherburg	100.00	
Archie Mayhew	25.00	
Norman McFalls	25.00	
Norman Richards	387.00	
Paul Robinson	27.00	
Patsy Vanhook	2.00	
Donald McDonald	100.00	
Dale Bishop	50.00	
Eunice Edwards Church Loan Fund	50.00	
	<u>\$2,398.70</u>	2,398.70

WNAC

General Fund (Emphasis Offering)	\$ 35.00	
Co-Laborer Offering	88.24	
Total	<u>\$123.24</u>	123.24
		<u>\$3,069.46</u>

Report of New Hope Master's Men
OFFICERS

Tony Moss President
Doyne Farmer Vice President
Wayne Richards Secretary/Treasurer

State Master's Men project for the past year was air-conditioning the kitchen at the Youth Camp, \$93.07 was given by New Hope Master's men to this. State project for the 1988-89 year is the rebuilding of the Cedars of Lebanon Chapel in Cuba.

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Representation fee	\$ 672.00
Offering	59.75
Richard's and Lee's account	20.00
Mt. Bethel for C.T.S. Competition	40.00
Mt. Calvary for C.T.S. Competition	10.00
	<u>\$ 801.75</u>
Balance brought forward	213.54
	\$1,015.29

EXPENDITURES

Postage and stamps	\$ 17.70
State and National fees	560.00
Ark. Free Will Baptist (Medals for C.T.S.)	100.81
Randall House (material for C.T.S. Comp)	18.89
Richard's and Lee's account	20.00
Clerk's fee	<u>50.00</u>
	\$767.40
Balance in Treasury	\$247.89
(\$100.00 of this is designated for the Richard's plane fare)	

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Sidney Sawrie	1989
Bro. Joe Engdahl	1990
Rev. Ronnie Whitten	1991
Rev. Johnny Conyers	1992
Rev. Raymond Patrick	1993

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	CHURCH CLERK
Cedar Heights	Rev. Eddy Campbell	Bobbie Pike Rt. 3, Box 177C Quitman, AR 72131
Center Point	Rev. Johnny Conyers	Brenda Fowlkes P.O. Box 5 Vilonia, AR 72173
Chapel Lane	Rev. David Copeland	Pauline Wells Rt. 6, Box 108 Searcy, AR 73143
18th St.	Rev. L. V. Latham	Della Nelson 5000 Asher Ave. Little Rock, AR 72204
Friendship	Rev. Sidney Sawrie	Eldon Hannah, Jr. P.O. Box 65 Rose Bud, AR 72137
Gravel Hill	(none)	Aronld Kaylor Rt. 1, Box 71 Romance, AR 72136
Greenbrier	(none)	Judy Harrington Rt. 3, Box 140 Greenbrier, AR 72058
Liberty Hill	Rev. Faber Hall	Mona English Rt. 1, Box 210 Rose Bud, AR 72137
Mt. Bethel	Rev. Frank Gregory	Donna Moon Rt. 1, Box 174 Rose Bud, AR 72137
Mt. Calvary	Rev. Andy Percy	Brenda Purcell Rt. 3, Box 176 Conway, AR 72032
Mt. Carmel	(none)	Helen Barnes Rt. 3, Box 106 Vilonia, AR 72173
New Hart	Rev. Orville Berg	Wendy James Rt. 1, Box 139D Rose Bud, AR 72137

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Sharon	Rev. Ronnie Whitten	Marlys Scaliatine Rt. 1, Box 191 Vilonia, AR 72173
Soda Valley	Rev. Curtis Lybarger	Lottie Jo Woodrome Rt. 1, Box 407 Greenbrier, AR 72058
South Heights	Rev. Nick Hollis	Modene Johnston Rt. 1, Box 60 Rose Bud, AR 72137
Wesley Chapel	Rev. Steven Sawrie	Jan Cox Rt. 2, Box 182 Quitman, AR 72131

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Eddy Campbell	312 W. 2nd, Little Rock, AR	758-6330
Rev. Herbert Crouch	140 Firestone Lane, N. Little Rock, AR	
Rev. Faber Hall	Rt. 1, Box 114c, Rose Bud, AR 72137	556-5972
Rev. Andy Pearcy	305 Club Lane, Conway, AR 72032	
Rev. Velon Harmon	404 Hillcrest, Heber Springs, AR 72543	362-6813
Bro. Welton Ward	P.O. Box 42, Quitman, AR 72131	589-2574
Rev. Johnny Conyers	Rt. 2, Box 65, Vilonia, AR 72173	796-2228
Rev. Raymond Patrick	Rt. 2, Box 261A, Vilonia, AR 72173	796-2837
Rev. David Copeland	402 Sawmill Rd., Searcy, AR 72143	268-2871
Rev. L.V. Latham	1238 W. 8th, N. Little Rock, AR 72114	562-7741
Rev. Sidney Sawrie	Rt. 2, Box 84, Rose Bud, AR 72137	556-5320
Rev. Frank Gregory	Rt. 1, Box 34, Rose Bud, AR 72137	556-5571
Rev. Jim Purcell	Rt. 3, Box 176, Conway, AR 72032	329-8908
Rev. Keith Johnson	P.O. Box 1473, Conway, AR 72032	329-8078
Rev. Lewis Campbell	336 Locust, Conway, AR 72032	329-3066
Rev. David Joslin	122 Oaklawn, Conway, AR 72032	327-1729
Rev. Ronnie Whitten	Rt. 4, Box 461-01, Conway, AR 72032	796-3972
Bro. Bobby Shock*	Rt. 1, Box 354, Vilonia, AR 72173	849-2289
Rev. Curtis Lybarger	69 Broadview, Greenbrier, AR 72032	679-2547
Rev. Nick Hollis	113 Highland, Searcy, AR 72143	268-3281
Rev. Douglas Johnson	207 South College, Searcy, AR 72143	268-3281
Rev. Norman Richards	B.P. Agnibilekro, Ivory Coast, Africa	(Missionary)
Rev. Steven Sawrie	Rt. 2, Box 86, Rose Bud, AR 72137	556-4162
Rev. Bob McDaniels	P.O. Box 15, Quitman, AR 72131	589-3108
Rev. Rueben Pruitt**	Rt. 4, Searcy, AR 72143	
Rev. Ernie Deeds	Brazil (Missionary)	
Rev. Bill Wheeler	Rt. 3, Box 176, Conway, AR 72032	
Rev. Orville Burg	Rt. 1, Box 147, Rose Bud, AR 72137	556-4166

Retired Ministers**

Licensed Ministers*

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STATE OFFICES

Arkansas State Office of Free Will Baptist

P.O. Box 1404

Conway, AR 72032 329-8193

Christian Supply Store

P.O. Box 1404

Conway, AR 72032 327-0266

Camp Beaverfork Youth Camp

Rt. 3, Box 176

Conway, AR 72032 329-8908

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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 Commission 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

This Association shall be financed by the Churches belonging to said Association. Quarterly fees shall be fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) and yearly fees of twelve Dollars (\$12.00); the annual fees of twenty Dollars (\$20.00 for the State Association and ten Dollars \$10.00 for the National 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.

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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.

CHURCHES	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	ORDAINED MINISTERS	DEACONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	C.T.S. ENROLLMENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	MASTER'S MEN	CHURCH MEMBERS ADDED	REPRESENTATION FEE	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	TOTAL INCOME OF CHURCH
Cedar Heights	81	3	1	30				5	42.00	150,000.00	
Center Point	150	2	3	112	76	17	13	3	42.00	175,000.00	37,945.93
Chapel Lane	180	1	3	70				11	42.00	240,000.00	45,544.53
18th St.	35	2	3	20				6	42.00	55,000.00	6,104.07
Friendship	82	1	4	60		9	6	1	42.00	150,000.00	27,019.67
Gravel Hill	40	1							42.00	30,000.00	
Greenbrier	186		4	45	40	9		10	42.00	150,000.00	23,154.54
Liberty Hill		1	3						42.00		
Mt. Bethel	93	2	4	106	68	13	11	11	42.00	115,000.00	52,423.24
Mt. Calvary	71	5	2	43	25	8		4	42.00	154,500.00	23,899.00
Mt. Carmel	21		2	55	35			2	42.00	60,000.00	4,130.31
New Hart	102	1		20	15	10		4	42.00	50,000.00	12,196.82
Sharon	42	1	2	39					42.00	54,000.00	17,067.84
Soda Valley	78	1	5	39					42.00	35,000.00	
South Heights	89	3	4	70	40	14	9		42.00	180,000.00	39,864.11
Wesley Chapel	33	1	2	33				4	42.00	75,000.00	9,180.84