

For Eld. Geo. Burr

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

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CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought , as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each others joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance, we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and the doctrine of this church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant, may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the Great Head of the church, which is Jesus Christ the Savior.

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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 churches composing the Association called for, read, and 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-Seventh Annual Session of Old Mount Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, held with Shady Grove Church, August 12th and 13th, 1938.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. W. E. Bland.

Scripture reading, Psalm 1.

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Allred.

Introductory sermon by Eld. Cecil O. Garrison.
Scripture lesson, Psalm 133; Eph. 6:10-20. Text, 2 Tim. 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Rules of Order read by Moderator.

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

Antioch—By letter.

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

Old Mt. Zion—Leonard Morriss, Harland Phillips, Berry Puryear.

Pilgrim Rest—Burl True, Wilma True.

Clear Creek—Mary J. Bohannon, Lutie Jones and Thomas Ingmire.

Rose Hill—Jack Hobbs, A. L. Howard, Mrs. A. L. Howard.

Cottage Hill—C. J. Brodrick, Grace Ray, Mary G. Samuel.

Clifty—Clifford Smith, Bonnie Vanhook, Nora Vanhook.

Christian Home—Mary Gosvener, Lela Lane.

Shady Grove—Bertha Fariester, Lela Lakin and Loy Archer. *Bland.*

New Hope—Loyd Bland, Elsie Bland, Homer Boydstun. No letter.

Letters from sister associations were called for and the following represented:

Cherokee Home Association—Eld. J. B. Johnson, bearing letter.

Indian Creek Association—Eld. O. T. Allred and Sister Pearl Allred.

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

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. W. E. Bland, La Rue, Ark.

Clerk, H. R. Neely, La Rue, Ark.

Eld. J. W. Allred was elected a member of the Executive Board for a term of three years.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service—H. M. Knox, Tom Smith and C. J. Brodrick.

Resolutions—Geo. Been, J. W. Allred, Loy Archer.

Finance—Homer Boydstun, Thomas Ingmire and George Vanhook.

Temperance—O. T. Allred, J. B. Johnson, and A. L. Howard.

Obituary—Elmer Lawson, Cecil O. Garrison and Roy Blackburn.

Union of Churches—Sammy Lane, Harlan Phillips and W. E. Lynch.

Sunday School—Mary G. Samuel, Elsie Bland and Lutie Jones.

Committee on Divine Service announced Elders O. T. Allred and J. B. Johnson to fill the stand Friday night.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association was called together by the Moderator.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 15.

Prayer by Bro. Clark Baker.

Reports of the following ministers were made:

Elders J. W. Allred, Elmer Lawson, Geo. Been, Tommy Ingmire, Clark Baker, W. E. Bland and Cecil O. Garrison.

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

Motion carried to 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.

Committee on Divine Service announced Elders H. M. Knox and Geo. Been to fill the stand at 11:00a. m. Saturday .

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:00 o'clock p. m. Friday.

Concluded Friday night service with the Lord's Supper, with forty-two washing feet.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Song, "I'm Glad."

Scriptural reading, Rev. 21:22-27, by Moderator.

Motion carried to renew Eld. Cecil O. Garrison's certificate as district evangelist for another year.

Motion carried that each church member give ten cents each quarter of the year to support evangelist.

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

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

The Committee on Divine Service announced Elders Sammy Lane and W. E. Bland to fill the stand Saturday night.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

SATURDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Scriptural reading, St. John 14:1-10, by Eld. H. M. Knox. Text, "Know ye God."

Followed by Eld. Geo. Been, who read and commented on the obituaries of our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Scriptural reading, Psalm 125.

Prayer by Eld. Claud Lynch.

Motion carried to dismiss Committee on Divine Service.

Motion carried to adopt a Church Covenant, such as used by the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

Be it Resolved, That we bestow upon Aunt Mary Bland (widow of Eld. G. C. Bland) the office of a delegate at large the rest of her natural life, permitting her to vote upon all our business transactions. This done in reverence, love and esteem for our beloved brother in Christ, Elder G. C. Bland, now deceased.

Be it Resolved, That we have printed in our minute, The name, age and P. O. address of our ministers.

The next session of Old. Mt. Zion Association will be held with Clifty Church, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1939.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. W. Allred to be his alternate.

Motion carried that we represent in Old Union Association, Eld. W. E. Bland and Sister Elba Bland and Eld. Cecil O. Garrison to represent us.

Motion carried that we represent in Indian Creek Association, Eld. J. W. Allred and wife and Eld. Cecil O. Garrison, with Leonard Morriss alternate, to represent us.

By request motion carried to publish in our minute the obituary of Bro. Burnett of Hill Top, Ark.

Be it Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Shady Grove 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 Aug., 1939.

Dismissed with prayer by Eld. J. W. Allred.

Eld. W. E. Bland, Moderator,
Bro. H. R. Neely, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

We recommend that all our people totally abstain from all intoxicating drinks, and be temperate in all things.

We further recommend that we use our influence against the use and sale of intoxicating drinks, as it is one of the greatest evils of our nation.

We believe that no nation can long exist as a nation with drink and its associated evils running rampant as they are today.

O. T. ALLRED,
J. B. JOHNSON,
A. L. HOWARD.

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

We believe that our greatest opportunity to teach God's Word is through the Sunday school. Therefore we urge that each church maintain a Sunday school, and that parents take their children, and also invite their neighbors to go, and take more interest in Sunday school.

We realize that we shall be held responsible for the way we bring up our children.

We believe the pastor of each church should preach at least one sermon each year on Sunday school work.

We believe our Savior laid the foundation for our first Sunday school, while He walked and talked among men. He was found teaching in the synagogue or by the sea shore each Sabbath day. Our Savior taught redemption for all men.

MARY G. SAMUEL,
ELSIE BLAND,
LUTIE JONES.

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

Antioch Church	\$1.25
Mt. Zion Church	3.00
Cottage Hill Church	1.40
Rose Hill Church	2.00
• Clear Creek Church	1.00
New Hope Church	3.44
Pilgrim Rest Church	1.00
Christian Home Church	1.20
Clifty Church	1.60
Shady Grove Church	1.00
Hickory Grove Church	1.70
General contribution	2.91
Total amount received	\$21.50

THOMAS INGMIRE,
HOMER BOYDSTUN,
GEORGE VANHCOK.

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

There seems to be a unity of churches in this Association.

There should be a united effort among all of God's people for the salvation of the lost. Therefore we feel that there must be a unity of the Spirit among all of God's people, that our influence might have the effect that God expects it to have on the world. We believe that is what Paul meant in Romans 12:5.

We recommend that correspondence by messenger and otherwise be maintained between this Association and other religious bodies.

SAMMIE LANE,
HARLAND PHILLIPS,
W. E. LYNCH.

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

Eld. G. C. Bland, Eld. W. R. Burnett, Tom Davis, Jim Morris, Sarah E. (Bouche) Webb, Jane Foster, Mary E. White, Isabelle Walker, Loue Townsend, Ursula M. Bland, Elsie E Pearl Wright, Annie Lynch, and Lula M. Finn.

ELMER LAWSON,
CECIL O. GARRISON,
ROY BLACKBURN.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst and fellowship, our highly esteemed and dearly beloved brother in Christ, Eld. G. C. Bland; Be it Resolved, That this Old Mt. Zion Association bow our heads in humble submission to the will of God, and say, "Thy will be done." And we pray God's blessings upon his bereaved family, and that we go on record as cherishing in our memories his good record. We mourn his going, but pray God's richest blessings on his dear family, and righteous posterity, he has left to serve future generations.

GEORGE BEEN,
J. W. ALLRED,
LOY ARCHER.

OBITUARIES

WEBB—Sarah E. Bouchee Webb departed this life at her home near La Rue, Ark., February 9, 1938, at the age of 68 years.

"Aunt Bug," as she was known by her many friends, was converted at about the age of 17. She united with the Free Will Baptist Church of New Hope, and remained true to the faith until death. She and her husband, A. L. Webb, had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary just a short time before her death. She is survived by her husband, five sons and one daughter.

Farewell, "Aunt Bug," until the resurrection morn when by the grace of God we hope to meet and know you again.

RAY—Ursula M. (Bland) Ray, eldest daughter of G. C. and Mary Bland, was born February 6, 1885, was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist Church of New Hope, at the age of 14, and lived a devoted Christian life.

She was married to Sam Ray March 18, 1906. He having passed away March 18, 1915. Sister Ursula departed this life January 28, 1938.

A verse of poetry found in her possession, supposedly written by herself, is as follows:

Your future lies before you
Like drifts of pure white snow,
Be careful how you tread it,
For every step will show.

BLAND—George Clark Bland was born of Uncle Jack and Melinda Jane Bland on their farm east of La Rue, Arkansas on February 14, 1858. He passed away in Rogers, Ark. March 4, 1938, at the age of 80 years and seventeen days.

He was married to Mary Blackburn of War Eagle, Arkansas, October 5, 1882. His devoted life time partner mourns his death, with nine children, 35 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Brother Bland (Uncle Clark, as he was often called) professed Christ in early manhood, joined the New Hope Church of Free Will Baptist at La Rue, of which he was a faithful member until his death.

He was licensed to preach as a minister in August, 1906, was ordained the following year, and preached the Gospel 32 years. The Lord blessed his efforts. Now he is gone; but his influence will live on and on through the years.

WRIGHT—Elsie E. P. Wright passed away December 11, 1936, at her home near Springdale, Arkansas. She was born May 30, 1898. She was married to John E. Wright July 16, 1914. To this union were born five sons and two daughters.

WALKER—Isabelle Walker died December 1, 1937, at her home in the Brush Creek community east of Springdale, Ark.

Sister Walker was born July 16, 1873. She is survived by her husband, F. M. Walker, and a number of other relatives.

She was a member of Pilgrim Rest Church, and lived a faithful life until death.

FINN—Lula M. Finn, daughter of D. H. and Bessie Finn, was born May 11, 1904, near La Rue, and died April 17, 1938.

Lula professed a hope in Christ early in life, joined the Free Will Baptist Church of New Hope, and lived and died in the faith she professed.

She leaves to mourn her going her parents, four brothers and three sisters, and a host of friends and relatives.

Farewell, loved one, we hope by the grace of God to meet you again on Heaven's bright shore.

WHITE—Mary E. White died at the home of her son John, east of Springdale, September 22, 1937, at the age of 71 years. She was born March 21, 1866. She is survived by two daughters and four sons, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

FOSTER—Jane Foster passed away January 25, 1937. She was born January 27, 1860, professed a hope in Christ in 1880, joined the Primitive Baptist Church in Carroll County, Ark. in 1910. She united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Antioch, lived a devoted Christian life until death.

She was married to Lige Foster in 1887. To this union was born eight children, five sons and three daughters. All were present except two when she passed away.

We know our loss is God's gain: She is gone but not forgotten.

TOWNSEND—Lou Townsend was born June 6, 1856, died August 8, 1937. She was united in marriage to James Townsend at about the age of eighteen years. To this union was born twelve children. Surviving are ten children, 54 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ several years ago, united with the Free Will Baptist Church of New Hope.

LYNCH—Sister Annie Lynch was born in Kentucky, January 23, 1876, came to Arkansas at the age of twelve years, was united in marriage to B. F. Lynch in 1896. To this union was born three daughters and one son. All were at her bedside when death claimed her.

She united with the Baptist Church at an early age.

She leaves her husband, four children, her father, W. M. Hammons, two brothers and five sisters, and a host of friends to mourn her going.

BURNETT—William R. Burnett was born in Kentucky, March 3, 1857. He was married to Sarah E. Butler January 28, 1877. To this union was born ten children. His wife and seven children preceded him in death. He was married to Fannie Beller on September 20, 1914. He had lived at Hill Top since 1894.

Eld. Burnett was converted at the age of 17 years. He was a Baptist preacher for 64 years. He had not been able to do active church work for the past ten years. He passed away May 23, 1938.

He leaves to mourn his going his wife, two sons and one daughter, 39 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, one brother and a host of friends. Our loss is his gain. We miss father, but God takes care of him.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place made vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

MORRISS—James R. Morriss was born April 6, 1873, and departed this life November 8, 1937.

He was married to Jennie Kate Bragg May 5, 1894. To this union was born twelve children, eleven of whom are still living. He professed a hope in Christ several years ago and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Burkshed, remaining a member there until his death, telling his family a few hours before his death, "All is well; I am ready to go."

He was a kind loving husband and father and brother, was loved by all. He leaves his true and faithful wife, children and grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his going.

He has just gone over Jordan,
Only gone over home;
Blessed are they which die in the Lord.

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 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 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 Mount 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
Mt Zion	1866	J. W. Allred	J. W. Allred	Berry Puryear	Spring Val., Ark.	9	1	0	2	0	2	114
New Hope	1886	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	E. P. McGinnis	La Rue, Ark.	6	0	3	0	0	5	90
Hickory Grove	1886	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	I. T. Lynch	Clifty, Ark.	3	0	2	9	0	1	40
Christian Home	1892	Elmer Lawson	Claud Lynch	Mary Gosvener	Hindsville, Ark.	5	0	0	0	0	0	27
Clifty	1892	W. E. Bland	W. E. Bland	Geo. Vanhook	Mundell, Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Antioch	1910			J. A. Smith	Marble, Ark.	0	0	0	1	2	1	37
Pilgrim Rest	1911	J. B. Johnson	J. B. Johnson	Edith Barnes	Spring Val., Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	1	180
Clear Creek			Claud Lynch	Thos. Ingmire	Clifty, Ark.	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Edna Blackburn	La Rue, Ark.	9	1	1	0	0	0	11
Newly Organized ...												
Rose Hill	1937	Lester Cline	Sammy Lane	Jack Hobbs	Marble, Ark.	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Cottage Hill	1938	J. W. Allred	J. W. Allred	Carry Miles	Best, Ark.	13	3	0	0	0	0	23

1. Experience and Baptism	59	4. Dismissed by letter	12
2. Recommendation	5	5. Excluded	2
3. Received by letter	6	6. Died	10
Total Membership		601	

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Postoffice
Geo. Been	56 ⁷	Springdale, Ark.
J. M. Watson	56	Marble, Ark.
H. M. Knox	31	La Rue, Ark.
Elmer Lawson	56	Best, Ark.
Thomas Ingmire	43	Clifty, Ark.
Calvin Knox	64	La Rue, Ark.
Willie Capps	30	Eureka Springs, Ark.
J. W. Allred	67	La Rue, Ark.
Claud Lynch	44	Clifty, Ark.
W. E. Bland	35	La Rue, Ark.
Sammy Lane	29	Hindsville, Ark.
Cecil O. Garrison	28	La Rue, Ark.
J. H. Roberts	67	Springdale, Ark.
Bruce Phillips	35	Springdale, Ark.
R. A. Smith	--	Marble, Ark.

Licensed Minister

Clark Baker	39	La Rue, Ark.
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