
MINUTES OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
✧ ✧ OF THE ✧ ✧
OLD MT. ZION ✧ ✧
✧ ✧ ASSOCIATION
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FREEWILL BAPTISTS.

...1901...

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FREEWILL BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH MT. ZION CHURCH, WASHINGTON CO., ARK.,
AUGUST 9 and 10, 1901.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with Mt. Zion church, Washington Co., Ark., at 11 a. m., on Friday before the second Sabbath in Aug., 1901.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder G. W. Lynch, from Matthew 16th chapter and 18th verse: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Letters were called for from the various churches and their messengers invited to seats.

Called for corresponding letters, received one—New Mt. Zion Association by Elders David McCullough and W. R. Burnett.

Called for newly constituted churches, received none.

The Association was organized by electing Elder David Mason Moderator and G. C. Bland Clerk. The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator after which the following committees were appointed: On Bill of Arrangements—Elders J. R. Guinn, David McCulloch, G. W. Lynch with Moderator and Clerk. On Preaching—Jones Macan, J. W. Allred and J. N. Stafford. On Memorial of the Dead—Elder G. W. Lynch, J. O. Hawthorn with the Clerk.

Committee on preaching appointed Elders J. R. Guinn and W. R. Burnett to preach at 7 p. m. After singing, Elder J. R. Guinn led in prayer and the Association adjourned until 8:30 a. m., Saturday morning.

According to adjournment, the Association was called to order at 8:30 a. m., Saturday, August 10, by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called. William and James Pratt were absent by consent of the Moderator. The report on Bill of Arrangements was called for, read, received, and the committee discharged.

Resolved: That the Association have the minutes printed.

Resolved: That we have 500 copies printed and reserve 50 copies for each Sister Association.

Resolved: That A. F. McGinnis superintend the printing and distribution of said minutes.

Resolved: That we continue to correspond with our Sister Associations.

Resolved: That Elders G. E. Babcock and S. G. Moses also Jones Macan write and bear the corresponding letter from Old Mt. Zion to New Mt. Zion Assoc.

Resolved: That W. T. Blackburn, J. W. Blackburn and Richard Churchwell write and bear the corresponding letter from Old Mt. Zion to Union Association.

Resolved: That we keep up the memorial of our dead.

On motion the Association adjourned until 3:30 p. m.

According to adjournment, the Moderator called the Association to order at 3:30 p. m. After singing Elder G. W. Lynch led in prayer. Bill of Arrangements concluded.

Resolved: That the next Association be held on Friday, at 11 a. m., before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1902.

Resolved: That Elder W. R. Burnett preach the introductory sermon and Elder David McCulloch be his assistant.

Resolved: That the next Association be held with Hickory Grove church, Madison county, Ark.

Resolved: That we vote a bill of thanks to the people of this vicinity for hospitality shown the delegates during this Association.

That we adjourn to meet with Hickory Grove church, Madison County, Ark., at 11 a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1902.

CLARK BLAND, Clerk, La Rue, Ark. DAVID MASON, Moderator, Canuck, Ark.

Rev. Bland was our Pastor for many years. Who Baptized my entire family.

✻ ✻ CONSTITUTION. ✻ ✻

From a long series of experience, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, is convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate Union and Communion amongst us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other. We therefore propose to keep order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government:

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

II. Letters from the different churches are to express their number of fellowship, the number received by experience, letter or recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and those that have died since our last Association.

III. The members thus chosen and convinced to be denominated the "Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists," 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 of withdrawing 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 are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, on examination, they are found to orthodox and orderly, they may be received by the Association, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

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 church with the 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 a failure of any church to attend, may inquire into the case.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. At every sitting, business shall be opened or concluded by prayer by the moderator, or whoever he may require.

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

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

IV. No question shall be discussed without being seconded.

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

VI. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any 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. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without special leave from the Moderator.

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

X. No member shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator. If so, his name shall be left off the minutes.

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

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

XIII. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

XIV. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the gospel by Jesus Christ, the only rule of faith and practice. 2nd Peter 1:21; 2nd Timothy 3:16.

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

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

5. 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 who come to him upon gospel terms. Heb. 2:6; St. John 3:36.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and that good works are the fruit of faith and follows after justification. Ephesians 2:5, 8; Romans 6:22.

7. We believe that saints may persevere in grace and not one be lost. Matthew 11:28; Revelations 22:14; 2:10.

8. 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. St. Matthew 25, 32; 1st Corinthians 13, 14, 15.

9. 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. St. Matthew 16, 17, 18.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and that the government thereof is with the body. St. John 20:11; Corinthians 1:18.

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

12. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the only true gospel mode. St. Mark 16:16; St. Math. 3:16; Acts 8:36.

13. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's Table. 1st Corinthians 11:28-29.

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

OUR DEAD.

Sister Elizabeth Webb, member of New Hope church, was born in Tennessee in the year 1824. Professed a hope in Christ at the age of 15 and lived a devoted life until her death, April 31, 1901.

Sister Clarinda Stambach, member of Hickory Grove church, was born in the year 1847. Was a member of the church about ten years. Died October 22, 1900, in hopes of resurrection of the just.

Sister Emma Kiddy, member of Hickory Grove church, was born in Arkansas in the year 1879. Was a member of the church for ten years. Died April 21, 1901, in hopes of a glorious resurrection.

Sister Mosouria E. Blackburn was born in the state of Georgia, December 18, 1842. She professed a hope in Christ while young and lived a devoted life until God called her home, September 27, 1900.

Sister Ida Liner, member New Hope church; born in 1878; died June 9, 1901.

Sister Malinda Lynch, member of Sugar Creek church, was born in 1844 and died May 23, 1901, in hopes of a glorious resurrection.

Collection for Printing and Distributing of the Minutes:

Mt. Zion.....	\$2.00
Sugar Creek.....	1.00
Salem.....	.25
New Hope.....	2.10
Hickory Grove.....	1.00
Long Valley.....	
Christian Home.....	
Clifty.....	.75
Union Gap.....	
Mt. Perin.....	.50
Big Fork.....	

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Received by Experience	Recommendation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Withdrawn	Died	Total
Mt. Zion.....	J. W. Blackburn, Jesse Boles, Jones Macan..	9	0	2	2	4	0	0	80
Sugar Creek...	William Pratt, James Pratt.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	57
Salem.....	Elder David Mason, Richard Churchwell....	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	23
New Hope.....	J. O. Hawthorn, J. W. Allred, A. F. Ginnis.	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	81
Hickory Grove.	Elder G. W. Lynch, J. Starnback, T.P. Rogers	2	0	0	4	0	0	2	43
Long Valley ...	Elder G. E. Babcock.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Christian Home	H. K. Ellis.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
Clifty.....	J. N. Stafford, Abe Beach, M. P. Capps.....	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	13
Union Gap.....	Elder S. G. Moses.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Mt. Perin.....	Jake Dart.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Big Fork.....	Not represented.....								

Corresponding Delegates:

New Mt. Zion—Elders David McCulloch and W. B. Burnett.

MINISTERS.	AGE.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Caloway Roberts.....	...43 yrs..	Spring Valley, Washington Co., Ark.
David Mason.....	...60 yrs..	Canuck, Benton County.
J. R. Guinn.....	...68 yrs..	Huntsville, Madison County,
J. G. Wilson.....	...62 yrs..	" " " "
G. W. Lynch.....	...54 yrs..	Hindsville, " " "
S. G. Moses.....	...54 yrs..	Drake's Creek, " " "
G. E. Babcock.....	...40 yrs..	Huntsville, " " "
Granville Evans.....	...57 yrs..	Hindsville, " " "
L. A. Edwards.....	...59 yrs..	Goshen, Washington County,
William Bean.....	...42 yrs..	Spring Valley, " " "
LICENSED MINISTERS.		
A. A. Marr.....	...67 yrs..	Farmington, Washington County "
I. N. Bailey.....	...46 yrs..	Aurora, Madison County, "
M. P. Capps.....	Mundell, Carroll County, "