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MINUTES OF THE
SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSOCIATION
—OF—
FREEWILL BAPTISTS



HELD WITH
NEW HOPE CHURCH, BENTON COUNTY
ARKANSAS



OCTOBER 11 and 12, 1907



Minutes of the Sixty-sixth Annual Association of Freewill Baptists

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with New Hope Church in Benton County, Ark., October 11, 1907, a. m.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. T. Webb from Exodus 14:15.

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

Letters were called for from sister associations and one received from New Mt. Zion Association by hands of Elder David McCullough and Elder W. R. Burnett. One from Union Association by the hands of Elder A. B. Carlock, M. M. Haggard, J. H. P. Jones. The Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: A. B. Carlock, Moderator, Huntsville Ark, clerk, Ed. Lawson, Spring Valley, Ark.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator after which a committee was appointed on Bill of Arrangement as follows: Elder W. T. Webb, Elder M. P. Capps, J. H. P. Jones, with the Moderator and the clerk. Committee on divine service—Jesse Roler, J. O. Hawthorn, S. M. Bland. Committee on memorial of our dead—Elders S. G. Moses, W. R. Burnett, David Mason.

Committee appointed Elders W. R. Burnett and David McCullough to preach 7.39 Friday night; text Hebrews 3:11.

Adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30 a. m.

Saturday, Oct. 12: Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator. Bill of Arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

Resolved: That the Association have 500 copies of the minutes printed and reserve fifty copies for each sister association

Resolved: That the Association received Bro. A. A. Hapgood, a delegate from New Mt. Zion Association.

Resolved: That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and the distribution of the same.

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

Resolved: That Elder W. O. Johnson, Elder W. T. Webb, Elder M. P. Capps, Ed Lawson, in case of failure, write the corresponding letter to New Mt. Zion Association to be held with Pilgrim Rest church in Newton county, Ark., commencing Friday, at 11 o'clock a. m., before the third Sunday in September, 1908.

Resolved: That Elder W. T. Webb, W. H. Elkins, Calvin Knox write the corresponding letter to Union Association to be held with Walnut Grove church in Newton county, Ark., commencing Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the fourth Sunday in September, 1908.

Resolved: That we correspond with the State Association by letter.

Resolved: That the Moderator and the Clerk at each church get up a memorial of their dead and present them to the Association.

Resolved: That our next Association be held with Old Mt. Zion church in Washington county, Ark., commencing Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the second Sunday in October, 1908.

Resolved: That Elder W. O. Johnson preach the introductory sermon and David Mason be his alternate.

Resolved: That G. C. Bland and J. H. P. Jones fill the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock; text, Matthew 25:19.

Resolved: That Elder David Mason, Elder W. O. Johnson, Elder J. G. Wilson be the presbytery to ordain K. A. Moses.

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

On motion the Association adjourned.

A. B. CARLOCK, Moderator.
Huntsville, Ark.

Ed. LAWSON, Clerk,
Spring Valley, Ark

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are 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 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 the 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 be 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 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 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 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 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 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. 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, arrangement 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 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.

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 transgression 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 free will 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 that 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 by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and the good works are the fruits of faith and follows after justification. Ephesians 2:5-8; Romans 6:22.

7. We believe that saints may preserve 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 the 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. Matthew 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 worship of God and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon; work of piety, mercy and necessity accepted. Exodus 20:8-9.

OUR DEAD

W. T. Blackburn, born in Benton County, Arkansas, Aug. 7, 1859; departed this life June 5, 1907. Was converted in 1872 and lived a devoted Christian life, loved and respected by all who knew him. Was a devoted husband, a kind father, and always tried to live up to the Golden Rule.

Elder James Macon, born May 9, 1852, and died March 10, 1907. He joined the Old Mt. Zion Church June 9, 1901, and was licensed September 7, 1901; was ordained May 11, 1902. He lived a devoted Christian life and leaves a wife and five children and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Collection for Printing and Distribution of the Minutes:

Mt. Zion.....	\$2.30	Christian Home.....	\$0.95
New Hope.....	2.65	Sugar Creek.....	.75
Hickory Grove.....	1.15	Christian Union.....	2.00
Union Gap.....	1.00	Salem.....	30
Clifty.....	1.00	Macedonia.....	1.00

Ministers	Age	Postoffice
David Mason.....	66 yrs	Canuck, Benton county, Arkansas
J. R. Guinn.....	74 yrs	Huntsville, Madison county, Arkansas
J. G. Wilson.....	67 yrs	
G. W. Lynch.....	60 yrs	Hindsville, Madison county, Arkansas
S. G. Moses.....	59 yrs	Drake's Creek, Madison county, Ark.
G. E. Babcock.....	46 yrs	Unknown
W. T. Webb.....	35 yrs	Johnson, Washington county, Arkansas.
W. O. Johnson.....	64 yrs	Sydenham, Arkansas.
G. M. Copland.....	33 yrs	Fayetteville, Washington county, Ark.
K. A. Moses.....	65 yrs	Huntsville, Madison county, Arkansas.
W. M. T. Dodd.....	45 yrs	
J. J. Rider.....	74 yrs	
M. P. Capps.....	60 yrs	Mundell, Carroll county, Arkansas.
W. T. Tibbert.....	50 yrs	Unknown
John Garvin.....	59 yrs	Spring Valley, Washington county, Ark.
LICENSED MINISTERS		
G. C. Bland.....	50 yrs	Larue, Benton county, Arkansas.
Robert Henson.....	70 yrs	Glade, Benton county, Arkansas.
J. S. Turney.....	54 yrs	
J. W. Condiff.....		Fayetteville, Washington county, Ark.

Churches	Names of Delegates	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt Zion	Jesse Vaughn, Jesse Roles, W. H. Elkins	1	0	0	0	0	2	77
New Hope	J. O. Hawthorne, S. M. Bland, Calvin Knox	11	1	0	0	0	0	85
Hickory Grove	G. W. Lynch, J. White, J. N. Stafford.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	46
Clifty	M. P. Capps.....	2	0	0	2	0	0	13
Union Gap	S. G. Moses, K. A. Moses, J. G. Whitson...	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Christian Home	H. K. Ellis.....	1	2	0	2	0	0	30
Sugar Creek	F. M. Ellington, M. C. Carter.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	29
Christian Union	W. T. Webb.....	7	0	0	5	0	0	36
Salem	David Mason.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Macedonia	G. M. Copeland.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

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

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES

New Mt. Zion—A. A. Hapgoods, David McCullough, W. R. Burnett
Union—A. B. Carlock, J. H. P. Jones, M. M. Haggard