

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

OF THE

Zion Hope No. 2 Association

OF

Freewill Baptists

HELD WITH
The Mountainburg Church, Beginning on Thursday
Night, August 6, 1944

OFFICERS

Moderator, Eld. Glenn Dipboye	Van Buren Ark., Route 3
Ass't. Moderator, Eld. R. E. Pixley	Van Buren, Ark., Rt. 3
Clerk, Bro. Wayne Bonewell	Rudy, Ark.
Ass't. Clerk, W. F. Wright	Mountainburg, Ark.

The Next Annual Session of this Association Will Be Held with the Independence Freewill Baptist Church at Natural Dam, Ark., 18 Miles North of Van Buren, Beginning Thursday Night Before the First Sunday in Aug. 1945.

Elder Ben Pixley to preach introductory sermon.
Elder J. B. Lovette to preach the memorial sermon,
followed by Elder Albert Rozell.

Proceedings

The 30th annual session of Zion Hope Association No. 2 convened at the Mountainburg Church at Mountainburg on Thursday night, August 6, 1944. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ben Pixley and Eld. Glenn Dipboye. The theme of their subject was unity, Psalms 133:1. The body was inspired by these messages and the message must have been well used for the association moved in harmony and unity throughout the session. After preaching services the assistant moderator, Eld. Glenn Dipboye announced the body in conference and the association elected the officers to officiate during the session. Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected moderator and Eld. Rupert Pixley assistant moderator. Bro. Wayne Bonewell was elected clerk and Bro. W. F. Wright assistant clerk. The body then moved to adjourn and meet back in conference at 8:30 Friday morning. They came together in the handshake and were dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The conference was called together by the Moderator and opened by singing and prayer. Scripture reading, Genesis 2:14. The Moderator called for letters from various churches. They were read by the Clerk and delegates were given the hand of fellowship. Rules of order were then read by the Moderator. The Moderator appointed the arrangement committee and a divine service committee. The divine service committee reported that Elder Burl Nye would bring the message at 11 o'clock, concluded by Elder J. H. Jordan. The body then moved to adjourn the business session and meet back that afternoon at 1:30. A wonderful message was brought at the 11 o'clock hour by Bro. Nye and Bro. Jordan, scripture reading Matt. 11-1:30. The theme was the things God hath hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. God wonderfully blessed these brethren and those that heard them and we come together in a handshake and there was great rejoicing. Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading by the moderator, Matt. 5:15-16.

Conference opened by prayer.

A Sunday School committee and also an obituary committee was appointed by the moderator.

Talks were given during the day by the moderator and Elder Ben Pixley urging the pastors to instruct their churches to send in money for printing of minutes and other expenses of our state association as well as for the evangelist and the printing of our association minutes in order that we can have a sufficient amount for both our minutes and state minutes and pay the expense of the state delegates. The churches were asked to specify the amount for evangelist and for the state and for printing of minutes of Zion Hope No. 2 Association. It was also agreed by the body that what money was left over from printing minutes of this association should go to help in representing at the state association. The divine service committee reported that Elder T. J. Robertson preached at 2:30 o'clock followed by Elder J. S. Lovette of Branch, Ark.

The Arrangement Committee reported that we take up what extra time we had that afternoon in devotional services.

It was voted to send corresponding delegates to the Arkansas Association at Pleasant Grove Church near Charleston, Ark., which meets on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1944.

Delegates were Bro. John Robertson, Elder S. A. Southerland, Brother Jim Robertson.

The body moved to send delegates to the southeast Oklahoma association which meets on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in August. Delegates elected were Brother and Sister Fred Smith. The body moved to elect delegates to represent us at the Eureka Association near Keota, Okla., which convenes on Wednesday night before the first Sunday in September. Delegates elected were Elder Burl Nye, Elder Ben Pixley, Elder P. J. Mullen, Brother Andy Teague.

The moderator then stated that some of our preachers and deacons were planning to attend our state association, and as ordained ministers and deacons are already standing delegates he asked the body to elect at least three other delegates to go with them. The body then elected Sister Lessie Dipboye, Sister Lizzie Francis, Bro. Clyde Peters and Sister Mattie Lovette as delegates. Bro. Dipboye and Bro. Robertson would try to get a way of transportation.

There were a number of visiting brethren seated in our body during the day.

Brother Pendergrass and Brother Edwards from the Eastern Oklahoma Association were seated and Elder Tom Arnold of the Eureka Association with his wife and others. Elder J. S. Lovette

from the Arkansas Association and Rev. Norman Drake from Fayetteville. A hearty welcome was extended to these brethren and others.

Elder J. S. Lovette and Elder T. J. Robertson brought us a wonderful message and while we came together with a handshake there was great rejoicing, after which the Moderator appointed Elder Ben Pixley to lead a testimonial service and people were filled with the spirit and rejoiced by laughing and crying, singing and testifying.

After the Divine Service Committee reported that Elder Tom Arnold of Keota, Okla., and Rev. Norman Drake of Fayetteville would preach at 8:30 Friday night. The body then moved to adjourn their business session and meet back at 8:30 Saturday morning.

Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Brother Arnold and Brother Drake brought a wonderful message. The spirit of God was working wonderfully with the people and God was glorified. There was again much rejoicing. The service was dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Conference was called together by the Moderator, Brother Dipboye.

Scripture reading, Isaiah 58th chapter.

Prayer by Elder Joslin.

A call for letters was made by the Moderator and the letters were read and delegates were seated. The Moderator then asked where would the next session of this association be held. The clerk stated that the Mountainview Church and Independence had called for it by letter. The Mountainview delegates withdrew their call in favor of Independence Church as Independence had never had the association since it was organized.

The body voted 100 per cent for the next session to be held at Independence Church at Natural Dam, Ark., 18 miles north of Van Buren. Elder Ben Pixley was selected to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. B. Lovette was elected to preach the memorial sermon, Saturday at 11 o'clock at the next session to be concluded by Elder Albert Rozell.

A partial report of the Divine Service Committee was read and the body adopted the recommendation that the Moderator at each session of the association appoint a minister to preach one sermon on tithing and the recommendation was also adopted that each pastor preach one sermon a year on tithing at each church he pastors. Before this recommendation was adopted

the Moderator called for talks in favor or against, all the talks were in favor of it and it was passed by a 100 per cent vote. Elder Charles Graham and Elder Rupert Pixley, who were elected by the people last year to preach the memorial sermon were not present so the body voted for Elder J. B. Lovette to preach the memorial sermon and Elder J. C. Swatzenbarg to conclude. The announcement was made that dinner would be spread on the ground, and the body moved to adjourn the business session and meet back at 1:30.

We had a wonderful time at the one o'clock service. Bro. Lovette and Bro. Swatzenbarg reminded us of God's great promise of an everlasting enjoyment in the glory of Heaven and the great hope we could cherish in regard to those faithful ones. We come together in another handshake and again we were wonderfully blessed. After the services a bountiful dinner was spread and while we partook of the food the good sisters had prepared, we talked of the good spiritual table that God had spread throughout the session and how well the hungry children had been fed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The conference met back by singing. A part of scripture was read by the moderator and conference opened by prayer.

The Divine Service Committee handed in a final report and the report was read and committee discharged.

The report of the evangelist was read and the report was received and the evangelist discharged, then the moderator announced that nominations were in order for nomination of an evangelist for the coming year. Bro. Dipboye, the outgoing evangelist was nominated and other nominations were called for by the moderator and none were made. Motion was made and seconded that nominations cease and was approved by the body.

Elder Glenn Dipboye was then elected by a 100 per cent vote of those present.

As the Divine Service Committee had chosen Elder Albert Rozell and Elder J. A. Joslin to preach in the afternoon, the moderator announced that Elder J. S. Lovette of Branch, Ark., who had been elected by the body to express the Bill of Thanks, would do so at the beginning of the preaching services at 2:30.

A final report of the standing credentials committee was read and motion was made, seconded and approved that we receive that report and retain this committee for another year. The credential committee was Elder Glenn Dipboye, Elder Rupert Pixley, and Elder T. J. Robertson. This committee also acts as our ordaining council.

A short recess was announced and the body gathered back by singing. A prayer was offered and Brother Lovette of Branch ably expressed the appreciation of the body for the hospitality and care given the delegates by the Mountainburg Community, after which Brother Rozell and Brother Joslin brought another wonderful message. Their theme was foundation. These men preached some real truths, backed by the Bible and the congregation was inspired.

The moderator then took charge and the body then moved that the evangelist, Brother Dipboye, be given the privilege of appointing an assistant evangelist. The evangelist appointed Elder Albert Rozell and made a statement of the great help Brother Rozell had been to him the past year in visiting the churches.

The question was then asked by the moderator, what shall we do about printing the minutes. The clerk, Brother Bonewell, made the statement that he suggested the evangelist, Brother Dipboye, supervise the printing of these minutes, as he had more time to look over and arrange the manuscript and select the best printer to print the minutes. Brother Dipboye then made the statement that he could get the same size minutes as last year for the same price, but that the minutes this year might be larger.

A motion was then made, seconded and approved that Bro. Dipboye be given the job of arranging the manuscript and hiring the minutes printed.

Brother Bonewell, the outgoing treasurer, was re-elected by a 100 per cent vote as association treasurer, and the churches were urged to send money in to him throughout the year for Zion Hope Association and State Association so that they would not be embarrassed at the association. Individuals also have that privilege. The treasurer is also our clerk and his address is on the front cover of this minute.

The rest of the committees handed in final reports which were read and the committees discharged.

The Divine Service Committee had reported that Elder Rupert Pixley would preach at 8:30 that night, and it was announced there would be communion and feet washing after preaching service. Also supper would be spread on the ground. A talk was made by the pastor of the church, Elder Ben Pixley, expressing his gratitude for the visiting brethren. A motion was then made, seconded and approved that we adjourn the business session and meet back at the Independence Church on Thursday night before the first Sunday night in August, 1945.

Dismissed by prayer.

The body met back Saturday night with singing. Came together in a united prayer.

Elder Rupert Pixley delivered a good message on communion and feet washing, and his father, Elder Ben Pixley, pastor of the church, followed for a few minutes and then called the deacons of the church together and made preparations for the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saints' feet. There was a large number communed and washed feet.

There was some real good singing throughout the revival and we came together in a handshake and the spirit moved on men and women to shout and praise God, and the spirit of God was wonderfully manifested.

Most of the delegation left for their homes after the service, but a good service was reported Sunday.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ACCORDING TO LETTERS FREEDOM CHURCH

Number of pupils Not Reported
Condition Not So Good

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday.

Number of pupils Not Reported

KENNER CHAPEL CHURCH

Condition Good
Average number of pupils 34
Officers 2

FORT SMITH CHURCH

Condition Good
Average number of pupils 60
Number of officers 8

81 CHURCH

They have a Sunday School but it is not mentioned in the letter.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

Condition Fair
Average number of pupils 22
Use Freewill Baptist literature.

MOUNTAINBURG CHURCH

Condition Good
Number of pupils Not Reported

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

Condition Good
Average number of pupils 30
Number of officers 4

(88) LONE ELM CHURCH

Condition Fair
Number of pupils Not Reported

POSTSCRIPT

At the suggestion of the clerk, the association elected me to help arrange this manuscript and supervise the printing of these minutes. The clerk and I have done our best. Some of these reports are very incomplete, so we have inserted a letter form into this minute that clerks can use our copy form if they wish to in writing their letter to the next association. This is not so necessary at Fifth Sunday meeting, but is necessary at the association in order for us to be able to gather our report from our association clerk to report to the state. I am sure the clerks will appreciate this letter form. Elder Glenn Dipboye.

FORT SMITH CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Brother Clyde Peters, Brother Jesse Toon, Bro. J. R. Micrite. Alternates: Bro. Jesse Toon and Sister Louise Toon. Moderator—Elder E. W. Simpkins, Van Buren, Ark. Clerk—Mrs. E. W. Simpkins, Van Buren, Ark.

FREEDOM CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Brother Fred Koundart, Sister Mrs. Fred Koundart, Sister Mrs. Ben Allen. Moderator—Elder J. H. C. Jordon, Winslow, Ark. Clerk, Mrs. Fred Koundart, Alma, Ark.

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Sister Minnie Hopkins, Sister Edna Hopkins, Sister May Franklin, Sister Anna Brown. Moderator—Elder Glenn Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark., Route 3, Sister Edna Hopkins, Natural Dam, Ark.

MOUNTAINBURG CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Sister Fannie Barker, Sister Stella Simms, Sister Agnes Wright, Sister Ima Dean Payton, Brother Jeff Kelly. Moderator—Elder Ben Pixley, Chester, Ark., Star Route. Clerk—Sister Stella Simms, Mountainburg, Ark.

81 CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Sister Ann Dillon, Brother Bill Dillon, Sister Rena Peters. Moderator—Rev. Ben Pixley, Chester, Ark., Star Route. Clerk—D. D. Peters, Rudy, Ark.

88 CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Sister Maude Pixley, Sister Danecce Satterfield, Sister Mary Hunter, Sister Corda Maxwell, Brother Robert Satterfield. Moderator—Elder Earl Gentry, Chester, Ark., Star Route. Clerk—Sister Mora Clerk, Chester, Ark., Star Route.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Sister Lessie Dipboye, Sister Margaret Rose, Sister Prudy Rose, Brother Lee Rose. Moderator—Elder Aubrey Rozell, Van Buren, Ark., Route 2. Clerk—Sister Grace Rainwaters, Natural Dam, Ark.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH, BY LETTER

Delegates—Brother Euel Allen, Sister Mildred Allen, Sister Amie Maynard, Brother Lavern Francis, Brother John Robertson. Moderator—Elder Ben Pixley, Chester, Ark., Star Route. Clerk—Sister Apha Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2.

KENNER CHAPEL, BY LETTER

Delegates—Brother Wayne Bonewell, Sister Rosa White, Sister Ellen Bonewell, Sister Goldie Carney. Moderator—Elder Steve Smith, Rudy, Ark. Clerk—Brother Wayne Bonewell.

LOCKE CHURCH BY STATEMENT OF BROTHER GEORGE SMITH AND WIFE

Moderator—Elder T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2. Clerk—Sister Mrs. Riley Spears, Locke, Ark., Star Route. The New Hope Church was not represented. Moderator—Elder T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2. Clerk—Sister May Atkinson, Ozark, Ark.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES
ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE**

We wish to recommend that if we have extra time from business that the moderator appoint some one to conduct devotional services.

We recommend that this association adopt the resolution that the moderator appoint some minister to preach a sermon on tithing, at some appointed time during each session.

We recommend that this association adopt the rule to instruct their pastors to preach one sermon a year to each church they pastor.

This report was received and these resolutions were unanimously adopted by the association.

BRO. H. C. JORDAN,
BRO. BURL NYE,
BRO. P. J. MULLEN, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We recommend that the pastors insist on the deacons of each church looking after the interest of their Sunday Schools. This report was received.

J. W. ROBERTSON,
MINNE HOPKINS,
ROBBIE KAUNDART, Committee.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that Sister Ann Jackson, a member of the 81 Church, departed this life. Exact date of her departure is not known to us, but we believe she is at rest with Jesus.

J. C. SWATZENBARG,
J. A. ROBERTSON,
PRUDY ROSE, Committee.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION, PRESENT SOME TIME DURING THE SESSION

Eld. Burl Nye, 1901 South V street, Fort Smith, Ark.; Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark., Route 3; Eld. P. J. Mullen, Rudy, Ark., R.F.D.; Eld. Ben Pixley, Chester, Ark., Star Route; Eld. Steve Smith, Rudy, Ark., R.F.D.; Eld. Albert Rozell, 5323 54th St., Ft. Smith, Ark.; Eld. Aubrey Rozell, Van Buren, Ark., Route 2.; Eld. Rupert Pixley, Van Buren Ark., Route 3; Eld. J. A. Joslin, Van Buren, Ark., Route 3; Eld. J. C. Swatzenbarg, Prairie Grove, Ark.; Eld. J. B. Lovette, Mountainburg, Ark.; Eld. Lloyd Rice, Van Buren, Ark., Route 1; Eld. T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2.

VISITING MINISTERS: Eld. J. S. Lovette, Branch, Ark.; Eld. Tom Arnold, Keota, Okla.; Rev. Norman Drake, Fayetteville, Ark.

DEACONS PRESENT: Bro. Robert Satterfield, Chester, Ark., Star Route; Bro. Jim Hatley, Mountainburg, Ark.; Bro. W. F. Wright, Mountainburg, Ark.; Bro. Oscar Morgan, Mountainburg, Ark.; Bro. Jim Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2; Bro. John Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2; Bro. M. L. Rose, Uniontown, Ark.; Bro. Clifford Hopkins, Natural Dam, Ark.; Bro. George Smith, Locke, Ark., Star Route; Bro. Jesse Toon, Fort Smith, Ark.; Bro. Irvin Micrite, Fort Smith, Ark.; Bro. Johnnie Atwell, Rudy, Ark.; Fred Koundart, Alma, Ark.

VISITING DEACON: Bro. Floyd Pendergrass.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST

From 1943 to 1944

I have spent 110 days in service. Have traveled 6000 miles; have witnessed 90 conversions during my labors; have baptized 38 converts; have preached 210 sermons; have moderated one organization; have visited every church in the association four times with the exception of one, and have visited all of them three times and some as many as seven times; have conducted nine revivals; have preached some in communities where there are no organizations. Have tried to help churches in needy circumstances; have responded to the needy calls of the churches and have offered co-operation with our pastors and filled their vacancies at their churches when they were providentially hindered.

When possible for me to do so I have conducted several revivals outside of our association, but have not refused any of our churches if they insisted on my services. I have used Elder

Albert Rozell as my assistant and he has been a wonderful help in serving the churches.

This report does not include in any way the one and only church I pastor monthly.

FINANCIAL RECORD

Mountainview Church	\$55.00
81 Church	39.00
Kenner Chapel Church	30.00
Independence Church	22.00
Mountainburg Church	16.00
Fort Smith Church	19.00
88 Church	9.00
New Hope Church	14.00
Locke Church	25.00
Freedom Church	25.00
Pleasant Grove Church	25.00
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Total from Churches Within Association	\$270.00
Total from Communities within Association	\$50.00
For Revival Work Outside Association	\$450.00
Tithes	\$55.00
Offerings from Soldier Boys	\$50.00

PERSONAL OFFERINGS

Elder Ray Purdom	\$ 5.00
Elder Albert Rozell	4.00
Elder Aubrey Rozell	5.00
Elder Lloyd Rice	10.00
Irey Russell	5.00
Aunt Lida Hopkins	2.00
Andy Teague	2.00
Elder Charles Graham	5.00
Elder Roy Rose	9.00
Elder and Mrs. Doyle Dipboye	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ellison	35.00
Peral Bennett	10.00
Leonard Attwell	12.00
Albert Franklin	3.00
Elder J. H. C. Jordon	10.00
Rev. Charles Mables	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Doris Kemp	5.00
Clara Ramey	10.00
Clyde Peters	4.00

Grand Total Receipts	\$1041.00
Total Expense	\$ 160.00
Balance	\$ 881.00

EVANGELIST ELDER GLENN DIPBOYE.

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Elder Burl Nye to preach at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder J. H. C. Jordan. Elder T. J. Robertson to preach at 2:30 p. m. followed by Elder J. S. Lovette and Elder Tom Arnold to preach Friday night, followed by Rev. Norman Drake. Elder Albert Rozell to preach Saturday at 2:30 p. m., followed by Elder Arthur Joslin. Elder Aubrey Rozelle to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder Ben Pixley.

This report was received by the body.

SISTER THELMA KENNER,
BRO. LEE ROSE,
BRO. ANDY TEAGUE, Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

	For Zion Hope No. 2 Ass'n.	For State Ass'n.	For Evangelist
88 Church	\$ 2.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.50
Mountain View Church	2.00	5.00	3.00
Kenner Chapel Church	2.50	2.50	2.50
New Hope Church	1.00	1.00	.50
Freedom Church	1.50	0.00	5.00
Independence Church	5.00	5.00	5.50
81 Church	1.00	0.00	2.00
Pleasant Grove Church	4.00	4.00	4.00
Fort Smith Church	2.00	2.00	0.00
Mountainburg Church	2.00	2.00	0.00
Albert Rozell50	.50	
Joe Lovette50	.50	
Glenn Dipboye	1.00	1.00	
J. H. C. Jordan	2.00	2.00	
George Smith50	.50
S. A. Smith25	
Johnnie Atwell50	
J. C. Swatzenbarg50	
Balance	\$27.00	\$27.25	\$24.50

WAYNE BONEWELL, Treasurer.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credential Committee, beg leave to report that we have 16 ordained ministers who have complied with the rules of our association and made an annual report to the association, and that they are therefore eligible for yearly certificates of good ministerial standing from this association. They are as follows:

Free Will Baptist Association

Minister	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnesses	Number Baptized	Additions to Church	Churches Organized	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expenses
Burl Nye	45	0	1	38	0	0	0	1	150	\$ 65.84	170.00
Glenn Dipboye	231	1	9	90	38	25	1	6	6540	1107.00	
Rupert Pixley	55	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	800	150.00	73.80
Albert Rozell	75	0	3	16	5	0	1	0	3080	33.50	25.00
J. H. C. Jordan	24	1	1	11	5	4	0	2	750	75.00	
T. J. Robertson	115	3	6	16	6	6	0	4	4094	176.42	110.39
Virgil Walker	42	0	2	21	3				940	10.25	
J. A. Joslin	50	0	3	9					100	4.00	
Charles Graham	68	1	3	11			1	11	1016	239.30	40.53
J. C. Swatzenbarg	25		2	1			0	0	200	7.00	
Ray Purdom	36	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	450		
E. W. Simpkins	420	1	2	14	17	17	0	7	2000	160.00	
S. A. Smith	70	1	1	2	1	3				16.00	
J. A. Card	200	1	7	4	0	0	0	2	5000	600.00	
S. A. Southernvan	26	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	700	28.00	
Aubrey Rozell	93	1	3	15	4	0			2104	113.80	51.21

We also report that we have nine ordained ministers who have not complied with the ruling of our association and made annual reports which would entitle them to a yearly certificate of ministerial standing, but they are in good standing as far as we know. They are as follows: Elder Ben Pixley, Elder P. J. Mullens, Elder Sam Robertson, Elder Loyd Weece, Elder Loyd Rice, Elder Ray Rose, Elder J. B. Lovette, Elder Earl Gentry, Elder Douglas Peters.

ELDER GLENN DIPBOYE
 ELDER T. J. ROBERTSON
 ELDER RUPERT PIXLEY, Committee

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Post Office _____

Date _____

We, the Church of God Denominated Freewill Baptist,
worshiping at _____
met in conference and elected the following delegates to repre-
sent us in Zion Hope No. 2 Association, when convened with
_____ Church, whom
we pray you to receive to sit with you to aid you in your
Godly deliberations.

Delegates _____

_____Alternates _____

Statistics:

State of Religion _____

Condition of Sunday School _____

Condition of Prayer Meeting _____

Meeting Days _____

We paid our pastor, Elder _____ \$ _____

Called Elder _____ as our pastor for ensuing year

Ordained Deacons _____

Ordained Ministers _____

Resident Members _____

Non-resident Members

Total Membership

Received into the Church

Number Baptized

Number Deceased

Average Number of Sunday School Pupils

Number of Officers

Condition of League

Amount for Foreign Missions

Amount for Revival Work

We sent \$..... for printing of minutes of this Ass'n.

We sent \$..... to help represent and support State Association.

We sent \$..... for our association evangelist.

Value of Church Property

Moderator

Clerk

Remarks

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POOR PILGRIM AND STRANGER

Written by and printed in memory of Grandpa Davis, the late Rev. J. K. P. Davis.

—1—

I am a poor pilgrim and stranger
Turned out in this world to roam;
I have no continuing city
Or one I can call my own.
I've heard of a heavenly railroad,
I've heard of a heavenly train,
Where Jesus alone is the agent,
Salvation by faith is His name.

Chorus

Sometimes I'm sorely tossed and driven
And I know not where I roam;
I've heard of a city called Heaven
I've started to make it my home.

—2—

Our fathers and mothers crossed over,
Our brothers and sisters are there;
No money could purchase their tickets,
For Jesus paid all their fare.
This track was decreed in Heaven
Before our world began;
The rolling stock is the free agent,
"By Grace and through Faith" is the plan.

—3—

The agent, he wrote me a ticket
When I was about sixteen;
He never did charge me a penny
But told me to always keep clean.
The world and the flesh and the Devil
Tried hard our train to derail,
But we hear the sweet voice of Jesus,
My word shall not utterly fail.

—4—

My good old companion has left me,
She boarded that Heavenly train;
When Jesus comes back for His jewels
He'll bring her back with Him again.
Repentance and Faith are conditions,
Baptism to all a command;
If you fail to wash your feet after supper
You're building your house on the sand.

—5—

And now before taking the Supper
Examine yourself one and all;
Then freely partake of the emblems,
Was the great admonition of Paul.
Be sure you take oil my brother
In vessels along with your lamps;
For we all have to pass through the tunnel
And the devil has robbers and tramps.

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.—Matt 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;

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God.—Jno. 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; I 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 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 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 Thees. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

RULES OF ORDER

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 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, 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 propositions 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. Alternations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

RULES OF ORDINATION

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 preserve in Holiness to the end. Answer—I Do.

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 to seek to strengthen the weary, 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.



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