

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**MET WITH**  
Mt. Zion Church, August 10th, 11th, 1934.

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator,	Elder Claude Lynch,	Clifty, Ark.
Clerk,	Horace Knox,	La Rue, Ark.

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The next Annual Session of this Association will convene with Clear Creek church, at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in Aug., 1935. Elder Horace Knox to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Sammie Lane alternate.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Ninety-third Annual Session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, held with Mt. Zion church, August 10th, 11th, 1934.

Association was called to order by Moderator, Elder W. E. Bland. Scripture reading Psalm 144, by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Claude Lynch. Text, Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek." Concluded by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Church letters were called for and the following were represented by letter and delegates:

Mt. Zion—M. M. Puryear, Robert Puryear, Fred Archer.

New Hope—H. L. Keeling, Clyde McGinnis and Sister Velma Boydston.

Hickory Grove—Alvin Cook, Isaac Lynch, James Kirk.

Christian Home—Hugh Becker, Fleeta Gosvenor.

Clifty—Clarence Capps, Lennie Capps, Leona Scott.

Antioch—By letter.

Pilgrim Rest—Garland Barnes, Harvey Covey, Billie Reynolds.

Cottage Hill—Pond Brodrick, Hern Archer and Effie Anderson.

Rose Hill—Not represented.

Clear Creek—Albert Bohannon, Thomas Ingmire and Sam Jones.

Letters from sister associations were called for

Indian Creek Association—Elders W. K. Weston, O. T. Allred and John Swaffar. The right hand of Christian fellowship was offered and delegates invited to seats in council.

Letters from newly organized churches were called for. —None responded.

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### Election of Officers

Moderator, ..... Elder Claude Lynch

Clerk, ..... Elder Horace Knox

### Appointment of Committees

**Resolutions**—Elders Geo. Been, G. C. Bland and Cecil Garrison.

**Finance**—Willie Capps, M. M. Puryear, Hugh Becker.

**Divine Service**—J. S. Garrison, Albert Bohannon and Hern Archer.

**Temperance**—Sammie Lane, W. E. Bland, Isaac Lynch.

**Sunday Schools**—Elmer Lawson, Alvin Cook and O. T. Allred.

**Obituary**—W. K. Weston, John Swaffar, Thos. Ingmire.

**Union of Churches**—Harvey Covey, Robert Puryear and Loy Archer.

**Non-Represented Churches**—H. L. Keeling, J. W. Allred and Sam Jones.

Motion carried to adjourn till 3:00 o'clock p. m.

Committee on Divine Service announce Elders O. T. Allred, W. K. Weston and John Swaffar to fill the stand Friday night.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder O. T. Allred.

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### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by Moderator, Eld. Claude Bland. Scripture lesson 3rd chapter of 2 Peter. Prayer by Elder G. C. Bland.

Motion carried that we seat Sister Lane as delegate from Christian Home church.

New business called for. None brought forward.

The following ministers reported: Elders G. C. Bland, J. W. Allred, Cecil Garrison, W. E. Bland, Tom Pinkerton, Willie Capps, Elmer Lawson, Calvin Knox, Horace Knox, Sammie Lane, Claude Lynch, and Tom Ingmire (licensed).

Visiting Ministers—Elders O. T. Allred, W. K. Weston and John Swaffar.

Motion carried that we recess till 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

Committee on Divine Service announce Elders J. W. Allred and W. E. Bland to fill the stand Saturday at 11.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Horace Knox.

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### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by the moderator. Scrip-

ture lesson, 6th chapter of Romans, read by moderator. Prayer by Elder Tom Pinkerton.

Motion carried that we receive report of Committee on Union of Churches and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Temperance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Sunday Schools and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we represent in Indian Creek Association, and that Bro. and Sister Leonard Morris write and bear the corresponding letter.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:30 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. E. Bland.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by moderator. Scripture lesson Psalm 32. Prayer by Elder Willie Capps.

Motion made and passed that we receive report of Committee on Finance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Resolutions and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we have 300 minutes printed, the Clerk to see to the printing and distribution of same.

Motion made and passed that we represent in Old Union Association, delegates elected to represent us: Elders Cecil Garrison, W. E. Bland, Sister W. E. Bland.

Motion carried to represent at State Association by letter.

Resolved, That next session of Old Mt. Zion Association be held with Clear Creek church, and that Eld. Horace Knox preach the Introductory sermon, Sammie Lane alternate.

Elder Geo. Been gave an oral report of his mission work as field missionary of Old Mt. Zion Association.

Be it Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mt. Zion church and community for their kindness shown us during our stay among them.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday at ten o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in August, 1935.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Geo. Been.

Elder Claude Lynch, Moderator,  
Elder Horace Knox, Clerk.

## ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Age		Age
G. C. Bland	76	J. W. Allred	64
J. H. Roberts	63	S. L. Garvin	76
Calvin Knox	61	Geo. Been	53
Tom Pinkerton	53	Elmer Lawson	53
Claude Lynch	41	W. E. Bland	32
J. W. Watson	53	R. A. Smith	
Willie Capps	27	Sammie Lane	26
Cecil Garrison	24	Horace Knox	28

#### Licensed Ministers

Thomas Ingmire	40
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#### Visiting Ministers

O. T. Allred	38	W. K. Weston	29
John Swaffar	29		

#### Ordained Deacons

Name	Age		Age
Loy Archer	45	J. S. Garrison	77
W. E. Lynch	67	T. B. Smith	56
Albert Bohannon	64		

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Union of Churches**—We, your Committee on Union of Churches, submit the following:

We find there is a union among the churches of this Association, and

Therefore feel that all ministers of the Gospel should work for a union among all of God's people, especially among the Free Will Baptist people; for Paul said, "Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

"My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin" (Jas. 2:1, 9)

[Loy Archer,  
Committee Robert Puryear,  
[Harvey Covey.



**Temperance**—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Realizing the evils and sinfulness brought about by intemperance, and especially by strong drinks, we feel it the duty of every child of God to stand firm for temperance in every sense of the word, denouncing intemperance on every hand, since the devil and his servants have repealed the Eighteenth Amendment to our Federal Constitution.

We realize that our only source of help is from God; as we read in God's Word, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

We urge our pastors, evangelists, teachers, and all religious leaders to set fourth by precept and example, temperance in all things.

Christians, watch your vote, and help our officers enforce the law.

Committee { Elder W. E. Bland,  
              { Elder Sammie Lane,  
              { I. T. Lynch.

**Sunday Schools**—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following:

First, we realize that what we need is more interest and godly zeal in our Sunday schools.

Second, we believe the pastors should take the lead in encouraging the Sunday school work.

Third, That every church member should feel it part of their duty to help promote the Sunday school work; for if the older people are interested the young people and children will be very easy to interest in the work.

Committee { O. T. Allred,  
              { Elmer Lawson,  
              { Alvin Cook.

**Obituary**—We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that death has claimed the following of our friends and beloved brothers and sisters in Christ:

Bro. Andrew Jackson Been, Sister Susan A Evans Kirk, Sister Lina Ann Roberts Sharp, Sister Lizzie Cook.

Committee { Thomas Ingmire,  
              { Johnny Swaffar,  
              { W. K. Weston.

**Resolutions—No. 1—**Be it Resolved, That we extend one hour of our Friday afternoon session of our next Association to our young people's league work, to be used by them as they deem best for the advancement of their organization.

**No. 2—**Whereas one hundred million men, cream of the nations, have decayed on foreign battle fields and brought bereavement and sufferings untold, and filled our century of progress with helpless widows and orphans, and

Whereas each and every war has been followed by seasons of vadalism, crime and vice, each war exceeding previous wars in its period of hardship and its distress.

Whereas practically all wars have been for conquest (a rich man's war and a poor man's fight), and

Whereas the nations are hastening preparations for a conflict of untold cruelty and ferocity,

Therefore be it Resolved, That we declare war ungodly, unchrist-like, uncivilized, and that we declare ourselves a non-militant organization, refusing to take up arms against our fellowmen.

Committee { Geo. Been,  
G. C. Bland,  
Cecil Garrison.

**Finance—**We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

Mt. Zion Church .....	\$4.00
New Hope .....	3.00
Hickory Grove .....	1.50
Christian Home .....	1.55
Clifty .....	2.00
Pilgrim Rest .....	1.12
Cottage Hill .....	1.30
Clear Creek .....	1.00

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Total contributed ..... \$15.47

Committee { Willie Capps,  
Hugh Becker,  
M. M. Puryear.

## OBITUARIES

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**Been**—Andrew Jackson Been, son of Conner D. and Nancy M. Been, was born September 19, 1851, in Bond County, Illinois.

He was united in marriage with Alice Jane Lewis on September 3, 1880. To this union was born eight children, two sons and six daughters, the following survive:

Rev. Geo. Been, Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Dessie Brown, and Miss Carrie Been, all of Springvalley, Arkansas, and Mrs. Maud McGuiney of Uteyville, Colorado.

He was later united in marriage to Miss Jennie Henderson, and to this union was born one son, Otto Been of Fullerton, Colorado.

Bro. Been was reared by Methodist parents and was sprinkled in infancy, but when he became a young man, about twenty years old, he was converted in a Missionary Baptist meeting and united with that church and remained in their fellowship until coming to Arkansas in about 1878, he became acquainted with the Free Will Baptist doctrine and united with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church and continued in their fellowship until death.

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**Kirk**—Susan A. Evans Kirk was born August 5, 1844, and departed this life January 2, 1934.

She was married to James Martin Kirk, December 25, 1865, who died February 2, 1888. To this union was born ten children, six boys and four girls, all living except two. Boys: Arch, who preceded her in death, Aug. 21, 1933; Hamp who died in infancy; Tom, Wyate, Frank, Pierce, all of Clifty, Arkansas.

Girls: Nannie Finnell of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; Eliza Ann Harp of Ralston, Oklahoma; Ada Conway of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Alice Gates of Anderson, Missouri. 37 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren survive her.

In October, 1891, she became a member of Hickory Grove church. She was a Free Will Baptist for 43 years.



**Reynolds**—Sarah (Johnson) Reynolds was born April 13, 1861, and departed this life May 15, 1934, being 73 years, one month and two days old.

She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 18 and joined the Methodist church of Hickory Flat, in which she lived a true Christian life for ten years. She then joined the Free Will Baptist church of Burkshed and in 1911, she joined, by letter, the Free Will Baptist church in its organization at Pilgrim Rest, and lived a true and faithful life until death.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Allen Reynolds, one son, W. A. Reynolds of Springvalley, Ark., and one daughter, Mrs. Susie Dooley of Cushing, Okla., ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, one brother, Cade Johnson, two sisters, Mrs. Delilah Cloer and Mrs. Nancy Overton, all of Springvalley, Ark, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Nina Whittle, at the time of her death.

Aunt Sallie, as she was called, was loved by all. To know her was to love her, and she is greatly missed by all.

A dear and precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our homes,  
That never can be filled.

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**Cook**—Aunt Liz Cook was born April 5, 1858, and died November 12, 1933, age 75 years, seven months and seven days.

She was married to Philander Cook, February, 1879. To this union was born four children, three of whom survive her: Mrs. Rena Macon, Mrs. Hester Clarady and Mrs. Delora Ingram, Jessie died three years ago.

Aunt Liz professed a hope in Christ in early life, and united with Mt. Zion church of which she was still a member at the time of her death.

Aunt Liz was confined to her bed for fourteen months, though she bore her afflictions with patience.

We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

**Sharp**—Sina Ann Roberts Sharp of War Eagle, Ark. died April 13, 1934, at 9:00 p. m. She was born March 19, 1847, and died at the age of 87 years and 25 days.

She was married to N. P. Sharp August 18, 1867. To this union was born seven children, three daughters and four sons, of which four are living: Green C. Sharp and Will Sharp and Miss Lou Sharp of the home, all of War Eagle, Ark., and Mrs. Mary Pemberton of Clifty, Ark., all of them were at her bedside at the time of her death.

She also leaves one Brother Ezra Roberts, two sisters, Mrs. Margrett Rogers and Mrs. Mat Miles, all of Best, Ark., to mourn her absence.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life, joined Old Mt. Zion church of Free Will Baptist, and lived a devoted Christian life until death.

She was a very devoted wife, and a very kind and affectionate mother. She was loved by every one who knew her; and to know her was to love her. She was kind and affectionate to all, both small and great.

[We, the four surviving children, wish to thank every one that was so liberal in rendering their assistance during her sickness and burial.

Signed: Green Sharp, Will Sharp, Mrs. Mary Pemberton and Miss Lou Sharp.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **GOD.** We believe in one true and living, Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, Purpose, Power and Glory.—St. John 1:1; 1 Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. **CHRIST.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. Was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

3. **HOLY SPIRIT.** We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the SON back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide.—Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.

4. **THE BIBLE.** We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by Inspiration of God, is our waybill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. **THE FALL OF MAN.** We believe that GOD created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of GOD, fell, with their posterity, under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Romans 11:11-35; Psalms 37:23-14; 5:18.

6. **REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION.** We believe that Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

7. **CONDITIONS OF SALVATION.** We believe that all persons dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part; that

persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part, exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb and are planted in the Kingdom of Christ.—John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; 1 Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16-17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE. We believe that God desires the salvation of all; Christ died for all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all; and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel.—1 Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Revelation 22:17.

9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming.—Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 1:1-18; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH. We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God; that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:42-48; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY. We believe in a divine call of the ministry; that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible with personal contentment; that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the Scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the



family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue and people.—Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22-23; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. **THE VISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, having obtained fellowship with the Lord and with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—2 Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4-20.

15. **PERSEVERANCE.** We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life, and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who side-step and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—Sec. 1:12; 2 Cor. 9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8; 2 Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. **CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.** We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4-5.

17. **SANCTIFICATION.** Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Tim. 2:20-21.

18. **THE RESURRECTION.** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God for ever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15: 51-58.

19. **THE SOUL.** The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. **JUDGMENT.** We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.



## CONSTITUTION

From long experience,, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Old Mount Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. The churches in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. Sec. 1. The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board of three members, who shall be elected at each annual session of the Association by the suffrage of the members present.

Sec. 2. The Executive Board provided for in Sec. 1 of Art. 4, shall be elected from the ministers, deacons or laity belonging to Old Mt. Zion Association: One for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and after the first election, one shall be elected each year for a term of three years. This board shall have power and authority to transact any associational business which may arise between annual sessions of the Association, and shall report to the Association annually.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. NON-ATTENDANCE. The Association in case of failure of any church to attend, shall enquire into the case.

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## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	Organized	Ret'g Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	Postoffice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	1886	J. W. Allred	J. W. Allred	Berry Puryear	Spr'g V., Ark.	4	7	0	2	0	2	61
New Hope	1886	W. E. Bland	Cecil Garrison	Pearl Garrison	Garfield, Ark.	0	0	0	3	0	0	47
Hickory Grove	1886	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	I. T. Lynch	Clifty, Ark.	6	3	2	1	0	1	90
Christian Home	1892	Claude Lynch	Sammie Lane	Fleeta Gosvenor	Hindsville, Ark	0	0	0	3	0	0	54
Clifty	1896	J. W. Allred	Cecil Garrison	Geo. Vanhook	Mundell, Ark.	4	0	0	0	0	0	74
Antioch	1910	J. W. Watson	J. W. Watson	Grace Taylor	Hindsville, Ark	1	0	0	0	0	0	56
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Geo. Been	Sammie Lane	Edith Barnes	Sprg Val., Ark	38	0	1	2	0	1	231
Cottage Hill	1912	Sammie Lane	Sammie Lane	Elsie Miles	Best, Ark.	12	0	0	0	0	0	47
Clear Creek		Claude Lynch	Claude Lynch	Theo. Ingmire	Clifty, Ark.	0	0	0	1	9	0	12
Rose Hill												
Totals						65	10	3	12	9	4	672

Col. 1 Experience and Baptism.....65

Col. 2 Recommendation .....10

Col. 3 Received by letter ..... 3

Col. 7 Total Membership.....672

Col. 4 Dismissed by letter .....12

Col. 5 Excluded ..... 9

Col. 6 Died ..... 4

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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1. Association called to order by the Moderator, and in his absence, by the Clerk.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Letters from the churches composing the Association called for, read, and the messengers invited to seats.
4. Corresponding Associations.
5. Right hand of fellowship.
6. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Election of permanent officers.
8. Reading the Constitution and Rules of Order by the Moderator or Clerk.
9. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolutions, (b) Finance, (c) Arrangements for preaching, (d) Temperance, (e) Sunday Schools, (f) Obituary, (g) Condition of non-represented churches, (h) Union of churches.
10. Reports of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New Business.
13. Choosing place for our next Association.
14. Who shall preach the Introductory Sermon?
15. Reading and adopting the minutes.
16. Adjournment.