

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Old Mt. Zion Association

Held with Christian Union Church, October 8th and 9th, 1909



FREEWILL BAPTISTS

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OBITUARIES

Brother David Mason departed this life on April 20, 1909, after several weeks of suffering. Brother Mason was born in Washington county, Ark., April 1, 1841. He was ordained to preach October 19, 1873. Joined Masonic Lodge No. 1 at Fayetteville, July 31, 1876. Brother Mason was the father of three sons and four daughters and survived all his children save one son, who is left with his aged mother to mourn the loss of a father and husband. Brother Mason was a true christian and has left an example by which we may all profit. During his ministerial work of nearly forty years, Brother Mason had missed only four of his appointments. His last sermon was preached at Hickory Grove on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March and his text was, "Good master, what good thing must I do to inherit eternal life"? and lined and sung the hymn "Jesus thou art the sinners friend." Deceased was a member of Salem church. Brother Mason's life and talents were well used for the salvation of sinners and the edification of christians. The church lost a faithful servant and the family a true husband and father and the community a useful and trustworthy citizen.

Brother Martin C. Carter was born 1839 in Clayborn Co., Tenn; came to Benton County in 1877; professed a hope in Christ in 1881; joined Sugar Creek church in 1887 and lived and worked for the church till his death on September 7, 1909. He left a wife and two children.

Martha Jane Horton was born December 27, 1880; joined the church of Frewill Baptist of Christ December 1908, and lived a devoted christian until death. Died June 1909.

G. B. Austin was born August 26th, 1840; departed this life December 21th, 1908. He lived a christian for many years before he joined the church. He joined the church the 4th Sunday in October 1897, and was baptised the 4th Sunday in November 1897. After he joined the church he never was absent from the regular appointment only when sickness prevented him from going. For many years his talk was of heaven and heavenly things. He bore his sickness well and said he was ready to die. He said there wasn't anything between him and his God, only the fickle thread of life.

We, the committee on Obituaries, hope and pray that Sister Blanches died in the faith. Our knowledge of her is short so therefore we could not make out as clear as we wish.

We, the committee on Obituaries, do believe that Joel Barren was true and faithful to the end. He was only a babe in Christ a short time. He professed at Kingston, Ark., about six months before his death and all his conversation seemed to be Godly. God help us to pray for his friends and relatives.

J. M. Richardson
G. L. Pennington
J. A. Kesner

Minutes of the Sixty.eighth Annual Association of the Old Mt. Zion Freewill Baptists

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with Christian Union church Friday, October 8th, 1909, at 11 o'clock, with G. C. Bland, moderator, Ed Lawson, clerk.

Introductory sermon delivered by G.C.Bland from Luke 22nd chapter, 32nd verse. Prayer by Elder G. W. Lynch.

Letters were called for and messengers invited to seats.

Letters were called for from newly constituted churches; received two.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Elder W. T. Webb, moderator, Johnson, Ark.; clerk, Ed Lawson, Spring Valley, Ark.

The rules of order were read by the moderator, after which a committee on Bill of Arrangement was appointed as follows: Elder David McCullough, Elder G. W. Lynch and Elder John Garvin, with moderator and clerk. Committee on Divine Services: Calvin Knox, S. M. McMillion, G. A. Coger. Committee appointed J. G. Wilson and W. S. Copland to preach at 7:30 Friday night; text, Luke 2:10. Adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 a. m. Singing and prayer by the moderator.

Saturday morning, October 9, moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the clerk. The Association appointed Elder David McCullough, moderator protem. Singing and prayer by Elder G. W. Lynch.

By motion, the Association elected A. A. Hobgoods, a corresponding delegate from New Mt. Zion Association, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. A. B. Carlock was elected corresponding delegate from Union Association, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

Bill of arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

Resolved that the Association have her minutes printed with New Mt. Zion Association and have 500 copies printed and reserve 50 copies for Union association.

Resolved that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

Resolved that we keep up correspondence with our sister associations.

Resolved that Elder W. T. Webb, J. G. Wilson, K. A. Moses and G. W. Lynch, in case of failure, write and bear the corresponding letter to New Mt. Zion Association, to be held with Short Cove church in Madison County, commencing Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1910.

Resolved that Elder J. T. Goodman, G. S. Turney, J. G. Wilson, O. C. Turney, in case of failure, write the corresponding letter to Union Association, to be held with Mountain Home at the Ward school house in Carroll county, commencing on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1910.

Resolved that Elder David McCullough, J. W. Cunduff fill the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock, text Job 2:15.

Resolved that we represent with the state association by letter and that the clerk write the letter.

Resolved that we keep up the memorial of our dead.

Resolved that our next Association be held with Christian Home church in Madison County, Ark., commencing on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in October, 1910.

Resolved that Elder David McCullough preach the introductory sermon and G. W. Cundiff be his alternate.

Resolved that we table proposition of the Home Mission until our next association.

Resolved that the association vote a bill of thanks to the people of this vicinity for the kindness shown us during this association.

Singing and prayer by the moderator. On motion association adjourned.

Elder W. T. WEBB, Moderator,
Johnson, Ark.

ED LAWSON, Clerk,
Spring Valley, Ark.

Collection for Printing and Distribution of the Minutes

Mt. Zion.	\$3.25	Sugar Creek.....	\$1.15
New Hope.....	1.65	Christian Union.....	1.50
Hickory Grove.....	1.00	Macedonia	1.00
Union Gap.. ..	0.75	Coal Gap	1.30
Christian Home.....	1.20	Bethel	1.50
Antioch	0.75		

LIST OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Postoffice
J. R. Guinn	76 yrs.	Huntsville, Madison Co., Ark
J. G. Wilson.....	69 yrs	
G. W. Lynch.....	62 yrs	Hindsville, Madison Co., Ark
S. G. Moses	61 yrs	Drake's Creek, Madison Co., Ark
W. T. Webb.....	37 yrs	Johnson, Washington Co., Ark
W. O. Johnson.....	66 yrs	Sydenham, Ark
G. M. Copland.....	35 yrs	Fayetteville, Washington Co., Ark
K. A. Moses.....	66 yrs	Huntsville, Madison Co., Ark
W. M. J. Dodd	47 yrs	
J. J. Rider.....	76 yrs	
M. P. Capps.....	62 yrs	Mundell, Carroll Co., Ark
W. T. Tibbert.....	52 yrs	
John Garvin.....	61 yrs	Spring Valley, Washington Co., Ark
G. C. Bland	52 yrs	Larue, Benton Co., Ark
J. W. Conduff.....	—yrs	Fayetteville, Washington Co., Ark
J. T. Goodman.....	—yrs	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Robert Henson.....	73 yrs	Glade, Benton Co., Ark
J. S. Turney.....	56 yrs	Larue, Benton Co., Ark

Churches	Names of Delegates	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	J. W. Blackburn, Hondcak, A. H. Morris	9	0	1	11	1	0	79
New Hope	J. W. Alred, Calvin Knox, William Butler	10	0	1	2	0	0	95
Hickory Grove	G. W. Lymon, John Garvin, Alvin Cook...	15	4	2	0	0	0	63
Union Gap	J. G. Wilson, K. A. Moss	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Christian Home	G. A. Coger, Bob Lymon, F. T. McGinnis	7	4	6	0	0	0	46
Sugar Creek	T. M. Ellenton, Albert Ellenton.	0	0	1	0	0	1	30
Christian Union	W. T. Webb, Joe Bohanan.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	92
Macedonia	W. S. Copland, Geo. Copeland, T. J. Goodman	3	0	1	0	0	0	34
Coal Gap	J. S. Turney, I. C. Turney, S. E. Rubottom	7	0	0	0	0	0	16
Bethel	H. S. Henderson, D. A. Skinner.....	7	0	0	0	0	0	13
Antioch	Geo. Phillips, T. S. Smith, Billy Foster...	13	18	0	0	0	0	31

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

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES

New Mountain Association—David McCullough, McMillion, A. A. Habgood.
Union Association—A. B. Carlock.

W. T. Webb traveled 1,850 miles, preached 207 sermons, witnessed 54 conversions, received into the church 35, baptised 17, contribution \$102.50.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convicted of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetrate 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.

1. 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.

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

111. The members thus chosen and convinced to be dominated 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 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 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.

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 the 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 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 on 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 follow after justification. Eph. 2:5-8; Romans 6:22.

7 We believe that saints may preserve in grace and not one be lost. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 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. Matt. 22:32; 1st Cor. 13, 14, 16.

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. Matt. 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; Cor 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. Matt. 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 16:19; St. Matt. 3:16; Acts 8:36.

13 We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's Table. 1st Cor. 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 excepted. Exodus 20:8-9.

Minutes of Sixteenth Annual Association of New Mt. Zion Freewill Baptists

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with Pleasant Ridge church at 11 o'clock a. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1909.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Kesner—II Tim 4:2.

Letters called from the different churches and their 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 Elder W. J. Webb. Letter read and received, moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Letter received by the hand of S. P. Stomphill, W. H. Bunch, the moderator, extending the right hand of fellowship.

Officers were elected for the incoming year as follows: Moderator, Elder W. R. Burnett, Hilltop, Ark; clerk, Ed Lawson, Spring Valley, Ark.

Rules of order were read by the moderator after which a committee was appointed: Bill of Arrangements—Elder W. T. Webb, Elder David McCullough, Elder J. H. Kesner, with moderator and clerk. Committee on divine services, S. M. McMillion, W. C. Morgan, S. J. Cowan. Committee on Memorial of Dead—Elder J. A. Kesner, Pennington, Elder J. M. Richardson.

Committee on Divine Services appointed W. T. Webb, David McCullough to fill the stand Friday night at 7.30; text, John 2:5. Adjourned until Friday afternoon 3 p. m. Singing and prayer by Elder J. M. Richardson.

Friday afternoon meeting called to order by the moderator, prayer by McMillion. Bill of Arrangements read and received and committee discharged.

Resolved: That we have our minutes printed with Old Mt Zion association.

Resolved: That we have 400 copies of our minutes printed.

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

Resolved: That the association have Ed Lawson and J. H. Roberts to be delegates from Old Mt. Zion association.

Resolved: That Elder W. R. Burnett, Elder David McCullough, S. M. McMillion, Elder J. A. Kesner, in case of failure, write the corresponding letter to Old Mt. Zion association, which is to be held with Christian Union church in Washington Co., Ark., commencing on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in October, 1909.

Resolved: That Matt Smith and J. L. Bunch write the corresponding letter to Union association to be held with Pleasant Valley church in Carroll Co., Ark., commencing on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. before the fourth Sunday in Sept. 1909.

Resolved: That we represent in the state association by letter and W. R. Burnett write the letter.

Resolved: That we keep up a Memorial of our Dead.

Adjourned until Saturday morning 8.30. Met at 8.30 Saturday morning. Singing and prayer by S. P. Stomphill.

Resolved: That the Association appoint a committee on Sunday school and Temperance. Elder J. A. Kesner, Elder David McCullough and Matt Smith, committee on Temperance. Elder J. M. Richardson, J. L. Bunch, S. M. McMillion committee on Sunday school.

That we appoint a committee to get up a form of church letter to be printed. W. T. Webb, J. L. Bunch and Matt Smith.

Resolved: That our next association be held with Short Cove church, Madison Co., Ark., commencing on Friday at 11 a. m. before third Sunday in Sept., 1910.

Resolved: That Elder W. T. Webb preach the introductory sermon, W. R. Burnett be his alternate.

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

Elder J. M. Richardson and W. R. Burnett fill the stand at 11 o'clock, Saturday; text, I Corinthians 13:13. Singing and prayer by the moderator. Minutes read and received. On motion the association adjourned.

W. R. BURNETT, Moderator,
Hilltop, Ark.

ED LAWSON, Clerk,
Spring Valley, Ark.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Postoffice
David McCullough.....	67 yrs	Dinsmore
J. A. Kesner.....	56 yrs.....	Kingston
J. W. Bearden.....	— yrs.....	Osage
W. R. Burnett.....	51 yrs.....	Hilltop
John Harrington ...	46 yrs... ..	Osage
D. A. Skinner		
R. E. Thompson		

Licensed -

R. A. Smith
J. S. Smith

Names of Deacons 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: That we will as a denomination, condemn the use of all intoxicating drinks in every form and that we will urge our denomination to become active workers against intemperance and we further pledge ourselves that we will not vote for the sale of intoxicating liquors in our state.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, ask leave to submit the following: We, as Freewill Baptists, believe that the great Head of the church commissioned the church to teach all nations and they teach in the pulpit and in the Sunday school, and we recommend that the bible be taught and they use other helps that are strong in bible doctrine, and that we make a strong effort to maintain a Sunday school in each church and support the same.

J. S. Bunch,

• S. M. McMillian,
Mat Smith.