



MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Second Annual Session
OF
Zion Hope No. 2, Association
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ASSEMBLED AT
MT. VIEW CHURCH
CHARLESTON, ARK.

Thursday Night Before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1956

Next Session will meet with Walnut Street Church, at 3300 Walnut St., Fort Smith, Ark., on Thursday Night before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1957.

The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. Herbert Rogers. The Memorial Sermon will be preached on Saturday Morning, by Rev. R. E. Pixley and Rev. Burl Osborn.



Proceedings

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION NO. 2 ASSEMBLED AT THE MT. VIEW CHURCH AT CHARLESTON, ARKANSAS, ON THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPT., 1956, AND BEGAN ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. Harold Schuler preached the introductory sermon.

The body then proceeded to elect its officers for this session.

The moderator, L. C. Crowder, called for the letters from the various churches to be read. The letters were read and received by the body and the hand of fellowship was given to the delegates present.

Nominations for moderator were called for and Rev. Glenn Dipboye was elected moderator and Rev. G. S. Essmond was elected assistant clerk.

The moderator, Bro. Crowder, surrendered the stand to Bro. Dipboye to continue the moderation of the session.

Nominations were declared in order for the clerk.

Bro. Wayne Bannerwell was elected clerk and Sis. Ellen Bannerwell was elected assistant clerk.

Motion was then made by Bro. James Cole to adjourn and meet back at 9:30, Friday morning. The motion was seconded and carried.

Arrangements for the delegates who wished to spend the night and a warm welcome extended.

Dismissed by Bro. James Cole.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Services were opened by singing and prayer by Sis. Ben Pixley. Scripture reading by the assistant moderator, and rules and by laws read by the moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Turner.

The body voted to give visitors hand of fellowship: Bro. Turner, Sis. Freeman, Bro. Ben Pixley, Bro. Gilbert Pixley, and Bro. Lane and several others were seated.

The appointment of committees were as follows:

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE—Sis. Freda Stubblefield, Sis. Bessie Slack, Sis. Claude Evans.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE—Bro. Sam Southerland, Bro. Sammy Essmond, and Bro. Jim Robertson.

Late letters were received at this time.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye surrendered the chair to Bro. Essmond in order to read his treasurer's report. The report was

accepted and Bro. Dipboye was re-elected as treasurer and to arrange the manuscript and supervise the printing of the minutes. He has served in this capacity for several years.

It was voted by the body for Bro. Glenn Dipboye to read his report as Association Evangelist in the afternoon and that an Association Evangelist be elected for the coming year.

The body voted for the next Association to meet at the Walnut St. Church.

Bro. Herbert Rogers was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Bro. Rupert Pixley and Bro. Burl Osborn were elected to preach the Memorial sermon. Bro. Pixley was to preach, followed by Bro. Osborn.

Partial report of Divine Service Committee was read and the business session adjourned until 1 o'clock.

A recess was declared by the Moderator for about 10 minutes, to meet back for preaching services.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Sang, "Glory to His Name."

Prayer by Bro. Herbert Rogers.

A congregational song was directed by Bro. Crowder, with Sis. Opal Rogers at the piano.

Bro. Gilbert Pixley brought a message on the subject of, "Beware of false doctrine". He was followed by Bro. Burl Osborn, who used the scripture of Joshua 7:7-14. Bro. Osborn connected this with Bro. Gilbert's message referring to the cursed thing in the camp of Israel. These men brought real messages.

A special song was sung by a quartet, by the Pixley brothers, Bro. Tidwell, and Bro. Crowder, the song's theme, "I will not be a stranger". A wonderful spirit prevailed and several songs were sung during the service, and shouting and rejoicing continued for some time. The thought of the message by Bro. Gilbert was, "Stand firm for God, great truth, and be on the watch for evil doctrine that would corrupt the hearts of the people", and the thought as presented by Bro. Osborn was to "dig up the golden wedge or the evil that was buried in our midst and to get the cursed evil from among us and to stand firm and to refuse to bury malice, corruption, and evil things in our hearts, but to get the cursed thing from our midst." These messages were good for all of us. They were strong and straight, but approved by a wonderful spirit and God wonderfully blessed his people and this service was talked about throughout the session and most everyone admitted it was badly needed in this day.

Announcement was made that the noon meal would be served at the shed which had just been built for such occasions

as this. The pastor, Bro. Burl Osborn, was given opportunity by the moderator, to choose someone to give thanks at the shed. He named Rev. Horrace Shipley, a Missionary Baptist minister to offer thanks at the table. The body was dismissed by prayer and thanks was offered at the table and a wonderful meal was served and people gathered around the table and feasted on the good food and talked about the good way the people of Mt. View were entertaining the Association and about the good spiritual food God had given and the good table of spiritual things that had been given us by the word of God. A good spirit prevailed throughout the day.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing. The moderator read from second chapter of James and Bro. Turner led in prayer.

The moderator, Bro. Glenn Dipboye, surrendered the chair to the assistant moderator, while he read his report as the Association Evangelist. Report was read and after the reading of the report Bro. James Cole stated that after hearing the good report of the evangelist that he wished to make a motion that we retain Bro. Dipboye as the Association Evangelist for the coming year. Motion was seconded and the body voted unanimously in favor of the motion and Bro. Dipboye was elected as Association Evangelist for the coming year. Bro. Dipboye, by permission from the chair, thanked the Association for their consideration and stated his willingness to help the churches and ministers when called upon and stated that he would not push himself upon any church but that if they wanted him to conduct a revival in their church and called him he would be glad to respond or be of any help he could when called upon. He stated that he would help them more if they called on him more.

The assistant moderator, Bro. Essmond made a statement in regard to the churches trying to finance the evangelist in a stronger way and Bro. Jaslin suggested that the churches and people resolve that they help the evangelist more than they ever had during this coming year and call on him to help them.

A letter was read from Rev. Ray Pendam who is physically disabled and who asked for prayer and offered his encouragement to the body. The body voted to give him a certificate of good standing as an ordained minister.

The Association voted to send \$3.00 per church to the State Association from our treasurer, half of it to go into the State Treasury for expenses of minutes and other necessities and half of it to go to the church that entertains the Association. This is the full amount requested by the State to be

sent to the Association by letter as there are 24 churches in the Association. The body voted for the Treasurer to send \$72.00 with the letter to the Association.

Delegates elected to represent us at the State Association were as follows—Sis. Mary Harvey, Sis. Lola Osborn, Sis. Bill Robertson, Sis. Claude Evans, and Bro. Bill Tiddwell.

While the assistant moderator had the chair, Bro. Dipboye made the statement that last year we paid out of the treasury \$35.00 for expenses of transportation of our delegates to State Association and stated that as the State Association was meeting this year at the First Ft. Smith Church that as the treasurer, he wished to make the motion that we send \$35.00 to the Ft. Smith Church to help care for the State Association. The motion was seconded by Bro. Jaslin. A few statements were made in regard to that not being enough. Bro. Dipboye stated that as treasurer he fixed that amount on the basis of his knowledge of the contents of the treasury and the other expenses to be drawn from the treasury and that this offering did not relieve the churches of their responsibility in helping the Ft. Smith Church care for the Association. A talk was made by Bro. Rupert Pixley, pastor of the Ft. Smith Church, in regard to State Association and by Bro. S. A. Southerland and others. The vote was finally taken and the motion carried unanimously to send \$35.00 to the Ft. Smith Church to help in entertaining the State Association and more talks were later made urging us to help make this State Association a great one and to show our gratitude for having so honorable a body to assemble with us in our Association.

A partial report of Divine Service Committee was received.

AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE

Rev. Leonard Crowder preached first, using as his scripture verses from 13th chapter of St. John. He was followed by Bro. Herbert Rogers. Good messages were delivered and good food was furnished for our souls.

A song titled, "Rescue the Perishing" was directed by Bro. Gilbert Pixley and a trio was sung by the Pixley brothers and Bro. Leonard Crowder. They sang, "My Child You Are Home at Last", "Well Done, My Child", and "Sweet Forever". Great joy surged through the hearts of God's people and there was great rejoicing. It was helpful to have such song leaders present with us to help in singing such as Bro. Albert Granlin, Bro. F. S. Essmond, Bro. Tiddwell, Bro. Leonard Crowder, the Pixley brothers, and others, also Sis. Opal Rogers was a faithful help at the piano, assisted by others. We had a wonderful cooperation throughout the day.

Motion was approved to adjourn the business conference until 9:30 Saturday morning.

The moderator, Bro. Dipboye, called for a song and handshake. After first song, special requests were made for songs. There was much shouting and rejoicing, singing and testifying before the afternoon session was dismissed. The moderator stated that there was such a good spirit at the session and such complete love and harmony that we needed to be much in prayer in behalf of the remainder of the session as he was sure Satan was not pleased with this service and would try to do something about it. He urged the conference to be very careful and to pray for each other.

Before motion for adjournment was made, the moderator had appointed the following committees which are as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Sis. Lola Osborn, Sis. Opal Rogers, and Sis. Dora Gregory.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Sis. Betty Joslin, Sis. Dora Gregory, and Sis. Opal Rogers.

It was agreed to meet back at 7 o'clock for the night service.

The conference was dismissed for the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing was directed by Bro. Crowder, with Sis. Bessie Slack at the piano. Such songs were selected as, "I'll Fly Away", "Standing on the Promises", "Revive Us Again", and "Land Where Living Waters Flow".

Bro. Charles Graham brought an inspiring message, using as his text the words Jesus used to Martha, "Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away". Bro. Graham called on the pastor, Bro. Burl Osborn, to take charge of the arrangements for communion and feet washing. It was estimated that about 50 communed and washed feet. We had a good service.

A quartet composed of Bro. Crowder, Bro. Graham, Sis. Francis Robertson, and Bro. Wright sang. The title of the song was, "If We Never Meet Again". The moderator, Bro. Dipboye, had them to sing a hymn and walk out without any dismissal.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing.

The assistant moderator read the scripture reading from the 3rd chapter of John and called on Bro. Crowder to lead in prayer.

Another late letter was read and received.

A final report of the ordaining council was read, received and adopted and their request granted.

See page on committee reports for details.

The verbal report of Executive Board was received and committee discharged.

The body elected an Executive Board. They are as follows: Rev. F. S. Essmond, Chairman, Rev. L. C. Crowder, Rev. Harold Schuler, Rev. David Harding, and Rev. Herbert Rogers.

The body then voted to keep the same ordaining council and credentials committee that they have: Bro. Genn Dipboye, Bro. Lesley Peterman, and Bro. R. E. Pixley were re-elected by a unanimous vote.

The Sunday School Committee report was read, received and committee discharged. See committee reports for details.

The Obituary Committee report was read, received and committee discharged. See committee reports for details.

The Association voted unanimously on the motion to discontinue our Saturday night service at the annual Association and bring the Association to a close on Saturday afternoon.

They did this on the grounds that we now have our feet washing at the annual Association on Friday night and most of the delegation goes home when the business session is closed Saturday afternoon and that it didn't look right for the Association committee to pick someone to preach and then the Association delegation go home and leave it with the church, but thought it would be best for the church to pick someone to preach Saturday night if they wanted services. This was the substance of the discussion before the vote was taken. They thought it would be better to completely close out on Saturday afternoon while the delegation was there, and on account of the length of the session. This does not have anything to do with the Saturday night services of the Fifth Sunday Conference, as they have their communion and feet washing on Saturday night of the Fifth Sunday Conference, and do not have as long a session or as much business.

The body voted to adjourn the business session until one o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE

Rev. R. E. Pixley and Rev. H. D. Shipley were chosen last year to preach this Memorial Message and Bro. Shipley failed to appear and the body ruled for Bro. Rupert to have charge of the whole service at this time but this does not change the rule that 2 preachers preach at this service.

Opened by congregation singing and solemnized by a prayer for the service.

Bro. Rupert read his scripture thought from the 14th chapter of Job. His theme was, "If a man die, shall he live again?" God blessed in this message and our hearts were lifted in hope.

A handshake was called for and the song sung was, "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In", and "If We Never Meet Again" and a special song, "We'll Never Be Lonesome."

Announcement was made that the noon meal was ready at the shed and the body was dismissed by Rev. Raymond Qualls, a visiting minister from Muldrow, Okla. Another wonderful meal was served by the good people of Mt. View. They did a real job.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body came together by singing the song, "Lift Me Up Above the Shadows". Scripture reading by the assistant moderator, from Matthew 5:25 to 38.

Prayer by Bro. Essmond.

The Arrangement Committee made their final report. The report was received and the committee discharged. See page on committee reports.

The final report of the Divine Service Committee was read and the committee discharged.

23 of our 24 churches were represented with letters.

Visitors received in the afternoon were Bro. & Sis. Phillips and Sis. Frank Francis from the Arkansas Association, and Bro. & Sis. Tommy Robertson from the Antioch Association, and Bro. & Sis. Raymond Qualls from Muldrow, Okla. (We are not sure which Association they are identified with), and Sis. Bell Villes, who is in our Association, and other visitors whose names we have failed to get were seated throughout the Association. Bro. Robertson has always been a member of our Association until he moved to Dover, Arkansas a few years back.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE

Rev. Tommie Robertson preached first, after the moderator called for a song and prayer. His scripture was taken from the 8th chapter of Romans. His theme was on condemnation. He was followed by Rev. Lesley Peterman. Both of these men preached good messages and they were well received, even though the body had just finished a business discussion and were tired from the long session, but these messages too will be long remembered and were carefully delivered.

Although we have already recorded the receiving of the final report of the Arrangement Committee, it was not really made final until the committee met together again and came back and reported that they had nothing more to offer.

Bro. Rupert Pixley made a statement in regard to Foreign Missions and an offering was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$28.50. This offering was given to Rupert Pixley.

The assistant moderator, Bro. Essmond, then made a touching talk in regard to the Van Buren Free Will Baptist Church, who had just called Bro. Peterman as their new pastor and Bro. Essmond stated the great need of helping this church in an act of Home Missions. It was a wonderful suggestion to help one of our sister churches. An offering was taken, amounting to \$21.80, and was turned over to the pastor, Bro. Peterman, who is the pastor for the coming year and Bro. Peterman expressed his thanks and requested prayer for the church.

The Association moderator expressed his appreciation for the assistance given him all through the sessions, by the assistant moderator, Bro. Essmond, and whom he called on to moderate quite a bit throughout the session, and also for the faithful work of the clerks and all who tried so hard to make the Association the great success that it really was.

The body then moved to adjourn conference until they assembled again next year at the Walnut St. Church, at 300 Walnut St., Ft. Smith, Ark., on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1957.

After a song and handshake, the Association was dismissed by prayer.

Moderator—Bro. Glenn D. Dipboye,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 1.

Ass't. Moderator—Rev. F. S. Essmond,
South 22nd St., Ft. Smith, Ark.

Clerk—Bro. Wayne Bonnewell,
Rudy, Arkansas, Route.

Ass't. Clerk—Mrs. Ellen Bonnewell,
Rudy, Arkansas, Route.

POST SCRIPT

After a letter has been received and approved and received and delegates seated, we would not be allowed to add anything to a church letter on personal request, such as business transactions that might have been settled after the Ass'n. assembled for the letters are approved as read. To add anything to a letter that has already been received would be out of order unless it was brought before the body and approved and agreed upon. Neither can we record a letter that was handed to us after the Association has adjourned its yearly session. The Highway 71 Church gave me their letter on Sunday night after the Association had closed on Saturday afternoon. I cannot record the letter, but as I am the Association Treasurer and Association Evangelist, I will report their contributions in my reports at the next session. It is already entered on my record.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye in charge of manuscript and printing of minutes.

MINISTERS' DIRECTORY

1. Rev. James M. Cole,
207 South 13th St., Van Buren, Arkansas.
2. Rev. Grady Williams,
North 47th St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
3. Rev. J. E. Dye, Jr.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
4. Rev. L. C. Crowder,
Walnut St., Rt. 1, Box 612, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
5. Rev. Dock Marchant,
1451 North 40th St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
6. Rev. Loyd Sumerhill,
Van Buren, Arkansas.
7. Rev. E. W. Simpkins,
Rt. 3, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
8. Rev. Harold Schuler,
4017 Brockman St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
9. Rev. A. E. Sebastain,
3530 Fischer St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
10. Rev. F. S. Essmond,
5020 South 22nd St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
11. Rev. J. S. Brown,
Vine Street, Van Buren, Arkansas.
12. Rev. L. D. Peterman,
Alma, Arkansas, Route 3.
13. Rev. Frank Byrd,
Hackett, Arkansas, Route.
14. Rev. Luther Clark,
Hackett, Arkansas, Route.
15. Rev. Bedford Brown,
Greenwood, Arkansas, Route 1.
16. Rev. Millard Lee,
Illinois.
17. Rev. D. D. Peters,
Rudy, Arkansas.
18. Rev. Earl Gentry,
Rudy, Arkansas.
19. Rev. Herbert Rogers,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 2.

20. Rev. Ercell Huggins,
Alma, Arkansas, Route.
21. Rev. Rolland Attwell,
Chester, Arkansas, Route.
22. Rev. Gene Thomas,
Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Route 3.
23. Rev. H. D. Shipley,
North Albert Pike, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
24. Rev. R. E. Pixley,
3722 Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
25. Rev. J. K. Woods,
Muldrow, Oklahoma, Route 2.
26. Rev. Mack Watts,
Muldrow, Oklahoma, Route 2.
27. Rev. Arvell Burrough,
Locke, Arkansas.
28. Rev. Homer Huett,
Locke, Arkansas.
29. Rev. Arvil Spears,
Locke, Arkansas.
30. Rev. A. L. Davis,
Chester, Arkansas, Route.
31. Rev. J. W. Attwell,
Rudy, Arkansas.
32. Rev. Robert Saterfield,
Rudy, Arkansas.
33. Rev. Ben Pixley,
Chester, Arkansas, Route.
34. Rev. S. A. Smith,
Rudy, Arkansas, Route.
35. Rev. Everett Smith,
Rudy, Arkansas, Route.
36. Rev. Charles Graham,
Mountainburg, Arkansas.
37. Rev. J. A. Joslin,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 3.
38. Rev. Burl Osborn,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 3.

39. Rev. G. G. Dipboye,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 1.
40. Rev. Albert Rozell,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 1.
41. Rev. P. I. Mullen,
Rudy, Arkansas.
42. Rev. Roy Lancaster,
Mulberry, Arkansas.
43. Rev. Oscar Stapp,
Mulberry, Arkansas.
44. Rev. Jim Green,
Lanaca, Arkansas.
45. Rev. Raymond Chronister,
Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
46. Rev. S. A. Southerland,
Charleston, Arkansas, Route.
47. Rev. Junior Storey,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 1.
48. Rev. J. H. C. Jordan,
Alma, Arkansas, Route.
49. Rev. Earl Christian,
Alma, Arkansas, Route.
50. Rev. Herman Stubblefield,
Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
51. Rev. David Harding,
Charleston, Arkansas, Route.
52. Rev. Oscar Crabtree,
Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 3.
53. Rev. Henry Hart,
Rudy, Arkansas.

Standing Committees elected to serve throughout the year:

ORDAINING COUNCIL & CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Rev. G. G. Dipboye—Chairman.
Rev. L. D. Peterman—Member.
Rev. R. E. Pixley—Member.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. F. S. Essmond—Chairman.

Rev. L. C. Crowder—Member.

Rev. Herbert Rogers—Member.

Rev. Harold Schuler—Member.

Rev. David Harding—Member.

MINISTERS' WRITTEN REPORTS

(As Recorded by the Clerk)

1.—Lloyd Summerhill: Gen. Del., Van Buren, Arkansas; Ordained member of Armour Ave. F. W. B., sermons preached 120, churches pastored 2, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 17; no. baptized 6, miles travelled 10,000, amount received \$500.

2.—Burl Osborne: Ordained, sermons preached 165, churches pastored 2, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 4, additions to church 1, miles travelled 10,000, amount received \$999.87.

3.—Harold Schuler: 4017 Brockman, Ft. Smith, Ordained, preached about 100 sermons.

4.—Arvel Spears: Locke, Arkansas; Ordained member of Locke F. W. B. Church, sermons preached 104, churches pastored 1, no. baptized 4, additions to church 3, miles travelled 400, money received \$46.00.

5.—C. S. Graham: Mt. Burg, Ark.; Member of Mt. Burg F. W. B., ordained, sermons preached 126, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 9, no. baptized 1, funerals preached 9, amount received \$668.11.

6.—G. G. Dipboye: Van Buren, Arkansas, Rt. 1; Member Catcher Church, ordained, sermons preached 204, revivals 9, professions witnessed 49, funerals preached 9, miles travelled 10,000, amount received \$2,240.00, expense \$340.00, balance \$1,900.00.

7.—Alfonce Darris: Chester, Ark.; Member of 88 F. W. B. Church, ordained, sermons preached 65, revivals held 1, miles travelled 500, money received \$75.00.

8.—D. D. Peters: Rudy, Ark.; Member of 81 F. W. B. Church, ordained, sermons preached (no record), churches pastored 1, revivals 1 with Bro. Charles Graham, profession witnessed 1, funerals preached (few) no record.

9.—J. K. Woods, Muldrow, Okla.; Member of Cottonwood F. W. B. Church, ordained, sermons preached 165, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 18, no. baptized 8, additions to church 6, funerals preached 2.

10.—Homer Huett: Locke, Ark.; Member of Locke F. W. B. Church, Locke, Ark., ordained, sermons preached 72, miles travelled 450, amount received none.

11.—Lessley D. Peterman: Rt. 3, Alma, Ark.; Ordained, member of Independence F. W. B. Church, sermons preached 123, churches pastored 1, revivals held 7, professions witnessed 12, additions to church 3, miles travelled 5,150, amount received \$484.00.

12.—Johnnie Atwell: Rudy, Ark.; Ordained, member 88 Church, sermons preached 140, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 2, additions to church 2, funerals preached 1, miles travelled 6,000, money received \$230.75.

13.—Earl W. Gentry: Chester, Ark., Star Route; Member of 81 F. W. B., ordained, sermons preached 120, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, funerals 2, amount received (no record kept).

14.—Earl Christian: Alma, Ark., Rt. 2; Ordained, member of Freedom F. W. B. Church, sermons preached 64, miles travelled 2,000, amount received \$60.00.

15.—J. A. Joslin: Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark.; Member of Catcher F. W. B. Church, ordained, sermons preached 50, revivals held 2, miles travelled 850, amount received \$75.00.

16.—Albert Rozell: Ordained, sermons preached 116, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 5, miles travelled 4,176, money received \$391.03.

17.—Earsel Huggins: Alma, Ark.; Ordained, sermons preached 92, churches pastored 2, revivals held 4, professions witnessed 19, miles travelled 3,000, amount received \$65.00.

18.—F. S. Essmon: 5020 So. 22nd St.; Member of So. Ft. Smith, ordained, sermons about 130, churches pastored 1, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 3, no. baptized none, additions to church 3, funerals preached 2, miles travelled about 1,500.

19.—J. S. Brown: 317 Vine St., Van Buren; Member of Van Buren F. W. B., ordained, sermons preached 73, churches pastored 1, professions witnessed 4, additions to church 1, funerals preached 3, miles travelled 12,000, money received \$330.00.

20.—L. C. Crowder: Member Walnut St. F. W. B., ordained, sermons preached 185, churches pastored 1, revivals held 13, professions 58, baptized 31, funerals 21, miles travelled 30,000, money received \$4,000.00.

21.—Raymond Chronister: Ft. Smith, Ark.; Member of Central F. W. B. Church, is a licensed minister of the gospel, sermons preached 43, professions witnessed 19.

22.—Grady Williams: 3319 No. 47, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Sermons preached 80, churches pastored none, revivals held 4, professions witnessed 74, number baptized 11, additions to church 16, miles travelled 10,000, ordained, and member of Walnut St. Church.

23.—Sam Sutherland: Charleston, Ark.; Member Central F. W. B., ordained, sermons preached 124, churches pastored 1, revivals held 6, professions witnessed 17, no. funerals preached 2, miles travelled 2,000, amount received \$1,400.00.

24.—Herbert J. Rogers: Van Buren, Ark.; Member of Bethlehem F. W. B. Church, ordained minister, sermons preached 135, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 7, number baptized 6, additions to church 37, funerals preached 2, miles travelled 12,000.

25.—R. E. Pixley: Ordained and member of First Ft. Smith Church, sermons preached 210, churches pastored 1, revivals held 10, professions witnessed about 100, number baptized 40, funerals preached 22, amount received \$5,500.00.

26.—Ben Story, Jr.: Ordained member of Central Church and neglected to keep a record by which to report.

27.—Mack Watts: Muldrow, Okla.; Ordained member of Cottonwood F. W. B., sermons preached 20, professions witnessed 10, additions to church 7, churches organized 1, miles travelled, walked 125.

28.—Bro. Ray Purdom: Ordained, here Brothers is my yearly report for 55-56. Conditions here at home are declining instead of improving, therefore, I have been inactive, not by choice but by force of circumstances far beyond my control. I would like to call to your attention, Matt. 25:21-45 for careful reading and consideration, prayerful meditation. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Roy Purdom, 3820 Armour Ave.

29.—Rev. Horrace D. Shipley: Ordained minister, sermons preached 150, churches pastored 1, revivals held 3, professions witnessed 6, additions to church 6, funerals preached 2, miles travelled 6,000, money received \$364.00.

30.—Rev. J. Everett Smith: Licensed minister, sermons preached 52, revivals held 1, miles travelled 3,600, money received \$43.00.

REPORTS OF CHURCHES (As Recorded by the Clerk)

SOUTH FORT SMITH—

Delegates: Bro. Wilmot Chamberlain, Sis. Mary Lou Chamberlain, Sis. Johnny Essmon. State of religion good, members received this year 4, dismissed by letter 2, no. excluded 2, resident members 29, non-resident members 3, total membership 32, condition of prayer meeting fair, Sunday School good, enrollment 33, average no. 35, officers 2, teachers 3, value of church property \$12,000, amount for evangelistic work \$139.83, amount for S. S. literature etc. \$41.69, enclosed for Association \$10.00, for evangelist \$5.00, we have called Rev. James M. Cole, 207 So. 13 St., Van Buren, Arkansas for pastor for coming year, deacons Harold Mitchell, Tracy McKinzie, Clerk Sis. Mitchell.

SHADY GROVE—

Delegates: Bro. Sonny Costo, Sis. Jennie Costo, Sis. Ellia Shirley, Sis. Ruby Trotter, Bro. Andrew Phillips. State of religion good, Sunday School good, prayer meeting good, we called Bro. Bedford Brown for pastor for ensuing year, ordained deacons Bros. Jack Phillips, Sam McKinney, Clifford Cusick, Granvill Phillips, ordained ministers Bro. Frank Byrd, Bro. Luther Clark, Bro. Bedford Brown, active members 30, Sunday School average 25 to 30, value of church property \$6,000.00, \$10.00 for minutes. Moderator Bro. Jack Phillips, Clerk Sis. Eileen Phillips.

MINERAL SPRINGS—

Delegates: Bro. Glen Emberton, Sis. Mary Riggs, Sis. Alma Riggs. State of religion good, condition of Sunday School and prayer meeting good, average no. pupils in S. S. 80, officers 4, teachers 5, paid pastor \$159.75, paid evangelist \$43.13, home missions \$27.00, building and repairs \$266.93, for minutes \$3.00, for evangelist \$5.00, pastor Bro. Harold Schuler, Clerk Sis. DeLores Yoakum, Rt. 3, Muldrow, Okla.

KENNER CHAPEL—

Delegates: Sisters Eula Fagen, Goldie Carney, Rosie Atwell, Dorothy Bonewell, Gale Carney. State of church and Sunday School good, deacons Brothers Clay Bowman, Earnest Fagen, Hershell Hunter and Wayne Bonewell, Bro. Steve Smith was elected pastor for coming year, for Association \$10.00, for evangelist \$2.50, Moderator Wayne Bonewell, Clerk Edna Smith.

CENTRAL—

Delegates: Sis. Fruella Sykes, Sis. Ollie Sutherland, Bro. Raymond Cronister, J. Smith, Bro. Marshall Jones. State of

religion good, members received this year 4, no. baptized 5, no. dismissed 3, total membership 72, no. died 1, condition of prayer meeting, Sunday School and League good, average no. of pupils 52, Bro. Sam Sutherland elected pastor for another year, ministers names belonging to church, Bro. Jim Green, Lavaca, Ark., Bro. Raymond Chronister, Ft. Smith, enclosed \$10.00 for minutes, Moderator Sam Sutherland, Clerk Sis. Agatha Jeffcoat.

LONE ELM NO. 2—

Delegates: Bro. Oscar Stapp, Sis. Retha Stapp, Sis. Velta McPherson, Sis. Lowe, and Sis. Lena Lowe. State of religion very poor, Bro. Albert Rozelle was called as pastor for coming year, enclosed \$5.00 for minutes, Clerk Kittie McPherson.

FREEDOM—

Delegates: Bro. & Sis. J. E. Gregory, Bro. & Sis. Henry Brewer, Sis. Earl Christian. Bro. Douglas Peters was called for pastor, church and Sunday School very good, average 45 to 50 attendance, enclosed \$10.00 for evangelist, \$10.00 enclosed for minutes, Clerk Robbie Kaundart.

MT. VIEW—

Delegates: Bro. J. C. Brown, Sis. Freda Stubblefield, Sis. Ruth Pruitt, Sis. Bill Robertson, Sis. Vera Mantooth. State of religion good, prayer meeting and Sunday School good, average no. of pupils 40, no. of teachers 5, officers 6, total church membership 33, we send \$10.00 for Association, and \$5.00 for Association Evangelist, ministers belonging to church, Bro. Hermon Stubblefield, Ft. Smith, Bro. David Hardin, Charleston, Arkansas, Moderator Burl Osborn, Clerk Francis Robertson.

GREENWOOD—

Delegates: Bro. Robert and Sis. Reba Canada, Sis. Hazel and Sis. Brenda Sue Martain, and Sis. Mary Katherine Thomas. Membership 64, members received this year 8, amount paid pastor \$364.00, church offering past year \$1994.66, paid out \$1,927.51, paid evangelist \$45.00, deacons Bro. Eddie Webb, Bro. Albert Thomas, and Bro. Jack Jackson, one ordained minister Bro. Gene Thomas, Rt. 3, Fort Smith, Bro. H. D. Shipley called for pastor for coming year, enclosed \$10.00 for minutes, Moderator H. D. Shipley, Clerk Mrs. Edward Jenkins.

FIRST FORT SMITH CHURCH (On Armour Ave.)—

Delegates: Bro. & Sis. Tidwell, Bro. Grady Freeman, Bro. Troy McKinzie, Bro. Schuler, Alternates, Sis. Schuler and-Sis. McKinzie. State of religion good, members received this year 54, no. dismissed 26, no. died 2, total membership 511, condition of prayer meeting good, Sunday School good, average no. pupils 75% or 225, no. of officers 4, no. of teachers 14, paid pastor

\$4949.00, home missions \$75.00, foreign missions \$100.00, building and repairs \$3,005.00, education \$144.97, publications \$1,289.50, charity \$104.00, evangelist services \$311.23, pastor's name and address, Rev. Rupert Pixley, 3722 Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church, Bro. Tom Nolan, 2221 No. 29th St., Ft. Smith, Bro. Doc Marchant, 1451 No. 40th St., Ft. Smith, Bro. Loyd Summerhill, Van Buren, Arkansas, Bro. E. W. Simpkins, Rt. 3, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Bro. Harrold Schuler, 4017 Brockman St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Bro. A. E. Sebastin, 3530 Fischer St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, enclosed for our evangelist, Bro. Glenn Dipboye \$15.00, and \$25.00 for Zion Hope No. 2 Association, Moderator R. E. Pixley, Church Clerk Mrs. Gala Finn.

81 CHURCH—

Delegates: Wilfern Hance, Sis. Gladys Hance, Bro. Bill Dillon, Alt., Sis. Ann Dillon, Bro. Richard Gentry. State of religion good, members received this year 1, baptized 1, prayer meeting every Thursday night, average no. Sunday School attendance 60, officers and teachers 9, value of church property \$5,000.00, names of ministers belonging to church, D. D. Peters, Rudy, Ark., Earl Gentry, Rudy, \$10.00 for minutes, Moderator J. B. Gentry, Clerk Emma Peters.

MOUNTAINBURG—

Delegates: Bro. Jimmy Fields, Sis. Payton, Sis. Fields, alternates, Sis. Lydia Fine, Sis. Kate Teague, state of Sunday School good, singing and church fair, Bro. Charlie Graham elected pastor for coming year, \$5.00 for printing minutes; Clerk Edna Wright.

FERN CHURCH—

Delegates: Mrs. Ada Enman, Joe Patterson, Mary Patterson. State of Sunday School good, pastor for coming year Eld. Erceel Huggins, ass't. pastor Eld. Harrison Pendegrass, deacons Bros. Joe Patterson, Grover Patterson, Arthur McMath, and Francis Keaton, enclosed \$5.00 for minutes, Clerk Mary Patterson.

LONE ELM NO 1 (88)—

Delegates: Sis. Jean Darris, Sis. Edna Lamb, Sis. Danisee Sutterfield, Sis. Mary Lou Pixley. State of religion good, condition of Sunday School good, church membership 16, paid pastor \$50.00, ministers belonging to church, Rev. J. W. Atwell, Rudy, Ark., Rev. Al Darris, Chester, Ark., Rev. Robert Sotterfield, Rudy, Ark., amount for minutes \$2.00, and \$8.00 for Association Evangelist, Moderator J. W. Atwell, Clerk Sylvia Atwell.

LOCKE CHURCH—

Delegates: Bro. Wilber Mortson, Sis. Lillie Mortson, Sis. Minnie Allen, Sis. Myrtle Lee Spears, and Sis. Jo Ann Coleman. State of religion good, members received 3, no. baptized 5, no. dismissed (by letter) 2, total membership 34, condition of Sunday School good, average no. pupils 40, no. teachers 6, amount for minutes \$10.00, pastor's name, Arvel Spears, Locke, Ark., ministers belonging to church, Arvel Burrough, Locke, Ark., Homer Huett, Locke, Ark., \$10.00 enclosed for minutes, Moderator Arvel Spears, Clerk Pearl Creel.

VAN BUREN CHURCH—

Delegates: Sis. Norma Pound, Sis. Oren Lee Young, Sis. Clara Swank, Bro. Herod Tester, Bro. Jerry Brown. We have our indebtedness half paid, our treasury is so low we cannot send the \$10.00 for printing of minutes, have called Rev. Leslie Peterman as our pastor for the coming year, Sis. Norma Pound was elected clerk, Moderator Rev. J. S. Brown, Clerk Sis. Beulah Brown.

INDEPENDENCE—

Delegates: Norane Hopkins, Cleda Jones, Wanda Peterman, Glen Wisley, and Margie Ellson. State of religion good, members received in past 3 months 3, Sunday School good, average no. pupils 30, officers 2, teachers 3, \$5.00 enclosed for minutes, and \$5.00 for Association Evangelist, Moderator Bro. Peterman, Clerk Edna Hopkins.

ADAMS—

Delegates: Sisters Vera Cole, Onita Jeffers, and Katie Higgins, alternates, Rena Smith, and Annie Dill. Average Sunday School attendance 25, resident church members 12, ordained deacons 4 (addresses unknown), ordained ministers, Rev. J. M. Cole, Van Buren, and Rev. Millard Lee, Ill., we have called Rev. Raymond Brooks for pastor, send the Association \$10.00, and \$5.00 for evangelist, Moderator Rev. Murl Cole, Clerk Mae Atkerson.

WALNUT ST.—

Delegates: Sisters Beatrice Crowder, Mildred Williams, Bessie Slack, alternates Ollie Wright, and Jessie Hagan. State of religion good, members received 4, baptized 14, dismissed 12, total membership 163, condition good, condition of Sunday School good, paid pastor \$3120.00, pd. evangelist \$45.00, foreign missions \$50.00, building and repairs \$1065.12, average no. of Sunday School pupils 110, for publication \$129.99, no. of officers 3, no. of teachers 7, enclosed for minutes \$10.00, ministers belonging to church, Grady Williams, Ft. Smith, J. E. Dye, Jr., Okla. City, Okla., pastor's name L. C. Crowder, Rt. 1, Box 612C,

Ft. Smith, Ark., value of church property \$15,500.00, paid out \$216.00 for revivals, we are sending \$5.00 for State minutes, and \$5.00 for yearly meeting, we ask for yearly association, L. C. Crowder Moderator, Link Roberts Clerk.

RIVERDALE—

Delegates: Sisters Ola Mae Crook, Columbia Eubanks, Bro. Claud Eubanks, Bro. Jess Collett. Condition of church and Sunday School fair, we have 3 ordained deacons, Bro. Manuel Carroll, Bro. Jess Crook and Bro. Dow Underwood, we paid our pastor \$341.73 last year, we paid \$128.00 for evangelistic work, we are sending \$10.00 for minutes, and \$5.00 for evangelist, Pastor Eld. Albert Rozell, Clerk Thelma Underwood.

BETHLEHEM—

Delegates: Sis. Myrtle Evans, Sis. Francis Evans, Sis. Albert Franklin, Sis. Opal Sue Rogers, Sis. Lorence Denton. The church was organized Sept. 28, 1954 with 12 members, total membership now 66, Sunday School good, record attendance 107, average attendance 85, state of religion good, Bro. Herbert Rogers elected pastor for coming year, deacons Bro. Vincent Franklin, Bro. Lorance Denton, Bro. Albert Franklin, Treas. Bro. Claud Evans will send \$10.00 for Association, and \$10.00 for Association Evangelist Clerk Sis. Reba Franklin.

CATCHER—

Delegates: Sis. Lola Osborn, Betty Joslin, Martha K. Joslin, Anna Joslin, Stewart Osborn. State of religion good, condition of prayer meeting and Sunday School good, deacons 2, ordained ministers 3, we send \$10.00 to Association, and \$5.00 for evangelist, Rev. Ben Story Jr. was called for our pastor for the coming year, Moderator Bro. Burl Osborn, Clerk Thyra Turner.

COTTONWOOD—

Delegates: Bill Dyer, Barbra Dyer and Pauline Chandler. State of religion good, members received this year 10, condition of Sunday School good, average no. of pupils 34, we send \$5.00 for evangelist, Pastor J. K. Woods, Clerk Beulah O. Watts.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

(Report of the Arrangement Committee as adopted)

We recommend that if any untruth or dangerous doctrine is being preached in any of our churches, that the churches report it to the ordaining council.

Committee:

S. A. Southerland

F. S. Essmond

J. W. Robertson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

(Verbal report of Executive Board)

Rev. F. S. Essmond reported for the Executive Board that they had received no reports that demanded any action of the Board.

Rev. F. S. Essmond—Chairman.

ORDAINING COUNCIL CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

(Adopted report of Ordaining Council and Credentials Committee.)

In as much as Rev. Rudolph Winborn has returned his credentials to us, asking that his name be removed from our ministers' record, we recommend that this Association remove his name from our ministerial record and grant us the authority to have his credentials annulled and that the Association Clerk write a statement of that authority that we may present it to the County Clerk.

Ordaining Council—

G. G. Dipboye—Chairman,

L. D. Peterman—Member,

R. E. Pixley—Member.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

(Adopted report of Obituary Committee)

We find that 9 members of this Association have been called from our midst. They are as follows: Sister Pearl Riggs of Mineral Springs Church, who departed July 6, 1956; Bro. Charles Kirk of Kener Chapel Church, who departed Feb. 9, 1956; Sis. Mary Kenner Kirk of Kener Chapel, who departed July 20, 1956; Bro. Edd Arter of Central; Sis. Frank Lane of Freedom; Bro. Fred Essmond of Mtn. View Church, who departed May 19, 1956; Sis. Maggie Thomas of First Ft. Smith Church, who departed Feb. 8, 1956; and Bro. Will Murphy, who was a deacon in the Cottonwood Church.

— Committee:

Betty Joslin

J. W. Smith

J. E. Gregory.

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

(Adopted report of Divine Service Committee)

Friday Morning Service—Rev. Gilbert Pixley and Rev. Lesley Peterman.

Saturday Afternoon—Rev. Leonard Crowder and Rev. Herbert Rogers.

Saturday Night Service—Rev. Charles Graham, followed by Communion and Feetwashing.

Friday Afternoon Service — Rev. Tommy Robertson and Rev. Lesley Peterman.

Committee:

Sis. Claude Evans

Sis. Will Slack

Sis. Freda Stubblefield.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

(Adopted report of Sunday School Committee)

We understand that each church in the Association has an active Sunday School and as Bro. Dipboye states he will assist us by making a report of Sunday Schools as given in the letters when he prepares the manuscript for the minute in order to save the committee and the clerk the trouble at this busy time of going through the letters to get this information. We wish to recommend that each church organize a visitation program to go out in their community and bring in the lost to Sunday School and church and to persuade the absentees to be regular in their attendance in Sunday School.

Committee:

Mrs. Dora Gregory

Mrs. Opal Rogers

Mrs. Lola Osborn.

ASSOCIATION CLERK'S REPORT

(Report of the Association Clerk of receipts sent with the letters to this 1956 session.)

	For Ass'n. Treasurer	For Ass'n. Evangelist
1.—So. Ft. Smith	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
2.—Shady Grove	10.00	
3.—Mineral Springs	3.00	5.00
4.—Central	10.00	
5.—Lone Elm No. 2	5.00	
6.—Freedom	10.00	10.00
7.—Mt. View	10.00	5.00
8.—Greenwood	10.00	
9.—First Ft. Smith	25.00	15.00
10.—Kenner Chapel	10.00	2.50
11.—81 Church	10.00	
12.—Fern	5.00	
13.—Locke	10.00	
14.—Lone Elm No. 1 (88)	2.00	8.00
15.—Van Buren		3.00
16.—Independence	5.00	5.00
17.—Mountainburg	5.00	3.00
18.—Walnut St.	10.00	
19.—Riverdale	10.00	5.00
20.—Bethlehem	10.00	10.00
21.—Adams	10.00	5.00
22.—Catcher	10.00	5.00
23.—Cottonwood		5.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$190.00	\$91.50

TREASURER'S REPORT OF ZION HOPE ASS'N. NO. 2

Am't in treas. at the beginning of 1955 session	\$67.00
Received by letters during 1955 session:	
Mountain View Church	10.00
Freedom Church	10.00
Lone Elm No. 2 Church	10.00

Catcher Church	10.00
Riverdale Church	10.00
Central Church	10.00
Van Buren Church	10.00
Shady Grove Church	5.00
Greenwood Church	10.00
Walnut St. Church	10.00
Fern Church	5.00
Locke Church	10.00
First Ft. Smith Church	25.00
South Ft. Smith Church	10.00
81 Church	10.00
Mountainburg Church	5.00
Kenner Chapel Church	10.00
Mineral Springs Church	10.00
Independence Church	5.00
Cottonwood Church	10.00
Highway 71 Church	2.50

Amount received at Quarterly Conferences since the 1955 session: Shady Grove Church \$5.75, including the \$67.00 carried over from the 1955 session. This made a total of \$268.25. Amount withdrawn from this total since 1955 session: Expense of printing our Association minutes and their delivery, including delivery of State minutes and certificate cards etc. \$110.00, Delegates expense to State Association 35.00 Sent to State Ass'n to help with expenses 66.00 Making a total expense of \$211.00 When subtracted from the total balance of \$268.25, leaves remaining in the treasury at opening of this 1956 session a balance of \$57.25.

Humbly submitted by the Association Treasurer, G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark., Route 1.

POOR PILGRIM 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 AND BY-LAWS

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

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 be elected from the floor at the opening service; on Friday night at fifth Sunday meeting and on Thursday night at the yearly association.

4. Those allowed to vote and take part in discussion shall be the ordained ministers, ordained deacons, 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 meetings. 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 with 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 its discussion, the moderator shall ask the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

15. Each church in the association is asked to send ten 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. Motion 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 convention and 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 associations and fifth Sunday meetings.

26. Recommendation: We recommend that this association have their communion and feet washing service on Friday night instead of Saturday night.

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 are the only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matthew 5:18; II Timothy 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. That man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned by glory, that He, by the grace of God, should taste death for every man (Genesis 3:7-17; Hebrews 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 the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Matthew 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; Deuteronomy 1:39; Mark 10:14; Luke 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 (Matthew 24:13; Revelation 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; Matthew 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 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 3:7; Revelation 22:17; Isaiah 55:1).

10. We believe that baptism, 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; Matthew 28:19, 20; I Timothy 5:10).

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same, only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the presbytery of elders. 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. 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 (Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Corinthians 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..." (I Corinthians 11:28; John 13:14; Hebrews 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." We believe it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God (Galatians 6:10; I John 2:9).

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, 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 (Matthew 25:31, 34; I Corinthians 15:45; II Thessalonians 1:4, 11; Revelation 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 appearances 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ".

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

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION EVANGELIST

I have visited every church in our Association a number of times, have repeatedly told the churches and pastors I would be glad to help them when called upon. I have conducted revivals at every church in this Association that has called upon me. I have conducted some revivals outside of the Association, but have not neglected the Association to do so. I have assisted the pastors in every way I could when called upon and have filled vacancies for pastors when called upon and given proper notice. I have not pushed myself upon any church, but have always stood ready to help them and cooperate with them if and when they desire. I wish to thank those that have cooperated with me and shown me a good fellowship and cooperation in this work. I have travelled about 10,000 miles. I have preached 204 sermons. I have witnessed 49 professions in revivals and my appointments. I have conducted 9 revivals and give some assistance to others. I have been called upon

several times to help churches in finding pastors and ministers and have responded to the best of my ability. I have tried to be of assistance to young ministers and to answer the needy calls of the churches.

Financial Report

First Ft. Smith Ch. on Armour Ave.	\$135.00
Van Buren Ch. on So. 4th St.	54.50
Bethlehem Church in Van Buren	50.00
Walnut St. Ch. in Ft. Smith	45.00
South Ft. Smith Church	75.00
Ladies Auxiliary at First Ft. Smith Church	3.00
Ladies Auxiliary at Bethlehem Church	6.00
Cottonwood Church	102.00
Mountainburg Church	55.00
Freedom Church	116.00
Independence Church	116.00
Mineral Springs Church	85.00
Catcher Church	112.50
First Ch. at Greenwood	45.00
Central Church	67.00
Mountain View Church	92.00
Fern Church	25.00
Locke Church	20.00
Kener Chapel Church	33.00
Lone Elm No. 2 Church	95.00
Lone Elm (88) Church	30.00
Riverdale Church	68.00
Shady Grove Church	25.00
Adams Church	15.00
Highway 71 Church	55.00
Personal offerings	275.00
From churches outside of Association	450.00
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Total Receipts	\$2260.00
Travelling and Correspondence Expense	340.00
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Balance	\$1920.00

Humbly submitted by the Association Evangelist: G. G. Dipboye, Route 1, Van Buren, Arkansas.