



MINUTES

Of The

Fiftieth Annual Session

Of

Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptists

When Convened At The

Association Camp Grounds

5 Miles North and 3 Miles West of Alma, Ark.

September 17, 18, 19, 1964

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The next annual session will meet at its permanent home, which is the Association Camp Ground, on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1965.

The Introductory Sermon will be preached by Rev. Burl Osborne, Rev. Ben Storey, Jr., Alternate.

The Memorial Sermon will be preached on Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Raymond Chronister and Rev. Robert Satterfield.

*Thursday Night before
1st Sunday in August*



Proceedings

THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLED AT THE CAMP GROUNDS, FIVE MILES NORTH AND THREE MILES WEST OF ALMA, THURSDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 17, 1964, TO BEGIN ITS TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS YEARLY CONFERENCE.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The session was opened by the singing of a hymn. Prayer by Bro. Elmer Coleman. The Moderator, Bro. Glenn Dipboye, called upon the Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Fred Smith, and Mrs. Ellen Bonewell to take their places at the Clerk's table. Sis. Bonewell was appointed by the Moderator to take the position of the late Clerk, Bro. Fred Smith, who departed this life a few days before this session convened. Prayer by Bro. Burl Osborne. A collection of \$17.20 was taken for the Association treasury.

The Introductory Message was delivered by Bro. Albert Rozell. He read the first eight verses of the first chapter of Job and titled his message, "The Trouble Maker." It was well delivered and well received as it was so fitting for the occasion.

Immediately following the message, the business session was opened by prayer. Seventeen letters were read, received, and delegates seated. Bro. Glenn Dipboye was re-elected Moderator to preside over this session. Bro. Wayne Bonewell was elected Clerk. Sis. Ellen Bonewell was elected Assistant Clerk, and Sis. Fred Smith was elected to help them.

Motion carried that we adjourn and meet back at 9:30 Friday morning. Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing. The Moderator requested that Bro. Everett Smith lead the hymns. Sis. Dorothy Bennett was seated at the piano. The song titles were "Trust and Obey," and "Yield Not to Temptation."

Scripture reading by Rev. Doyle Dipboye of the Eureka Association. He read from the third chapter of John. Prayer by Assistant Moderator, S. A. Smith. Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Dipboye and Rev. Lloyd Summerhill were seated as visitors. The Moderator recognized Rev. Dipboye and Rev. Summerhill, who made short talks of greeting. Both are former members of this Association. A Divine Service Committee was appointed by the Moderator. See Committees.

Corresponding delegates from the Eureka Association were seated. They were: Sis. Otho Williams, Sis. Beulah Cordle, Sis. Zelma Briggance, and Sis. Herman Doss.

11:00 O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

Opened by singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies," and "The Old Ship of Zion." This was followed by an altar prayer. Preaching was by Rev. Lloyd Summerhill and Rev. Boyd Stout. The Scriptures chosen were Luke 12:24, and Romans 12. Two good messages were delivered, and a good spirit prevailed.

Lunch was served at the Camp Ground. Bro. Glenn Dipboye asked the Lord's blessing on the food, at the request of Sis. Bonewell. The ladies served a wonderful meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met back at 1:30 and opened by singing some good songs. The Moderator read Matt. 5:10-16. Prayer by Bro. Burl Osborne. The opening song was led by Bro. Everett Smith, with Sis. Dorothy Bennett at the piano.

The Moderator urged all of those present to start in now to try and get more ministers and more delegates to attend all of the next conference, so that the devil would have less opportunity to creep into our Association, and it would not be necessary to double back on the churches present for committee members. Also, by having more delegates and ministers present, we would not have to put off business that needed to be taken care of that day. The following committees were appointed:

1. Arrangements Committee.
2. Obituary Committee.
3. Sunday School Committee.

(See Committees.)

A partial report of Arrangements Committee was read and adopted. See Reports.

AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE

Congregation sung, "The Promised Land." Special by Christine Rand. Bro. Doyle Dipboye and Bro. Burl Osborne brought the messages, using Scriptures from Proverbs 15. The Theme was "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me." Both messages were good.

The business session adjourned, to meet back at 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The congregational singing was good. There were also some good specials sung. These were followed by an altar prayer. Rev. Everett Smith delivered the message, using St. John 13 and other Scriptures suited to the occasion. He delivered a good message. The Moderator requested that Bro. Smith supervise the preparation for the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing. There was much shouting and rejoicing during the feet washing. A spiritual testimony service was conducted, and we enjoyed a good time in the Lord.

An offering of \$14.68 was taken for the Association treasury. Although the delegation was not so large as usual, there was a good spirit and unity so far in the conference. Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing. Rules of Order were read by the Moderator. Scripture reading was by the Ass't Moderator, S. A. Smith, followed by prayer. The Moderator, Bro. Dipboye, surrendered the chair to the Ass't. Moderator and proceeded to read the Treasurer's report. The report was received, and Bro. Dipboye was re-elected unanimously as Treasurer for the coming year. The report of the Association Evangelist was also read and received. Bro. Dipboye was re-elected as Evangelist and contact man for the coming year.

Bro. Joslin and Bro. Warner, who were to preach the Memorial Sermon at 11:00 o'clock were absent. The body elected Bro. S. A. Smith and Bro. J. H. C. Jordan to deliver the messages.

A unanimous vote was given to centralize the Annual Conference of the Association at the Camp Grounds. It was also voted to centralize the Quarterly Conference (Fifth Sunday) provided no church asked for it by letter.

Bro. Burl Osborne was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting. Bro. Ben Storey, Jr. was chosen as alternate. Bro. Raymond Chronister and Bro. Robert Satterfield were selected to preach the Memorial Service.

Both Central Church and South Fort Smith Church will sponsor the meals for the next session. It is understood that each one will help them by bringing a covered dish or two.

It was voted that the Preachers and Deacons' Meeting be held at the Camp Grounds unless they chose to meet elsewhere.

11:00 O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

Bro. S. A. Smith, Assistant Moderator, took charge of the service. Bro. Bonewell read the names of the deceased. Prayer by Bro. Bill Dillon. Bro. S. A. Smith preached first, using Rev. 1:3-14 as his text. He was followed by Bro. J. H. C. Jordan, and both delivered excellent messages. The Moderator made a short talk about the deceased, and this was followed by a song and handshake. People were spiritually moved, and a good spirit prevailed. A dismissal prayer was offered. The Lord's blessing on the food was asked at this time also.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

After enjoying a bountiful meal, the body met back in session to conduct business. Scripture reading was by the Moderator, from Matt. 17:1-6. Prayer by the Assistant Moderator, Bro. S. A. Smith. Bro. Everett Smith was elected for a three-year term on the Ordaining Council. Bro. Robert Satterfield was elected for a five-year term on the Executive Board. He succeeds Bro. Earl Christian.

The Moderator, who is also Treasurer, stated that the body should elect delegates to the State Association. He stated that it was his belief there was not enough money in the treasury to pay their way, and that some money should be sent to the State Conference. He stated that we did not have enough to send all that they wanted this year—nor last year. It was his belief that we would have to send what the treasury could afford after taking care of our Associational expenses. No other suggestions were made, and that is the way it was left. Bro. Everett Smith said he planned to go to the State Conference, if possible. Bro. S. A. Smith said he could go with Bro. Everett Smith. Others elected to go with them as delegates were: Sis. Edna Smith, Sis. Billie Smith, and Sis. Vi Smith.

Final reports of the following committees were read and the committees discharged: Arrangements Committee, Pulpit Committee, Sunday School Committee, and Obituary Committee.

The Standing Committees' reports were received, without discharging the committees. See "Committees," and "Reports."

Sis. Ellen Bonewell was unanimously elected as Reporter to "The Vision," our state paper. The body voted for the young people to have services at the Camp Grounds the first Saturday night of every month, starting in October. Bro. Everett Smith was selected to be sponsor. He is to be assisted by Bro. Burl Osborne.

A collection of \$46.00 was taken for Bro. Woody, who was in the hospital at that time.

AFTERNOON PREACHING SERVICE

Bro. Raymond Chronister preached, using Nehemiah 1:6. His theme was "The Walls Are Torn Down." He was followed by Bro. Ben Storey, Jr., who used Genesis 32:27-28. His theme was "Sold Out to the Devil." Both messages were forcefully delivered. A good spirit and unity continued throughout the session.

All eighteen churches represented by letter. The body then voted to adjourn until the next session, which will meet at the Camp Grounds on Thursday night before the First Sunday in September, 1965. It was agreed to dismiss with an altar prayer, and to also pray for Bro. Woody and other sick.

Moderator—Rev. Glenn Dipboye
Clerk—Bro. Wayne Bonewell

REPORT OF CHURCHES

(According to Letters)

1—COTTONWOOD CHURCH, Muldrow, Okla.

Delegates—Sis. Rosa Mathis, Lula Fay Woods, Mary Lou Chamberlain, Ruby Gentry, Beaulah Watts. Alternates: America Owens, Bro. Luther Bush. Ordained Ministers: Bro. Harold Garner, Ft. Smith; W. A. Viles, Mack Watts, J. K. Woods, Billy Joe Gentry, all of Muldrow, Okla. Ordained Deacons: Bros. Wilmont Chamberlain, Johnny Owens, Herman Stump, Charles Watts, Claudie Waldrop, all of Muldrow. We have Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and Women's Auxiliary. Church membership 104, active 72, inactive 32. Received by profession 11, by letter 4, by statement of faith 3. Members dismissed by letter 2. Total Sunday School enrollment 50, League 20, Auxiliary 8. Total offering received \$1332.57. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$658.60, evangelistic \$179.89, bldg. and repair \$183.91, literature \$100.00, miscellaneous \$101.60, Youth Camp \$159.00. Value of church property \$5500.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Pastor for coming year, Bro. Billy Joe Gentry, Muldrow, Okla. Clerk, Beaulah Watts, Rt. 2, Muldrow, Oklahoma.

2—KENNER CHAPEL CHURCH, Rudy, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Rose Atwell, Thelma Kenner, Edna Smith, Bro. C. C. Coleman, Sammy Sisco. Ordained ministers: Bro. Henry Hart and S. A. Smith, Rudy. Ordained deacon: Wayne Bonewell, Rudy. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 28, resident 22, non-resident 6. Members received 0, dismissed 0. Expenses: Pastor's salary, no

record above \$98.70, evangelistic \$55.00, bldg. and repair \$365.37, literature \$43.75, miscellaneous expense \$232.62. Given to Camp \$136.00, home mission \$17.00. Value of church property \$8,000.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$3.00. Sunday School enrollment 45. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. S. A. Smith, Rudy, Ark. Clerk, Ellen J. Bonewell, Rudy, Ark. We pay \$10.00 a month on the Youth Camp.

3—HIGHWAY 71 CHURCH, Alma, Arkansas.

Delegates—Sis. Carl Dodd, Elsie Morse, Joan Staggs, Lora Smith, A. M. Woody. Alternates: Bro. Carl Dodd, Sue Smith. Ordained Ministers: Bro. Grady Williams and Earl Christian of Ft. Smith, Ark. Ordained Deacons: Hubert Staggs, Norman Melton, Jim Pigg and Benny Dyer. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 135, resident 93, non-resident 42. Members received by letter 5, by statement 9. Total offering received \$4927.59. General offering \$4116.14, Building Fund \$811.45. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$3130.00, evangelistic \$130.00, bldg. and repair \$841.74, literature \$52.75, miscellaneous expense \$489.60. Total \$4644.09. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Sunday School enrollment 70. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. Everett Smith, Alma, Ark. Clerk, Billie Smith. We wish to recommend Bro. Jimmy Pigg for ordination.

4—RIVERDALE CHURCH, Cecil, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Ollie Southerland, Alene Collett, Emogene Davis. Ordained Deacons: Bro. Dow Underwood, Jess Crook, Marvel Carroll of Cecil, Ark. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 30. Resident 21, non-resident 9. Received 2 members by statement. We send \$13.00 for minutes and fees and \$5.00 for evangelist. Pastor for the coming year is Bro. Sam Sutherland, Rt. 3, Charleston, Ark. Clerk, Thelma Underwood, Rt. 1, Cecil, Ark.

5—LOCKE CHURCH, Mountainburg, Ark.

Delegates—Myra Deaton, Lila Spears, Edna Burrough, Goldie Deaton, Minnie Allen. Ordained Deacons: Elmer Coleman, Albert Donaldson, Isaac Spears, all of Mountainburg. Total church membership 42, resident 22, non-resident 20. Members received by statement 2. Members excluded 1, by his request. We send \$13.00 for minutes and fees. Sunday School enrollment 50. Pastor for the coming year is Bro. Arvel Spears, Mountainburg, Ark. Clerk, Zella Coleman, Mountainburg, Ark.

6—EIGHTY-ONE CHURCH, Rudy, Ark.

Delegates—Bro. Reves Dillon, Houston Peters, Conley O'Kelley, Odell Brown and Sis. Robert Satterfield. Ordained

Ministers: D. D. Peters and Robert Satterfield, Rudy; Charlie Graham, Mountainburg. Ordained Deacons: Bill Dillon and Irvin Brown. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 71, resident 47, non-resident 24. One member received by letter. 10 dismissed by letter. We send \$13.00 for minutes and fees. Our Sunday School enrollment is 50, League 29. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. Robert Satterfield, Rudy. Clerk, Odell Brown, Rudy, Ark.

7—EIGHTY-EIGHT CHURCH, Rudy, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Lorna Gentry, Sylvia Atwell, Bro. Thell Brown, Rex Brown. Inclosed \$3.00 for evangelist and \$10.00 for minutes. Pastor for coming year, Bro. Silas Harris, Rudy, Ark. Clerk, Belva Brown, Rudy, Ark. We witnessed 14 conversions in our revival.

8—SOUTH FORT SMITH CHURCH, 2621 So. Tulsa St., Ft. Smith, Ark.

Delegates—Wayne Waggoner, Winona Waggoner, Ruby Story, Christine Waggoner and Edith Waggoner. Ordained Ministers: Ben Storey and Ben Selph of Ft. Smith. Fred Warner and J. A. Joslin of Van Buren. Ordained Deacons: Joe Waggoner. We have Sunday School and prayer meeting. Total church membership 70. Members received by profession 4, by letter 6. Members dismissed by letter 5. Total offering received \$1578.55. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$870.00, evangelistic \$180.00. Bldg. and repairs \$146.11. Literature \$79.67. Miscellaneous expense \$280.66. Total expense \$1556.44. Spent for Home Missions \$175.00. Value of church property \$12,000.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. Ben Story, Jr., Ft. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 13. Clerk, Christine Rand, 5015 So. Savannah Dr., Ft. Smith, Ark.

9—GREENWOOD CHURCH, Greenwood, Ark.

Delegates—Brinda Thomas, Hazel Martin, Ruth Thomas, Roy Babbitt and R. B. Babbitt. Ordained Deacons: Albert Thomas and Gerald Thomas. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 66. 3 members received by letter and 1 by statement. 2 members dismissed by letter. Total offering received \$1915.92. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$1250.00, evangelistic \$245.00, bldg. and repair \$200.47, literature \$111.77, miscellaneous expense \$253.42, Foreign Missions \$10.00. Value of church property \$10,000.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$10.00. Sunday School enrollment 50. Pastor for coming year, Bro. Albert Rozelle, Rt. 1, Van Buren, Ark. Clerk, Fay Brown, Rt. 1, Greenwood, Ark.

10—CENTER POINT CHURCH, Mulberry, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Allie Keaton, Elizabeth Fieldings, Gertrude Lowe, Bonnie Bowles, Lena Lowe. Ordained Ministers: Jake McChristian, Mulberry. Ordained Deacons: Francis Keaton and James M. Fielding, Mulberry, Ark. Total church membership 50, resident 39, non-resident 11. Members received by profession 15, by letter 5, by statement 17. Dismissed 2 by letter. Total offering received \$313.70. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$114.14, evangelistic \$21.00, bldg. and repair \$37.42. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$10.00. Sunday School enrollment 25. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. Boyd Stout, 1911 North 11th St., Fort Smith, Ark. Clerk, Irma Cagle, Rt. 1, Mulberry, Ark.

11—MOUNTAINBURG CHURCH, Mountainburg, Ark.

Delegates—Myrtle West, Twyla Sims, Jimmie Dean Bailey, Agnes Wright, George West. Ordained Deacons: Frank Wright, Jim Hatley, Herbert Gregory, E. O. Cordell, J. C. Fine. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 109, resident 80, non-resident 29. Members received by profession 5, by letter 5, by statement 8. Dismissed by letter 3. Total offering received \$1575.21. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$1300.00, evangelistic \$65.00, literature \$112.87, miscellaneous expense \$210.21. Value of church property \$7,000.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$8.00. Sunday School enrollment 123. Pastor for coming year, Bro. Dee Smith, Winslow, Ark.

12—FREEDOM CHURCH, Alma, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Henry Brewer, Bill Johnston, Bro. Henry Brewer, Lewis Gregory, Sis. Dora Gregory. Ordained Ministers: J. H. C. Jordan, Bro. Lesley Peterman. Ordained Deacon: Fred Kaundart. We have Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and Singing. Resident church members 48. Members received by profession 4, by letter 1, by statement 2. Expenses: Evangelistic \$84.00, bldg. and repair \$155.00, Foreign Missions \$146.10, Children's Home \$70.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, evangelist \$10.00. Average Sunday School attendance 65. Pastor for the coming year is Bro. Leslie Peterman. Clerk, Robbie Kaundart.

13—VAN BUREN CHURCH, 4th St., Van Buren, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Beverly Burkhart, Martha Bryant, Norma Hamn, Clara Burkhart, Bro. Ray Burkhart. Ordained Ministers: Bro. Johnny Reagan, Richard Treat, and J. M. Cole. Ordained Deacons: Tom Bryant, John Young, and Jess Hyatt. Total membership 68, resident 15, non-resident 53. Members received by profession 3, by letter 2, by statement 1. Total offering received \$432.27. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$151.67, literature \$34.02. Value of church property \$7,000.00. Inclosed for minutes

and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Sunday School enrollment 35, League 16. Pastor for the coming year is Bro. Johnny Reagan, Box 154, Van Buren. Clerk, Ray Burkhart, 610 Vine St., Van Buren. We request that Bro. Johnny Reagan be examined at this Association and if approved that his name be added to the Minister's Roll of this Association. We also request that he be examined Thursday night.

14—MINERAL SPRINGS CHURCH, Rt. 3, Muldrow, Okla.

Delegates—Sis. Cecil Qualls, Fern Real, Sharon Farney, Dicie Sutton, Sis. Walker, Bro. Bill Qualls. We are sending \$13.00 for minutes and fees and \$5.00 for the evangelist. We have Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary and YPA. Our pastor is Bro. Roland Atwell, Chester, Ark. Clerk, Dicie Sutton, Muldrow, Okla.

15—CATCHER CHURCH, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Clara Rouw, Bro. Jim Bass, Ed Peters, Jim Wiley, Boyd Osborne. Ordained Ministers: Bro. Burl Osborne, Glenn Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren. Ordained Deacons: Bros. Clarence McClure, Nelson Burris, and Steward Osborne. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 127. Resident 103, non-resident 24. Members received by profession 7, by letter 6. Members dismissed by letter 6. Total offering received \$2266.17. Expenses: Spent for the Youth Camp, \$196.00, Pastor's salary \$411.57, evangelistic \$203.75, bldg. and repair \$511.39, literature \$120.00, miscellaneous expense \$292.99, Foreign Missions \$47.00, Home Missions \$46.43, total \$1829.13. Sunday School enrollment 48, League about 12. Pastor for the coming year is Bro. Burl Osborne. Clerk, Lorraine Osborne. This church asked that Bro. Archie Peters be examined for ordination and be ordained at the place of his choice.

16—CHESTER CHURCH, Chester, Ark.

Delegates—Bessie Cluck, Lily Watson, Dorothy Allen, Jennie Valliquette. Alternates: Gracie Cochran, Dorothy Duggin. Ordained Minister: Miron Parrish. Ordained Deacons: W. H. Tomlinson, Bert Cluck. We have Sunday School and Prayer Meeting. Total church membership 25, resident 24, non-resident 1. Members received by profession 8, by letter 2. Total offering received \$1383.87. General offering \$25.00 per week. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$660.00, evangelistic \$304.00, literature \$105.33, miscellaneous expense \$306.28, Foreign Missions \$90.00, Home Missions \$98.00, total \$1563.61. Inclosed for minutes \$2.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Sunday School enrollment 60. We paid \$10.00 for September on Youth Camp. Our pastor for the coming year is Bro. M. C. Parrish, Winslow, Ark. Clerk, Wanda Parrish. Value of church property \$20,000.00.

17—SHADY GROVE CHURCH, Rt. 1, Hackett, Ark.

Delegates—Bro. Joe Mundy, Clifton Cusick, Sis. Marilyn Mundy, Ada Spearman and Betty Cusick. Ordained Deacons: Granvill Phillips, Clifford Cusick. Ordained Ministers: Luther Clark, Lester Waggoner, and Frank Byrd. We have Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, also singing on Thursday night. Total church members about 65, resident members 50, non-resident 15. Received 1 member by profession, 5 by letter, 2 by statement. Expenses: Pastor's salary about \$900.00, evangelistic \$253.00, bldg. and repair \$347.50, miscellaneous expense \$25.00, new piano \$560.00. Value of church property \$7,500.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00, for evangelist \$5.00. Pastor for the coming year, Bro. Harold Garner, So. Fresno St., Ft. Smith. Clerk, Eileen Phillips.

18—CENTRAL CHURCH, Lavaca, Ark.

Delegates—Sis. Vivian Burlison, Carrie Odom, Bro. A. M. Chamberlain, J. W. Smith, Gerald Hayes. Ordained Ministers: Bro. Raymond Chronister, Jim Green, Sam Sutherland. Ordained Deacons: Bro. Luie Jeffcoat, Ralph Chronister, Clifford Sykes, G. D. Matlock. We have Sunday School, Prayer Meeting and League. Total church membership 111, resident 73, non-resident 38. Received 3 members by letter. Dismissed 11 by letter. Total offering \$4107.10. Expenses: Pastor's salary \$1275.00, evangelist \$35.00, bldg. and repair \$3911.46, literature \$78.38, miscellaneous expense \$360.80. Total \$5660.64. Foreign and Home Mission \$104.69. Value of church property \$10,000.00. Inclosed for minutes and fees \$13.00. S. S. enrollment 80. Pastor, Bro. Raymond Chronister, Barling, Ark. Clerk, Fruella Sykes, Lavaca, Ark.

REPORT OF SPECIAL CALLED SESSION OF ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION BY MODERATOR

I cannot make a full or accurate report as I had an agreement with the Clerk, Bro. Fred Smith, that he would make this report to the Association. However, he was called from this life a few days before the meeting at which this report was to be given, and I am not in possession of his record. The Building Committee or Treasurer did not make a report to the Association; so I can make only a partial report.

At the request of the Youth Camp Committee, a special session of the Association was called last winter, by the Moderator, with the approval and advice of the Executive Board. This meeting was for the purpose of accepting a five-acre tract of

land which was donated to them by Bro. Woody, a member of the Highway 71 Church. Also, it was necessary to make plans for erecting a building for the Youth Camp and Association Camp Grounds.

A Building Committee, a Treasurer, and a Board of Trustees were chosen. Their names appear on pages of Committees and Reports. Bro. Woody agreed to donate the land and plans were started to proceed with the building. Pledges and donations were made. Later, Bro. Woody donated an additional two acres. An auditorium building has been erected on the land, a well has been drilled, a road built, and a lot of work has been done on the grounds. The building is located about 5 miles north and 3 miles west of Alma, Arkansas. It is situated on one of the most beautiful sites in the country. It is the best and largest camp ground building of any Free Will Baptist Association that I know in the state. If this is an incorrect report, I humbly stand corrected.

Moderator:

Rev. G. G. Dipboye

Route 3, Van Buren, Arkansas

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Jimmy Pigg and Bro. Archie Peters and recommend that they be ordained to preach the Gospel—their ordination to take place at the time and church of their choice.

We have also examined Bro. Johnnie Regan, from the Fourth Street Church in Van Buren and formerly from the Bethlehem Church of Unity Association. He has been called to pastor the Fourth Street Church. We recommend that he be received into full fellowship in this Association and that his name be placed on the Ministers' Roll of this Association.

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Albert Rozelle

Rev. Everett Smith

Rev. S. A. Smith

PULPIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday Morning—Bro. Lloyd Summerhill and Bro. Boyd Stout.

Friday Afternoon—Bro. Doyle Dipboye and Bro. Burl Osborne.

Friday Night—Bro. Everett Smith.

Saturday Morning—Bro. S. A. Smith and Bro. J. H. C. Jordan,
elected by vote.

Saturday Afternoon—Bro. Raymond Chronister and Bro. Ben Storey, Jr.

Pulpit Committee:

Sis. Rhoda Woody

Sis. Henry Brewer

Sis. Christine Rand

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We assisted the Moderator in calling a special session of the Association. Some of us have met several times with the officers of the Youth and Association Camp Ground Building. This is about the substance of our work.

Executive Board Committee:

Rev. Burl Osborne
Rev. Ben Storey, Jr.
Rev. Earl Christian
Rev. Roland Atwell
Rev. Raymond Chronister

ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that the Moderator of this Association or its Fifth Sunday Meeting advise the Pulpit Committee in each session to consider the visiting ministers from other Associations before making their selections..

Arrangement Committee:

Bro. Henry Brewer
Bro. Boy Wright
Sis. Donnie Satterfield

NAMES OF CAMP GROUND OFFICERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jimmy Pigg, Harold Garner, Stewart Osborne,
Wayne Bonewell, Clifford Sykes

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Everett Smith, Charles Watts, Arvel Spears

TREASURER

Rev. M. C. Parrish, Winslow, Arkansas

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Robert Satterfield	5 years
Rev. Ben Storey, Jr.	4 years
Rev. Roland Atwell	3 years
Rev. Burl Osborne	2 years
Rev. Raymond Chronister	1 year

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Albert Rozelle	2 years
Rev. S. A. Smith	1 year
Rev. Everett Smith	3 years

Names of ministers that were present at some time during the Association, including the night services:

Rev. Everett Smith, Rev. Albert Rozelle, Rev. S. A. Smith, Rev. Boyd Stout, Rev. Jake McChristian, Rev. Johnnie Regan, Rev. Glenn Dipboye, Rev. Ben Storey, Jr., Rev. Raymond Chronister, Rev. Harold Garner, Rev. J. A. Joslin, Rev. Fred Warner, Rev. Burl Osborne, Rev. Robert Satterfield, Rev. Jimmy Pigg, Rev. Earl Christian, Rev. Oscar Stapp, Rev. W. H. Smith, Rev. Finis Kindig, Rev. Archie Peters, Rev. J. H. C. Jordan.

Rev. Doyle Dipboye—visiting minister.

Rev. Lloyd Summerhill—visiting minister.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION TREASURER

September, 1963—September, 1964

Amount on hand at beginning of 1963 Session	\$ 13.94
Total receipts during the 1963 Session, including the offering (as shown in the Clerk's record) and the balance carried over makes the total in the treasury at the close of 1963 Session	289.24
Amount paid out of treasury since close of 1963 Session:	
Paid to the Treasurer for his assistance to the Clerk, arranging and supervising printing of minutes for the Association, and other duties designated and so ordered by the Association	25.00
Paid to Clerk, as ordered	20.00
Amount paid to State Association	70.00
Amount paid for expenses of delegates to State Association	12.00
Amount paid for Minutes, Licenses, Ordination Blanks, Mailing expense, Ministers' Certificate Cards, for phone calls, and other items necessary to fulfill my duties, as requested in By-Laws	145.00
Amount paid for minister's specially printed ordination blanks, as ordered by this Association and in the By-Laws	10.00
This makes a total of	283.00
When subtracted from the total receipts of \$289.24, leaves a balance in the Treasury at beginning of 1964 Session of	\$ 6.24

Received at this 1964 Session from letters and collections
a total of 251.00
Added to the \$6.24 balance from last year, leaves a
total in the Treasury at the close of this Session of .. \$257.24
Humbly submitted by the Association Treasurer:

Rev. Glenn G. Dipboye
Van Buren, Ark., Rt. 3
Phone GRanite 4-6104

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION EVANGELIST

(Commonly Known as Contact Man)

September, 1963—September, 1964

I have worked in the usual manner; visiting churches, conducting revivals or a few nights' services when called upon, helping churches secure pastors when needed and called upon, helping them with information and suggestions as far as my ability permits when it is requested. I do not intrude or interfere. I only try to create a better understanding and fellowship among the churches and ministers of this Association. I only conduct revivals or a few nights services when asked by the churches. I have conducted and assisted in several funerals—some of them quite a distance from this area. I have conducted some revivals quite a distance from this area, too, but have not neglected this Association. I have travelled about 10,000 miles and witnessed about 25 professions and several re-dedications. I have not listed financial help received outside of this Association. Neither have I listed donated transportation—due to the fact that in time past, this caused people to misinterpret or over-estimate what the Association contributed to me. I have been as active this year as I have ever been. I have always been subject to short upsets in my health. I have preached about 190 sermons, and have kept a weekly record of my work.

My financial report does not include just cash, but contributions of other things in cash value.

Amount received in personal contributions	\$200.00
Amount received from Conferences and other Meetings of this Association	127.00

Churches:

88 (Lone Elm Church)	5.00
Mountainburg Church	40.00
Centerpoint Church	40.00
Shady Grove	45.00
Van Buren, Fourth Street	50.00
81 Church	50.00
Central Church	45.00

Highway 71	50.00
Locke Church	60.00
Kenner Chapel	75.00
Mineral Springs	75.00
Riverdale	75.00
Cottonwood	105.00
South Fort Smith	140.00
Chester Church	70.00
Freedom Church	185.00
Greenwood	185.00
Catcher	193.00
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Total Receipts	\$1815.00

Humbly submitted by the Associational Evangelist:

Rev. Glenn G. Dipboye
 Van Buren, Ark., Rt. 3
 Phone GRanite 4-6104

FINANCIAL RECORD

Money Received by Letter and Recorded by the Clerk

88 Church (Lone Elm)	\$ 10.00
Catcher	13.00
Mountainburg	13.00
Shady Grove	13.00
Central	13.00
Chester	2.00
Centerpoint	13.00
Freedom	13.00
Van Buren, Fourth Street	13.00
81 Church	13.00
Greenwood	13.00
South Fort Smith	13.00
Locke	13.00
Riverdale	13.00
Cottonwood	13.00
Kenner Chapel	13.00
Highway 71	13.00
Mineral Springs	13.00
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Total Received by Letter	\$220.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We recommend that in our Sunday Schools, from the card class up, we spend more time teaching the Bible and the way of salvation. There is no time for coloring and playing, since our Bible reading and prayer have been taken out of our schools.

Fourteen churches reported an average attendance of 826 in Sunday School. Four churches gave no report.

Sis. Ellen J. Bonewell

Sis. Minnie Allen

Sis. Dora Gregory

REPORT OF CAMP GROUND TRUSTEES

September 19, 1964

We have met several times, along with the Executive Board and the Building Committee. At each meeting, the problem of finances has been the main item of discussion. We recommend that each church officer, (pastor, deacon, and church clerk) promote this cause in their respective churches.

We also commend the Building Committee on the fine job they have done.

Committee:

Jimmy Pigg

Harold Garner

Stewart Osborne

Wayne Bonewell

Clifford Sykes

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

September 19, 1964

We report that Bro. Woody gave seven acres for the Youth Camp.

At the beginning of the building program, at a quarterly meeting, we were dismissed from this committee and placed on the Board of Trustees.

Members:

Clifford Sykes

Jimmy Pigg

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Deceased Members:

Sis. Docia Hite, Mar. 25, 1964—Cottonwood Church.

Bro. Harold Mitchell (Ordained Deacon), Aug. 23, 1964—South Fort Smith Church.

Bro. Jim Gregory, Mar. 2, 1964—Freedom Church.

Sis. Addie Gann, May, 1964—Central Church.

Bro. Fred Smith (Deacon for 32 years), Sept. 6, 1964—Mountainburg Church.

Bro. Walter Mason, May 15, 1964, and Bro. Henry Jolly, Sept. 9, 1964—Catcher Church.

In memory of our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord this past year, we, the Obituary Committee, offer this list, realizing that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mrs. Buster Kenner

Mrs. Steve Smith

Mrs. Ruby Storey

MINISTERS' YEARLY REPORTS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

1. ARCHIE PETERS, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark. Have preached 40 sermons, travelled 1500 miles, received \$70.00, have carried license twelve months and have been accepted for ordination at this Association. Hope to do better this next year.

2. RAYMOND CHRONISTER, Barling, Ark. Have not kept a full report. The following is an estimate: money received \$1275.00, sermons 114, revivals 3, professions witnessed 24, miles travelled 5000, baptisms 5, helped in a few funerals, performed a few marriages.

3. BOYD STOUT, Lavacca, Ark. Have preached at various places until July 12, when I took over the pastorate of Centerpoint Church, have preached about 80 sermons, received about \$50.00. The Lord is blessing us at the church I pastor.

4. L. D. PETERMAN, Gen. Del., Alma, Ark. Pastored 1 church, converts 19, baptisms 4, re-dedications 3, miles travelled 1119, money received \$500.00, revivals 3.

5. ALBERT ROZELLE, Rt. 1, Van Buren, Ark. Sermons 110, miles travelled 9420, money received \$1340.00, conversions 13, pastored 1 church.

6. OSCAR STAPP, Mulberry, Ark. Sermons 35, miles travelled 1788, money received \$70.50.

7. LESTER WAGGONER, Fort Smith, Ark. Sermons 96, churches pastored 1, miles travelled 3000, witnessed a few conversions, baptized 4, conducted 1 funeral, received \$455.76.

8. HAROLD GARNER, 120 South Fresno, Fort Smith, Ark. Pastored 1 church, sermons 110, miles travelled 6000, re-

ceived \$75.00, witnessed 1 conversion, 1 re-dedication, 1 funeral. The Lord has really blessed me.

9. S. A. SMITH, Rudy, Ark. Pastored 1 church.

10. BEN STOREY, JR., Rt. 1, Box 113, Fort Smith, Ark. I pastored South Fort Smith Church, haven't kept a report.

11. BURL OSBORNE, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Ark. Conducted 2 revivals, pastored 1 church, baptized 1, witnessed 3 decisions, travelled about 2000 miles, money received about \$400.00.

12. JAKE McCHRISTIAN, Mulberry, Ark. Am ready to preach when opportunity affords, have just been licensed.

13. EARL CHRISTIAN, 531 North 39th St., Fort Smith, Ark. Have preached when called upon.

14. G. G. DIPBOYE. Look for Association Evangelist report.

15. EVERETT SMITH, Rt. 2, Alma, Ark. Miles travelled 20,000, revivals 4, funerals 3, money received \$3400.00, professions 15, baptized 6, churches pastored 1.

16. ROBERT SATTERFIELD, Rudy, Ark. Am pastoring 1 church, preached several sermons, travelled several miles.

17. JIMMY PIGG, 3521 Pryor Ave., Fort Smith, Ark. Preached about 35-40 sermons the past year.

18. JOHN H. REGAN, Box 144, Van Buren, Ark. Have recently accepted the pastorate of the Van Buren Fourth Street Church, preached a few sermons, travelled a few miles.

19. OSCAR CRABTREE, Van Buren, Ark., Rt. 3. Am in real bad health, but did all that my health permitted.

20. J. H. C. JORDAN, Winslow, Ark. Have been in bad health, but have been in the Lord's service when at all able.

21. T. R. Beck, Rt. 1, Park Dale, Oregon. I had hoped to establish a church here, but have not succeeded so far. I have preached a few sermons, at other denominations when opportunity afforded. I hope to be with you brethren one of these days.

22. MACK WATTS, Muldrow, Okla. Have preached when opportunity afforded, still in the Lord's service.

23. M. C. PARRISH, Winslow, Ark. Sermons preached 175, revivals 5, miles 10,000, several conversions, several re-dedications, money received \$1600.00.

24. S. A. SOUTHERLAND, Rt. 3, Charleston, Ark. Sermons, about 95, conversions 18, miles travelled about 2000, pastored 1 church, revivals 3.

25. RICHARD TREAT, 4217 North St.. Witnessed 6 conversions, revivals 1, sermons 65, received \$240.00.

26. J. W. ATTWELL, Rudy, Ark. Preached about 72 sermons, have not pastored due to bad health, but an still working for the Lord and enjoying it.

27. EARL GENTRY, Rudy, Ark. Have preached 50 sermons on appointments and a few others.

MINISTERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES THAT DID NOT MAKE WRITTEN REPORTS

(Names of those making reports have their addresses in their reports.)

Roland Atwell, Chester, Arkansas.

Jerry Burris, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Frank Byrd, Hackett, Arkansas.

Earl Christian, 531 No. 39th, Fort Smith, Ark.

Raymond Chronister, Barling, Arkansas.

Luther Clark, Hackett, Arkansas.

James M. Cole, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Oscar Crabtree, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Arkansas.

G. G. Dipboye, Rt. 3, Van Buren, Arkansas, Phone GRanite 4-6104.

Harold Garner, 120 South Fresno, Fort Smith, Ark.

Billie Joe Gentry, Muldrow, Oklahoma..

Earl Gentry, Chester, Arkansas.

Charles Graham, Mountainburg, Arkansas.

Silas Harris, Rudy, Arkansas.

J. A. Joslin, 1920 Dechard St., Van Buren, Arkansas.

Dan Monday, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Grover Patterson, Mulberry, Arkansas.

Joe Patterson, Mulberry, Arkansas.

Donnie Patton, Rt. 1, Van Buren, Arkansas.

D. D. Peters, Rudy, Arkansas.

Ben Pixley, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Bill Shackelford, California.

Dee Smith, Winslow, Arkansas.

H. W. Smith, Lavacca, Arkansas.

Arvel Spears, Mountainburg, Arkansas.

Joe Waggoner, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Fred Warner, Van Buren, Arkansas.

Grady Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

J. K. Wood, Muldrow, Oklahoma.

RULES OF ORDER

Zion Hope No. 2 Association of Free Will Baptists

Article 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whosoever he may call on.

Article 2. Visiting ministers and members from other conferences or Associations are to be received as visitors and welcomed to worship with us, but do not have the right to vote.

Article 3. Those allowed to vote are the standing delegates of the Association which are ordained ministers, ordained deacons, and church clerks of this Association, also the 5 delegates from each church after they have been seated by the standing delegates.

Article 4. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator, personal reflections shall be avoided in all discussions.

Article 5. No motion shall be discussed without first being seconded.

Article 6. When a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, shall it be discussed? If negative the question shall be dismissed.

Article 7. If any proposition or motion under discussion contains 2 or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote be taken separately.

Article 8. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

Article 9. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave of the Moderator.

Article 10. The Moderator shall have the authority to object to any discussion not carried on in a Christian spirit.

Article 11. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present except where a two-thirds majority is required as mentioned in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article 12. No member shall absent himself or herself without special leave of the Moderator.

Article 13. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association if necessary.

Article 14. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization.

Article 15. At all sessions of the Association arrangements shall be made to insure such sermons as required or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto.

Article 16. Alterations may be made to these rules at any regular session of the Association providing the proper steps have been taken in presenting them before the body.

BY-LAWS OF ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. Our Association shall meet on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, and it shall adjourn sometime Saturday p.m. The Quarterly (or fifth Sunday) Conference shall meet on Friday night before each fifth Sunday and close its business session Saturday p.m. The Quarterly Conference has Saturday night service, but the Association does not.

2. The letters are to be read and delegates seated on the opening night of the Association and Quarterly Conference. Tardy letters are to be read and received when presented.

3. Letters to the Yearly Association shall be mailed to the Clerk at least two weeks before the Association meets. Letters to the Quarterly Conference are to be presented on Friday night, or as soon as possible.

4. After the letters have been read and received on the opening night of the Association and Quarterly Meeting and delegates present are seated, a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall be elected on the opening night, after the message.

5. A ruling of the Moderator may be voted down by the required two-thirds majority.

6. No member shall be allowed to serve on more than one standing committee, and only one member from the same church shall be allowed to serve on the same standing committee.

7. We recommend that no preacher be selected to preach twice at the same session of the Association or Quarterly Conference, and that no preacher be selected to preach that is not present at the session at the time he is elected. This is to keep from discouraging or casting reflections on faithful ministers present.

8. Visiting ministers and members from other Conferences or Associations are to be received as visitors and welcomed to worship and be with us, but do not have the right to vote.

9. All official boards or committee members must be members of this Association.

10. The Treasurer shall be paid \$25.00 for managing the printing of the minutes and other duties added thereto. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall be paid \$10.00 each. This stands until changed.

11. The Treasurer is delegated to get the Association minutes to each church as soon as he can get them printed. He is delegated to write checks for printing and mailing expenses of our minutes and the State Association minutes, and other needs as voted by this Association, such as Ministers' Report Cards, License and Ordination Blanks, and he or the Clerk is to notify the State Association of this each year so the minutes can be distributed without too much delay.

12. All Standing Boards of this Association are to make a written report to the Yearly Association and also to the Quarterly Conference when necessary. Ministers shall give their written reports to the Yearly Association, and they shall in return receive Certificates of Good Standing, unless proved otherwise.

13. Any minister that does not have Free Will Baptist credentials shall be required to carry license for twelve months. After that period, if the Ordaining Council sees fit, they may recommend to the Conference or Association that he carry them longer. If he is not found to be of sound doctrine, the Council may recommend that he be not accepted. After either recommendation, a vote must be taken by the body.

14. As this Association has an elected Ordaining Council which is in accordance with the Treatise and National Association, be it resolved by this Association that it is the only Ordaining Council we have, and no minister shall henceforth accept papers without the names of this Ordaining Council being placed under the heading on the papers which says: "Names of Ordaining Council." It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to instruct a minister who is to be ordained, that he may have the choice of selecting the place where he is to be ordained, and that he may choose whom to ordain him—provided they be qualified, and their names may be placed on the papers if he wishes, though it is not essential, but the names of the Ordaining Council shall be placed under that heading after they have made sure that he has been ordained. This is a precaution that should benefit both the ministers and the Association, and prevent trouble that could arise. The Ordaining Council shall obtain that promise from the ordained and this Association will expect him to keep that promise, for the fact that he chooses three men to ordain him does not elect them to the Ordaining Council, and for them to sign as Ordaining Council could be confusing.

15. It is recommended that this Association try to have one preacher to preach Thursday night, two preachers for Friday morning, two for Friday afternoon, one to preach Friday night followed by Communion and Feet-washing, one to preach the Memorial Message Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, and two to preach Saturday afternoon. The Quarterly Conference shall elect two to preach on Friday night, two Saturday morning, two Saturday afternoon and one Saturday night to be followed by Communion and Feet-washing.

16. The ministers for the Introduction and Memorial Messages shall be chosen by the delegates at the session before. Should business become so pressing that the Moderator deems it necessary to postpone the afternoon service at any time, he may do so by a majority vote.

17. It is recommended that each church send thirteen dollars to the Association for its support.

18. It is recommended that an offering be taken on Thursday and Friday night to go to the Associational Treasury, for its support.

19. These Rules and By-Laws may be changed at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of members present providing proper notice has been given as mentioned in the Constitution.

Amendment No. 1 to Article No. 14. Be it resolved that the ordination papers will be signed by the Ordaining Council and also that they will be signed by the Presbytery doing the ordaining each under its proper heading and that future certificates be printed to show the proper heading.

REVISED CONSTITUTION OF ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 14, 1963

PREAMBLE: From long experience, the Church of God Denominated Free Will Baptists, being regularly baptized upon profession of our faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This Association shall be named or denominated ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS. It shall be composed of sundry churches located mainly in the state of Arkansas, but including churches from other states which come to us by petitionary letters, for convenience and other important reasons. This Association is to have no power to usurp authority over "Lord it over" God's heritage, nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches which compose this Association. It reserves the right to deal with or revoke the credentials of ministers, both licensed and ordained who are members of churches which compose this Association—providing, however, that we have a good Bible reason and proceed in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION: This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding 5 delegates from each church. Absentee delegates from a church may be replaced by other members of said church that are present—or alternate delegates may be sent by the

churches to fill any vacancy that should arise. Upon producing letters, these delegates shall be entitled to seats. Churches may be represented by statement if no letter or delegates are present. They shall be seated by a vote of the standing delegates. Ordained ministers, ordained deacons and church clerks of said union shall be considered regular standing delegates (or members) when present, by virtue of their office.

ARTICLE III

Churches who are members of this Association are requested to send their ministers to this Association or Quarterly Conference to be examined for a license or ordination. They shall be examined by the Ordaining Council, which shall be elected by the Association. After examination the Ordaining Council make a recommendation which is received or rejected by a vote of the associational body. In harmony with the treatise of the National Association, if a minister is found unworthy or unsound, the Association may order the Ordaining Council to annul his credentials, providing the Association has carried out the Biblical procedure, which is accepted by the denomination as a whole. This procedure is not contrary to congregational government, as this has been in general practice among Free Will Baptists for many years. Neither is it an act of ecclesiastical power over the churches—as the voting body is composed of representative members from the various churches comprising this associational body.

ARTICLE IV

In case this Association has an elected office, a contact man to work for and among the churches of this Association such as an evangelist, home missionary, promotional field worker, or any office they choose to elect and this office has been of continued practice for a period of time, be it hereby affirmed that in order to present a proposal of discontinuance and a vote taken at a time when the delegation is small, some churches not represented and others taken by surprise and unable to fairly represent their churches which might cause confusion, be it understood that no such question or proposal shall be considered by this Association until it has first been mentioned at a Quarterly Conference and the Clerk instructed to notify each church in the Association at least three months before the Yearly Association where the question shall then be taken into consideration and the vote taken.

ARTICLE V

Letters from the different churches represented at an Associational meeting shall contain the following: (1) the number of members in fellowship; (2) the names and addresses of their

pastor, clerk, ordained ministers and deacons, licensed ministers and deacons; (3) the number of members received (by profession of faith, by letter or recommendation or by statement)—which shall include restoration of denominational choice or whatever might be the cause; (4) the number of members dismissed; (5) the number and names of members deceased since the last general session of the Association. The churches may also send an obituary of the deceased; (6) also the financial record of their church.

ARTICLE VI

Newly constituted churches wishing admission to the Association shall send a petitioning letter and delegates to the Associational meeting. If upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association by a majority vote of the body. The Moderator may then extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates of the new church, but it is not to be considered essential to membership. Churches wishing to come into this Association from other Free Will Baptist Associations shall present a letter of recommendation from the Association which they are leaving. If a church from an Association which has failed to meet in session for a period of over twelve months and has become inactive, wishes to come into this Association, they may present a petitionary letter—stating the reason for their desire to join this Association. If approved, after examination they may be received into this body. A church wishing to come into this Association from another denomination must first be organized into a Free Will Baptist Church. It shall be examined by standing official members of this Association, and after organization, it may ask for membership into this body. If it is found to be orthodox and orderly, it shall then be received.

ARTICLE VII

This Association shall consider every action which has been made and seconded—unless it be withdrawn by the members who made and seconded it. No motion shall be discussed until it has received a second. If no second is forthcoming, it shall be considered dead.

ARTICLE VIII

This Association shall endeavor to furnish the member churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the membership of each church—the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

ARTICLE IX

The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary. They shall be then received by the body and duly signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE X

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book (or books) which shall be kept by the Association as a record.

ARTICLE XI

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be an Ordaining Council, Executive Board and any other which may be considered necessary for the efficient handling of associational business. These shall serve throughout the entire year. The Association may have committees to serve for one session—such as: Sunday School; Obituary; Arrangements; Divine Service; Finance, or others as deemed necessary. These committees may be either appointed by the Moderator or elected by the associational body. A Chairman for each Standing Committee may be appointed or selected at the Association to serve until the committee can meet and make its own selection. The Ordaining Council shall consist of 3 members and the Executive Board shall have 5 members, one elected each year.

ARTICLE XII

The duties of the Executive Board shall be to act in behalf of and for the Zion Hope No. 2 Association on emergency matters which arise when the body is not in session—To be responsible for all legal matters that might come to the attention of the body—To hold in trust and supervise all properties that belong to, or have been purchased by this Association, unless otherwise ordered by the body—To discharge any other duties which the body might see fit to place upon it.

ARTICLE XIII

In emergency matters, the Moderator may, with the consent of the Executive Board call a special session of the Association. However, each church in the Association must be notified at least thirty days in advance of said special session.

ARTICLE XIV

All questions shall be settled by a majority vote of the members present, except where otherwise mentioned in the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws which require a two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE XV

In event that any changes are to be made in this Constitution, Rules or By-Laws, they shall first be presented at the Quarterly Conference prior to the Association unless a special session is called and the Clerk shall be instructed to notify

the churches of the impending action so that it can be properly constituted and then brought to the Association to be acted upon.

ARTICLE XVI

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of members present, providing proper notice has been given as mentioned in Article XV, in no case shall it be changed or amended with less than a two-thirds majority.

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic 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.

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