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OF THE

MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION

14TH ANNUAL SESSION

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

SUNRISE CHURCH

FONDE, KY.

Next session to be held with Pine Knot Church, Pine Knot, Ky.,
to commence on the last Friday in August, 1949

Introductory Sermon by

Rev. Hughy Beeler

Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Rt. No. 1

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought as we believe by Divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this Church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others that by Divine assistance, we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship's ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this Church; that we will contribute cheerfully to the support of the ministry, the expense of the Church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God born of the Virgin Mary whom God freely sent into this world because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ freely gave Himself as ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—I Tim. 2:56; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 2:15; I John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is only one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7-7; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth; that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a

Christ who died for him but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men at one time or other are found in such capacity as through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son and that the Holy Ghost offers His Divine aid to all the human family, so as they might be happy, would they give impression of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men but ungodly men were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they, and such the apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; II Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for such is the kingdom of God.—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to man.—Rev. 22:15-1; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself; only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24;

Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God so that God knoweth whatsoever can or can not come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life out of respect or mere godly unto life and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:21-22; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinance, in believer's baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel of Baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subject for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torment of the wicked is endless.—Matt. 25:46.

PROCEEDINGS OF ASSOCIATION

Saturday Morning, Nov. 6, 1948

The Mount Olive Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met their 14th Annual Session with the Sunrise Free will Baptist Church. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Roy McCoy. Services were opened by singing "Amazing Grace," prayer being led by Bro. Basil McCoy. Scripture lesson 12th chapter of Romans.

THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Pulpit Committee—Bro. Clarence Perry, Bro. Lewis Braden and Bro. Leman Jones.

Committee on Resolutions—Bro. John Brown, Bro. Ben Huddleston and Bro. William Wilder.

Committee on Temperance—Sister Luther Cox and Sister Pearl Mason.

Committee on Sunday School—Bro. Basil McCoy, Bro. Luther Cox and Bro. William Lambdin.

Committee on Finance—Bro. William Lambdin, Bro. John Brown and Bro. Carl Lundy.

Committee on Investigation—Bro. Ben Huddleston, Bro. William Lambdin and Bro. William Wilder.

Obituary Committee—Bro. Basil McCoy, Bro. Clarence Perry and Bro. William Wilder.

Committee on Next Session—Bro. Ben Huddleston, Bro. Clarence Perry and Bro. Lewis Braden.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Roy McCoy, Moderator, Fonde, Ky.; Bro. Carl Lundy, Clerk,
Fonde, Ky.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Rev. McCoy, Rev. Ben Huddleston, Rev. Hughie Beeler, Rev. Edgar
Baltimore, Rev. William Lambdin and Rev. Bill ~~Darris~~ *DAVIS*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motch Church	\$ 5.00
Edgewood Church	5.00
Pine Knot Church	6.00
Quarterly Meeting	6.00
Rev. Bill Darris <i>DAVIS</i>	5.00
Bro. Earl Brooks	5.00
Bro. James Easter	5.00
Bro. John Brown	5.00
Bro. Charles Wolfenbarger	10.00
Rev. Edgar Baltimore	5.00
Rev. Hughie Beeler	5.00
Bro. Arnold Duncan	5.00
Bro. Carl Lundy	5.00
Bro. Clarence Perry	5.00
Bro. Luther Cox	5.00
Bro. Leeman Jones	5.00
Bro. Bishop Perry	5.00
Rev. Ben Huddleston	5.00
Rev. William Lambdin	5.00
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DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS

Pine Knot Church—Bro. Clarence Perry and Bro. Luther Cox;
Sunrise Church—Bro. John Brown and Bro. Carl Lundy; Motch
Church—Bro. Lewis Braden, Bro. Basil McCoy and Bro. Judge
Good; Edgewood Church—Bro. William Wilder, Bro. William
Lambdin. Letters from sister churches read and adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

The election of officers: Rev. Edgar Baltimore elected Moder-
ator; Rev. Roy McCoy, Assistant Moderator; Carl Lundy, Clerk.
Officers elected for (2) two-year term; Bro. Clarence Perry, Treas-
urer for Association.

Motion was made and seconded for each church to take care of
finances paid in by members then report in to yearly meeting.

Motion made and seconded to not allow any preacher to hold a
revival in any of the Free Will Churches without getting permission
from pastor or the church.

A motion and second to withdraw all over the amount of
(\$55.00) fifty-five dollars to help the Pine Knot Church.

Motion and second for Bro. Hughie Beeler to preach Introduc-
tory Sermon at the next session.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on resolutions recommend to hold the previous resolutions with the amendment that the clerk mail card to all ministers who are in good standing and report at the Association either in person or by letter, and whoever fails to report shall not be entitled to a card without a legal excuse and that each member should attend at least one regular meeting out of every three meetings, and that we don't let any minister preach in our churches that has been excluded without he comes repented.

Signed: Ben Huddleston, William Wilder, John C. Brown.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance agree to attain the former report as printed in the last Minutes which is to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and that our conversation be Godly.

Signed: Mrs. Pearlie Mason, Mrs. Luther Cox

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School recommend that every church have a Sunday School and that all teachers be a Christian, and to teach God's word as it comes from the Holy Bible.

Signed: Basil McCoy, Luther Cox, W. S. Lambdin

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We recommend the following: We suggest that each church send their part of cash for printing Minutes, this to accompany their letter. Also \$2.00 in cash with each letter for clerk expense and each church elect a treasurer to collect funds for the traveling expenses for the ministers and take up a free will offering for the pastor each regular meeting, and that the church set a sum for traveling expense and report it to the Association so it may be placed in the Minutes. We recommend a treasurer be elected for the Association and that each male member pay fund (\$5.00) five dollars per year. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Signed: William Lambdin, John Brown, Carl Lundy

SESSION COMMITTEE

We your committee on next session agree for next session to be held with the Pine Knot Church.

Signed: Ben Huddleston, Clarence Perry, Louis Braden

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee agree to have each church to have a record of obituaries of any deceased member to have printed in Minutes of Association.

Bro. Goals Thomas Looper was born Oct. 7, 1895 and passed from this life Jan. 27, 1948. He had lived a Christian life for several years and was a member and deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church at Edgewood, Ky. Left to mourn his passing is his wife,

Anna Mae Looper, and children as follows: M. C. Looper, Thurston Looper, Beecher Looper, R. L. Looper, Christine Looper Sexton, Geraldine Looper Gilbert, a host of friends and other relatives.

Signed: Basil McCoy, Clarence Perry, William Wilder.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the Free Will Baptist Association, want to thank the people of the Sunrise Church at Fonde, Ky., for the kindness toward God and His people, and want to invite them to be with us at Pine Knot Church, Pine Knot, Ky.

Signed: Carl Lundy

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES

Church	Membership
Pine Knot Church	43
Sunrise Chapel, Fonde	60
Edgewood Church	13
Motch Church	17

PASTOR FOR EACH CHURCH

Pine Knot ChurchRev. Edgar Baltimore
Sunrise ChapelRev. Edgar Baltimore
Edgewood ChurchRev. William Lambdin
Motch Church*REV. HUGO YEEFLER*

LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

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This the day of, 194...
Moderator Clerk

FORM OF LETTERS TO MEMBERS

TO ALL LOVERS OF JESUS CHRIST: This is to certify that
the well beloved
is a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at
..... County of State of
Is hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This done by voice
of Church.

This the day of, 194...

**MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT MOTCH'S
CHURCH OCTOBER 12, 1947**

Services were opened at 10 a.m. with singing and prayer by Moderator.

Motion made and carried to open conference for business.

Motion made and carried to accept Brother Lonnie Baltimore's resignation as clerk.

Regular moved and seconded to elect Brother Chas. Wolfenbarger to finish his term.

Motion made and carried for clerk to order fifty Free Will Baptist Treatise and pay for them out of quarterly treasury.

Regular moved and seconded to draw \$80.00 on treasury for Pine Knot Church to help finish work on church building.

Regular moved and seconded for Moderator to appoint committee to see one of our ministers who has stepped aside. Rev. Ben Huddleston, Rev. Roy McCoy and Rev. William Lambdin were appointed.

Regular moved and seconded for us as Free Will Baptists to abide by our church treatise as to our presbytery for ordaining ministers.

It was regular moved and seconded that we change our quarterly meeting date to the regular business session of the church where the quarterly meeting is to be held.

Regular moved and seconded to adjourn until next session to be held at Edgewood, Ky., on the third Saturday of January, 1948.

Charles Wolfenbarger, Clerk.

The Meeting at Edgewood Was Cancelled due to the Condition of Weather—to Have Been Held on 3rd Saturday of January, 1948

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting held with Sunrise Church at Fonde, Ky., April 3, 1948.

Service was opened with song and prayer at 10 a.m. There being only two churches represented, the conference was called off until 2 p.m. Had preaching service.

Conference reassembled at 2 p.m. with singing, prayer and Scripture reading by Rev. Baltimore, reading 16 verses 5th chapter Romans.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Letters from the following churches were read and accepted: Motch's, Pine Knot, Sunrise.

Report of Committee

Committee reported on the minister they were to see, who had stepped aside. He said his credentials would be turned in at this session. Bro. Basil McCoy was appointed to see and get the credentials and turn in at next session.

Motion on that each church pay its regular fee (\$5.00) for meeting called in at Edgewood.

Motion made and carried for Moderator to appoint committee to see the following churches for not attending Quarterly Conference: Edgewood, Wooldridge, Flatwood. Rev. Ben Huddleston, Rev. McCoy and Rev. Baltimore were appointed.

Bro. William Lambdin was ordained for ministry, with Rev. Edgar Baltimore, Rev. Roy McCoy and Bro. Willie Huddleston, presbytery.

Bro. Luther Cox was ordained for deacon for Pine Knot Church. Rev. Baltimore, Rev. McCoy and Bro. Clarence Perry, presbytery.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until next session to be held at Pine Knot, Ky., on the 4th Saturday in July.

Charles Wolfenbarger, Clerk.

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Held With Pine Knot Church, Pine Knot, Ky., July 24, 1948

Service was opened at 10 a.m. by Moderator with songs and prayer. Special song by Sister Edith McCoy and Sister Gladys Demarcus singing "Press On."

Conference was called to order at 10:30 to appoint pulpit committee. Bro. Clarence Perry, Bro. Carl Lundy and Bro. Brown were appointed.

Committee was excused, and returned with the following report: Rev. Ben Huddleston open up service this morning, Rev. Lambdin preach at afternoon service with Rev. Roy McCoy and others to follow as they come in.

Regular moved and seconded to adjourn until 2:30 p.m.

Service reopened at 2:30 p.m., choir singing "Glory Land Way" and "I'll Live On." Scripture reading by Rev. Baltimore reading 18 verses 12th chapter Romans. Prayer by Rev. McCoy.

Reading of minutes read and approved. The following church letters were read and approved: Sunrise Chapel and Edgewood. Pine Knot made an oral report.

Bennie Bowman's credentials were turned in at this meeting.

Motion made and carried to give churches behind with fee for January session at Edgewood until next session to pay their fee.

Motion made and carried for quarterly clerk to fill out all credentials for ministers being ordained. Credentials were made out for Rev. William Lambdin.

Motion made and carried for Rev. Roy McCoy to pastor Woolbridge Church at trial for three months and pay \$10.00 per month out of quarterly treasury for his expense.

Motion on that quarterly association letter in to yearly association with Bro. Luther Cox, Bro. Carl Lundy, Rev. Bill Davis and Rev. William Lambdin as delegates. Also to draw \$6.00 on treasury for lettering in.

Regular moved and seconded to adjourn until next session which is to be held at Edgewood Church on the 4th Saturday in October 1948 with Rev. Baltimore, Moderator. Offering \$10.10.

Sunday Proceedings

On Sunday of this date, a large audience gathered. Had all-day meeting with dinner on the ground and a loving parting was expressed as we took the parting hand.

Charles Wolfenbarger, Clerk.

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