

The
Old Mt. Zion Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1942

Proceedings of the
One Hundred First
Annual Session

Convened at
New Hope Church
Near La Rue, Arkansas

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

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OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

New Hope Church, near La Rue, Arkansas,
August 7th and 8th, 1942.

OFFICERS

Moderator,	H. M. Knox,	La Rue, Arkansas
Clerk,	H. R. Neely,	La Rue, Arkansas

The next annual session of this association will be held with Hickory Grove Church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1943.

Eld. Bill Oxford to preach the introductory sermon;
Eld. Claud Lynch, alternate.

Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

George Been	61
J. H. Roberts	72
Elmer Lawson	61
C. Knox	71
W. E. Bland	40
Claude Lynch	49
Sammie Lane	34
H. M. Knox	36
Willie Capps	35
Thos. Ingmire	48
J. W. Allred	72
C. O. Garrison	34
Bruce Phillips	40
Clark Baker	42
Jack Hobbs	

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

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 101 session of the Old Mt. Zion Association was called to order by moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

Song, "Amazing Grace".

Moderator read Ephesians 3:7-21.

Prayer by Eld. George Been.

Eld. Cecil O. Garrison filled the sacred stand by reading 1st. Chapter of Jude, text Jude 1:3.

After the sermon, the churches were called and delegates given right hand of fellowship and invited to seats:

Mt. Zion -- Robert Puryear, Ola Puryear and Lucy Phillips.

New Hope -- Forest Bland, Clyde Bland and Rosa Webb.

Christian Home -- Della Evans.

Clifty -- Fannie Prickett, Maggie Vanhook and Nora Vanhook.

Antioch --

Pilgrims Rest -- Burl True and Wilma True.

Clear Creek -- Ruby Vanhook and Jeff Haynes.

Shady Grove -- Harvey Henson, Loy Bland and Bertha Fariester.

Rose Hill -- Clyde Walker and Ray Jennings.

Cottage Hill -- Grace Ray and Mary G. Samuels.

Rock -- Jim Metcalf and Sister Bill Oxford.

Hickory Grove -- Ayden McCoy, Alvin Cook and Isaac Lynch.

Corresponding Associations

Indian Creek -- O. T. Allred, J. B. Rollins and W. K. Weston.

Old Union -- by letter.

Election of Officers

Eld. H. M. Knox, of La Rue, elected moderator.

H. R. Neely, of La Rue, elected clerk.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service -- Dow Boydstun, Elbert Lynch and Nora Vanhook.

Resolutions -- Elders George Been, Bill Oxford and Elmer Lawson.

Temperance — Mary G. Samuels, Loy Bland and Rosa Webb.

Finance — Harvey Henson, Clyde Walker and Harry Wright.

Sunday School — Ruby Vanhook, Bertha Fariester and Ola Puryear.

Obituaries — Bruce Phillips, J. W. Allred and Robert Puryear.

Non Represented Churches — Cecil O. Garrison, Jack Hobbs and Loy Archer.

Union of Churches — Fannie Prickett, Claud Lynch and Pierce Kirk.

Elders Bill Oxford and Claud Lynch appointed to fill the stand Friday night.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading, 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Report of Held Over Committee received and committee discharged.

The following ministers made reports: George Been, Elmer Lawson, Bruce Phillips, Pierce Kirk, Bill Oxford, Claud Lynch, J. W. Allred, J. H. Roberts and Willie Capps.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning, 9:00 o'clock.

Prayer by W. K. Weston.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A splendid sermon was delivered by Elders Bill Oxford and Claud Lynch.

After the Communion service 46 brethren and sisters washed feet.

SATURDAY FORENOON SESSION

Scripture reading, Psalms 23, by moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

Prayer by Eld J. H. Roberts.

Report on Sunday Schools received and committee discharged.

Report on temperance received and committee discharged.

Report on Resolutions given. Motion to receive report and to retain committee.

Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Resolution No. 3 rejected.

Resolution No. 4 adopted.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox, read 14th chapter of St. John; text, 3rd verse, "If I go I will come again".

Prayer by moderator.

A wonderful sermon was preached by the moderator; followed by an able address by Eld. George Been.

Elders Willie Capps and Bruce Phillips to fill the stand Saturday night.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Jack Hobbs.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading, Romans 10th chapter.

Prayer by Eld. Robert Youngman.

Edward Sunday, A. L. Barswell and Robert Youngman were seated as visiting brethren.

Report of committee on Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Report of District Evangelist, Eld. Cecil O. Garrison: Held 11 revivals; preached 176 sermons; professions witnessed, 87; additions to church, 31; Baptized, 42; funerals 14; married 2 couples, miles traveled, 2,405; free will offering, \$240.10; money from 10 cent offering, \$95.40.

Elected Eld. Cecil O. Garrison for another year as district evangelist.

Elected Eld. Willie Capps for a term of 3 years on executive board.

Motion carried to represent in State Association by letter.

Motion carried to represent in Old Union Association by delegates as follows: Willie Capps, Clara Capps and Bill Oxford.

Motion to represent in Indian Creek Association by delegates: Loy Archer, Bruce Phillips and H. F. Phillips.

The next session of the Old Mt. Zion Association will be held with Hickory Grove church, convening on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1943 at 10:00 o'clock. Eld. Bill Oxford to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. Claud Lynch to be his alternate.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Edward Sunday.

Be it Resolved, That we, the entire body of preachers, deacons, delegates and visitors of Old Mt. Zion Association pay our tribute of respect and gratitude of thanks to the New Hope church and community for their hospitality and courtesy shown us during our stay among them, and we pray God's blessing upon them in both spiritual and temporal blessings.

H. M. Knox, Moderator,
H. R. Neely, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

We realize strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Therefore we recommend that every child of God use their utmost influence against the sale and usage of intoxicating drink. The scripture says "woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest drunk, also that thou mayest look on their nakedness, Hab. 2:15.

Mary G. Samuels,
Loy Bland,
Rosie Webb.

UNION OF CHURCHES — We, your Committee on Union of Churches, find our churches in union as far as we are able to ascertain. We feel the great need in the perilous times to live a closer walk in unity and have to take a firm stand against all unsound doctrine in our churches, we recommend and pray that all would read the book of Jude prayerfully and take a firm stand for the right.

Fannie Prickett,
P. G. Kirk,
W. C. Lynch.

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

Hickory Grove Church	\$3.75
Pilgrims Rest Church	5.00
Rose Hill Church	2.00
Clifty Church	2.30
Shady Grove Church	3.00
Antioch Church	
Rock Church	3.00
Clear Creek Church	2.65
Cottage Hill Church	3.65
Christian Home	3.30
New Hope Church	6.50
Mt. Zion Church	5.50
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Total	\$40.65

Harry Wright,
Clyde Walker,
Harry Henson.

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

The Sunday School is a school with one text book, The Bible. We wish each parent could realize how important it is to take their children to Sunday School, so they may learn the great plan of salvation.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6.

We surely believe God will hold parents responsible for the way they bring up their children.

We believe the pastor should preach at least one sermon each year on Sunday School.

Ruby Vanhook,
Ola Puryear,
Bertha Fariester.

NON REPRESENTED CHURCHES — We, your Committee on Non Represented Churches, submit the following.

We find the Antioch church not represented. Upon investigation, we find the church is weak and is unable to get a quorum together to elect delegates to the association. We recommend

the association carry the church for further investigation, and we request that the association send some minister or ministers to hold them a revival and try to get it revived to where they will represent.

Eld. Jack Hobbs,

Eld. Cecil Garrison,

W. A. McCoy.

RESOLUTIONS — No. 1, Be it Resolved, That as our nation is at war with all the horror that war could mean and world chaos rampant, that we call upon our churches to rally their full duty in attending church service and support religious work, and worship to the uttermost of their ability and strive to warn our young men, especially, to fear God and to keep His commandments. Oh God, help us to hold up Christian morale and pioussness in our own life and churches.

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That we commend our churches for the splendid way in which they have responded to the financial support of the church during the past year. But we appeal to all of our church people for a greater support of our home mission work in order that your board may be able to send a missionary into new communities where there is no church, and thereby carry the gospel to the lost and strive to rescue the perishing.

Eld. George Been,

Eld. Elmer Lawson,

Eld. Bill Oxford.

OBITUARIES

RICE — Enoch Matthew Rice was born August 22, 1900; died March 7, 1942. He was married October 6, 1941, to Irene Oxford.

Besides his wife, he leaves four brothers: George Rice, Lewie Rice, Absolum Rice, and Charles Jefferson Rice; two sisters, Mrs. Manda Hancock and Mrs. Jane Evans to mourn his passing.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church and served God the best he could. We hope our loss is his eternal gain.

CLARK — Nellie Myrtle Day was born January 7, 1874, near Springfield, Illinois, and died at her home near Clifty, Arkansas, March 29, 1942, at the age of 68 years, 2 months and 22 days.

She came to Arkansas when a very small girl and has spent her life near Clifty except for brief visits in the homes of her children.

She was married to James A. Clark in 1889, and to this union twelve children were born. She was a member of the Clear Creek church since its organization, and was a faithful member until ill health prevented her attending. During her long illness her faith in God was so strong that she never questioned why sorrow and trouble came, but looked confidently forward to the just award awaiting her.

BOYDSTUN — Horace Patterson Boydstun was born near La Rue, Arkansas, February 4, 1867; died May 23, 1942.

He was married to Margaret I. Della Neely August 21, 1889. She passed away February 25, 1936.

He was converted in early manhood, joined the Free Will Baptist church at New Hope and lived a devoted life until death.

He leaves six sons, one daughter, twenty-one grandchildren, one great grand-daughter, and a host of friends to mourn his leaving.

HOMSLEY — Steve Homsley was born February 12, 1867; died December 6, 1941, at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 24 days.

He was married to Nettie Johnson on December 27, 1891. To this union was born three children, one daughter, Mrs. Edna Vansandt, two sons, Floy and Vernon.

Bro. Homsley professed a hope in Christ when a young man and united with the Baptist church. About ten years ago he united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrims Rest and remained a devoted life to his church, Sunday School and home.

He was patient, kind and loving and esteemed by those who knew him, but our loss is his eternal gain.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ASSOCIATION

Church	Organ- ized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips.	Bruce Phillips	Fauine Phillips	8	...	...	...	...	1	128
New Hope	1886	Bruce Phillips.	H. M. Knox.	Dow Boydston .....	...	...	...	...	...	1	118
Hickory Grove	1886	Bill Oxford ...	Bill Oxford ..	Willie Bohanan .....	...	...	...	1	...	...	66
Christian Home	1892	Bill Oxford ...	Bill Oxford ..	Susie Davis .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox....	H. M. Knox..	George Vanhook .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Antioch	1910				8	...	...	...	...	...	107
Pilgrims Rest	1911	Bruce Phillips.	Bruce Phillips	Jewel Everett	7	...	...	2	...	1	264
Clear Creek		Bruce Phillips.	Bruce Phillips	Thos. Ingmire	2	...	...	...	...	1	18
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox....	H. M. Knox..	Fern Clark .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Rose Hill	1937	Lester Cline...	Lester Cline .	Ray Jennings	5	...	...	...	...	...	21
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford ...	Bill Oxford ..	Mary Samuels	1	...	...	...	1	...	20
Rock	1938	Bill Oxford ...	Bill Oxford ..	P. F. Stafford	5	...	...	...	...	...	62
Totals					36	...	...	3	1	4	842

1. Experience and Baptism

2. Recommendation

3. Received by Letter

4. Dismissed by Letter

5. Excluded

6. Died

7. Total Membership

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 15:22-47.

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; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

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 way-bill 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; Psalms 51:5, Gen. 3; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

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; I 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; 3:6-9; 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 13:1-17; 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.—2 Pet. 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. **JUDGEMENT.** 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 churches or quarterly meetings 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 Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists, 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, notice having been given in writing, and recorded at the previous session.

Art. 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 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 if necessary before the close of the Association.

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

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

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

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 agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordainance, 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.