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The Old Mt. Zion Association met with Clifty Church, Carroll Co., Ark., Friday, Oct. 6, 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M., with G. W. Lynch as Moderator, and Ed. Lawson as Clerk.

Introductory sermon delivered by Moderator from Hebrews 12:1-2. Letters called for and messengers invited to seats.

Letters called for from newly organized churches and two were reported: Hickory Flat, represented by J. W. Coger and Walter Fitch; Pilgrim Rest, represented by Joe Wilson, Geo. Bean, John Wright.

Letters called for from Corresponding Associations. Union responded, represented by J. H. P. Jones and J. M. Logan. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship and invited delegates to seats.

The Association elected Eld. W. T. Webb Moderator and C. G. Bland Clerk for the year 1911-12.

The Moderator read the Rules of order and appointed the following committees: On Arrangements, J. H. P. Jones, M. P. Capps and J. G. Wilson. On Divine Worship, J. W. Blackburn, Ben Prickett and J. M. Logan. On Temperance, Eld. K. A. Moses, J. H. P. Jones and G. W. Lynch. On Obituary, Eld. John Garvin, S. G. Moses, J. S. Turney. On Sunday Schools, I. C. Turney, C. W. McGinnis and J. H. Roberts.

Committee appointed W. T. Webb and S. G. Moses to preach at 7:30 P. M. and J. H. P. Jones and G. W. Lynch, Saturday 11 A. M.

Adjourned to 5 P. M. with singing and prayer by Moderator.

Convened at 5 P. M. called to order by singing; prayer, Eld. Capps

On motion, Bro. S. G. Moses elected delegate from Oak Grove and Bro. Willis Dutton from Hickory Grove church.

Committee on Arrangements reported, the report accepted and the committee discharged:

Resolved: That we have 600 copies of our minutes printed, reserve 50 copies for Union Association, 25 for New Mt. Zion Association and that the clerk superintend printing and distribution of minutes.

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

Resolved: That we correspond with sister associations by letter and delegates

Resolved: That Elders G. W. Lynch and S. G. Moses write and bear the corresponding letter to New Mt. Zion Assn., and W. M. Ganssen, alternate, and Elders G. W. Lynch, I. C. Turney, S. G. Moses, W. T. Webb write and bear corresponding letter to Union Assn.

Motion and second to adjourn until 8:30 A. M. Saturday, Oct. 7. Singing, and prayer by J. H. Roberts.

Association called to order at 8:30 by Moderator reading Second Psalm. Prayer by Jesse Roles.

Resolved: That we represent in the State Association and that the Clerk write and bear the corresponding letter.

Resolved: That the next Association be held with Coal Gap Church near Glade, Benton County, Ark.

Resolved: That Elder J. H. P. Jones preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder John Garvin be his assistant.

Resolved: That the ministers of this Association endeavor to secure through the churches an interest in the State Association and means to send delegates to said Association.

Motion carried that Association be at recess to 4 o'clock P. M.

Resolved: That all ministers of this Association may organize churches and that they may take as members of such churches any

professed believer who walks orderly and will conform with our mode of baptism.

Resolved: That the time of meeting of our annual Association be changed from Friday before the second Sunday in October to Friday before the second Sunday in August.

Report of committees accepted and committees discharged.

Vote of thanks given the church and people of Clifty for hospitality and interest shown while Association was in session.

Resolved: That this Association adjourn to meet with Coal Gap Church, Friday before second Sunday in August, 1912, at 11 A. M.

Singing, and prayer by the Moderator.

W. T. WEBB, Moderator,
Spring Valley, Arkansas.

C. G. BLAND, Clerk,
Larue, Arkansas.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, as Freewill Baptists, believe that Christ commissioned the church to teach "all nations" and they teach from the pulpits and in the Sunday School, and that the Bible to be taught and such other helps as are scriptural and that we make a strong effort to maintain a Sunday School in each of our churches.—J. H. Roberts, I. C. Turney and C. W. McGinnis.

MEMORIAL OF OUR DEAD

Again God has seen fit to visit our church and take from our midst Bro. S. M. Bland, who was born in Wilson Co., Tenn., in 1849. Professed a hope in Christ in 1883 and lived a christian life until death, April 28, 1911. He left a wife and children and many friends to mourn his loss.

Bro. Robert Henson was born Feb. 1838. Bro. Henson lived a consistent life; was deacon of the church. Died Dec. 15th, 1910. Our loss is his gain.

Sister J. A. Bowlin was born June 20th, 1875. Professed a hope in Christ in 1897 and joined Hickory Grove church in 1905 and lived a devoted christian life until death. She leaves a husband and two little boys to mourn her loss.

God, in his wisdom, has seen fit to take from our church, Sister Sallie Vaughan. We hope our loss is her gain. She was born in Tennessee, July 22, 1844, professed a hope in Christ and joined Old Mt. Zion church in 1873. She lived a devoted christian until death, Feb. 27, 1911. She leaves a husband, two children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Polly Ruddick joined the Freewill Baptist church at Sugar Creek in 1871 and lived a devoted christian life until death. She is now at rest. I. C. Turney, John Garvin, J. W. Blackburn, Com.

MINISTER'S REPORTS.

W. T. Webb—Miles traveled, 2030; sermons, 197; conversions, 97; rec'd members, 30; baptized, 11; amount received, \$110.00.

G. W. Lynch—Miles traveled, 1213; sermons, 97; conversions, 14; received members, 20; baptized 10; amount received \$20.00.

G. C. Bland—Rec'd members, 48; baptized, 25; am't rec'd, \$10.90.

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 who 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 having 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 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 Holy Ghost. Isaiah 45:5; 1st Cor. 8:6; 1st John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, Christ, the only rule of faith and are the Word of God, and by Jesus practice. 2nd Peter 1:21; 2nd Tim. 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 free will and ability. Rom. 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 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 works of faith and follow after justification. Eph. 2:5-8; Rom. 6:22.

7. We believe that saints may preserve in grace and not be lost. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:14; 2:20.

8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgement, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 25:32, 1st Cor. 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. 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 6:19; 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 the 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.

MINUTE FUND

Mt. Zion Church	\$2.00	Coal Gap Church	\$1.45
New Hope Church	\$2.85	Clifty Church	\$2.05
Hickory Grove Church	\$1.35	Hickory Flat Church	\$1.00
Oak Grove Church	\$.75	Sugar Creek	\$.50
Christian Home Church	\$2.00	Pilgrim Rest Church	\$1.50
		TOTAL	\$15.45

LIST OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Post Office
J. G. Wilson	71 years	
G. W. Lynch	64 years..	Hindsville, Madison Co., Ark.
S. G. Moses	63 years..	Whitener, Madison Co., Ark.
W. T. Webb	39 years..	Spring Valley Washington Co.
W. O. Johnson	68 years..	Sydenham, Ark.
G. M. Copland	37 years	Fayetteville, Washington Co. Ark.
K. A. Moses	69 years..	Huntsville, Madison Co., Ark.
W. M. T. Dodd	49 years	
J. J. Rider	78 years	
M. P. Capps	64 years..	Mundell, Carroll Co., Ark.
W. T. Tibbert	54 years	
John Garvin	63 years..	Spring Valley, Ark.
C. G. Bland	54 years..	Larue, Benton Co., Ark.
J. T. Goodman		

LICENSED MINISTERS

J. H. Roberts	— years..	Spring Valley, Ark.
J. S. Turney	58 years..	Larue, Benton Co., Ark.
W. H. Elknis	— years..	Best, Benton Co., Ark.

Churches	Names of Delegates	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion—J. W. Blackburn, Jesse Roles, A. H. Morris		5	0	0	7	0	1	58
New Hope—W. Boydston, Lester Bland, T. Allred		0	0	0	2	2	2	84
Hickory Grove—G. W. Lynch, J. Garvin, W. Dutton		10	2	8	0	0	1	83
Oak Grove—J. G. Wilson, K. A. Moses, S. G. Moses		1	3	0	1	0	0	22
Sugar Creek—By Letter		0	0	0	0	0	1	28
Christian Home— W. M. Gansene, C. W. McGinnis, J. L. Lane		2	0	0	2	0	0	39
Macedonia—Not represented								
Coal Gap—I. C. Turney, S. E. Ruebttom, May Turney		0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Clifty—F. C. Finn, U. E. Finn, Willis Capps		19	3	1	1	0	0	37
Bethel—Not represented								
Antioch—Not represented								
Highland—Not represented.								
Christian Union—Not represented								
Hickory Flat—G. W. Coger, Walter Fitch		0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Pilgrims Rest—J. Wilson, Geo. Bean, John Wright		5	10	0	0	0	0	25
Union Assn.—J. H. P. Jones, J. M. Logan								

TOTALS: 1—Received by Experience, 43. 2—By Recommendation, 18.
 3—Received by Letter, 9. 4—Dismissed by Letter, 13. 5—Exclud-
 ed, 2. 6—Died, 5. 7—Total Membership, 405.