



MINUTES
OF THE
Eighteenth Annual Session
OF THE
New Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Association
HELD WITH
LIBERTY CHURCH
September 15 and 16, 1911

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The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with Liberty Church at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1911, with W. R. Burnett Moderator, and Ed Lawson Clerk.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. T. Webb from Matthew 28:19-20.

Letters were called for and messengers invited to seats.

Letters were called for from newly constituted churches; received none.

Letters were called for from different Sister Associations; received one from Old Mt. Zion Association by the hand of Elder W. T. Webb; read and received, Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. One from Union Association by the hands of J. M. Logan and J. S. Allred; read and received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Officers were elected for the incoming year as follows:

Elder W. R. Burnett, Hilltop, Arkansas, Moderator.

Ed Lawson, Spring Valley, Arkansas, Clerk.

Rules of order were read by the Moderator after which a committee was appointed on bill of arrangements as follows: Elder W. T. Webb, Elder J. A. Kesner, Elder J. M. Richardson with the Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on divine services, S. M. McIllion, James Edgmon and James Gibson.

Committee on Memorial of the Dead, Mat Smith, J. M. Logan and J. L. Bunch. Recess until 5 o'clock p. m.

Committee on divine services appointed Elder J. A. Kesner and Elder J. M. Richardson to fill the stand at 7:30 p. m. Text, Titus 3:5-6.

Singing and Prayer by the Moderator.

5 p. m. meeting called to order by Moderator followed by prayer by Elder G. W. Lynch.

The Association made Mat Smith and James Gibson delegates of Center Point Church and Elder G. W. Lynch and Ed Lawson were made corresponding delegates from Old Mt. Zion Association, Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship; and Sister F. E. Allred was made corresponding delegate from Union Association, Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Bill of arrangement was read and approved and the committee discharged.

Resolved, That the Association have 400 copies of the minutes printed and reserve 50 copies for each sister Association.

Resolved, That J. L. Bunch superintend the printing and distributing of the same.

Resolved, That we keep up correspondence with our sister Associations.

Adjourned until Saturday morning after singing, and prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY A. M., SEPT. 16.

Exercises opened by singing "No Friend Like the Lowly Jesus," and prayer by the Moderator.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That Elders J. A. Kesner and Mat Smith, and J. M. Richardson and J. L. Bunch in case of failure, write and bear the corresponding letter to Old Mt. Zion Association to be held with Clift Church, Carroll county, Arkansas, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1911.

Resolved, That we represent Union Association by letter and delegate J. T. Mitchell and Elder J. A. Kesner write and bear corresponding letter to Old Union Association to be held at Rule, Carroll county, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1911.

Resolved, That we represent with the State Association by delegates and letter, and that Elders W. R. Burnett and Mat Smith write and bare the same.

Resolved, That our next Association be held with Center Point Church, Madison county, Arkansas, beginning at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1912.

Resolved, That Elder J. A. Kesner preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. M. Richardson be his alternate.

Resolved, That Elder G. W. Lynch and Elder E. Johnson fill the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., text Hebrews 2:6.

Recess until 4 o'clock p. m.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the Association reassembled and the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Association elevate Elder W. R. Burnett to Moderate all the churches in New Mt. Zion Association for twelve months.

Resolved, That we vote a bill of thanks to the people of this vicinity for the kindness shown us during this Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Center Point Church, Madison county, Arkansas, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1912. ELDER W. R. BURNETT, Moderator

ED LAWSON, Clerk,

Hilltop, Arkansas.

Spring Valley, Arkansas.

CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experiences, the church of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convicted of the necessity of a combination of the churches to perpetrate Union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other. We therefore propose to keep order and rule of our Association, according to the following plan or form of government:

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our Union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and on producing letters they shall be entitled to seats.

II. Letters from different churches are to express their number of fellowship, the number received by experience,

letter, recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored and those who have died since the last Association.

III. The members thus chosen and convinced to be denominated the "Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptist," to be composed of sundry churches in the state of Arkansas; the Association to have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have ecclesiastical power over churches, reserving the right to withdraw from any church acting disorderly.

IV. The Association to have a Moderator and a Clerk, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

V. New churches to be admitted into the Association shall petition by letter and delegates, and if, on examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received by the Association, the moderator giving the right hand of membership.

VI. No question presented by the delegates of any church shall be discussed in the Association unless it has been thoroughly discussed in their own church.

VII. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

VIII. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the members in each church, the contributions being at the direction of the Association.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes.

X. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

XI. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

XII. The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, may enquire into the cause.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. At every sitting business shall be opened or concluded with prayer by the Moderator, or whoever he may designate.

II. Ministers present invited to seats with us may debate on all questions but vote on none.

III. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

IV. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.

V. If, when a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall this question be discussed?" if it is negatived, the question shall be dismissed.

VI. When a proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of a member and the vote taken separately.

VII. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

IX. No member shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator; if so his name shall be left off the minutes.

X. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

XI. That in the future sessions of this Association arrangement be made so as to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises which will be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session.

XII. The rules of the Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

XIII. Alterations may be made in the rules at any session of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in only one true and living God and Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 45:5; 1st Corinthians 8:6; 1st John 5:7.

II. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and by Jesus Christ, the

only rule of faith and practice. 2nd Peter 1:21; Timothy 3:16.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam, and that by his transgression all his posterity fell and were made sinners. Genesis 3:6; Romans 3:19.

IV. We believe in the corruptness of human nature and the inability of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability. Romans 5:12; St. John 6:4.

V. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man and through His mediatorial death the way of salvation is made possible for God to have mercy upon all that come to him on gospel terms. Hebrews 2:6; St. John 3:36.

VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and the good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification. Eph. 2:5-8.

VII. We believe that saints may persevere in grace and not one be lost. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:14; 2:10.

VIII. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 22:32; 1st Cor. 13: 14-18.

IX. We believe the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained fellowship with each other and given themselves to the Lord and one another. Matt. 16:17-18.

X. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government thereof is with the church. Eph. 5:23; Luke 22:29-30.

XI. We believe that the Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be continued until the second coming. Matt. 28:19; John 13:5-10; 14:16.

XII. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the true gospel mode. St. Mark 16:19; St. Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:36.

XIII. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's Table.

XIV. We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for worship of God and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon; work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Exodus 20:8 9.

LIST OF MINISTERS

NAME	AGE	POSTOFFICE
J. A. Kesner.....	58 years.....	Kingston
J. M. Bearden.....	— years.....	Osage
W. R. Burnett.....	53 years.....	Hilltop
John Harrington.....	46 years.....	Osage
J. M. Richardson.....	— years.....	_____

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Center Point.....	Mat Smith, James Gibson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Shady Grove.....	Not Represented.....							
Mountian View.....	By Letter.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Liberty.....	J. L. Bunch, Joe Stills, Ad Madewell.....	0	0	1	0	0	2	33
New Salem.....	Not Represented.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Pilgrim Rest.....	By Letter.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
Short Cove.....	Robt. Burney, K. W. Kesner, T. J. Mitchell.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	20
Gaither.....	James Edgmon.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Bethel.....	S. M. McMillion, W. R. Burnett.....	6	0	4	2	1	1	38

1—Received by Experience; 2—Recommendation; 3—Received by Letter; 4—Dismissed by Letter; 5—Excluded; 6—Died; 7—Total.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES

Old Mt. Zion—Elder G. W. Lynch, W. T. Webb, Ed Lawson.

Union Association—J. M. Logan, J. S. Allred, Mrs. F. E. Allred.

Elder David McCullough traveled 410 miles, preached 28 sermons, baptised 7, received 00.

Elder J. M. Richardson, traveled 338 miles, preached 65 sermons, officiated at 4 funerals, witnessed 14 conversions, received \$10.

Elder W. R. Burnett, traveled 956 miles, preached 181 sermons, 96 conversions, received into the church 19, baptised 5, officiated at 7 funerals, received \$100.

OBITUARIES.

1842

Rev. David McCullough was born May 2, 1844, and departed this life April 16, 1911. He professed religion October 1857, near the age of fourteen, and joined the Free Will Baptist Church, was licenced the second Sunday in December 1868, and was ordained to preach the gospel in December, 1878. During his ministry he married 141 couple. He was an ex-Confederate soldier and a prominent minister of the Baptist Church. That he has gone to his reward none can doubt who have observed his noble Christian life. He was buried at Liberty April 17, with a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends in attendance to pay their last respects to this good man. He leaves a wife, six children and many friends to mourn his loss. He was a kind husband and loving father. This Association extends heartfelt sympathies to Sister McCullough and children.

Weep not dear friends for his departure,
For he no longer here could stay,
He had for a long time been waiting,
To hear the Master's call each day.

J. L. BUNCH }
J. M. LOGAN } Committee.
MAT. SMITH }

Bro. Jesse Bateme died February 17, 1911. He was converted about twenty-seven years ago and lived a devoted Christian until God called him home.

J. L. BUNCH }
J. M. LOGAN } Committee.
MAT SMITH }

Sister Mary Bunch was born September 27, 1860, professed religion about the age of 14, joined the Freewill Baptist Church about twenty-four years ago and lived a consistent Christian life until God called her home. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the sick and those in trouble and her seat was never vacant at the church service when she was able to attend. May this association ever pray and have an encouraging word for her two boys to help them prepare to meet her "in the sweet bye and bye." She was a kind companion, a loving mother and a considerate friend and she leaves sorrowing friends on every hand who are bowed in sorrow at her taking off. This Association extends to Bro. Bunch and children heart-felt sympathies in the loss of their loved one.

J. L. BUNCH }
J. M. LOGAN } Committee.
MAT SMITH }

CHURCH LETTER

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at

.....County, Arkansas,

select the following brethren to represent us in the Association of Freewill Baptists to be held with

.....Church, beginning on Friday

before.....Sunday in.....191.....

STATISTICS—Received by experience.....by

letter.....by recommendation....., dismissed by

letter....., excluded, died....., total.....

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