

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
New Mt. Zion Free Will
Baptist Association.

HELD WITH
Mountain View Church

September 15th, 1918

HARRISON TIMES
Harrison, Ark.

Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session

New Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Association.

We, the Freewill Baptists of New Mount Zion Association, met with Mountain View Church at 11 o'clock Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918.

Elder S. M. McMillan preached the introductory sermon. Text: "Be ye not deceived; God is not mocked."

Conference called in session by the Moderator, W. R. Burnett. All ministers present invited to seat in council.

Letters called for from various churches.

Letters received from Mountain View, represented by full delegation.

Liberty represented by letter and delegates.

Pleasant Grove represented by letter and delegates.

New Bethel represented by letter and delegates.

Letters called for from newly constituted churches and received. One from Cecil Cove Church and extended the right hand of fellowship welcoming them into our body.

The Conference elected Bro. W. R. Burnett, Moderator and C. J. McNeal, Clerk.

Bro. Cowan and Bro. Willis and Sister and Bro. McMahan were appointed on Divine Service.

Bill of Arrangements—Bro. Lark Bunch, Bro. McMillan, Bro. Lemmons.

Obituary—Bro. Bunch, Bro. Cowan and Bro. Jones.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 5 p. m.

Met at 5 p. m. and had song and scriptural lesson—St. John 7:18.

The Conference was called to order and motion made and seconded that Sister Jones be seated as degeate from Cecil Cove Church. Sister Burnett and Bro. McMillan were seated as delegates from New Bethel Church. Bro. and Sister Curnutt were seated as delegates from Pilgrim Rest Church.

Bro. T. F. Jones was appointed asslstant clerk.

Motion made and seconded that we relieve the Bill of Arrangements.

Motion made and seconded that we have 350 copies of the Minutes printed and that we reserve 50 copies for each sister association and that the two clerks attend to the printing of the Minutes.

Motion made and seconded that we keep up correspondence with our sister associations and that we will represent in Old Union Association and that C. J. McNeil will write and bear the letter to the Old Union and Old Mount Zion Associations.

Motion made and seconded that the assistant clerk write and forward the letter to our State Association.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Association met at 8:30 Saturday morning by singing "Amazing Grace." Scriptural lesson, Cor. 5:2. Prayer by the Moderator, W. R. Burnett.

Delegates from the various churches were received as follow: Mountain View, Sister Payne, Sister S. J. Cowan, Sister Grace Payne; Cecil Cove Church, Bro. K. R. Jones, Bro. T. F. Jones, Sister Ethel Jones; Liberty Church, Bro. Willis Stiles, Bro. J. L. Bunch, Bro. C. J. McNeil; Pleasant Grove Church, Bro. C. McMahan; New Bethel Church, Bro. W. D. Lemmons, Bro. S. M. McMillan, Sister Fannie Burnett; Pilgrim's Rest Church, Bro. W. O. Curnutt, Sister S. A. Curnutt.

Motion made and seconded that we receive the report on Obituaries and discharge the committee.

Motion made and seconded that we change our Conference meeting day to Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, before the third Sunday in September, 1919.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn until 3:30 p. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Bro. S. M. McMillan. Text: John 3:1-1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we may be called the sons of God."

Motion made and seconded that we accept the Minutes.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Pilgrim's Rest Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1919, at 11 a. m., sharp.

W. R. BURNETT, Moderator.

C. J. McNEAL, Clerk.

T. F. JONES, Assistant Clerk.

Met again by singing, "I know that Jesus loves me and that's enough for me." Scriptural lesson, First Psalms, read by the Moderator, W. R. Burnett. Prayer by Bro. McMahan.

Motion made and seconded that the Association be held at Pilgrim's Rest on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1919, and we voted a bill of thanks to the good people of Mount Zion for their kindness to us during our stay with them.

Motion made and seconded that Bro. Kesner be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and R. A. White be assistant.

W. R. BURNETT, Moderator.

C. J. McNEAL, Clerk

T. F. JONES, Assistant Clerk.

OBITUARY.

Mat Smith was born March 11, 1852 in Center Point, Carroll County, Arkansas. Professed a hope in Christ August 16th, 1881, and joined the church in September, 1884. He lived a devoted Christian life up to his death, September 8th, 1918. He left a dear companion and children and grand children, and a host of friends to mourn his absence.

J. L. BUNCH.

T. F. JONES.

S. J. COWAN.

Pleasant Grove Church has been brought to grief over the death of our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Belle Bearden, wife of Bro. Tom Bearden. She became a member of our church October 16, 1913, and lived an humble and devoted Christian until her death, May 26th, 1918. We are sure from her walks in this life she has passed to a more glorious life in the hands of a loving God who doeth all things well.

JOHN HARRINGTON, Moderator.

J. A. HARRINGTON, Church Clerk.

Liberty Church has been brought to grief over the death of Bro. Mack Eoff. He was a member of Liberty Church for nearly ten years, and lived a devoted Christian life until death.

J. L. BUNCH.

T. F. JONES.

S. J. COWAN.

Mountain View Church has been brought to grief over the death of Sister Mary Lane. She was a member of this church. She was nearly 76 years old. She lived a devoted Christian life for nearly fifty years, and the Lord called her Home August 7th, 1918.

J. L. BUNCH.

T. F. JONES.

S. J. COWAN.

CHURCH LETTERS.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church, worshipping at New Bethel Church, Boone County, Arkansas, to the Freewill Baptist Association convened with Mountain View Church, Boone County, Arkansas, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918, send to represent us in your body the following brethren: Brothers W. D. Lemmon, T. F. Gibbs, A. A. Reser, and Claude Qualls as alternate.

Excluded, 7; died, 1; dismissed by letter, 4. Total membership 37. For Minutes, \$1.50. Done in Conference and signed by order of the same on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1918.

W. R. BURNETT, Moderator Pro Tem.
Hill Top, Arkansas.

EXIE GIBBS, Church Clerk,
Hill Top, Arkansas.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at Pleasant Grove, Carroll County, Arkansas, select the following brethren to represent us in the Association of Freewill Baptists to be held with Mountain View Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918: L. McMahan, Tom Bearden, John Harrington. F. M. Bearden, alternate.

Received by experience, 8; by letter, 1; died, 1. Total membership, 45. Total for printing Minutes, \$3.00.

We, the Pleasant Grove Church, unanimously invite the Association to our church in 1919.

JOHN HARRINGTON, Moderator.
J. A. HARRINGTON, Clerk.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at Liberty, Madison County, Arkansas, select the following brethren to represent us in the Association of Freewill Baptists to be held with Mountain View Church

beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918: Willis Stills, Ad Madewell, J. L. Bunch. C. J. McNeal, alternate.

Died, 1. Total membership, 35.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church at Mountain View met Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1918. After preaching we elected our delegates to represent us in our Association to be held at Mountain View beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918: Sister Payne, Sister Cowan, Sister Briant. Sister Grace Payne alternate. Brethren, pray for us.

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at Pilgrim's Rest, Newton County, Arkansas, select the following brethren to represent us in the Association of Freewill Baptists to be held with Mountain View Church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1918: W. C. Curnutt, Sister S. A. Curnutt.

Received by experience, 2. Total membership, 20.

JOE KELLY, Church Clerk.

Cecil Cove Church organized with 5 members; received into the church, 30. Total membership, 35.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 45:5; First Corinthians 8:6; First 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. Second 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 5:19.

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. 11:23; Rev. 22:14; 2:10.

VIII. We believe that 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; First 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 16:16; 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.

J. M. Richardson, age 78, Erba, Arkansas.

J. A. Kesner, age 66, Kingston, Arkansas.

J. W. Bearden, age 78, Delmar, Arkansas.

W. R. Burnett, age 60, Hill Top, Arkansas.

W. C. Curnutt, age 72, Compton, Arkansas.

S. M. McMillan, age 71, Delmar, Arkansas.

A. A. Allred, age 60, Dinsmore, Arkansas.

John Herrington, age 58, Osage, Arkansas.

W. A. Biggs, age 37, Compton, Arkansas.

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 Saturday morning,

before the.....Sunday in.....1919.

STATISTICS: Received by experience.....by letter.....

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

excluded.....died.....Total.....

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