

MINUTES  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION NO. 2  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

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HELD WITH

Harmony Church, nine miles north of Charleston,  
Ark., beginning on Thursday night, Aug. 4, 1938.

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OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. Glenn Dipboye,	Van Buren, Ark.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.
Clerk,	Eld. S. A. Smith,	Rudy, Ark.
Ass't Clerk,	Bro. I. G. Brown,	Rudy, Ark.

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The next Annual Session of this Association will  
be held with Kinner Chapel Church, beginning  
Thursday night before the first Sunday in Aug-  
ust, 1939.

Eld. S. A. Smith to preach the Introductory ser-  
mon, Eld. Chas. S. Graham alternate.

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## **RULES OF ORDER**

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1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator shall ask, "Any discussions or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.

~~5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, 'Shall it be discussed?' If negative, the question shall be dismissed.~~

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 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.

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 forget 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.

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

## PROCEEDINGS

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Zion Hope Association No. 2 met in its Twenty-Fourth Annual Session with Harmony Church, on Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock.

Opened with devotional service led by Eld. T. J. Robertson, pastor of Harmony Church.

Introductory sermon delivered by Eld. Joe Raggs, based on the 29th chapter of Genesis, beginning with the 7th verse. Concluded by Eld. S. A. Smith.

The assistant moderator, Eld. B. F. Brown, took charge and proceeded with the election of a moderator and an assistant moderator. Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected moderator, and Eld. B. F. Brown assistant.

Rules of Order read by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Eld. T. E. Conyer.

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### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by moderator, Eld. Glenn Dipgoye.

Scripture lesson, first chapter of Ephesians, read by the moderator.

Prayer by Eld. P. J. Mullen.

Letters were read and received, and delegates were seated from the following churches:

**Bethlehem**—Delegates: Bro. Gradie Harris, Bro. John Parethens, and Bro. Ralph Mayse.

**Pleasant Grove**—Delegates: Bro. Eura Rose, Bro. Lanchford Allison, and Eld. R. E. Rose.

**Harmony**—Delegates: Bro. Floyd Hulrbert, Sister B. Cagle, Bro. Frank Francis, and Jessie Robertson alternate.

**Eighty-one**—Delegates: Sister Agnes Gentry, Sister Mauvie Gentry, and Eld. N. C. Goldsmith. Alternates: Bro. Neal Petters and Bro. Albert Gentry.

**Ft. Smith**—Delegates: Bro. Tallis Rains, Sister Corrie Rains, Sister Mary Breedlove, Sister M. E. Purdom.

**Mountainburg**—Delegates: Bro. Andy Teague, Bro. Fred Smith, Sister Fred Smith.

**Catcher**—Delegates: Clyde Peters, Jim Kindig.

### Appointment of Committees

**Divine Service**—Brothers J. H. Oxford, H. G. Harris and Eura Rose.

**Arrangement**—Elders P. J. Mullen, T. E. Conyer and R. E. Rose.

**Obituary**—Bro. Floyd Hurlbert, Sister Agnes Gentry and Bro. Jim Robertson.

**Credentials**—Elders Glenn Dipboye, Chas. Graham and T. J. Robertson.

**Sunday School**—Bro. John Rogertson, Sister Exie Cagle and Eld. N. C. Goldsmith.

The Divine Service Committee chose Bro. Robert Rose to fill the stand at eleven o'clock, with Bro. P. J. Mullen to conclude.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Moderator.

Scripture lesson from 4th chapter of Ephesians.

Prayer by Bro. Jackson.

Motion carried that we send Elders Glenn Dipboye, P. J. Mullen and T. J. Robertson as delegates to the State Association.

Motion carried to send Elders Glenn Dipboye and Roy Rose to represent us at the Robert McGee Ass'n.

Motion carried to send Eld. T. J. Robertson as delegate to the Arkansas Association.

Partial report of Arrangement Committee—"What is the difference between Wisdom and Knowledge?" Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8.

Motion carried to adjourn for the preaching hour.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Chas. Graham.

Partial report of Divine Service Committee—Eld. T. E. Conyer to preach at 3:00 p. m. Eld. N. C. Goldsmith to follow.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye to preach Friday night, with Eld. B. F. Brown to conclude.

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### Friday, 3:00 p. m. Service

Preaching by Eld. N. C. Goldsmith. Lesson read, Exodus 20:1-18, "The Commandments." Bro. Conyer followed, with a discourse from Matthew's Gospel.

Question No. 1 of Arrangement Committee was taken up and discussed.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

### Friday Night Service

Preaching by Bro. Glenn Dipboye. Text, Judges 16:20, "And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him." Followed by Eld. B. F. Brown.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference opened with singing.

Scripture reading, 6th chapter of Mark, by Mod.

Prayer by Bro. Goldsmith.

Motion carried to seat all visiting brethren and to give them the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried that Bro. Chas. Graham preach the Memorial sermon, with Bro. T. J. Robertson to follow.

Motion carried that we vote to locate the next session of the Association. Churches voted on were Kinner Chapel and Eighty-one. Eighty-one received nine vote, and Kinner Chapel received twenty votes.

Eld. S. A. Smith was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon, with Bro. Chas. Graham to conclude.

Final report of Sunday School Committee read and approved and committee discharged.

Motion carried to received report of Obituary Committee and discharge the committee.

Partial report of Arrangement Cimmittee, Question No. 2, "What is the difference between the sinner and the ungodly?" Scripture 1 Peter 4:18.

Report received for discussion.

Evangelist's report read and approved.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye was re-elected evangelist for the year 1939, and accepted on same terms as last year.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock p. m.

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### SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Memorial Service, preached by Eld. C. S. Graham. Concluded by Eld. T. J. Robertson. It was a very impressive service, one that will be long remembered by those who were present.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference opened with singing.

Prayer by Bro. W. Dorey of Poteau, Oklahoma.

Motion carried to seat Eld. W. Dorey as corresponding messenger from Robert McGee Association.

Motion carried to receive question No. 2.

Motion carried to receive final report of Arrangement Committee and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to table question No. 2.

Motion carried that Bro. P. J. Mullen give the vote of thanks at the night service.

Motion carried that the Church Covenant be printed in the minutes.

Divine Service Committee appointed Bro. Chas. Graham to preach tonight, Bro. W. Dorey to conclude.

Motion carried to received final report of Divine Service Committee and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until next Annual Session, at Kinner Chapel, near Rudy, Arkansas.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Moderator,

Eld. S. A. Smith, Clerk,

Bro. I. G. Brown, Ass't Clerk.

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### Amount Received for printing of Minutes

81 Church .....	\$1.00
Bethlehem Church .....	1.00
Harmony Church .....	2.25
Pleasant Grove Church .....	2.00
Mountainburg Church .....	1.75
Kinner Chapel Church .....	1.85
Catcher Church .....	1.50
— Visitors .....	1.00
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Total amount received .....	\$12.15

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Sunday School**—We, your Committee on Sunday School, wish to report that all of our churches in this Association have good Sunday schools, and growing.

We urge that each pastor impress the vital need of Sunday school upon his people.

Committee { J. A. Robertson,  
Exie Cagle,  
N. C. Goldsmith.

**Credentials**—We, your Committee on Credentials, find that we have 25 ordained ministers, and that 14 of them have complied with the ruling of the Association, and reported their year's work in writing, and are entitled to receive Annual Certificates of Ministerial Standing, as follows:

Robert Rose,	Joe Raggs,	S. O. Sperry,
Ray Purdom,	Roy Rose,	Glenn Dipboye,
S. A. Smith,	Burrell Nye,	J. A. Joslin,
Lloyd N. Weese,	T. E. Conyer,	Charlie Graham,
T. J. Robertson,	N. C. Goldsmith.	

We wish to urge that every minister of this Association report in writing at each annual session of the Association.

We also urge that pastors of the churches urge their ministers not to ignore this request and ruling of the Association. We find by investigation that most of our ministers are on the field more than they were last year and that God is blessing their work.

Committee { Glenn Dipboye,  
T. J. Robertson,  
Chas. S. Graham.

**Obituary**—We, your Committee on Obituary, find that the death angel has visited our churches and has taken the following brothers and sisters during the past year:

Mrs. C. E. Holman of Mountainburg Church.

Mrs. S. R. Watt

Sister Lucinda (Poe) Barnes of Lone Elm Church.

David Boone Chadduck of eighty-eight Church.

Committee { Agnes Gentry,  
J. W. Robertson,  
Floyd Hurlbert.

## OBITUARIES

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**Holman**—Mrs. C. E. Holman of Mountainburg, about 65 years old, was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Mountainburg, about three years.

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**Watt**—Mrs. S. R. Watt, mother of Mrs. Exie Cagle, died at Mena, Arkansas April 8, 1938. She was 87 years old, and had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Midway for about 70 years.

She always prayed for a peaceful death. She lay down on her bed and in an hour she was asleep in Jesus. We pray that God will give us more of such dying evidence.

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**Barnes**—Sister Lucinda (Poe) Barnes was born at Canehill, Arkansas January 1, 1846, and departed this life March 14, 1938, and was laid to rest in Manison cemetery.

She had been a Christian for 50 years, and was one of the charter members of Lone Elm Church at 88.

She was 92 years old, and had 90 descendants.

She had been an invalid for years and longed for peace beyond the river. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

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**Chadduck**—David Boone Chadduck was born Dec. 15, 1859, and departed this life April 8, 1938.

He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Eighty-eight for five years. He had been a Christian since he was 21 years old, always faithful and in the service. He was superintendent of the Lone Elm Sunday school at 88 for two or three years, until he resigned because of his old age and ill health

## Report of Field Evangelist

### From August, 1937 to August, 1938

I have spent 76 work days in the service, have traveled about 2,500 miles, have visited every church in the Association twice, most of them three times, and some of them four times, have visited and served some of our neighbor churches out of the Association, and some of the communities where no churches are organized. I have responded to the call of the pastors throughout the Association as much as possible, and have encouraged co-operation between us and neighbor Associations, and have insisted that every minister in the Association call on me when needing assistance. I have preached about 125 sermons in this work.

### Financial Report

Fifth Sunday Conference collections in Ass'n,	\$30.00
Donations from churches in the Association:	
Catcher Church .....	\$11.00
Pleasant Grove Church .....	11.00
Harmony Church .....	11.00
Mountainburg Church .....	10.00
Eighty-one Church .....	9.00
Kinner Chapel Church .....	7.50
Bethlehem Church .....	5.60
Sunny Side Church of Ft. Smith .....	5.50
First Church of Ft. Smith .....	3.75
Davidson Church .....	3.00
Eighty-eight Church .....	1.50
Special donations .....	12.00
Received from churches outside of Ass'n.....	25.00
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Total amount received .....	\$145.80
Traveling and correspondence expenses.....	\$40.00

This report does not include pastoral appointments of the one church I pastor.

—Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Evangelist.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

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### Ordained Ministers Present

Robert Rose ..... Natural Dam, Ark.  
Glenn Dipboye ..... R3, Van Buren, Ark.  
Arthur Joslin ..... R3, Van Buren, Ark.  
Burrel Nye ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
T. J. Robertson ..... R2, Charleston, Ark.  
Lloyd N. Weese ..... R3, Van Buren, Ark.  
Charles S. Graham ..... Rudy, Ark.  
N. C. Goldsmith ..... Rudy, Ark.  
Steve Smith ..... Rudy, Ark.  
P. J. Mullen ..... Rudy, Ark.  
T. E. Conyer ..... R3, Van Buren, Ark.  
Joe Raggs ..... Short, Okla.

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### Ordained Ministers Not Present

C. M. Church ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Ray Purdom ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Roy Rose ..... Uniontown, Ark.  
James Franklin ..... Davidson, Ark.  
Eph Hunter .....  
Tommie Nolan ..... Uniontown, Ark.  
S. O. Sperry ..... Stillwell, Okla.  
John Swatsenberg ..... Prairie Grove, Ark.  
B. L. Parker ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
E. W. Simpkins ..... Van Buren, Ark.  
Don Bias ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Joe Lovette ..... Ft. Smith, Ark.  
Virgil Walker ..... Charleston, Ark.  
Ben Pixley ..... Rudy, Ark.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory.—Romans 1:20; 1st John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written and revealed Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—Mat. 5:18; 2 Tim. 3:16

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He, by the Grace of God should taste death for every man.—Gen. 3:7, 17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:20, 21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life.—John 3:3; Romans 5:1-13.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God.—Jon. 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16.

7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life: for blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city.—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water: and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children, and bids us walk therein.—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:2-5; Matt. 28:19-20.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come.—1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isaiah 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' feet are Divine ordinances and should be observed by all His children.—Mark 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19, 20; 1 Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery

of Elders; and each church ought to have a Pastor, Deacons and Clerk, chosen by the church and continue in office during the good pleasure of the same: and in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous.—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; 2 Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and that it is the duty of the Pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself, and so let him eat."—1 Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God.—Gal. 6:10; 1 John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust, to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God.—Matt. 25:31-34; 1 Cor. 15:42-45; 2 Thess. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

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## **RULES OF ORDINATION**

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1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the Human heart?  
Answer—No.
2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer—I do.
3. Do you believe in a Full and Free Salvation to all who will accept it on the Gospel Terms? Answer—I Do.
4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost is the only baptism? Answer—I Do.
5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to Repeat Baptism to such a subject? Answer—No.
6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and Baptism are Gospel Ordinances, and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer—I Do.
7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same, God being your helper? Answer—I will by the help of God.
8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those who persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer—I Do.