

The
Old Mt. Zion Association
of
Free Will Baptists

1943

Proceedings of the
102nd Annual Session

Convened at
Hickory Grove Church

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Hickory Grove Church
August 13th and 14th, 1943,

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 Rock Church, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1944.

Eld. Bruce Phillips to preach the introductory sermon;
Bill Oxford, alternate.

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

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Scripture read by moderator, 14th Chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Eld. R. A. Smith.

Eld. Bill Oxford filled the sacred stand by reading Hebrews 6th Chapter, 16th verse, and delivered a splendid sermon.

A special song by Lynch Quartett, "Press Along Weary Pilgrim."

Eld. Claud Lynch made a brief talk which was good.

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

Mt. Zion — Sister J. H. Roberts, Floy Ingram and Elsie Phillips.

New Hope — Sisters Ursa Neely, Manervia Garrison and Pearl Garrison.

Christian Home — Sisters Lela Lane, Della Evans and Mary Guillians.

Clifty — Clarence Capps, Elsie Capps and Lester Vanhook.

Antioch — J. M. Harp, Bessie Harp and Clyde Smith.

Pilgrims Rest — Bruce Graham, Jack Cogar and Sister Jewel Everett.

Shady Grove — Bertha Fariester, Frances Clark and Naidine Knox.

Rose Hill — Clyde Walker, Clay McGuire and Ray Jennings.

Cottage Hill — Sisters Grace Ray, Ruth Samuel and Mary G. Samuel.

Rock — J. H. Metcalf and Sister Leona Metcalf.

Hickory Grove — Ayden McCoy; Lieu Stafford and Robert Lynch.

Clear Creek — Ruby Vanhook, Lutie Jones and Albert Todd.

Corresponding Association

Old Union — Cliff Sugg, Hester Sugg and Dora Dodson.

Election of Officers

H. R. Neely, re-elected clerk.

Eld. H. M. Knox, re-elected moderator.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service — Lieu Stafford, Ursa Neely, and Elsie Capps.

Resolutions — Elders George Been, J. W. Allred and Bruce Phillips.

Temperance — Pearl Garrison, Ray Jennings and Grace Ray.

Finance — Robert Lynch, Frances Clark and Manervia Garrison.

Sunday School — Sisters Mary G. Samuel, Leona Metcalf and J. H. Roberts.

Obituaries — C. O. Garrison, Clyde Walker and Loy Archer.

Union of Churches — Bill Oxford, Floy Ingram and Burrel True.

Elders C. O. Garrison and J. A. Green to fill stand Friday night.

Friday morning session adjourned.

Prayer by Elder J. W. Allred.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading, 3rd chapter of Corinthians.

Prayer by Eld. C. O. Garrison.

Report of ministers: J. H. Roberts, Thos. Ingmire, Jack Hobbs, H. M. Knox, Pierce Kirk, Bill Oxford and Burrel True.

Elder C. O. Garrison, district evangelist, gave the following report:

Since Association 1942 I have held 17 revivals, preached 188 sermons, witnessed 98 conversions, baptized 44. Additions to church 52. Preached 18 funerals, married one couple, revived Antioch Church, traveled 3433 miles. Received from Free Will offering \$465.02. Received from 10cts Free Will offering \$119.80. Expense \$166.87. Amt. left \$417.95.

Visiting Brothers: J. A. Green, Loyd Talley and Amos Howard.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. J. A. Green.
Eld. George Been and W. E. Bland to fill stand at 11 o'clock Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A fine sermon was delivered by C. O. Garrison and J. A. Green, and after communion services 63 washed feet.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture 23rd Psalm read by moderator.

Prayer by Eld. George Been.

Report on Sunday Schools received and committee discharged.

Report on temperance received and committee discharged.

Report on union of churches received and committee discharged.

Report on obituaries received and committee discharged.

Report on finance received and committee discharged.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Loyd Talley.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Eld. W. E. Bland read part of the 11th chapter of St. John and 1st chapter of Revelations, and delivered a splendid sermon.

Eld. George Been read obituaries and made a splendid talk on same.

Elected Bro. Burrel True to serve a term of 3 years on executive board.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. W. E. Bland.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture read by moderator, 4th chapter of Malachi.

Prayer by Eld. Jack Hobbs.

Report of resolution received.

Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Re-elected Eld. C. O. Garrison as district evangelist for an other year.

Resolution No. 4 adopted.

Elders Willie Capps and H. M. Knox to fill stand Saturday night.

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association is to convene with Rock Church on Friday before the second Sunday in August 1944, at 10 o'clock. Eld. Bruce Phillips to preach the introductory sermon, Bill Oxford is alternate.

We are to represent in Old Union Association, Frances Oxford, George Lynch and Charley Lynch as volunteer delegates.

We are to represent in Indian Creek Association by letter.

We are to represent in State Association either by delegate or letter.

The clerk is ordered to have 400 minutes printed and to send to Old Union 50 copies.

BILL OF THANKS

Be it resolved this entire delegated body of ministers, deacons and elected delegates, extend our sincere heart felt thanks of appreciation to the Hickory Grove Church and Community for their loyalty, hospitality and untiring effort in the way in which they have so lovingly and successfully cared for us during our stay among them, and may God richly bless them is our prayer.

H. M. Knox, moderator

H. R. Neely, clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

In the book of Isaiah 5th chapter, 11th verse we read these words, "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink, that continue until night 'till wine inflame them."

Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction.

You often hear some people say that they partake of this awful thing just to drown their trouble, but instead they are drowning their own souls. Oh! If they would just take their troubles to the Lord.

God help us Christians to be more concerned.

Pearl Garrison,
Ray Jennings,
Grace Ray.

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

We believe all churches should maintain a Sunday school. We believe all Sunday school teachers should be Christians and their chief aim to lead their pupils to Christ.

We believe parents should go to Sunday school and take their children, for the Bible says "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 do believe God will hold parents responsible for the way they bring up their children.

Mary G. Samuels,
Ollie Roberts,
Leona Metcalf.

UNION OF CHURCHES—We, your committee on Union of Churches, find our churches in union so far as we are able to ascertain, and we do feel the great need in these latter days in which we now live, for a close union among churches and also associations, therefore, we feel we should take a more firm stand against unsound doctrine in our churches which has a tendency to cause a discord among the laity of our churches and God's faithful children everywhere. Paul said "for us to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace Eph. 4:3".

Bill Oxford,
Burl True,
Floy Ingram

OBITUARIES.—We, your committee on obituaries, find that eight of our beloved brothers and sisters have passed from labor to reward, as follows: Joseph L. Lane, Rufus Johnson, Alvin Cook, John Wright, Alice Dennis Nelson, Jane McCoy Evans, Nina Morris Murry, and A. S. McGinnis.

Cecil O. Garrison,
Clyde Walker,
Loy Archer.

FINANCE—We, your committee on finance submit the following:

Antioch Church	\$ 6.20
Mt. Zion Church	7.10
Rose Hill Church	2.00
Clear Creek Church	3.00
Cotage Hill Church	3.10
Pilgrim Rest	4.25
Hickory Grove	6.00
New Hope	8.30
Rock Church	2.50
Clifty Church	2.85
Christian Home	2.50
Shady Grove Church	2.20
Total	\$50.00

Manerva Garrison,
Francis Clark,
Robert Lynch.

RESOLUTIONS — No. 1, Be it Resolved, That we consider Sugar Creek Church still a member of this Association and that we send Eld. H. M. Knox to hold them a revival meeting with an attempt to revive their church, and this Association support Bro. Knox.

No. 2 — Be it Resolved, That we adopt resolution No. 2 of last year and particular on home mission funds.

No. 3 — Be it Resolved, That our pastors shall read the church covenant to their churches once a month and call the churches attention to same as our obligated duty.

No. 4 — Be it Resolved, That Article 2 of our Constitution be corrected to read Old Mt. Zion Association instead of Arkansas Association.

Eld. Geo. Been,
Eld. J. W. Allred,
Eld. Bruce Phillips.

OBITUARIES

LANE — Joseph L. Lane was born April 27, 1862, and died Marsh 10th, 1943, at the age of 80 years, 10 months, and 11 days. He was married to Lucy A. Woolsey who died Oct. 29, 1939. To this union was born 9 children, 5 girls and 4 boys. The girls, Mrs. Anna Cook, Mrs. Mary Guilliams, Mrs. Nellie Wade, Mrs. Goldie Donaghey, and Mrs. Mable Donaghey. The boys, James J., Robert, Albert, and Sammie Lane.

Brother Joe, as he was better known joined the Christian Church in early life, became dissatisfied and later in life was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist at Christian Home Church. He lived a devoted and prayerful life. He was patient, kind and loving and esteemed by all who knew him. He bore his illness with patience. Our loss is his gain. He is just another jewel for heaven. He said "weep not for me, but meet me up yonder where no parting tears will be shed."

A place is vacant in our home a voice we loved is stilled, until we meet in the great beyond.

May God help us to be an unbroken family around the throne of God.

COOK — Alvin C. Cook, age 75 years, died July 24, 1943, at his home near Clifty. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Cecil Garrison and burial was in the Austin cemetery at 2:30 Sunday. Songs for the service were furnished by the Lynch quartett. The Bruce Brashears undertaking Co. had charge of the arrangements.

The deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Henry L. of Springfield, Mo., Herman of Okla., Frederick of La Rue, Thomas of Clifty, and Isaac of Fayetteville, Mrs. Margaret Luck, and Mrs. Bernie Burks of Clifty.

Bro. Alvin was converted September 1888 and joined Old Mt. Zion Church, but later moved his membership to Hickory Grove, and was a faithful member until God called him home. By his request he had a sister who was converted and they joined the church together and walked hand in hand together, Sister Almeda Lee, who preceded him in death.

JOHNSON — Rufus Johnson was born in Illinois September 7, 1857, and departed this life June 2, 1943.

He spent 46 years of his life in the (Pleasant Valley) Clifty Church community. Bro. Johnson did much of the building and establishing of the church here. He was always ready to lend a helping hand.

He was converted in early manhood, joined the Free Will Baptist church in the year of 1934.

Uncle Rufus as his many friends knew him will be greatly missed. We feel sure we will meet again some day, where sorrow and parting are no more, where the bloom of youth fadeth not away.

Funeral services were held at the Beulah Union Church where

he had lived for the past several years. The body was laid to rest in the Beulah Union cemetery. Eld. Cecil Garrison officiated.

EVANS — Mrs. Jane (McCoy) Evans was born in Madison Co., Arkansas, April 14, 1881, and departed this life November 12, 1942, at the age of 61 years, 7 months and 2 days.

She was united in marriage to John Thomas Evans December 4, 1898. To this union was born one child, Elbert. She has 2 grand children, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and lived a devoted life until death. She was a member of Christian Home Church.

She was a kind, loving mother. She will be missed by her friends and neighbors, but God has called her home where there will be no more sorrow, grief nor pain.

But now she must be happy as she wanders through heavenly lanes, but we feel in our grief and sorrow, that our loss is heaven's gain.

WRIGHT — John Randolph Wright was born in Lawrence Co. Mo., August 28, 1867, and departed this life July 28, 1943, at the age of 75 years and 11 months.

He was united in marriage to Clara Collins October 14, 1894. To this union was born 3 sons, Everett, Harry, and Roy and 1 daughter, May Roark.

Brother Wright professed a hope in Christ in 1908 and united in the church and was a loyal and faithful member until death. He was a deacon of Pilgrims Rest Church and was always faithful to his duties.

He leaves his faithful wife, 4 children, 19 grand children and 4 great grand children to mourn his going.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Eld. Bruce Phillips, assisted by Eld. George Been. Burial was in Joyce cemetery.

NELSON — Alice Dennice Nelson was born in Barry Co., Mo., November 27, 1863, and departed this life January 28, 1943, at the age of 76 years.

She was united in marriage to W. J. Nelson. To this union was born 14 children, 9 boys and 5 girls.

She leaves to mourn her going 10 children, a host of relatives and friends.

She was united with the church at Clifty, where she was a

faithful member until the Lord called her home.

In Silence she suffered,
In patience she bore,
'Til God called her home
To suffer no more.
Peaceful be thy rest dear mother,
'Tis sweet to breathe thy name,
While in life we loved you dearly
Still in death we do the same.
She has lived a life of toiling,
And her labors here are done,
Cold in death her hands are folded,
Gone her sorrows every one.

By a daughter, Mrs. Belle Smith

The Church wishes to add the following: Sister Nelson was one of those dependable, God loving, old fashioned mothers. To know her was to love her. The Church feels it has lost one of its most able members.

MURRAY — Nina Morris Murray was born February 25, 1906, in Madison Co. and moved to Benton Co. in 1924. She died March 10, 1943, after an extended illness at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris, near Vaughn.

She was converted at the age of 12 and united with the Free Will Baptist church.

She was united in marriage to John S. Murray November 25, 1934.

She is survived by her husband and an adopted son, father, mother, brother and a sister.

Funeral services were held March 12th. Rev. Upton of Bentonville officiating. Burial was in the Barron cemetery.

Nina, as she was known, was of a loveable disposition, kind and generous and deeply religious, a Christian in every respect. She was a good wife and mother, a good daughter and sister.

She bore her long illness bravely and with a smile. Her trust in God never faltered.

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It need'st must be since she lingers there.
And you, O! You, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return,
Think of her faring on as dear in the love of there,
As the love of here.

McGINNIS — Albert Sidney Mc Ginnis was born January 30, 1880, near Glade, Ark., and died October 31, 1942.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Bland December 21 1902. To this union was born 4 sons and 2 daughters.

He united with the Free Will Baptist church at New Hope, in early manhood.

**In Memoriam
BROTHER A. S. MCGINNIS**

Death has again entered our sanctuary and called from labor to refreshments our beloved Brother A. S. MCGINNIS.

His walks among us are no more. The vacant chair will recall to the minds, a friendly grasp of the hand and wise counsel that cheered many a despondent Brother. He has obeyed the call from the Supreme Architect, crossed the Jordan, and entered the Celestial Lodge above, that House, not made by hands, eternally in the heavens to receive the wages of those guided through life by the great Lights in Masonry.

Though we no more hear his voice, nor feel the friendly clasp of the hand, our Brother is not forgotten and will be remembered by his acts of charity, love and kindness.

Brother McGinnis was born near Glade, Arkansas, January 30, 1880, married to Miss Ethel Bland, December 21, 1902. To this union was born six children, four sons and two daughters. The two youngest sons were in the armed forces of our country at the time of his death.

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence saw fit to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, therefore be it resolved:

First: That as a Mason, he was ever faithful to the trusts reposed in him, and has left us an example worthy of imitation.

Second: That by his death his Lodge has lost one of its most useful members, the church a devoted Christian, the community one of its best citizens, and his family a devoted husband and father.

Third: That this Memorial be spread upon the minutes and a copy be sent to each member of the bereaved family.

Fraternally,

War Eagle Lodge No. 429 F. & A. M.

A. L. Webb,

A. E. L. Bland,

Dow Boydston, — Committee.

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; 3:5-6; 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 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; I 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.—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; I 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.—I 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; I 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.

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 Saviour.

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.

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 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 at any regular session.

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

NAMES, ADDRESSES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

George Been, Springdale, RR 2	62
J. W. Allred, Rogers	73
J. H. Roberts, Springdale, RR 2	71
C. Knox, La Rue	71
H. M. Knox, Rogers, Star Rt.	37
C. O. Garrison, Clifty	33
W. E. Bland, Rogers	41
Bruce Phillips, Springdale, RR 2	40
Willie Capps, Rogers, Star Rt.	36
Elmer Lawson, Best	61
Claud Lynch, Clifty	50
Sammie Lane, Hindsville	35
Thos. Ingmire, Hindsville	49
Jack Hobbs, Marble, RR 1	39
Clark Baker, Rogers	43
R. A. Smith, Marble, RR 1	77
P. G. Kirk, Rogers, Star Rt.	57
Bill Oxford, Rogers, Star Rt.	42

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Burl Tite, Springdale, RR 2	37
Loyd Edmonson, Best	

Church	Organ- ized	Retir'ng Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Fauline Phillips	2			2	1	1	122
New Hope	1886	I. M. Knox	H. M. Knox ..	Dow Boydstun	1					1	119
Hickory Grove	1886	Bill Oxford ..	Bill Oxford ..	Willie Bohannan	2					1	68
Christian Home ...	1892	Bill Oxford ..	Bill Oxford ..	Mrs. Earl Davis						2	26
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	George Vanhook						2	107
Antioch	1910		Lester Cline.	Arnold Smith	25						36
Filgrims Rest	1911	Bruce Phillips	Bill Oxford ..	Jewel Everett	3				3	1	267
Clear Creek		Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Thomas Ingmire							18
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox..	Fern Clark	1						30
Rose Hill	1937	Lester Cline ..	Lester Cline.	Ray Jennings	10						31
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford ..	Bill Oxford ..	Mary G. Samuel	1			1			20
Rock	1938	Bill Oxford ..	H. M. Knox.	P. F. Stafford	12						72
				Totals	57			3	4	8	916

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| 1. Experience and Baptism | |
| 2. Recommendation | 5. Excluded |
| 3. Received by Letter | 6. Died |
| 4. Dismissed by Letter | 7. Total Membership |