

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Third Annual Meeting

OF THE

Old Mt. Zion Association

OF

FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Cottage Hill Church

August 7 and 8, 1914

Minutes of the Seventy-Third Annual Meeting of Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists Convened With Cottage Hill Church On August 7th and 8th, 1914.

The Old Mt. Zion Association convened with Cottage Hill Church on August 7 and 8, 1914. Introduction sermon was preached by Revs. W. O. Johnson and W. T. Webb from St. Luke 10:37. Text—"And he said, he that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, go thou and do likewise.

The Association was then called to order by Eld. M. P. Capps Moderator and visiting ministers invited to seats in council.

Then letters from the different churches belonging to this Association was called for. The following were received and their delegates seated in this Association.

Letters called for from new churches and Walnut Hill church responded. Their letter read and received and their delegates called for and the Moderator extended to them the hand of fellowship, receiving Walnut Hill church into our union.

Called for letter from sister associations and none responded, but Bro. Matt Smith of New Mt. Zion Association was seated as messenger to represent New Mt. Zion Association.

Entered in o an election of Moderator and Clerk, M. P. Capps, Moderator, appointed Brethern L. S. Bowlins and Ed Lawson as election clerks and the election resulted as follows: Rev. W. O. Johnson Moderator, and George Been, Clerk.

Then the Moderator-Elect, W. O. Johnson, was duly seated as Moderator of this Associational year.

Rules of Order were immediately read from the chair. Then the following committees were appointed:

Committee on Preaching—L. S. Bowlins, Ed Lawson and J. W. Blackburn.

Committee on Resolutions—Elds. T. M. Sims, W. T. Webb and M. P. Capps.

Committee on Temperance—Elds. T. M. Sims, W. T. Webb and S. G. Moses.

Committee on Sunday School—Brethren W. M. Lee, A. H. Morris and L. A. Cogar.

Committee on Memorial of our Dead.—Elds. G. W. Lynch, J. G. Wilson and K. A. Moses.

Committee on Finance—Brethren W. M. Watson, Ed Lawson

and J. W. Blackburn.

Committee on Credentials—Elds. G. W. Lynch, T. M. Sims and W. T. Webb.

Moved we take recess until 5 p. m.

Assembled again at 5:30 p. m by singing; led in prayer by Eld. W. F. Bean.

Roll called by Clerk.

Then letters were read from Christian Union and Mt. Pleasant Churches; letters read and delegates seated and Bro. W. M. Watson was seated as a delegate by the Association for Mt. Pleasant Church.

Report of Committee on Temperance read and received and committee discharged.

Resolved that we have our Minutes printed and reserve fifty for each sister association.

Resolved that we keep up the Memorial of our dead.

Resolved that we represent by letter and delegate with New Mt. Zion Association and that Brethren I. C. and J. S. Turney and Sister Mary Turney and Bro. W. M. Watson bear the letter and to represent Old Mt. Zion Association.

Resolved that we represent in Union Association by letter and delegate and that Brethren B. F. Lynch, W. E. Lynch and J. G. Wilson represent Old Mt. Zion Association.

Resolved that we represent in the State Association by letter and delegate Brethren Geo. Been, W. T. Webb and T. M. Sims to represent Old Mt. Zion Association.

Resolved that the report of the Credential Committee be received and the following names be placed on our list of ordained ministers, viz., J. S. Smith, R. A. Smith and Sam Garvin, and the committee discharged.

Resolved that we adjourn to meet Saturday, 8 a. m., concluding prayer by Eld. W. T. Webb.

Preaching Friday night by Eld. T. M. Sims and G. W. Lynch.

Saturday morning session met at 8:30 a. m. Opening services, congregational singing and prayer by Eld. T. Sims.

Resolve that we receive the report of the Sunday School Committee and dismiss the committee.

Resolve that we organize a Ministers and Deacons Meeting in the bounds of this Association.

Resolved that we elect a treasurer in each of our churches.

Resolved that we will support our pastors.

Resolved that we have the First and Second of Articles of

Faith revised so as to read as they did in 1905, in our Sixty-fourth Annual Session and that the eighth rule of Order be read-opted, which was omitted in 1905.

Resolved we adjourn to meet again at 4 p. m., concluding prayer by Eld. G. C. Bland.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Elds. J. G. Wilson and J. S. Smith from St. John 3:14. Text—"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up."

Association was called to order by Moderator at 5:30 p. m., and led in prayer by Bro. W. M. Gosvener.

Resolved that the report of the committee on Memorial of our dead be received and the committee dismissed.

Resolved that the next Association be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, nine miles east of Huntsville at the Reeds Creek school house beginning on Friday at 10 o'clock before the second Sunday in August, 1915.

Resolved that Elds. G. C. Bland and T. M. Sims preach the Introductory Sermon.

Resolved that this Association extend a bill of thanks to the good people of Cottage Hill Church and vicinity for their hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay among them. May God give them spiritual gain for their kindness.

Resolved that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of our Minutes.

Moved that this Association takes recess until the close of the communion services this evening, and that Elds. G. C. Bland and W. T. Webb preach on Communion and Rev. W. O. Johnson head the table. Text—Ex. 12:26 "and it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you what mean ye by this service? That ye shall say it is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover." The Lord's Supper being duly observed, we then took the parting hand while joined in congregational singing. The Association was dismissed by the closing prayer by Bro. Geo. Been.

Services Sunday at 11 a. m. conducted by Revs. — Hyde and W. F. Bean from St. John 1:12-13 Text—"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

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 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 correct-

ed 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.

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, the Father,

the Word and 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 Testament are the word of God, and the Gospel by Jesus Christ, the only rule of faith and 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. 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. 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. Mat. 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. 13:5.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee.

MINUTE FUND	Mt. Zion Assn.	State Assn.
Mt. Zion	\$1.75	\$.50
New Hope.....	1.65	.10
Hickory Grove.....	1.00	
Oak Grove.....	50	.15
Christian Home.....	1.60	
Coal Gap.....	1.25	.25
Clifty.....	1.70	
Hickory Flat.....	70	
Pilgrims Rest.....	1.00	.50
Cottage Hill	1.00	
Antioch.....	75	
Walnut Hill.....	30	
Christian Union	40	.10
Mt. Pleasant.....	50	
	<u>\$14.10</u>	<u>\$1.50</u>

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We find our people are not enthused on this subject as they should be, and that first we will still insist that our people renew the fight against this great evil (intemperance) and second, that we will urge upon the members of congress the passage of the Kenyon Bill, prohibiting the shipment of intoxicants into prohibition territory. Third, that we, as a people, continue the fight against this great evil until our dying day or drive it from our land.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

We, as Freewill Baptists, believe that Christ commissioned the Church to teach all nations, and that they may teach from the pulpits and in the Sunday Schools and that the Bible be taught and such other helps as are scriptural and that we make strong effort to maintain a Sunday School in each of our churches.

MEMORIAL OF OUR DEAD.

Sister L. J. White was born March 14, 1837, died Nov. 8, 1913. She professed a hope in Christ while in youth, lived a devoted Christian life unto death. She was a member of Hickory Grove Church, joined in February, 1909.

Sister Mary M. Lynch was born in Alabama on May 30, 1831. Moved with her parents when four years old near Springdale, Ark., where she resided until united in matrimony to Wm. Lynch on April 4, 1854, after which they moved near Lowell, where they resided until 1857, when they moved to a homestead near Clifty, Ark., where she resided until death claimed her on Feb. 18, 1914. To this union were born nine children, four girls and five boys, of which six are still living, viz: J. M. Lynch of Chandler, Okla., Mrs. W. H. Rackley, of Gentry, Ark., Mrs. S. C. Shelton, of Joplin, Mo., Mrs. J. N. Evans, of Rossville, Okla., and Elbert and Benjamin Lynch, both of Clifty, Ark. She embraced religion when quite young, united with the Missionary Baptist's Church, where she remained an active member for a number of years, after which she united with the Freewill Baptist Church at Hickory Grove (Clifty, Ark.) and remained a member until death. She was a loyal wife, a loving self-sacrificing mother, a true friend to all. She leaves to mourn her loss three girls and three boys, two step-sons, forty-six grand children and many friends and relatives. May we all live true christian lives and be prepared to meet her on the resurrection morning.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all friends who so kindly aided us in the last sickness of our mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lynch.

Brother Daniel W. Lynch was born in Crawford County, Ark., April 23, 1851, died April 24, 1914, was 63 years and one day old. He professed a hope in Christ 1867, united with Old Mt. Zion Church of Freewill Baptists. After a number of years united with Hickory Grove Church of Freewill Baptist, served as Deacon in the Church about twenty-seven years. and seemingly filled the office well. He was regulwilling to do his part. His main gift seemed to be in music. He leaves one full brother, Rev. G. W. Lynch, three half brothers and three half sisters, six sons and seven grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. Let us remember though he were dead, he liveth. His statement on his death bed was that he was willing and

ready to die. Brethren and Sisters, let us try to live a life that we may regain his association where there will be no more good-byes.

Sister Pricilla Carter was born in Tennessee, Dec. 3, 1830, came to Missouri with her parents while a child, married W. G. Tucker Jan. 3, 1846. Professed a hope in Christ in early life, joined the M. E. Church, but later united with the Freewill Baptist at New Hope. Died Dec. 21, 1913.

Brother Elijah Daniel Foster was born in Arkansas on the 19th day of Sept. 1867, and was married to Jane Smith on July 31, 1888. Professed a hope in Christ in 1888, joined the Primitive Baptist Church, afterwards joined the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, known as the Antioch Church and lived a devoted Christian life until death. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss and also a host of friends and relatives. The deceased was forty-seven years, nine months and nine days old. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. G. Moses.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled,

A place is vacant in our home

That never can be filled.

List of Ministers.

NAME	AGE	POSTOFFICE
J. G. Wilson.....	74 years.....	Mante, Ark.
G. W. Lynch.....	67 years....	R. 1, box 14 Clifty, Madison Co., Ark.
S. G. Moses.....	67 years.....	Huntsville, Madison Co., Ark.
W. T. Webb.....	44 years....	R. 1, Spring Valley, Washington Co., Ark.
W. O. Johnson.....	70 years.....	Sydenham, Ark.
W. S. Copeland.....	40 years.....	Fayetteville, Ark.
K. A. Moses.....	72 years.....	Huntsville, Ark.
W. M. T. Todd.....	52 years	
J. J. Rider.....	73 years	
M. P. Capps.....	67 years	Mundell, Carroll Co., Ark.
John Garvin.....	65 years.	R. 1, Spring Valley, Washington County, Ark.
G. C. Bland.....	56 years	Larue, Benton County, Ark.
J. H. Roberts.....		Spring Valley, Washington Co., Ark.
J. S. Turney.....	60 years.....	Larue, Benton Co., Ark.
J. S. Smith.....	45 years.....	Marble, Madison Co., Ark.
R. A. Smith.....	48 years.....	Marble, Madison Co., Ark.
Samuel Garvin.....		Spring Valley, Washington Co., Ark.

LICENSED MINISTERS

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

Statistics.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion.....	J. W. Blackburn, A. H. Morris, Sam Morris..	7	0	0	0	0	0	60
New Hope.....	Z. M. Allred, Sister M. S. Allred, Calvin Knox..	3	0	5	2	2	1	88
Hickory Grove.....	G. W. Lynch, Elbert Lynch, Ben Lynch.....	0	0	0	1	2	2	66
Oak Grove.....	J. G. Wilson, F. E. Moses, John McCoy.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	27
Christian Home.....	W. M. Gosvener, W. M. Lee.....	0	0	2	2	1	0	
Coal Gap.....	Geo. Edens, Sister Dona Edens, Mintora Lee..	6	1	0	0	0	0	13
Clifty.....	W. J. Nelson, T. B. Smith, John Capps....	4	2	0	5	0	1	67
Christian Union.....	R. L. Wilkerson, G. W. and D. A. Thornsby,	0	0	0	0	0	1	26
Hickory Flat.....	L. A. Cogar, W. T. Webb, Bessie Cogar....	16	1	0	0	0	0	50
Pilgrims Rest.....	John Wright, Geo. Been.....	14	4	0	0	1	0	44
Cottage Hill.....	L. S. Bowlins, Robert Elkins.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
Antioch.....	Riley Foster, J. S. Smith.....	1	0	2	0	0	1	24
Mt. Pleasant.....	Ely Jones, W. M. Watson.....	3	3	0	0	0	0	26
Walnut Hill.....	J. H. Ford, Anna Hambrick.....							9

New Mt. Zion Association—Matt Smith

Sugar Creek not represented.

Macedonia not represented.

Highland not represented.

Bethel not represented.

Union Association not represented.

TOTALS: 1—Received by Experience 54. 2—Received by Recommendation 12

3—By Letter/11. 4—Dismissed by Letter 10. 5—Excluded 9. 6—Died 6.

7—Total Membership 586.

GEO. BEEN, Clerk.

Spring Valley, Ark.

W. O. JOHNSON, Moderator.

Sydenham, Ark.