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# MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Meeting

OF THE

Old Mt. Zion Association

OF

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

HICKORY FLAT CHURCH

August 8 and 9, 1913

News,—Springdale, Ark.

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# Minutes of the Seventy-Second Annual Meeting of Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptist Held With Hickory Flat Church, Aug. 8th and 9th, 1913

The Old Mt. Zion Association convened with Hickory Flat Church, near Spring Valley in Washington Co., Arkansas on Friday, Aug. 8th, 1913 with Elder G. C. Bland as Moderator.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who invited the visiting ministers to seats.

Eld. G. C. Bland delivered the introductory sermon from Rom. 1-16.

Association Clerk being absent Bro. George Been was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Letters called for and delegates invited to seats.

Letters called for from new churches and none responded, but Antioch and Bethel churches ask to be reinstated into this Association. Mt. Pleasant church asked to be admitted into our Association from Union Association which was granted and their delegates invited to seats.

Letters called for from Sister Associations and Union Association was represented by Brethren Dennis Johnson and J. H. P. Jones and New Mt. Zion Association represented by Brethren S. M. McMillon and Matt Smith.

The Association elected Eld. M. P. Capps Moderator and Geo. Been Clerk.

Rules of order were read from the chair.

The Moderator appointed the following committees—Divine Services, Bro. Matt Smith, Bro. J. W. Blackburn and Bro. Edd Lawson. Committee on Arrangements—Bro. N. J. Carlock, Bro. J. H. P. Jones and Bro. W. S. Copland. Temperance—Bro. G. W. Lynch, Bro. A. H. Morris and Bro. J. D. Baker. Sunday School—Bro. W. H. Elkins, Bro. J. H. Roberts and Bro. Joe Wilson. Committee on Finances—Bro. A. H. Morris, Bro. J. W. Blackburn and Bro. J. H. Roberts. Committee on Memorials—Eld. W. T. Webb, Bro. Jessie Roles and Bro. Wm. Gausine.

Report on divine services—Preaching Friday night by Eld. G. W. Lynch and J. G. Wilson Saturday at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. O. Johnson. Saturday night by Evangelist T. M. Sims.

Motioned and seconded that we adjourn until Saturday at 8:30 o'clock.

Adjourned with singing and prayer.

Saturday morning association met pursuant to adjournment.

Led in prayer by Elder J. G. Wilson.

Motion and second that we receive the bill of arrangement and dismiss the committee.

Resolved that we have 500 copies of our minutes printed and reserve fifty for each sister association.

Resolved that Bro. K. A. Moses be seated as delegate of Oak Grove Church.

Resolved that we keep up the memorial of our dead.

Discharging of committees.

Report on Temperance received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on Finance received and committee discharged.

Report on Memorial of the dead received and committee discharged.

Resolved that we keep up correspondence with our sister associations and that Brethren J. G. Wilson, J. S. Turney and K. A. Moses write and bear the corresponding letter to New Mt. Zion Association.

Resolved that the Brethren N. J. Carlock, C. B. Prickett and J. D. Smith write and bear the corresponding letter to Union Association and that the Brethren G. C. Bland, Ike Turney and J. S. Turney write and bear the corresponding letter to the State Associations.

Resolved that the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of our minutes.

Resolved that the next Association be held with Cottage Hill Church.

Resolved that Rev. W. O. Johnson preach the introductory sermon and Eld. W. T. Webb be his alternate.

Resolved that we adjourn until 3 o'clock p. m.

Resolved that the different ministers of this association shall place before the different churches of this association the quest-

ion of putting an evangelist in the bounds of this association and if so secure funds or pledges for same.

Resolved that we adjourn to meet with Cottage Hill church on Friday at 10-a. m. before the second Sunday in August 1914.

Resolved that this association vote a bill of thanks to Hickory Flat church and people of its vicinity for their hospitality shown toward us during our stay among them. May God bless them and give them spiritual rewards.

M. P. CAPPS, Mod.

GEO. BEEN, Clerk.

### 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 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.

I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of 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, letters 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 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 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 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.

*never on any subject without  
special leave from the moderator*

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, the Father, *Word* and the Holy Ghost. Isa. 45:5; 1st Cor. 8:6; 1st Jno. 5:7.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, the only rule of faith, and are the only guide for our 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. Gen. 3:6; Rom. 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; 1st Cor. 15:21-22.

5. We believe 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. 2:6-10; St. Jno. 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. 5:1-16.

7. We believe that saints may preserve in grace and not be lost. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:14; 2:20; 1st Peter 3:18; 1st Thes. 5:23.

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. 25:32-40; 2nd Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Acts 17:31.

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; 1st Cor. 12-12; Rom. 12:4-5.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and that the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 2:20; Matt. 18:15-17.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and should be continued until the second coming. Matt. 28:19; Jno. 13:5-16; Col. 2:12.

12. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the only true gospel mode. Matt. 3:16-17; Acts 8:36-37; Rom. 4:6.

13. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's table. 1st Cor. 11:28-29; 2nd Cor. 13.

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. Ex. 20:8-9; Lev. 26:2; Luke 13:14-16; 14:5.

### Committee on 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 as a beverage 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.

We, as Freewill Baptists, believe that Christ commissioned the church to teach all nations and that they teach from the pul-

# Committee on Sunday School

pits and in the Sunday School and that the Bible 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.

## MINUTE FUND.

Bethel...	\$ .50	Clifty...	2.05
Mt. Zion...	2.25	Antioch...	1.00
Christian Home...	1.25	Highland...	1.00
Mt. Pleasant...	.50	Coal Gap...	1.55
Cottage Hill...	1.10	Christian Union...	.50
Hickory Grove...	1.00		
Oak Grove...	.75	Total...	\$17.65
Pilgrims Rest...	1.00	Cost of printing...	12.50
New Hope...	2.00		
Hickory Flatt...	1.20	Balance...	5.15

Churches of Mt. Zion Association contributed to the fund for printing minutes of State Association as follows: Mt. Zion 45 cents, Christian Home 30 cents, Cottage Hill 10 cents, Oak Grove 25 cents, Pilgrims Rest 10 cents, Clifty 25 cents, Antioch 20 cents, Highland 10 cents, Coal Gap 5 cents, Christian Union 25 cents. Total \$2.05.

## MEMORIAL OF OUR DEAD.

Sister Elizabeth Hancock was born in Illinois on April 15, 1835, and was married to E. M. Hancock in January 1855. Professed a hope in early life and joined the Missionary Baptist Church, afterwards became dissatisfied and joined the Freewill Baptist church of Christ known as Old Mt. Zion and lived a devoted Christian life until death and leaves eight children to mourn her loss. The deceased was 78 years, 2 months and 24 days old when God called her home.

Sister Harriett L. Williams, wife of Thos. H. Williams, died at Clifty, Ark., Feb. 24th, 1913, aged 62 years, 3 months and 9 days. She was born in Ohio and at the age of 4 years she moved with her parents to Indiana. In 1896 she came to Des Moines, Iowa. In 1898 she was united in marriage to Thos. H. Williams, in 1909 they moved to Eureka Springs, Ark. Later moved to a farm near Clifty, Ark. The body was taken to Des Moines, Iowa, for burial and was laid to rest by the side of her son by a former marriage, who died in 1899 as a result of disease contracted during service in the Spanish-American war. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jas. H. Mintier, her former pastor. She

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leaves besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. A. J. Todd of Clifty, Ark., and a neice, Mrs. Marsh of Eureka Springs, Ark., and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Mrs. Williams was a faithful wife, mother and an earnest, devoted Christian woman. Always ready to do her part in the home and in the church and was a member of Hickory Grove Church.

### LIST OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Post Office
J. G. Wilson.. . . .	73 years.. . . .	Mante, Ark.
G. W. Lynch.. . . .	66 years.. . . .	Clifty, R. 1bx 14, Madison Co., Ark.
S. G. Moses.. . . .	65 years.. . . .	Whitener, Madison Co., Ark.
W. T. Webb.. . . .	41 years.. . . .	Spring Valley, R 1 Wash Co, Ark.
W. O. Johnson.. . . .	69 years.. . . .	Sydenham, Ark.
W. S. Copland.. . . .	39 years.. . . .	Fayetteville, Ark.
K. A. Moses.. . . .	71 years.. . . .	Huntsville, Ark.
W. M. T. Dodd.. . . .	51 years.. . . .	
J. J. Rider.. . . .	72 years.. . . .	
M. P. Capps.. . . .	66 years.. . . .	Mundell, Carrroll Co., Ark.
John Garvin.. . . .	64 years.. . . .	Spring Valley, R 1 Wash Co., Ark.
G. C. Bland.. . . .	55 years.. . . .	Larue, Benton Co., Ark.
J. H. Roberts.. . . .	— years.. . . .	Spring Valley, Ark.
J. S. Turney.. . . .	59 years.. . . .	Larue, Benton Co., Ark.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

W. H. Elkins.. . . . — years.. . . . Best, Benton Co., Ark.

Churches	Names of Delegates	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion—	Jessie Roles, J. W. Blackburn, A. H. Morris	4	0	1	3	0	1	35
New Hope—	G. C. Bland, Truman Allred, J. D. Baker	5	0	0	2	2	0	85
Hickory Grove—	G. W. Lynch, Claud Lynch, Ed Lawson	1	0	0	3	0	1	71
Oak Grove—	J. G. Wilson, G. H. Corneilson	1	5	0	0	0	0	31
Sugar Creek—	Not represented.							
Christian Home—	D. A. Coger, Wm. Gausine, Wm. Lee	0	0	1	1	3	0	34
Macedonia—	Not represented.							
Coal Gap—	Emma McGinnis, Mary Turney, J. C. Turney	19	0	0	0	0	0	37
Clifty—	John Capps, T. B. Smith, C. B. Prickett.. . .	2	1	0	0	0	2	67
Highland—	W. S. Copland.. . . .	5	0	1	0	0	0	20
Christian Union—								
	G. W. Thornsburg, Sister D. A. Thornsburg.. . .	1	2	2	0	0	0	26
Hickory Flatt—	Marion Gibson Jack Fitch, L. A. Coger	0	1	3	0	0	1	35
Pilgrims Rest—								
	Allen Reynolds, Chas. Miller, Joe Wilson.. . . .	0	0	0	0	1	0	27
Cottage Hill—	W. H. Elkins, Sam Garvin, J. R. Elkins	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Antioch—	J. S. Smith, Geo. Hawkins.. . . .	1	0	0	0	4	1	23
Bethel—	D. A. Skinner, Sr., D. A. Skinner, Jr.,... . .	2	0	1	0	3	1	12
Mount Pleasant—	N. J. Carlock.. . . .	2	5	0	0	0	0	20
New Mt. Zion Assn.—	S. M. McMillon and Matt Smith.							
Union Assn.—	Dennis Johnson, and J. H. P. Jones.							

TOTALS: 1—Received by Experience 44. 2—By Recommendation, 14. 3—By Letter, 10. 4—Dismissed by Letter, 9. 5—Excluded, 13. 6—Died, 7. 7—Total Membership, 538.