

MINUTES

OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE ZION HOPE NO. 2

Association of Free Will Baptist

ASSEMBLED AT

**Kerner Chapel
Free Will Baptist Church**

BEGINNING ON THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1952

MODERATOR Eld. Glenn G. Dipboye,
Van Buren, Ark., Route 3

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Eld. R. E. Pixley,
Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.

CLERK Wayne Bonewell
Rudy, Ark., Route

ASSISTANT CLERK Ellen Bonewell
Rudy, Ark., Route

The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with
the Central Free Will Baptist Church.

Beginning on Thursday night before the the third Sunday
In September, 1953.

The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Eld. S. A.
Southerland, followed by Eld. Ben Pixley.

The Memorial Sermon will be preached by Eld. R. E. Pixley,
followed by Eld. Gilbert Pixley.

PROCEEDINGS

Opening service beginning on Thursday night, opened by singing, followed by prayer. Eld. Rudolph Winburn and Eld. Gilbert Pixley were chosen at last association to bring the messages. The opening messages and songs started the association off in a good spirit.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were opened by singing. Scripture reading 3rd Psalms. Prayer by Eld. Glenn Dipboye. Rules of order were read by the moderator, Eld. Gilbert Pixley. Letters were read and received and delegates present given the right hand of fellowship. The Van Buren Church was then received into the association. Said church was already a member of the quarterly conference. The election of officers was called for to serve during this session and through the ensuing year. Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected Moderator; Elder R. E. Pixley, assistant; Wayne Bonnewell was elected clerk. Ellen Bonnewell, assistant. The out going moderator having already surrendered the chair to the newly elected moderator.

The following committees were appointed: Obituary, Divine Service Committee, Arrangement Committee and Sunday School Committee. After the body voted to adjourn business until one o'clock, the moderator announced a recess to meet back for preaching services at 11 o'clock. Eld. Earl Gentry and Eld. Ben Pixley brought the 11 o'clock messages. The assistant moderator announced that dinner was already prepared on the ground and asked that the moderator Eld. Glenn Dipboye ask the blessing as he pronounced dismissal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by some good congregation singing. Then the moderator Eld. Glenn Dipboye read scriptures from second chapter of James, then called on Bro. Roy Wright to lead in prayer. Twenty-five rules and by-laws containing the 14 old rules of order were adapted by this association to be placed in the minutes and to take the place of the old rules of order and to be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the association and conference before any business is transacted, and instead of having the rules of order transferred to each yearly minutes, these rules and by laws are to be printed and transferred to each new minute. We are reciting this explanation so that those not present at the association might understand instead of having 14 under the heading of rules of order, we will have 25 under the heading of rules and by laws.

The body voted to accept Eld. Ray Purdams request that he be placed on the inactive list of ordained ministers in good standing due to ill health until if and when God renders him health and strength to go back into active Service again. The body then voted for the next association to be held at the Central Church and elected Ministers to preach the introductory sermons on Thursday night and the memorial sermon,

Saturday at 11 A. M. (See cover page). A report of Zion Hope No. 2 League Rally was received. See reports. Final report of Sunday School Committee received and committee discharged. The divine service made its second partial report.

Preaching service in the afternoon at 2:30. Eld. Sam Southerland preached first, reading from 21st chapter of Matthew, Text, "I'm Ready To Preach." Followed by Eld. R. E. Pixley. The credential committee reported that they recommended the ordination of Bro. Jim Green who plans on being ordained at his home church at a future date. The body voted to adjourn business until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. An expression of thanks had been given in the afternoon by sister Bonnewill to the ladies from the other churches who had been so good to bring grub and help them feed the large crowd of delegates and visitors. Closed with prayer by Eld. Gilbert Pixley.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened the service with congregation songs and special numbers were rendered. Prayer was called for and Eld. Glenn Dipboye conducted a short testimony service. Eld. S. A. Smith preached first using the 22nd chapter of Samuel. Eld. Doyle Dipboye followed by using the 127 Psalm. Good preaching continued throughout this day and night session and a blissful love and fellowship prevailed among the Brotherhood. The moderator urged that we be much in prayer. That the warm love and fellowship would continue and God would continue to shower his approval on this association. Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with singing led by Bro. Gilbert Pixley. Scripture reading, the 5th chapter of Matthew by the moderator. Prayer by R. E. Pixley. The moderator Eld. Glenn Dipboye yielded the chair to the assistant R. E. Pixley, in order to present his treasure report. The report was accepted and Bro. Glenn Dipboye was re-elected treasurer. The body then re-elected Bro. Glen Dipboye to continue the supervision of the printing of the minutes, which includes the re-arranging of the manuscript and putting it into minute form and choosing the press to do the work and get the minutes printed and getting them to the different churches. While the assistant moderator was in charge Bro. Glenn Dipboye continued to offer his yearly report of his different work on the table. He finally gave his report as association evangelist. The report was read and accepted. The body then moved to elect an evangelist for the coming year. Eld. Gilbert Pixley then stated that some of the new members did not understand just what all the obligations and duties of the evangelist were, and asked Bro. Glenn Dipboye to explain that for the benefit of new members. Bro. Dipboye responded to that request. The assistant moderator called for nominations. Nominations were made and the chair called for a prayer asking spiritual guidance in this vote. The vote was then taken and Eld. Glenn Dipboye was re-elected as association evangelist for the coming year. Delegates elected to represent us at the State Association were as follows: Charlene Wal-

ker, Ethel Hyatt, Edna Smith, Lela Dipboye and Ellen Bonnewell. The moderator who is also treasurer announced that there was not enough money sent in by the letters. When added to the balance in the treasurer to print our minutes and the suggested expense for the State Association and expense for representation to the same. Clerk then read the income report, which upheld the statement of the treasurer. The body did move at that time to give \$3.00 to each state delegate for expenses. It was suggested that the discussion of how much money be sent to the state association be called until the afternoon session and that the moderator appoint a finance committee to see about our finances and get some more finance. This committee was to assist the clerk. The temporary committee was appointed which were: Rupert Pixley, Sam Southerland and Charles Graham. The body voted to adjourn business until 1 o'clock. Eleven o'clock preaching services, Eld. R. E. Pixley and Eld. Doyle Dipboye were chosen at last session to deliver this memorial message after some good singing and special numbers. The messages were delivered from the 15th chapter of Corrinthians. The Holy Spirit wonderfully blessed in this service, joined together in a handshake amidst much rejoicing. Saturday at 11, preaching service contained the announcement that the noon meal was ready, was made and dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon session conference began with the usual proceedings, songs, prayer and scripture reading. The moderator then called for a statement on finance. It was reported that by collections or contributions listed in the clerks report as collections received by the committee had just about made up the shortage of the \$5.00 fund covered by the failure of some of the churches to send all of the \$5.00 fund. Motioned and seconded that we send \$38.00 to the state association. The motion carried. The treasurer, Bro. Glenn Dipboye informed the delegation that for several years our treasure had not been emptied but that these expenses would drain the treasure and leave it empty after this expense of printing of minutes. Eld. Gilbert Pixley suggested that the delegates go back home and urge their churches to send a little more money into the treasurer so that it would not be empty so the churches were urged to do this and Bro. Glenn asked that when they sent him money for the treasure to state that it was for the treasure, as some people and churches sent him personal contributions through the mail for Evangelistic work.

The obituary report was received and committed discharged a verbal report of the executive board given and a new executive board elected whose names are: Roy Wright, R. E. Pixley, Ben Pixley, Albert Rozell and Charles Graham. The credential committee reported and committee discharged the new credential committee. Elected was: Doyle Dipboye, Sam Southerland and Gilbert Pixley.

Ordained Ministers received as visiting ministers were: Omar Viles, Bud Viles and Daurther Yandell. Bro. P. N. Qualls and his son were

present, Friday night. We appreciated all these visiting ministers and all the other visitors. The body gave the moderator the power to appoint someone to express the bill of thanks. He appointed Daurthur Yandell, a young minister from Oklahoma City. The thanks were sincerely expressed. The moderator then declared a ten minute recess to meet back for preaching service at 2:30.

The Saturday afternoon preaching service began by good singing followed by prayer. Eld. Charles Graham preached first followed by the young Bro. Yandell. This service as well as all others were greatly enjoyed and a good spirit continued to prevail. This session will go down in history because of the good spirit that continued throughout the entire session. The ministers of the association with the rest of the delegation seemed determined to prevent any unnecessary conflict that might in any way hinder the great step of a more loving communion and warm fellowship that certainly did exist at this great session of our association and continued to show a greater strength than it has for some time through the nourishment of the Holy Spirit. The good ladies of the church and community assisted by the churches in the association did a splendid job in caring for the delegation. Bountiful meals were spread and a "make yourself at home" welcome was certainly enjoyed. God wonderfully blessed as the chosen ministers took their stand in the pulpit as their turn came throughout the association. The body then moved to adjourn the business session until next years session at the Central Church.

The final report of the devine service committee received and the committee discharged. The arrangement committee had given their final verbal report before the motion for adjournment. The devine service committee had chosen Eld. Glenn Dipcoye to preach the communion and feet washing message Saturday night, and Eld. Albert Rozell to preach the 11 o'clock message, Sunday morning. The business session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Murl ole at the request of the moderator.

Saturday night's services the body came together with singing followed by prayer. Eld. Glenn Dipboye delivered a message on the devine ordinances of Communion and feet washing. Their purpose and what they symbolized a joyful spirit continued to prevail. Several took the communion and washed feet. Dismissed by prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

Sunday morning preaching service at 11 o'clock opened with singing, followed by prayer. Bro. Albert Rozell delivered the message and a good preaching spirit still prevailed and God continued his blessings in this service. Moderator, Eld. Glenn Dipboye; assistant moderator, Eld. R. E. Pixley; Clerk, Wayne Bonnewell; Assistant Clerk, Elen Bonnewell.

POST SCRIPT

No rules passed in the past were abolished at the sitting of this association but some of the rules already passed either in the conference or association that were not carried in our minutes were voted to be

added to our rules of order but that the heading, Rules of Order, be changed to Rules and By Laws and that all 25 of these Rules and By Laws be printed in our minutes each year until changed, or abolished at some future session of this association. Signed — G. G. Dipboye, in charge of manuscript.

RULES AND BY-LAWS

Of the Zion Hope No. 2 Association and Fifth Sunday Meeting Of Free Will Baptist

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
2. Standing Delegates of the Association shall consist of Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and Church Clerks.
3. At every sitting of the Association or Fifth Sunday Meeting the Moderator and Clerk shall be elected from the floor at the opening service, on Friday night at Fifth Sunday Meetings and on Thursday night at the yearly Association.
4. Those allowed to vote and take part in discussions shall be the Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and Church Clerks, and the elected delegates from the churches belonging to this Association.
5. Only five delegates from any one church may be seated in our association or Fifth Sunday Meeting. Alternates may be used to replace the regular delegates who are absent.
6. Letters are to be read and delegates seated on opening night of the Association or Fifth Sunday Meeting. Tardy letters to be read and received when presented.
7. Letters to the yearly Association should be mailed to the Associational Clerk at least two weeks before the Association meets.
8. Letters to the Fifth Sunday Meeting are to be presented on Friday night of the Conference, or as soon as possible.
9. No one shall be allowed to hold any elected office in the Association or Fifth Sunday Meeting unless they are an elected or standing delegate of this Association.
10. Those who speak, shall arise and address the Moderator, personal reflections shall be avoided in all discussions.
11. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
12. No motion may be discussed by the Moderator from the chair, however, he may surrender the chair to the assistant Moderator, and given permission from the chair may proceed to discuss the said motion.
13. All discussions on motions must pertain to the motion or subject under consideration.
14. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes it's discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, Shall it be discussed? If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
15. Each church in the Association is asked to send Five Dollars to the yearly Association for the support of same.

16. If any proposition or motion under discussion contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
17. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
18. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of members present.
19. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
20. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.
21. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.
22. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two Sermons or other devotional exercises equivalent thereunto during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before the adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.
23. These Rules and By laws shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association or Conference before any business is transacted.
24. Alterations may be made in these Rules and By Laws at any regular session of the Association.
25. Recommendation: We recommend that this Association observe Communion and feet washing in Association and Fifth Sunday Meetings.

POST SCRIPT:

All these Rules and By Laws have been approved by our Association or Fifth Sunday Meeting. But until now have not been carried in the Minutes. If excepted these Rules and By Laws will replace the Rules of Order now printed in our minutes on page 12 and 13.

Faithfully Submitted by your Credential Committee
 Chairman—Rev. Doyle Dipboye
 Member—Rev. S. A. Smith
 Member—Rev. R. E. Pixley

POOR PILGRAM AND STRANGER

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

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.

Our fathers and mothers crossed over
Our brothers and sisters are there;
No money could purchase their tickets,
For Jesus paid 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,

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.

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.

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.

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 persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer: I Do.

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; I John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice—Matt. 5:18; II 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 ye saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else"—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; 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—John 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; 28:19, Romans 6-2-5.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servant 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—I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 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—Mk. 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 to 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; II 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.

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; I 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—Mt. 25:31, 34; I Cor. 15:42, 45; II Thes. 1:4, 11; Rev. 20:12, 15.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things nonest in the sight of all men.

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 knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of 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 principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

REPORT OF CHURCHES BY LETTER NOT INCLUDING THAT TAKEN CARE OF BY THE COMMITTEES

- 1—Catcher Church Delegates:** Idis Osborn, Jim Bass, Lola Osborn, Effie Meason, and Flossie Joslin. Elected Eld. Burl Osborn as pastor for the coming year. State of religion, good. Condition of Sunday School, good and condition of league, good. Mederator Eld. Burl Osborn. Clerk Ethel Osborn.
- 2—First Community Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Burg, Delegates:** Andy Teague, Enoch Cordell, Jimmie Fields, Lydia Fine and Sister Cordell. Church Clerk, Stella Simms.
- 3—Pleasant Grove Church Delegates:** Margie Elison, Grace Rainwater, Ruby Rose, Nora Rose and Harrold Rose. Dismissed by letter, two; resident members 16; non-resident members 19; total membership 35. Deacons: M. M. Watkins; Moderator, Earl Gentry, Clerk, Grace Rainwater.
- 4—Shady Grove Church at Hackett. Delegates:** Carl Miller, John Shirley, Sam McKenny and Dorothy McKenny. Called Horrace D. Shipley as pastor for coming year. State of all services, good. Ordained deacons 3, ordained ministers 5, Sunday School, good, about 50 active members. Value of church property \$2500.00. Moderator Horrace D. Shipley. Clerk, Clara Phillips.
- 5—Graphis Church Delegates:** Lucille Johnson, Wilma Simmons, and Malissa Corder. Alternates, Raymond Morgan, Vina Johnson and Ola Morgan. Sunday School, good. We are asking Bro. Earl Gentry to be our pastor for coming year. Clerk, Malissa Corder.
- 6—Walnut St. Free Will Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Delegates:** Mary Alice Cole, Mrs. James Cole, Mrs. W. W. Slack, Lela Dipboye, and Gra-

ce Weeburg. State of religion, good. Members received past year 46, baptised 40, dismissed 9. Total membership 205. Condition of Prayer Meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Sunday School enrollment 175. Paid pastor \$2275.00. Paid evangelist and revivals, \$308.-88; Paid Home Missions \$60.00; foreign missions \$38.70; building and repairs \$745.50; for education \$122.50; for publication \$34.85. Ministers Doyle Dipboye and James M. Cole. Ordained Deacons, Elmer Rich, Link Roberts, W. W. Slack, M. L. Estep, James Almond, Elmer D. Ye. Juniro, Marcus Polk. Value of church property \$15000.00. Moderator Doyle Dipboye and Clerk, Doyle Estep.

7—First Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Delegates: Dock Dipboye, Bro. Denton, Claude Evans, Ted Coble, and sister Melton. Condition of ladies circle, good. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 50; baptised, 28; dismissed by letter, 5; total membership 319. Average Sunday School attendance, 260; League membership 70; Paid foreign missions, \$52.76; paid home missions, \$399.26; paid for evangelistic work, \$257.88; value of church property, \$25000.00. Church Deacons: D. L. Henley, John Robertson, Ervin Mcrite, George Wilson, Ted Owens, Bill Daniels and Fred Smith. Pastor, R. E. Pixley. Church Treasure, Dock Merchant. Church Clerk, Ruby Crom.

8—Highway 71 Church Delegates: Opal Pixley, Beulah Williams, Sister Bassham, Sister Plumm and Sister Mary Katherine Johnson. Paid Pastor, \$1,595.85. Evangelistic activities, \$262.27. Misc., \$537.15. Value of church property, \$500.00. State of religion, good. Sunday School, good. League, good, with average of 35. Average Sunday School pupils, 80. All report of church activities, good. Moderator, Gilbert Pixley. Clerk, Hazel Plumm.

9—81 Church Delegates: Eulima Pixley, Emma Peters, Mammie Gentry, Albert Gentry and Anna Dillion. Called Charles Graham as pastor for coming year. Clerk, Emma Peters.

10—Locke Church Delegates: Minnie Allen, Wilur Morston, Edna Self, Pearl Ereell, Edna Bewraugh, Pearl Marston. Elected Steve Smith as pastor for coming year. Bonnie Egans as Clerk. Albert McCook as treasurer. Members received this year, 2. Sunday School, good, average attendance, 45. Moderator, Steve Smith and Clerk, Bonnie Evans.

11—Mountainview Church Delegates: Vera Mantooth, Buddy Mantooth, Bill Robertson. Alternates, Florence Essmond, Fred Essmond and Oma Mainard. State of religion, good. Members received this year, 2. Prayer meeting, good. Sunday School good with an average of 60 pupils. League, good. League membership, 40. Value of church property, \$3500.00. Building and repairs, \$1600.00. Pastor for the coming year, Ben Pixley. Deacons, J. W. Robertson, Gene Robertson and Frank Francil. Moderator, Ben Pixley and Clerk, Francis Robertson.

12—Lone Elm 88 Church, Delegates: Stella Eaton, Belva Brown, Cordella Maxwell and Thill Brown. Moderator, Albert Rozell and Clerk, Stella Eaton.

13—Adams Church, Delegates: Carl Dill, Earl McClain, Mrs. Harrold

Richard, Mrs. Ray Baldwin and Mrs. Floy Harrison. Condition of church, Sunday School and league, good. Average Sunday School attendance about 25, league enrollment 20. Resident members 23. Deacons, Roy Baldwin, Harrold Richardson and Floy Harrison. We have Church League and Sunday School each Sunday. Pastor, Murl Cole and Clerk, Mary Atkerson.

14—Central Church, Delegates: P. A. Nance, Marshal James, Cora Nance, Mary Lou Chamberland and Cora Butler. State of religion, Good. Members received this year, 5. Baptised, 6. Dismissed 2, by request. Total membership 74. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average of pupils, 55. Prayer meeting, good. Paid our pastor, \$294.99. Foreign missions, \$34.47. Building and repairs, \$567.00. Called Sam Southerland as our pastor for coming year. Names of ministers, Ben Story Jr., J. K. Woods and Jim Green. We have five ordained deacons. We recommend that Bro. Jim Green go before the credential committee for ordination. Moderator, Sam Southerland and Clerk, Sister Dykes.

15—Freedom Church Delegates: Dora Gregory, Jim Gregory, Odill Gregory, Myrtle Gregory and Robbie Kaundart. Members received this year, 2. We have church almost every Sunday and Sunday night. Called Herbert Rogers as our pastor for the coming year. Sunday School is good, we have 45 or 50 in attendance. League not so good, just part time good. Revival conducted by Herbert Rogers and Bur Osborn. Pastor, Herbert Rogers and Clerk, Robbie Kaundart.

16—Independence Church Delegates: Cleta Jones, Noraine Hopkins and Minnie Hopkins and Andy Hopkins. State of religion, good. Sunday School, good. Called Burl Osborn as pastor for coming year. Ordained Deacons: Gene Brown, Clifford Hopkins, Roland Haley and Sam Cottrell. Sunday School pupils, 35. Moderator Clifford Hopkins, Clerk, Edna Hopkins.

17—Kenerchapel Church Delegates: Bell Palmer, Katheleen White, Bill Palmer, Wilma White and Thelma Kenner. State of religion, good; Members dismissed, 1; Sunday School, good with average number of pupils, 35. For building and repairs, \$250.00. Ministers, R. J. Mullen, S. A. Smith, and Henry Hart. Our Pastor's name is Henry Hart. We elected Richard White as Church Clerk and Elen Bonewell as treasurer at this session of conference. Bro. Wayne Bonewell was moderator and sister Elen Bonewell, Church Clerk.

18—Van Buren Free Will Baptist Church Delegates: Sister Scott, Sister Jones, Sister Crawford, Sister Ferguson and Rudolph Wise. Our little church was organized on April 17, 1952. We have three ordained deacons, Jesse Hyatt, Albert Franklin and W. R. Garner. We have 33 members. We have already been received as a member of your quarterly conference of Zion Hope Association No. 2, and we are now asking for membership into this association of Zion Hope No. 2. State of religion, good. Sunday School and league, good. Bro. J. S. Brown is pastor. Moderator, Ethel Hyatt. Church Clerk, Edna Crawford.

POST SCRIPT: There are 19 churches in this association. Eighteen have represented by letter. Riverdale Church in the No. 1 Community was the only one not representing.

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Ministers present at this yearly assembly who turned in their yearly report are as follows: Doyle Dipboye, Rubert Pixley, Gilbert Pixley, S. A. Smith, C. S. Graham, Albert Rozell, James M. Cole, J. S. Brown, Sam Southerland, P. J. Mullen, Luther Clark, Tom Nolan and Jim Green. Those sending in their report who were not present are as follows: J. A. Joslin, Roy Purdom and Aubrey Rozell.

Ministers belonging to our association who did not report are as follows: H. D. Shipley, Rudolph Winborn, J. K. Woods, R. L. Daniel, William A. Rogers, Herbert Rogers, J. B. Lovett, Oscar Crabtree, J. H. C. Jordan, Henry Hart, E. W. Simpkins and Burl Osborn.

Some of the churches did not send the list of all their ordained ministers so we do not have any record of them.

Faithfully submitted by your credential committee.

Eld. Doyle Dipboye, Eld. R. E. Pixley, Eld. S. A. Smith.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We the Sunday School Committee wish to report that the eighteen churches reporting by letter all report Sunday Schools in good condition, making a total average attendance of Sunday School pupils in 18 churches combined together to be 1399. All of these but two report using Free Will Baptist literature. Two churches report using Union literature. We urge that the parents not only send their children to Sunday School but that they go with them, and take interest in their class work. The total enrollment of the eighteen Sunday Schools combined is 1900.

COMMITTEE: Sister Minnie Allen, Sister Vera Butler, and Sister Oma Mainard.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report the departure from this walk of life of the following: Sister Alice Rose departed this life January 22, 1952. Until recent years her former home was in Grove Community where she attended the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Gertrude Brown passed away October 10, 1952 and Sister Fannie Coatney passed away on April 5, 1952. Both were members of 81 Free Will Baptist Church. Sister Reba Graham, age 23 and she was a member of Shady Grove Church. Bro. Joe Moore, born January 9, 1882 departed this life on August 8, 1952. He was a member of the Central Church and a faithful Christian. Aunt Tommy Cluck, also passed away this year.

Obituary Committee: W. F. Wright, Will Basshem and M. L. Rose. Verbal report of arrangement committee, we have received nothing to report. Committee: Sister Ethel Hyatt, Sister Evlina Gentry and Bro. Thell Brown.

Verbal report of executive board, we have nothing to report as nothing has arose to demand a report. Committee: Ben Pixley, Glenn Dipboye, S. A. Southerland, Wayne Bonnewell and Rudolph Winborn.

REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Friday morning Earl Gentry to preach followed by Ben Pixley. Friday at 2:30 P. M., Sam Southerland to preach followed by Rupert Pixley. Friday night, Steve Smith to preach followed by Doyle Dipboye. Saturday at 2:30 P. M. Charles Graham to preach followed by Dee Arthur Yandell. Saturday night, Glenn Dipboye, Sunday morning, Albert Rozell.

Regular Committee: Sister Milton, Bro. Richard White and Bro. Osborn.

FINAL REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED BY THE CLERK DURING THE ASSOCIATION AND TURNED OVER TO THE TREASURER

	For Evangelist	For Treas.
Freedom Church	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Walnut St. Church	3.00	5.00
Locke Church		5.00
Central Church	5.00	5.00
Highway 71 Church	2.00	5.00
Shady Grove Church		10.00
Kenerchapel Church	2.00	5.00
Adams Church	3.00	3.50
Mountainview Church		5.00
Armour Ave. Church	10.00	5.00
Independence Church	1.00	5.00
Mountainburg Church	3.00	5.00
Pleasant Grove Church	2.00	5.00
81 Church		4.00
Van Buren Church	5.00	5.00
Catcher Church		3.00
Graphis Church	2.00	2.00
Collections		22.81
Balance	\$44.00	\$107.31

Clerk, Wayne Bonewell; Assistant Clerk, Elen Bonewell.

REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

(Letter from the Zion Hope No. 2 League Convention)

September 18, 1952

To the Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Kinner Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

We wish to report the great success we have had in the Lords work this year, and to thank the Association for the wonderful support you have given us in the past year.

With the permission of the Association we would like very much to have the following announcement placed in the Minutes.

The regular meeting dates for the Zion Hope No. 2 League Rally for the coming year shall be on the third Sunday of the following months: January—April—July—October.

Thanking You In Advance,

The Zion Hope League Convention

President: Deloris Smith; Secretary, Katherine Joslin.

Sponsor—Rev. Doyle Dipboye.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF OUR MINISTERS

ELD. GLENN DIPBOYE reports the following: Sermons preached, 212; Revivals conducted, 11; Number Baptized, 19; Professions Witnessed, 102; Additions to church, 22; I moderated one organization by request of Eld. J. S. Brown, who sponsored the organization. Funerals preached, 8; Miles traveled, 8700; Money received, \$1706.50; Expense, \$230.00; After expense is subtracted, I had received a balance of \$1476.50.

ELD. GILBERT PIXLEY reports the following: Sermons preached, about 220; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals conducted, 14; Professions witnessed, about 160; Number Baptized, 80; Additions to church, 40; Funerals preached, 5; Miles traveled, 301,010; Money received, about \$2500.00. Enjoyed the work very much.

ELD. DOYLE DIPBOYE reports as follows: Sermons preached, 274; Churches pastored, 274; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals conducted, 8; Professions witnessed, 117; Number baptized, 40; Additions to church, 46; Churches organized, 1; Funerals preached, 7; Money received, \$3610.00; Expense, \$1365.00. After expense was subtracted I had received a balance of \$2,245.00.

ELD. BEN STORY JR. reports the following: Sermons preached, 75; Professions witnessed, 18; Money received, \$38.28; Miles traveled, 1475; Number baptized, 2; Churches pastored, 1.

ELD. S. A. SMITH reports the following: Churches pastored, 1.

ELD. ROY PURDOM reports as follows: Whereas it has not been the will of the all wise master to grant me improved health but in his great wisdom he has seen fit that my health should grow gradually worse the past year, therefore being unable to continue active in the work of the ministry, I believe that it is to the best interest of the Association that I be placed on the inactive list of the Association in good standing pending the will of God in regard to recovery of health and strength. I assure you that should Jesus Christ in his divine wisdom and mercy, see fit to grant a return of health I will become active again be it well understood that this is entirely based on the will of the trinity, not nine. I trust therefore that the Association will be led by the Holy Spirit to grant me inactive status in good standing.

ELD. SAM SOUTHERLAND reports the following: Sermons preached, 119; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals conducted, 3; Professions witnessed, 14; Number baptized, 7; Additions to church, 9; Funeral preached, 2; Miles traveled, 3000; Money received, \$776.87.

ELD. MURL COLE reports the following: Sermons preached, 106; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals conducted, 2; Number baptized, 7; Miles traveled, 2000; Money received, \$150.00.

ELD. J. S. BROWN reports the following: Sermons preached, 80; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals conducted, 2; Professions witnessed, 11; Number baptized, 4; Additions to church, 37; Churches organized, 1; Funerals preached, 1; Miles traveled, 1000; Money received, 108.00.

ELD. R. E. PIXLEY reports the following: Sermons preached, several; Churches pastored, 1; Revivals conducted, several; Professions witnessed, several; Number baptized, several; Additions to church, several.

ELD. LUTHER CLARK reports as follows: Sermons preached, 25; Revivals held, 3; Professions witnessed, 25; Miles traveled, 900; Money received, \$75.00.

ELD. TOM NOLAN reports as follows: Sermons preached, 20; Funerals preached, 1.

ELD. JIM GREEN reports the following: Sermons preached, 20; Funeral preached, 1; Money received, \$11.17.

ELD. C. S. GRAHAM reports the following: Sermons preached, 107; Churches pastored, 2; Revivals held, 4; Funerals preached, 9; Money received, \$450.00.

ELD. P. J. MULLEN reports the following: Sermons preached, 40; Miles traveled, 400.

POST SCRIPT: Eld. J. A. Joslin and Eld. Aubrey Rozell were reported by the credential committee as having sent in their report as they were not present at the Association, but if they did the committee failed to attach it to the credentials and report cards that have their name on them. Bro. Purdom's report was in their reports and proceedings placed in my care at the close of the Association but these other two were not, therefore I cannot publish their report if they sent one. The rest of those mentioned by the credential committee as giving a written report only signed their name to one of these cards so there was no record to have printed except their name as given in the credential report. Also the name of J. A. Joslin and Aubrey Rozell was placed on one of these cards that I only presented to the committee, Friday morning, but no report by them was in any of the papers given to me.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye in charge of the manuscript.

ASSOCIATION EVANGELIST REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER, 1951 TO SEPTEMBER, 1952

I have visited all of the 19 churches in this Association. Some of them a greater number of times than others because of the fact that they called on me more and expressed their desire and need of my help. I have conducted revivals at every church in this Association that called me and properly and promptly notified me that the church desired and needed my services. I have conducted some revivals in other Associations; but have not rejected revival calls in this Association to do so. I have responded to every needy call from every church and pastor in this Association when given proper notice. I always give special care to any newly organized church when desired and requested by the pastor and the church. I have always requested that should a church fail to get a pastor for a revival for a period of time that they notify me if they desired my assistance or if a church desired special attention by the evangelist to notify me of that desire. I have kept a daily record of my work as honest and accurate as possible. I have moderated one organization at the request of the sponsor, Eld. J. S. Brown. Conducted and assisted in 8 funerals and have conducted 11 revivals and witnessed 102

professions during services rendered. I have had assistance by other ministers in some of this work. Have received 22 into churches when called on to officiate by churches or pastors. Have baptized 19, traveled 8700 miles and preached 212 sermons.

FINANCIAL REPORT

First Fort Smith Church	\$ 113.00
Highway 71 Church	50.00
Central Church	64.00
Walnut St. Church	124.00
Locke Church	16.00
Independence Church	62.00
Kenerchapel Church	43.00
Freedom Church	90.00
Graphic Church	8.00
81 Church	25.00
Adams Church	18.00
Mountainburg Church	30.00
Mountainview Church	60.00
Catcher Church	80.00
Riverdale Church	45.00
Shady Grove Church	23.00
88 Church	6.00
Pleasant Grove Church	23.00
Van Buren Free Will Baptist Church	129.00
Total from church in this Association	\$1009.00

Total from churches and committees not in this Association—\$400.-00. Contributions from folks who are not Free Will Baptist members but expressed an interest to support this work—\$95.00. Money received by mail for this special work withholding their names—\$25.00.

Other offerings from names not mentioned because of uncertainty of approval—\$40.00.

Donations from persons, most of them Free Will Baptist members, In this Association.

Jessie Hyatt	\$ 36.00
Herbert Rogers	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lenace Zinamon	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Polk	18.00
J. C. Scott	6.00
James Almond	15.00
Douglas Peters	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Leman Robertson	5.00
Perry Gregory	6.50
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bartie	12.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold	15.00
Wallace Reid	15.00

Fred Smith	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Elison	5.00
Grand Total Receipts	\$1706.50
Grand total expense	230.00
Complete Balance	\$1476.50

This is as complete a report of all my work and receipts in and out of the Association as was humanly possible to give, withholding nothing purposely.—Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Association Evangelist.

RECORD OF TREASURER OF ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION NO. 2

Balance in treasure at beginning of 1951 session was \$37.45.

Received the following amount during that session.

Central Church	\$ 5.00
Walnut St. Church	5.00
Locke Church	5.00
First Fort Smith Church	6.00
Independence Church	5.00
Kenerchapel Church	5.00
88 Church	2.00
Freedom Church	5.00
Graphic Church	2.00
81 Church	4.00
Shady Grove Church	15.00
L. K. Brazier	5.00
Riverdale Church	5.00
Adams Church	15.00
Mountainburg Church	3.00
Highway 71 Church	5.00
Collection	22.00

Amount give me on last years fund shortly after Association.

Catcher Church	5.00
Mountainview Church	5.00

Received on this years fund at Quarterly Conference.

Shady Grove Church	2.00
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When these receipts were added to the balance on hand at the beginning of last years session it left a total in the treasure of

\$163.25

Expenses checked from that total as follows:

For printing our minutes and expenses attached thereto	\$ 68.45
For Expense to State Association	12.00
For our Association Clerk	5.00
For State Association	30.00
For National Association	15.00

Total Expense **\$130.45**

