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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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. Reports 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.

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of Old Mount Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, held with Colbaugh Church, August 7th and 8th, 1936.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Claud Lynch.

Scripture reading, Psalm 46.

Prayer by Elder George Been.

Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Lloyd Bland. Lesson-Matt. 4. Subject, "The Devil."

Rules of Order read by moderator.

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

Mt. Zion—Fred Archer, Alfred Sanders, and Berry Puryear.

New Hope—Virgil Boydstun, Lloyd Bland, Dave Butler.

Hickory Grove—Elba Bland, Gladys Lynch, Jas. Kirk.

Christian Home—Hugh Becker, Mary Grosvenor and Earl Davis.

Clifty—Fannie Prickett, Elsie Capps, Clarence Capps.

Antioch—Clarence Foster, Mary Foster, Fanny Miller.

Pilgrim Rest—Burrell True, Glen Barnes, Argie Farmer.

Clear Creek—Mary J. Bohannen, Ludie Jones, Lizzie Bohannen.

Letters from sister Associations were called for and the following represented by letter and delegates:

Union Association—Newell Allred, Hazel Allred and Dora Dodson.

Indian Creek—Elders B. F. Brown, Kenneth Turner and John Swaffer.

Cherokee Home—Elder J. B. Johnson.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was offered and delegates invited to seats in council.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. W. E. Bland

Clerk, Isaac Lynch.

Eld. W. E. Bland was elected a member of the Executive Board for a term of three years.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service—Eld. Sammie Lane, Loy Archer and Burrel True.

Resolution—Eld. Geo. Been, Eld. Kenneth Turner and Eld. Claud Lynch.

Finance—Alfred Sanders, Jas. Kirk, Virgil Boydstun.

Sunday School—Mary Bohannen, Gladys Lynch and Fannie Prickett.

Obituary—Eld. J. W. Allred, Eld. J. W. Watson and Hugh Becker.

Union of Churches—Eld. Elmer Lawson, Eld. B. F. Brown and Newell Allred.

Temperance—Eld. John Swaffar, Eld. J. B. Johnson and Lloyd Bland.

Committee on Divine Service announced Elders Kenneth Turner and J. B. Johnson to fill the stand Friday night.

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

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Claud Lynch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Association was called together by the Moderator.

Scripture reading, Psalm 10.

Prayer by Eld. John Swaffar.

Motion carried that we seat Sisters Delia Bishop, Inores McCracken and Marjorie Allred as visitors from Union Association, and J. E. Turner, Maggie Turner, Eld. John B. Rollins and Jewel Turner as visitors from Indian Creek Association.

Motion carried that the Committee on Non-represented churches from last year be discharged.

Motion carried that we receive report of committee on Sunday School and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that in the Constitution, Article 11 shall read as in 1934 minute, "by a two-thirds vote."

Motion carried that Article 8 be amended to read "to the amount paid by each church."

Committee on Divine Service announced that Elders John B. Rollins and Geo. Been should fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Motion carried to adjourn till 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called together by the moderator.

Scripture lesson, Revelation 22:12-17.

Prayer by Eld. Sammie Lane.

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 that we receive report of Committee on Obituary and discharge the committee.

Elders Willie Capps and Sammie Lane were chosen to fill the stand Saturday night.

Recessed until 2:30 p. m.

Prayer by Eld. Elmer Lawson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called together by the moderator.

Scripture lesson, St. John 1:32-37.

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

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

Motion carried that we have as many minutes printed as our finance will reach, clerk reserving enough for mailing purposes.

Motion carried that we reserve 50 minutes for each Sister Association representing with us.

Motion carried that we represent in old Union Ass'n. Charlie Lynch, John Capps, and Eld. Willie Capps represent us, Sister Clara Capps as alternate.

Resolved, That the next session of Old Mt. Ziin Association be held with Antioch church, and that Eld. Sammie Lane preach the introductory sermon, and that Eld. J. W. Watson be his alternate.

Be it Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks to Christian Home church and community for their kindness shown us during our stay among them.

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday at 10:00 o'clock a. m. before the second Sunday in August, 1937.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. G. C. Bland.

Eld. W. E. Bland, Moderator,
Isaac Lynch, Clerk.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

| Name | Age | Name | Age |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| G. C. Bland..... | 78 | Calvin Knox | 63 |
| J. M. Watson..... | 55 | J. W. Allred | 66 |
| George Been..... | 55 | W. E. Bland | 34 |
| Horace Knox..... | 30 | R. A. Smith | |
| J. H. Roberts..... | 66 | Claud Lynch | 43 |
| Willie Capps..... | 29 | S. L. Garrison | 28 |
| Elmer Lawson..... | 55 | Sammie Lane | 28 |
| Thomas Ingmire..... | 42 | Bruce Phillips | 34 |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Realizing that various indulgences and forms of intemperance are prevalent among our people, we wish to discourage all forms of intemperance and sinful amusement in our churches.

We also would encourage our ministry to “cry aloud,” and our laity to pray for the return of Prohibition, and a general turning of our people to “the old paths.”

{ John Swaffar,
 Committee { J. B. Johnson,
 { Lloyd Bland.

Sunday School—We, your Committee on Sunday School, submit the following report:

We think it necessary that Sunday school be taught, for Christ said, “Suffer little children to come unto me, . . . for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

We think it necessary that children be taught in their youth; and they should not be sent, but parents should go along and take them. In Proverbs it says, “Bring a child up in the way it should go; and when it is old, it will not depart from it.”

{ Fannie Pritchett,
 Committee { Mary J. Bohannon,
 { Gladys Lynch.

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

There appears to be a union among the churches of this Association.

We feel that there should be a united effort on the part of all God's people for the advancement of the cause of Christ; and believe that all ministers of the Gospel should co-operate and work together in unity of purpose for the salvation of souls. We believe this is what Paul meant in Eph. 4:3.

We recommend correspondence, by messenger and otherwise, between this Association and other religious bodies, not only of the Free Will Baptist, but of other denominations as well.

Committee { B. F. Brown,
 E. S. Lawson,
 R. N. Allred.

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

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| Mt. Zion Church | \$4.50 |
| New Hope Church | 2.76 |
| Hickory Grove Church | 1.75 |
| Christian Home Church | 1.25 |
| Pilgrim Rest Church | 3.25 |
| Clifty Church | 2.66 |
| Clear Creek Church | 1.00 |
| Antioch Church | 1.75 |

Total \$18.92

Committee { Alfred Sanders,
 James Kirk,
 Clarence Capps.

Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, find that three of our beloved brothers and sisters have passed from labor to reward, as follows:

William Gosvener, Margaret Idella Boydstun and Miss Obie Newman.

Committee { J. W. Allred,
 J. M. Watson,
 Hugh Becker.

OBITUARIES

Boydstun—The angel of death claimed a pure saint to take into Heaven's glories, with the setting of the sun, Tuesday evening, February 25th, when Mrs. H. P. Boydstun, at the age of 64 years, slept her last sleep on this turbid earth, to awaken in the sweet bye and bye, to the glories of the skies.

Margaret Idella Neely Boydstun, daughter of the late J. H. Neely and sister of the late Will Neely, was born in eastern Texas in 1872. She moved with her parents at an early age to Benton County, where she lived until she was claimed by death.

Aunt Dellar, as she was known to young and old, professed faith in her Lord at an early age and united in faith with the Free Will Baptist church, and remained loyal to her faith and to God until the end.

Her life has been a beautiful sermon, one of love for her fellow men, faith in her Heavenly Father, a loving mother and a devoted wife.

For 35 years she has been confined to her home with Asthma. From this she has suffered death on earth, but through it all she braved the dark hours, believing that a silver cloud was hidden, and that soon joy would come.

She was patient, loving and kind. Her going seems hard to understand, but we only know that God's divine will has been done, in choosing His own.

She came into this world as a fragrant rose bud. Slowly and gently, as the petals unfolded, her life grew and the sunshine of her life lightened the path for those round about her. At last, as the blossom begins to fade, so has she declined with the years, and as the rose closes with the setting sun, so has the sun of her life gone down behind the clouds.

As the sun set and the evening stars began to shine, the call from Heaven came for her, and lo, there was no moaning at the bar as she sailed out on the sea.

She is gently sleeping—Yes, she is even dreaming, now beyond the dark stream of time, to awaken on the golden shores of eternity, to meet her dear loved ones whom she has left below, when at last the circle has been broken.

She was united in marriage in 1889, to Horace Patter-

son Boydstun, and to this union was born, one daughter and six sons, all of whom were at her bedside when death came to her, except a son Walter of San Bernadino, Calif.

She leaves to mourn her going, her husband, Horace Boydstun, a daughter, Mrs. S. P. Webb of Lowell, Ark., six sons: Homer, Virgil and Raymond of the home, Dow and Henry or Rogers, Ark., and Walter of San Bernadino, Calif., three sisters: Mrs. Calvin Knox and Mrs. Wiley Forrester of La Rue, Ark., Mrs. Silas Weatherman of Fullerton, Calif., two brothers: John Neely of Vernon, Texas and Rufus Neely of La Rue, Ark., twenty-one grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Dear little Mother of mine,
As we see your vacant chair,
We can't see why we have been left to pine.
Our home is now so empty and bare,
We can't understand the vacant chair.

Your smile brightened our home,
Your love turned all darkness into day.
Now that we are left all alone,
We pray we shall not falter along the way,
And we'll understand your vacant chair.

Your loving arms we all miss,
Your loving words were heaven's bliss;
We miss your guiding prayers,
As we view your vacant chair.

But perhaps some day we'll understand,
When we've reached the golden strand;
We'll unite with you up there,
Then we'll understand your vacant chair.

Smith—Miss Obie Newman was born at Marble, Arkansas, December 20, 1871.

She was converted in 1886 and united with the Presbyterian church at Marble, and united with the Free Will Baptist church in 1910.

She was united in marriage, November 11, 1886, to R. A. Smith. To this union was born eleven children, nine girls and two boys, of which only four are living.

She departed this life February 28, 1935, leaving her husband, four children and a host of friends.

Gosvener—William Gosvener of Hindsville, Arkansas was born February 12, 1845, in Osage county, in the State of Missouri, and departed this life September 23, 1935, at the age of 90 years, eight months and eleven days.

He was married to Susan Evans in 1865. To this union were born eight children, three daughters and five sons, of which two are living: Gordan Gosvener of Springdale, Ark. and Maud Davis of Hindsville, Ark. Both were his bedside at time of his death.

He professed a hope in Christ early in life, joined the Free Will Baptist at Christian Home church and lived a devoted life until death.

A dear and precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still,
A chair is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

—Maud Davis.

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 or 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 sidestep 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 Church 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. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who 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 considered 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 amount paid by 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 at any regular session.

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

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 and deacons 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 | Organ ized | Retir'g Pastor | Pastor Elect | Church Clerk | Postoffice | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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| Mt. Zion | 1866 | J. W. Allred | J. W. Allred | Berry Puryear | Spring Val., Ark. | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| New Hope | 1886 | G. C. Bland | Horace Knox | E. P. McGinnis | La Rue, Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 90 |
| Hickory Grove .. | 1886 | Willie Capps | Willie Capps | George Lynch | Clifty, Ark. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 |
| Christian Home | 1892 | Sammie Lane | Sammie Lane | Mary Gosvener | Hindsville, Ark. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Clifty | 1892 | Horace Knox | Horace Knox | George Vanhook | Mundell, Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Antioch | 1910 | J. W. Watson | J. W. Watson | Grace Taylor | Marble, Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 55 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 1911 | Geo. Been | Geo. Been | Edith Barnes | Spring Val., Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 187 |
| Clear Creek | | Claud Lynch | | Thomas Ingmire | Clifty, Ark. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Rose Hill | No report..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals..... | | | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 609 |

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| 1. Experience and Baptism | 30 | 4. Dismissed by letter | 0 |
| 2. Recommendation | 0 | 5. Excluded | 0 |
| 3. Received by letter | 0 | 6. Died | 3 |
| 7. Total membership | | 609 | |