



MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Third Annual Session
OF
Zion Hope No. 2 Association
of Freewill Baptists

Assembled At
Walnut Street Church
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Thursday Night Before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1957

Next Session will meet with Bethlehem church on Alma Boulevard in the city of Vanburen, Ark., on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1958.

Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. Thomas Bershears, on Thursday night.

The Memorial Sermon will be preached by Rev. L. C. Crowder and Rev. S. A. Southerland, on Saturday Morning at 11:00 O'clock.



Proceedings

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF ZION HOPE ASSOCIATION NO. 2 ASSEMBLED AT THE WALNUT ST. CHURCH AT FT. SMITH, ARK., ON THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN SEPT., 1957 AND BEGAN ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

It was opened by singing and the Moderator, Bro. G. G. Dipboye called on Bro. Otho Williams from the Eureka Ass'n. to lead in prayer and after another song he called on the pastor, Bro. L. C. Crowder to offer a prayer and then introduced the speaker, Rev. Herbert Rogers, who took the stand and took his text from Prov. 9:1-5 and St. John 4. Theme: Wisdom's table. Milk for babes and meat for grown folks. It was a great message.

The moderator, Bro. Dipboye, announced the Association was in business conference and letters were read and delegates seated. Bro. Dipboye also extended a warm welcome to all visitors, which included several Associations as well as other visitors.

FRIDAY MORNING—SEPT. 13, 1957

Business session:

The session was opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. S. A. Southerland.

The moderator, Bro. R. E. Pixley, called on Rev. Doyle Dipboye, former pastor of Walnut St. Church, who is now pastor of the Turley Church in First Mission Association, to read the devotional reading: Isa. 26:9-12.

The Executive Board read a partial report in regard to the First Freewill Baptist Church in Wichita, Kans. After short discussion, the report was read and also the letter from the church, and the church was received as a member of the Association, and the delegates given right hand of fellowship, and the body enjoyed a good song and friendly handshake.

Officers were elected for the coming year:

Bro. R. E. Pixley was elected Moderator and Bro. G. G. Dipboye was elected as Assistant Moderator. Sis. Ellen Bannerwell was elected Clerk, and Bro. Wayne Bannerwell as Ass't Clerk.

Bro. Pixley requested that Bro. Dipboye go ahead and conclude the night's conference. After an announcement by the pastor, the body moved to adjourn and meet back at 9:30, Fri-

day morning. Prayer of dismissal by the former pastor of the host church, Bro. Doyle Dipboye.

Visitors from other Associations were Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Dipboye from First Mission Association; and Sis. White from Gains Creek Association; Rev. and Mrs. Holdridge from Eureka Association; Rev. L. D. Self from Grand River Association; and other visitors whose names we failed to get.

A corresponding letter was rec'd from the Eureka Ass'n. Delegates were Bro. and Sis. Otho Williams and Sis. Lessie Bales.

The Moderator, R. E. Pixley, and the Assistant Moderator, G. G. Dipboye, appointed the following committees: Divine Service, Arrangement, Sunday School, Obituary, and Finance. See reports of Committees.

Partial report of Divine Service Committee was read and the body moved to adjourn business until 1 o'clock.

The pastor, Bro. Crowder, announced that dinner would be served on the church grounds and everybody was welcome.

Also during the session, Rev. Thomas Bershears, formerly from the Antioch Association was received as a member of this Association, having moved to Alma and took over the pastorate of Highway 71 Church, also having united with the Highway 71 Church.

The body recessed to gather back at the 11 o'clock service after prayer.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

The body came together by singing and Moderator, R. E. Pixley, called for prayer and then introduced Bro. Bershears and Bro. Doyle Dipboye who brought the messages. Bro. Bershears took his text from Zech. 6:10, "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord." His theme was: God can use us regardless of how small we seem to be. Bro. Doyle Dipboye diverted his message in the same way and food for our souls was truly set on the spiritual table, by both of these messages. Dismissed for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The congregation came together by singing at 1 o'clock, after a bountiful dinner had been served.

The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Glen Dipboye, took charge and moderated the Association throughout the day as Bro. Pixley had notified him Thursday night that he would be absent a big part of the time as he had a funeral scheduled for

each day and Bro. Pixley also made mention of this at the close of the morning session.

Bro. Dipboye called on Bro. J. W. Attwell to lead in prayer. Scripture reading: Matt. 5:8-14. As Bro. Herbert Rogers was next to Bro. Dipboye in the voting Thursday night, Bro. Dipboye asked him to act as Assistant Moderator during the absence of the elected Moderator. This is being recorded so that people will understand, who were not present, why that Bro. Dipboye was acting as Moderator and Bro. Rogers as Assistant, so much of the session, though Bro. Pixley was the elected Moderator and Bro. Dipboye the Assistant.

A final report of the Sunday School Committee was received and committee discharged.

The Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, yielded the chair to his Assistant, Bro. Rogers, in order to read the report of the Association Treasurer. The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted and the body voted to retain Bro. Glenn Dipboye as Association Treasurer and for him to take charge of the manuscript and re-arrange it in minute form and supervise the printing of the minutes. This includes a combination of duties which also includes delivery of State, District and National Minutes and Ministers' Certificate Cards, preparing of State Letter, and preparing and delivery of Letter to State Statistician. This job was given to Bro. Dipboye many years ago, on the recommendation of the Clerk. The body then voted for the Association to give Bro. Dipboye \$25.00 for doing this work and to give Bro. and Sis. Bannerwell \$10.00 each for Association Clerk work, and they voted to also continue to do this each year for those elected to these jobs.

While Bro. Rogers had the chair, Bro. Dipboye read his report of the Association Evangelist and Bro. Glenn Dipboye was nominated and re-elected by a unanimous vote.

The Assistant Moderator, Bro. Rogers, then asked for an offering to be taken for the Association to help with these added expenses. See reports.

A final report of Executive Board was given and received and the following Executive Board was elected: Bro. Herbert Rogers, Chairman; Bro. L. C. Crowder, David Harding, Harold Schuler, Thomas Bershears. This Board remains as it was, except Bro. Bershears replaced Bro. Essmond, who has moved to Texas.

Delegates elected to State Association were: Sis. H. D. Shipley, Sis. Cleda Jones, Sis. Canada, Sis. John Jordan, Sis. Edna Smith. The Association voted to give each delegate \$5.00 for expenses making a total of \$25.00 and they also voted to

send \$75.00 to Phillipps Chapel Church, where the State Ass'n will be. This is the \$3.00 per church requested by the State Association, to be paid to the church that takes care of the State Association. The body then voted to take up a collection this Friday night for our Association and from now on to always take up the offering for the Association on Thursday night, the opening night of the Association. This was brought about because of failure of some of the churches to send their full quota of \$10.00 per church and also because of quite an increase in expenses. The body then voted to place the next Association. All of the 25 churches except Mountainburg Church had already represented by letter and none of them had asked for it in their letter so the Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, gave the delegates the privilege of asking for it at their churches and he received a response from 4 churches, and the body voted for the next Association to go to Bethlehem Church at Van Buren, Ark., on Alma Boulevard. Bro. Thomas Bershears was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Bro. L. C. Crowder and Bro. S. A. Southerland were elected to preach the Memorial Sermon; Bro. Crowder to preach first.

A partial report of the Divine Service Committee was read.

A 10 minute recess was declared by the Moderator and then the body met back for the preaching service set for around 2:30.

After singing, the Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, called on Bro. Bershears to lead in prayer, and then the Moderator introduced Bro. A. A. Holdridge as a member of Eureka Association and pastor of Parum Church in Oklahoma and Bro. Holdridge took his text from Isaiah 3:5-8. Subject: Highway of holiness. A wonderful message was delivered. Bro. G. G. Dipboye, who had been selected to preach with Bro. Holdridge, took the stand and the way was shown how to get on that road—The highway to holiness, in another wonderful message followed by a song by Bro. Crowder, Sis. Saterfield and Opal Rogers, with Sis. Cleda Jones at the piano. Title of song, "I'll Not Be a Stranger," then the song, "I'll Meet You in the Morning," was sung while we had a handshake and it seemed as everyone was happy and filled with the Holy Spirit and God blessed in a wonderful way.

After that the pastor, Bro. Crowder, urged people to stay for supper and gave a warm welcome to everyone and the body had voted to adjourn to meet back Saturday morning at 9:30. The Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, announced that Bro. L. C. Crowder would bring the evening message, followed by communion and feet washing. He then asked Bro. H. D. Shipley to dismiss the conference by prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE

There was some wonderful singing and prayers were offered. A collection was taken for the Association and after another prayer, the acting Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, introduced Bro. L. C. Crowder as the host pastor of the church and the chosen speaker of the hour, and Bro. Crowder asked Bro. Rupert Pixley, who had arrived after services were started, to help him arrange a number, and after the song, Bro. Crowder took his Scripture thoughts from I Cor. 11:26, and Matt. 28:19-20. Bro. Crowder quoted many other Scriptures in bringing a message on the Divine Ordinances that Jesus set for us to observe. A good message was delivered on Communion and Feet Washing. Bro. Dipboye instructed Bro. Crowder to go ahead and make preparations and close the service out as he was the pastor and also the speaker of the hour. The pastor, Bro. Crowder, and his deacons and helpers had carefully made good preparations for this service. They had prepared unleaven bread and had several towels and pans. Somewhere around 70 persons communed and washed feet and there was much shouting and rejoicing. God really poured out his blessings upon this body of people there were very few present that didn't take a part. Bro. Crowder called for the singing of a hymn and they walked out without a benediction and went on their way rejoicing.

SATURDAY MORNING—SEPT. 14

Business session:

After some good singing, the Moderator, Bro. R. E. Pixley, called on the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, for a Scripture reading. He read from Heb. 1:6. Prayer by Bro. Gene Thomas.

The Mountainburg letter was then read and the delegates seated. This letter was mailed to the Clerk too late to reach her until the first day of the session was over and the place for the next Association was already selected. This made a complete representation by letter as the Adams Church, which has been low for some time was reported by the Association Evangelist not to be in working order. The 25 churches of the Association were represented by letter.

Other visitors were received and given right hand of fellowship by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. Dipboye. They were as follows: Bro. and Sis. Tommy Robertson from Antioch Association; Bro. L. K. Brashier from Mocogdoches, Texas; and Bro. B. M. Daniels from Baycluff, Texas.

Bro. Albert Rozell was appointed as a proxy on the ordaining council, to act in absence of L. D. Peterman. Sis. Osborn was appointed as a proxy for Sis. Wright in her absence, and Mayle Proctor as a proxy for Sis. Suttan in her absence.

A quartet number was sung by L. C. Crowder, Sis. Slack, Bro. Rupert Pixley, and Rolland Attwell, with Opal Rogers at the piano.

Final report of Finance Committee was accepted and committee discharged and as a result of their report another collection was taken to replenish the treasury.

A final report of the Arrangements Committee was given, accepted and committee discharged.

The Obituary Committee report accepted and Committee discharged at some time during this day's session.

A partial report of the Divine Service Committee was received.

The acting Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, called for a short recess, after the body moved to adjourn business session until 1 o'clock.

11 O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

Service opened by singing and the Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, called on Bro. S. A. Smith to lead in prayer. He then announced the speaker for the 11 o'clock Memorial Services, Bro. Rolland Attwell, chosen by the Divine Service Committee to substitute for R. E. Pixley in his absence, and Bro. Burl Osborn, who was chosen by the body at last year's session. Bro. Attwell took his text from I. Cor. 15:1, and a verse or two from Deuteronomy. Bro. Osborn, the second speaker, used Matt. 26:1-13. Both of these men preached wonderful sermons that inspired the congregation.

After an announcement by the pastor's wife, Sis. Crowder, that the meal would be served in the building due to rain, Bro. Albert Rozell was asked to pray the prayer of dismissal and thanksgiving.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

After singing, the Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, called on Bro. J. K. Woods for a Scripture reading, which was read from 3rd chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Bro. H. D. Shipley.

Bro. Dipboye again asked Bro. Rogers to act as Assistant Moderator for awhile as Bro. Pixley, the Moderator had not yet returned and a statement was also given by Bro. Dipboye, that Bro. Pixley was due to return from his funeral soon, but that both the Moderator and Assistant had some work that must be done on the Ordaining Council. Bro. Rogers took the stand and called for a short talk from Bro. Daniels and Bro. Brashier, who are now engaged in pastoral work in the state of Texas, but who were ordained in the past in this Association.

Everyone enjoyed the good talks and were glad to know that these men were still active and upholding the doctrine.

A special song was rendered by Sis. Donicee Satterfield, Sis. Opal Rogers, and Bro. L. C. Crowder, with Dorothy Bannerwell at the piano.

Final report of Divine Service Committee was received and committee discharged.

Another number was rendered by Sis. Opal Rogers, Sis. Donicee Saterfield, Bro. Link Roberts, and Bro. L. C. Crowder.

The report of the Ordaining Council was read and committee discharged.

An Ordaining Council was elected for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Bro. Glenn Dipboye, Chairman; Bro. Rupert Pixley, and Bro. Albert Rozelle.

Bro. Raymond Qualls was selected by the body to express the bill of thanks for the wonderful work done by the Walnut St. Church under the supervision of the pastor. He did a good job for the Association was cared for in a wonderful business and friendly way. It could be plainly seen that careful arrangements had been made by the church.

2 P.M. PREACHING SERVICE

Bro. Loyd Summerhill used as his scripture reading, the 6th chapter of Galatians, also referred to St. John 15. He preached a wonderful sermon on love. Bro. Rupert Pixley preached next, using his Scripture from the book of Jude. Another wonderful sermon was delivered.

It was arranged to ordain Bro. Harold Collins immediately after the preaching service. He chose Bro. J. H. C. Jordan, Bro. R. E. Pixley and Bro. G. G. Dipboye as the ordaining Presbytery. Bro. Dipboye gave the charge and Bro. Pixley led the prayer. Bro. Dipboye then asked that Bro. Collins and Bro. Hutchins, who had been accepted by the Council as an ordained minister, and Bro. Jim Evans, who had been granted license, stand in front of the altar while congregation gave them the hand of love and fellowship and the good hope of great blessings in their work. The hearts of the people were made glad in this handshake, as this grand session was coming to a close, as the spirit of love and unity had prevailed throughout the Association, it seemed that the Moderators, the Clerks, Committees, and delegates had all joined together in a great teamwork in making this entire session one of perfect unity and brotherly love that this session might go down on record as one of the greatest sessions this Association has ever had in the 43 years of its existence. A great year's work had been reported and in order to get this record the readers must read all these reports for they are not repeated in these proceedings. It is neces-

sary that church members get a minute, keep it and study it that they may know our rules and what has been done, how many delegates each church is allowed and the financial quote of each church, and the need of a full report by the Clerks.

The Moderator, Bro. R. E. Pixley, urged folks to attend the Association. A testimonial was given by Bro. H. D. Shipley and the Moderator complimented Bro. Shipley for getting off from his work in order to attend this entire Association.

After the handshake, the body moved to adjourn until next year's session, which meets with the Bethlehem Church in Van Buren, on Thursday night before the third Sunday in Sept., 1958.

Benediction by Bro. Brashier.

Moderator—R. E. Pixley,
Armour Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.
Ass't. Moderator—G. G. Dipboye,
Van Buren, Ark., Route 1.
Clerk—Ellen Bannerwell,
Rudy, Arkansas.
Ass't. Clerk—Wayne Bannerwell,
Rudy, Arkansas.

List of ministers attending yearly Association sometime during the session: Bro. L. C. Crowder, Bro. R. E. Pixley, Bro. D. D. Dipboye, Turley, Okla., Bro. H. D. Shipley, Bro. Thomas Brashear, Bro. J. A. Joslin, Bro. S. A. Sutherland, Bro. Oscar Stopp, Bro. J. H. C. Jordan, Bro. Glenn Dipboye, Bro. John Melton, Bro. J. W. Attwell, Bro. L. D. Self, Bigsbee, Okla., Bro. Holdridge, Hoyt, Okla., Bro. L. K. Brashier, Texas, Bro. B. M. Daniels, Bay Cliff, Texas, Bro. Tommy Robertson, Russellville, Bro. Hubert Hutchins, Bro. Raymond Qualls, Bro. Lloyd Summerhill, Bro. J. K. Woods, Bro. Roland Attwell, Bro. S. A. Smith, Bro. Burl Osborn, Bro. Harold Collins, Bro. Chas. Graham, Bro. Albert Rozell, Bro. Gene Thomas, Bro. L. D. Peterman, Bro. Rolland Attwell, Bro. Burl Osborn, Bro. Robert Saterfield.

DIVINE SERVICE

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

Friday morning at 11:00—Rev. Thomas Bershears and Rev. Doyle Dipboye.

Friday at 2:30 P.M.—Rev. A. A. Holdridge and Rev. G. G. Dipboye.

Friday night—Rev. L. C. Crowder.

Saturday morning at 11:00—Rev. Rolland Attwell and Rev. Burl Osborn. Bro. Attwell was chosen by the Committee in

the absence of Rev. R. E. Pixley. Rev. Burl Osborn was chosen by the body at last year's session.

Saturday 2 P.M.—Rev. Loyd Summerhill and Rev. R. E. Pixley.

Committee:

Sis. Ollie Wright
Sis. Earnest Sutton
Bro. J. E. Gregory.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We report the following who have departed this life since last Association:

From First Ft. Smith Church: Rev. Roy Purdom, Bro. Jimmie Purdom, Bro. J. H. Newman, Sis. Cantrell, Sis. Dugan, Sis. Cole and Bro. Williams.

From Kenner Chapel: Rev. P. J. Mullen, an ordained minister from Lone Elm No. 2, Bro. Richard Peters.

From Freedom Church: Sis. Ruth Wise.

From Catcher Church: Sis. Vada Joslin, departed Jan. 3, 1957; Bro. Harley Farrar, a deacon of Catcher Church, departed Aug. 14, 1957.

From Walnut Street Church: Sis. Dempsey.

From Shady Grove Church: Bro. John Graham departed June 8, 1957; Bro. Charles L. Phillipps departed July 29, 1957.

From Greenwood Church: William Henry Martin departed July 4, 1957; Granny departed at the age of 97 years; and also Sis. Duvall.

Committee:

Sis. Beckie Cammell
Sis. Grady Freeman
Sis. Edna Crawford.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We figure the total in the treasury to be \$276.00. We figure the total expense facing the treasury to be an estimated \$277.00. We ask for more money at this time for our treasury and we recommend every church from now on out to send its full quoto of \$10.00 per church and it wouldn't hurt if a church feels able financially to send an extra dollar or two as expenses are increasing and our quoto remains the same.

Committee:

Thomas Brashears
Sam Southerland
C. B. Price.

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We recommend that all new preachers in our Association be given a license to preach for one year before being ordained and that at least 1 member of the Ordaining Council be with them in service for awhile if possible. We recommend that if any untruth or dangerous doctrine is being preached or taught in any of our churches that the church report it to the Ordaining Council immediately.

Committee:

Fred Smith

H. D. Shipley

J. H. C. Jordan.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. H. H. Hutchins, who has been ordained by the Presbyterian Church in 1950. We find him sound in the doctrine as taught by the Free Will Baptist denomination. We find that he was ordained by the laying on of hands by a Presbytery and we endorse his ordination as Biblical and doctrinal. We have examined his credentials and the letter granted to him by the Presbyterian Church. He has pledged himself to be a Free Will Baptist in doctrine. He has solemnly pledged himself to return his credentials to the Presbyterian Church upon receiving our papers and to be connected in no way any longer as a minister of that church, but to be a full fledged member of the Free Will Baptist Church. We ask this Association to give us the authority to arrange his credentials and that he be accepted as one of our ordained ministers of this Association and that he be accepted publicly as such. He is a member of the Walnut St. Church and has carried license as requested by the Ordaining Council. Upon the approval of this Association we will arrange and give him his credentials.

Recommendation No. 2—We recommend that Bro. Harold Collins be ordained at this session as he has carried license at the request of the Ordaining Council and is found sound in doctrine and been called to pastor the Mineral Springs Church. He is a member of the Ft. Smith Free Will Baptist Church.

Recommendation No. 3—We recommend that Bro. Jim Evans, who is a member of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, to be granted a license for 1 year to preach the Gospel.

Ordaining Council:

G. G. Dipboye, Chairman

R. E. Pixley

Albert Rozelle.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We understand that each church in the Association has a Sunday School and is using Free Will Baptist literature. We have an average number of 1223 pupils in our Association.

Committee:

Mrs. Richard Jones

Mrs. Robert Saterfield

Mrs. John Melton.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

(Reports adopted by the Association:)

We, the Executive Board of Zion Hope Association No. 2, have had 4 meetings this year. The first meeting was June 22, at the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Wichita, Kansas, petitioning the Zion Hope No. 2 Association for membership and a notarized charter this request was granted and charter given.

On July 27, at the request of the mission at Boonville, Ark. We met for the purpose of examination of prospects of organizing a Free Will Baptist Church there. Bro. F. S. Essmond was Chairman of the Board since Bro. Essmond had moved to Little Tidd, Texas. Bro. Hurbert Rogers was elected to serve the unexpired term. Upon investigation, we found there were prospects for a great church.

The next meeting was held at Walnut St. Church on Aug. 29, 1957. Another request had been given to the Board to come to Boonville for the purpose of organizing a church.

On Sept. 5, 1957, at 7:45 P.M., the Board met and enjoyed a good service with the fine people there. After the service, we organized a church with 8 charter members and the charter was left open until later.

Executive Board—

L. C. Crowder—Moderator.

Rev. Hurbert Rogers—Chairman.

Rev. L. C. Crowder—Member.

Rev. David Harding—Member.

Rev. Harold Schuler—Member.

Post Script: All reports recorded in this minute were received by the Association.

ASSOCIATION CLERK'S REPORT

(Clerk's record of Finance received at the Ass'n
from churches and collections.)

	For Ass'n Treasurer	For Ass'n Evangelist
Locke	\$ 10.00	\$
Mt. View	10.00	5.00
Shady Grove	10.00	
Walnut Street	10.00	5.00
Bethlehem	10.00	
Van Buren	10.00	5.00
Central	10.00	
First Church at Wichita, Kans.	10.00	
Cottonwood	10.00	5.00
South Ft. Smith	10.00	5.00
81 Church	10.00	
Kenner Chapel	10.00	5.00
Catcher	10.00	10.00
Riverdale	10.00	5.00
First Ft. Smith Church	15.00	10.00
Center Point	10.00	10.00
Freedom	10.00	10.00
Independence	5.00	5.00
Highway 71	10.00	5.00
Lone Elm No. 2	2.00	5.00
Fern	5.00	
88 Lone Elm No. 1	5.00	
Mineral Springs	10.00	5.00
Greenwood	10.00	
Mountainburg	5.00	5.00
Collection Friday afternoon	18.00	
Collection Friday night	20.00	
Collection Saturday	17.00	
TOTAL	\$272.00	\$100.00

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION TREASURER

The record as kept from the beginning of the 1956 session to the beginning of the 1957 session.

Amount in the treas. at the beginning of 1956 session .. \$ 66.00

Rec'd by letter during the 1956 Session:

South Ft. Smith Church	10.00
Shady Grove Church	10.00
Mineral Springs Church	3.00
Central Church	10.00
Lone Elm No. 2 Church	5.00
Freedom Church	10.00
Mt. View Church	10.00
Greenwood Church	10.00
First Ft. Smith Church	25.00
Kenner Chapel Church	10.00
81 Church	10.00
Fern Church	5.00
Locke Church	10.00
Van Buren Church	
Independence Church	5.00
Mountainburg Church	5.00
Walnut St. Church	10.00
Riverdale Church	10.00
Bethlehem Church	10.00
Adams Church	10.00
Catcher Church	10.00
Cottonwood Church	
Cottonwood Church paid soon after Ass'n.	10.00
Highway 71 Church paid soon after the Ass'n	2.50
Shady Grove paid after the Ass'n, an additional	3.00

Making a Total of \$269.50

Amount Checked Out of This Fund Was:

For printing of minutes and all additional expenses, such as typing, mailing minutes and printing of ministers cards and other items	\$127.50
For an extra bill on last year's expense that I did not receive until the closing day of our Association	15.00
The \$3.00 per church sent to State Ass'n.	72.00
Amount sent to Armour Ave. to help with State Association	35.00
Making a total expense of	\$252.50
When subtracted from the above balance of receipts, it leaves at the beginning of this Ass'n, a balance of	\$ 20.00
Submitted by the Association Treasurer, G. G. Dipboye, Van Buren, Ark., Route 1.	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Walnut St. Church	\$40.00
Locke Church	25.00
Lone Elm No. 2 Church	30.00
Adams Church	15.00
First Church at Greenwood	40.00
Shady Grove Church	35.00
Mountainburg Church	45.00
Fern Church	50.00
Center Point Church	50.00
Highway 71 Church	55.00
Lone Elm 88 Church	51.00
Keener Chapel Church	40.00
South Ft. Smith Church	70.00
Mineral Springs Church	75.00
Freedom Church	190.00
Riverdale Church	77.00
Mt. View Church	75.00
First Ft. Smith Church	145.00
Van Buren Church	85.00
Independence Church	70.00
Bethlehem Church	68.00
Catcher Church	145.00
81 Church	70.00
Central Church	80.00
Cottonwood Church	145.00
Personal and extra offerings	324.00
Amount rec'd from committees and churches not in this Association	250.00

Total receipts \$2355.00

Submitted by the Ass'n Evangelist: G. G. Dipboye, Van
Buren, Ark., Route 1.

ASSOCIATION EVANGELIST

Annual report of the Association Evangelist:

I have worked hard to try to help our Association by visiting the churches and helping out in special services and conducting revivals when called upon and helping the pastors when called upon and also responding to the call of the churches. Some have called on me and needed my help more than others and have always responded when given proper notice and have worked in other ways to try to make our Association a stronger and better Association.

I have witnessed about 68 conversions in revivals and appointments and at homes and special services that I have conducted.

I have travelled about 11,000 miles, preached 10 funerals, have baptized 10, and received about 30 into the church while moderating churches when called upon to do so, have preached about 200 sermons.

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 Summerhill,
Van Buren, Arkansas.
7. Rev. E. W. Simpkins,
Rt. 3, Ft. Smith, Arkansas.
8. Rev. Harold Schuler,
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9. Rev. A. E. Sebastain,
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10. Rev. F. S. Essmond,
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19. Rev. Ercell Huggins,
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36. Rev. Albert Rozell,
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38. Rev. Oscar Stapp,
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39. Rev. Jim Green,
Lanaca, Arkansas.
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Van Buren, Arkansas, Route 1.
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Alma, Arkansas, Route.
44. Rev. Earl Christian,
Alma, Arkansas, Route.
45. Rev. Herman Stubblefield,
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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 in 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.