

The
Zion Hope No. 2
Association
of
Free Will Baptist

1945

Proceedings of the
31st. Annual Session

Convened at
Independence Church

MINUTES

OF THE
THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH
Independence Church
Beginning on Thursday night, August 2, 1945

OFFICERS

Moderator—Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Vanburen, Ark. Rt. 3
Ass't. Moderator—Eld. J. A. Joslin, Vanburen, Ark.
Clerk—Sis. Grace Rainwatters Natural Dam, Ark.
Ass't. Clerk—Sis. Flossie Joslin, Vanburen, Ark. Rt. 3

The next annual session of this association will be held with the Freedom Free Will Baptist church near Alma, Ark. beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1946. Eld. Gilbert Pixley to preach the Introductory sermon followed by Eld. R. E. Pixley. Eld. Ben Pixley to preach the memorial sermon followed by Eld. G. J. Robertson.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St. Monett, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirty first annual session of Zion Hope Association No. 2 convened at Independence Church at Natural Dam, Ark. on August 2, 1945. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. A. Joslin and Eld. S. A. Smith. Text. Matt. 7:14. Good messages were delivered and some straight preaching was done the theme being the straight and Narrow Way. The body was then announced in confernece by the moderator, Eld. G. G. Dipboye and officers were elected for the ensuing year. Eld. G. G. Dipboye was elected moderator and Eld. D. A. Joslin, elected Ass't. Moderator. Grace Rainwaters was elected clerk and Flossie Joslin assistant clerk. The conference adjourned to meet back at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

Scripture reading Matt. 5:1-16 announced in conference by moderator. Prayer by A. R. Brooks. Letters called for. Read by the body and delegates given right hand of fellowship. Rules of order were then read by the moderator. The following committees were appointed:

Arrangement—Eld. Ben Pixley, Eld. A. R. Brooks and Frank Francis.

Divine Service—Robbie Koundart, Minnie Hopkins, Jim Robertson. The body moved to receive the visiting brethren from the eastern Oklahoma association. Bro. Pendergrass and Bro. Edwards were received and given hand of fellowship. The moderator expressed the gratitude of the body in having these brethren with us. Partial report of divine service committee was received. The conference moved to adjourn the business session until 1 o'clock P. M. The 11 o'clock service opened by uplifting songs and prayer. Bro. Gilbert Pixley who has been in the Navy and his father, Eld. Ben Pixley delivered the message. Text. James 1:6. Theme, "Deliverance from Temptation." Bro. Gilbert Pixley brought a real spiritual message on this theme and was ably followed by his father. God blessed this service.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met back at 2 o'clock. Scripture reading

James 3. Prayer by J. E. Gregory.

Letters called for. Received and delegates seated. Motion made seconded, voted on and carried to grant the Credential Committee power to handle certain of said credentials. The moderator appointed certain committees as following:

Obituary Committee—Jean Brown, Fred Koundart, Earl Moore.

Sunday School Committee—Sister Ben Allen, Sister Ben Pixley, Sister Johnson.

Divine service committee reported that Eld. J. H. C. Jordon would preach at 2:30 followed by Eld. A. R. Brooks. Scripture reading by Bro. Jordon, 2nd. Timothy 3:1-11. Prayer by Bro. Joslin. Text. "Study to Show Thyself approved" Subject, preach the Word. A wonderful message was delivered by both brethern and the word was preached.

After preaching, the conference proceeded with business other letters were called for, received and delegates seated. Motion carried to decide where the next Association was to be sent. All other churches with delegates present that asked for it by letter withdrew in favor of the new church and a unanimous vote was given for it to go to Freedom Church. The body then voted for Bro. Gilbert Pixley to preach the Introductory Sermon followed by Eld. R. E. Pixley and Bro. Ben Pixley to preach the memorial sermon followed by Eld. T. J. Robertson. Divine Service committee chose Eld. G. G. Dipboye to preach at the nights service followed by Eld. T. J. Robertson. The body adjourned. The business session to meet back at 9 o'clock Saturday Morning. Prayer by Bro. Pendergrass.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Bro. Dipboye and Bro. Robertson brought the message. We had a very spiritual service that was very uplifting, Text, Mark 4:35. Subject, "Compassion" Theme, "Let us pass over on the other side."

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Scripture reading St. John 1:1-17. Prayer by Eld. Doyle Dipboye, announced in conference by moderator.

Call for letters. Letters received and delegates seated. The moderator then appointed certain committeemen to serve on committees in absence of certain committeemen. Motion carried to receive Bro. and Sister Doyle Dipboye as members of this Association. As the moderator was given the power last year to appoint some one to preach on tithing at this Association. He appointed Eld. Burl Nye to preach a tithing sermon at 2:30. Saturday P. M. Other church letters were received and delegates seated. The final report was given on Sunday Schools received and committee discharged. Report on arrangements was received and committee discharged. The obituary committee was read, received and the committee discharged. Delegates to the state association were nominated and elected. They are as follows: Sister Lizzie Francis, Sister G. G. Dipboye, Sister Fred Koundart, Sister Lola Asborn and Sister Tommy Robertson. Motion made and carried for Eld. G. G. Dipboye to take charge of the money for the state association and to see that it is applied to its proper use for the expense of the association and transportation of our delegation to the state association. A corresponding letter from the Eastern Oklahoma was presented by Eld. W. Lawless of that association. The letter was received and the corresponding delegates were seated and they were warmly appreciated. Other letters were received and delegates seated. A visiting sister was received and given the hand of fellowship. The body nominated Eld. R. E. Pixley and Eld. Aubrey Rozelle to assist Eld. Albert Rozelle in preaching the memorial sermon at 11 o'clock in the absence of Eld. J. B. Lovette. Eld. R. E. Pixley was elected. Eld. Albert Rozelle taken as his scripture lesson, 1 Cor. 15:12-22. The Lord really blessed this speaker and the power of God came down. Bro. Rozelle pointed us to the great hope in a pilot that would pilot us across the river of death to meet our loved ones in a land that is fairer than day. As Bro. R. E. Pixley started to conclude his father and mother directed a song that was spiritually uplifting. Bro. Pixley was blessed in the same manner that Bro. Rozelle was and brought a very spiritual message. People were about to shout so he called for a song and handshake and there was shouting, rejoicing and praising God. After which a bountiful dinner was spread on the ground.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Scripture reading, 1st. Peter 1:1-7. Prayer by Eld. Aubrey Rozelle. Moderator announced the body in conference. The report of the Association Evangelist was read and received. The moderator then announced nominations in order for an Evangelist for the coming year. Eld. Glenn Dipboye was nominated and the moderator asked for other nominations, none were given and motion carried that nominations cease. Bro. Dipboye was unanimously elected. The association gave Bro. Dipboye the authority by a unanimous vote to select his assistant. He selected Eld. Albert Rozelle and then called for a vote of approval for Bro. Rozelle and the vote was unanimous for Bro. Rozelle as ass't. Evangelist. Motion carried unanimously for Eld. Glenn Dipboye to take charge of our association minute funds and attend to the printing of the minutes. Delegates were elected to represent this Association at the Eastern Oklahoma Association which meets at Mineral Springs on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in August. Those elected were Ben Pixley, S. A. Smith, J. H. C. Jordon and Frank Francis. The body then moved to send delegates to represent us at the Eureka Association which convenes near Keota, Okla. on Wednesday night before the 1st. Sunday in September. Those elected were Elders Burl Nye, P. D. Mullen, J. A. Joslin. The question was brought up by the moderator to be discussed and voted on as to whether this association approved of the state association uniting with the national association. The moderator informed the body that the state had agreed to try to decide this matter at its next session. After talks for and against, the body voted by a very small majority to approve of the Ark. State Association uniting with the national association. Eld. W. Lawless visiting brother from Eastern Okla. association was elected by the body to express the vote of thanks just before the 2:30-P. M. preaching service. After a short recess Bro. Nye brought the message on tithing. Scripture text 1 Cor. 16:1-2. Scripture read, 1 Kgs. 17:12-18. Matt. 23:23. A strong biblical message was delivered on tithing with the power of the spirit and several were enlightened by this message. The report of the association treasurer was made and received. The final report of divine service committee was received as follows: Eld. Doyle Dipboye to preach Saturday night. Eld. Aubrey Rozelle Sunday at 11 followed by Eld. P. J. Mullen. Final report of the credential committee re-

ceived and motion carried for the moderator to appoint a credential committee to serve during the ensuing association year. Those appointed were, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Eld. Aubrey Rozelle, Eld. J. H. C. Jordon. The body moved to adjourn to meet together again on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1946 at the Freedom Church near Alma, Ark. Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Met back by singing. Opened with prayer. Eld. Doyle Dipboye brought a good message from the word of God. The theme was "Walk With Christ." Follow Christ and let our light so shine before men that others may see your good works, and glorify the Father who art in heaven. This message was enjoyed and was followed by communion and feet washing and then a song and departure and we feel assured there was a good 11 o'clock service Sunday morning.

Moderator—Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Vanburen, Ark. Rt. 3

Ass't. Moderator—Eld. J. A. Joslin, Vanburen, Ark.

Clerk—Grace Rainwatters, Natural Dam, Ark.

Ass't. Clerk—Flossie Joslin, Vanburen, Ark. Rt. 3

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

81 Church—No report made.

(88) Lone Elm—No report made.

Kenerchapel—Good, Average number of pupils, 35, officers, 5

Mt. Burg Church—Average number of pupils, 50, officers, 5.

Mt. View Church—Sunday School good, pupils 30, officers 4, teachers, 3.

Catcher Church—Sunday School good, average number of pupils 40, number of officers, 7, condition of league, good.

Locke Church—Condition of Sunday School good,

Graphic Church—No report made.

Freedom Church—Sunday School in good standing.

First Fort Smith Church—Condition fair, average number of pupils, 45, officers, 5.

Independence Church—No Sunday School.

New Hope Church (At Adams)—Average number of pupils, 25, officers, 6.

Pleasant Grove Church—Condition fair, Average number of pupils, 25, officers, 7.

CHURCH REPORTS

We have 13 churches and they all represented by letter.

X First Fort Smith Church—Delegates: Sister Mary Breedlove, Sister A. R. Brooks, Sister Albert Rozelle, Bro. Clyde Peters. Moderator, Eld. A. R. Brooks, 1609 So. 28 Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Clerk, Bro. Jess Toon.

X Mt. View Church—Delegates, Bro. John Robertson, Sister Jesse Robertson, and Sister Lizzie Francis.

X Moderator Eld. Ben Pixley, Chester, Arkansas, Star Route Clerk, Opha Robertson, Charleston, Arkansas, Route 2.

X Catcher Church—Delegates, Bro. Freeman Crawford, Johnnie Weese, Nelson Burrice, Sister Edna Crawford, Lola Asborne and Flossie Joslin as alternate, Moderator, Eld. Burl Nye, 1901 South V. Street, Fort Smith, Ark. Clerk, Flossie Joslin, Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3.

X Freedom Church—Delegates, Alen Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen, Sister Fred Foundart, Sister Ben Shore, Moderator, Eld. R. E. Pixley, Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3. Clerk, Robbie Koundart, Alma, Arkansas, Route 3.

X Graphic Church—Delegates, Sister Vina Johnson, Malisa Carder, Lucile Johnson, Moderator, Eld. Albert Rozelle, 4323 North 54th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Clerk, Malisa Carder.

X Christian Union Church at Locke—Delegates, Sister Letha Spencer, Irene Smith, Thelma White, Opal Teague, Beckie Spears, Moderator, Eld. Steve Smith, Rudy, Ark. Rural Route, Clerk, Thelma White.

X Mountainburg Church—Delegates, Bro. Andy Teague, Jim Fisher, Chas Wright Alternates, Bro. Bud Teague, Sister Dessie Dixon, Kattie Peyton, Moderator, Eld. Ben Pixley, Chester, Arkansas, Star Route, Clerk, Agnes Wright, Mt. Burg. Ark.

X 81 Church—Bro. Bill Dillan, George Peters, Joe Coatney. Alternates, Irvan Brown, Ann Dillan, Emma Peters, Rena Peters, Moderator, Eld. Ben Pixley, Chester, Ark.

Star Route, Clerk, Douglas Peters, Rudy, Arkansas, Route Pleasant Grove Church—Delegates, Sister Grace Rain-Watters, Sister Glenda Rose, Writther Rozelle, Margie Ellison, Allie Ellison, Moderator, Eld. Aubrey Rozelle, Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 2 Clerk, Grace Rainwatters, Natural Dam, Arkansas.

Kenerchapel Church—Delegates, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Banewell, Dacia Kenner, Goldie Karney, Thelma Kenner. Moderator, Eld. Aubrey Rozelle, Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 2, Clerk, Wayne Banewell, Rudy, Ark., R. R.

(88) Lone Elm Church—Delegates, Maude Pixley, Mary Lou Pixley, Ghell Brown, Alternates, Nora Cluck, and Ghell Brown. Moderator, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2, Clerk, Ghell Brown, Chester, Arkansas, Star Route.

New Hope Church near Ozark—Delegates, Sister Parlee Gratter, May Atkerson, Jean Hall. Alternates, Joyce Hall, Evelyn Staggs, Moderator, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2.

Clerk, May Atkerson, Ozark, Ark., Route

Independence Church—Delegates, Andy Hopkins, Minnie Hopkins, May Franklin, Alternates, Ada Jones, Lawnie Rose, Moderator, Eld. T. J. Robertson, Charleston, Ark., Route 2, Clerk, Edna Hopkins, Natural Dam, Ark.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the credential committee find that we have 12 ministers that made a report of this years work. Their names and reports are as follows:

Eld. Ray Purdom—Sermons preached, 2, miles traveled, 25. Have been in ill health and most of my work has been Sunday School work.

Eld. J. A. Joslin—Sermons, 50, professions witnessed, 10, revivals conducted, 3, baptized 8.

Eld. R. E. Pixley—Sermons 76, churches pastored 1, revivals conducted, 4, professions witnessed, 28, baptized 16, additions to church 54, churches organized 1, miles traveled 1325, money received \$440.25.

Eld. Burl Nye—Sermons 61, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 9, baptized 3, additions to church 9, miles 708, money received \$36.55.

Eld. Charles Graham—Sermons, 6 professions wit-

nessed 7.

Eld. Doyle Dipboye—Sermons 190, churches pastored 1, said church being in Tulsa, Okla., revivals conducted, 4, professions witnessed 13, baptized 5, Funerals 1, miles 7,900, \$1200.

Eld. J. H. C. Jordon—Sermons 52, professions witnessed 4, additions to church 2, miles 1494, money received \$12.22, expense \$24.23.

Eld. Aubrey Rozelle—Sermons 77, churches pastored 2, revivals 2, professions witnessed 6, baptized 2, miles 2829, money received \$281.40.

Eld. Glenn G. Dipboye—Sermons, 175, revivals conducted 11, professions witnessed 80, baptized 25, additions to churches 30, funerals, 11, miles 5900, money received \$1037.15, expense \$125, balance \$912.15.

Eld. Albert Rozelle—Sermons 72, churches pastored 1, revivals conducted, 4, professions witnessed 9, baptized 5, churches organized 1, miles 5699, money received, \$70.02.

Eld. Virgil Walker—Sermons 32, churches pastored 1, revivals 2, miles 624, money received \$81.16, expense \$41.24, balance \$39.92.

Eld. T. J. Robertson—Sermons 125, churches pastored 3, revivals, 4 professions witnessed, 7, additions to church 2, funerals 1. miles 2709, money received, \$215. Expense \$54, balance, \$161.

We also find to the best of our knowledge that we have about 14 preachers who have made no report but are in good standing as far as we know.

Committee:

Eld. Glenn Dipboye
Eld. T. J. Robertson
Eld. R. E. Pixley

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report— I have received since the adjournment of last association from Bro. Dipboye as a balance from last years state expense fund the sum of \$1.75 of which I am returning to this years state fund, which leaves no balance.

Treasurer, Wayne Banewell

Financial receipts of money sent to this Association.

Churches	Evangelst	State	Zion
		Ass'n.	Hope
Independence	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Freedom	5.00	2.50	2.00
Kenerchapel	2.00	2.00	2.00
(88) Lone Elm	1.00	1.00	1.50
Mt. View	3.00	3.00	3.00
Catcher	5.00	2.00	4.00
First Ft. Smith Church	2.50	2.00	2.50
Graphic	3.00	2.00	2.00
Mt. Burg	3.00	2.00	2.50
Pleasant Grove	1.00	2.00	2.00
81 Cshurch	2.00	2.00	1.00
Locke Church	1.00	1.00	1.00
Collection		15.86	
Amount Corried over		1.75	
New Hope Church	2.60	2.00	2.00
Grand Total	\$36.15	\$43.11	\$29.30

Report of Divine Service Committee

Friday Morning—Bro. Gilbert Pixley to preach. Eld. Ben Pixley to conclude.

Friday Afternoon—Eld. J. H. C. Jordon to preach followed by Eld. A. R. Brooks.

Friday Night Service—Eld. Glenn Dipboye to preach followed by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Saturday Night Service—Eld. Doyle Dipboye to preach followed by Communion and Feet Washing.

Sunday at 11—Eld. Aubrey Rozelle followed by Eld. P. J. Mullen.

Committee:

Mrs. Fred Koundart
Minnie Hopkins

Report of Sunday School Committee:

We urge each and every church in our Association to have active Sunday Schools for the benefit of our young people and children.

Committee:

J. W. Robertson
Mrs. Ben Allen
Mary Lou Pixley

We, your committee on arrangement wish to submit as follows:

That each of our superintendents in Sunday Schools be allowed a right to vote in our association at conference.

Committee:

Ben Pixley
Frank Francis
D. D. Dipboye

Post script, this suggestion was vetoed by the body.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Pvt. Arlie Hopkins, Born, Sept. 2, 1923. Killed in action near Mayen, France, while serving his country, July 30, 1944. Burial in the U. S. Cemetery in France. His home was at Natural Dam, Arkansas.

Eugene Jones, killed in action somewhere in France, while serving his country on Aug. 8. Burial in the U. S. Cemetery in France.

Aunt Jenn Powell of Adams community has passed on to rest since last association. Funeral was conducted by Eld. T. J. Robertson.

Linda Sue Francis, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Francis, born March 9, 1945, departed March 26, 1945.

Funeral was conducted at Lowe Creek Church by Elders Ben Pixley and Glenn Dipboye.

Mrs. Hanah Ef born March 7, 1861, departed this life May 4, 1945, 84 years of age. She had been a Christian 67 years and was a member of the F. W. B. church. Funeral at the Hall cemetery by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Mrs. Margarette Sperry, born July 15, 1873, departed Mar 16, 1945. United with the F. W. B. Church at Davidson 1933 and in 1943 she placed her membership in the Independence F. W. B. Church where she was a member at her death. the funeral was at the Hall cemetery by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Mary Lee Graham, born November 17, 1930, departed July 1, 1945 age 14. She was the youngest daughter of Eld Charles Graham. Funeral at the Mt. Murry cemetery by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT

Eld. A. R. Brooks

1609 So. 28 Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas
Eld. Burl Nye
1901 So. V. Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas
Eld. Albert Rozelle
4323 M. 54th Street
Fort Smith, Arkansas
Eld. Ray Purdom
Armour Avenue
Fort Smith, Arkansas
Eld. Aubrey Rozelle
Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 2
Eld. G. G. Dipboye
Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3
Eld. Doyle Dipboye
Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3
Eld. J. H. C. Jordon
Winslow, Arkansas, Route
Eld. J. A. Joslin
Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3
Eld. T. J. Robertson
Charleston, Arkansas, Route 2
Eld. R. E. Pixley
Vanburen, Arkansas, Route 3
Eld. S. A. Smith
Rudy, Arkansas, Rural Route
Eld. P. J. Mullen
Rudy, Arkansas, Rural Route
Eld. Ben Pixley
Chester, Arkansas, Star Route
One visiting minister from Eastern Oklahoma Assoc-
iation, Eld. W. Lawless.

EVANGELIST REPORT

I have spent 91 days in the service, have traveled 5,900 miles, have witnessed 80 conversions during my labors, have baptized 10 converts, received 30 members into the churches, have preached 180 sermons, have visited every church in this association 4 times with the exception of 3 and have visited all of them three times and some as many as 6 and 7 times. I have conducted and assisted in 11 revivals. I have tried to help churches in needy circumstances and have offered to cooperate

with pastors in any way possible for the benefit of the Association and have been respondent to revival calls in this association when given proper notification. I have conducted several revivals outside of the association but have not neglected the needy calls of my association when given due notice. My assistant, Eld. Albert Rozelle has assisted me in this work and has done a good work in this association.

Financial Report

Mt. View Church	\$80.00
Lone Elm (88) Church	9.00
Freedom Church	80.00
Mountainburg Church	8.00
First Fort Smith Church	63.00
Locke Church	7.50
Catcher Church	40.00
81 Church	10.00
Graphic	35.00
Pleasant Grove Church	16.50
New Hope (Adams) Church	8.25
Independence Church	45.00
Kenerchapel Church	14.50
Total from churches within association	\$416.75
For Revival work outside of association	499.40
Tithes	30.00
Mailed me from soldier boys	30.00

Personal Offerings

J. H. C. Jordon	\$10.00
Paul Barnett	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnett	5.00
Clara Ramey	5.00
Albert Franklin	4.00
J. D. Rogers	2.00
Leonard Attwell	25.00
Grand Total receipts	\$1037.15
Total expense	125.00
Balance	\$912.15

Evangelist, Eld. G. G. Dipboye

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

— 13 —

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

— 14 —

In vessels along with your lamps;
For we all have to pass through the tunnel
And the devil has robbers and tramps.

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
represent us in Zion Hope No. 2 Association, when con-
vened with Church,
whom we pray you to receive to sit with you to aid you
in your Godly deliberations.

Delegates

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Alternates

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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

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Ordained Ministers

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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

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 believe 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.

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.

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; 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 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 Thess. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

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.