

The
Old Mt. Zion Association
of
Free Will Baptist

1944

Proceedings of the
103rd Annual Session

Convened at
Rock Church

MINUTES

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Rock Church
August 11th. and 12th., 1944

OFFICERS

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

The next annual session of this association will be held with Pilgrim's Rest Church, beginning at ten o'clock a.m. on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1945.

Eld. Willie Capps to preach the introductory sermon; H. M. Knox, 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 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 103 session of the Old Mt. Zion Association was called to order by moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Scripture reading by moderator; 3rd chapter of 2nd. Corinthians.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Eld. Bruce Phillips, read as a text, 8th. verse of 5th. chapter of 1st. Timothy, delivered a splendid sermon, prayer by Eld. C. O. Garrison. Eld. Bill Oxford as alternate followed and delivered a good talk.

Church letters were then called for and the following responded and delegates given right hand of fellowship and invited to seats:

Antioch—Loss Wood, Heln Wood and Heln Duvall.

Mt. Zion—Fread Archer, Hette Pnyear and Charley Bagwell.

Rose Hill—Mrs. Jack Hobbs.

Clear Creek—Ruby Vanhook, Ula Todd and Lilueta Jones.

Cottage Hill—Effie Anderson, Mary G. Samuels and Elsie Miles.

Pilgrims Rest—Harry Wright.

Hickory Grove—Isaac Lynch, Gladys Lynch and Willie Bohannon.

New Hope—Pearl Garrison, Elba Bland and Ursa Neely.

Rock—Lottie Fariester, Leona Metcalf and Francis Oxford.

Clifty—Lester Vanhook, Clarence Capps and Maggie Capps.

Christian Home—Katie McGinnis and Viola Noles.

Shady Grove—Naidine Knox, Edna T. Lakin and Frances Clark.

Sister Associations were then called.

Old Union—Jeff Rogers, Eld. Keneth Autrey and Eld. Milise Bowlin.

Indian Creek—O. T. Allred and Winford Davis.

Election of Officers

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

H. R. Neely, re-elected clerk.

Appointment of Committees

Divine Service—Porter Stafford, Clarence Capps and Isaac Lynch.

Resolution—Elds. Geo. Been, Bill Oxford and Bruce Phillips.

Temperance—Ruby Vanhook, Loy Archer and Ursa Neely.

Finance—Loss Wood, Willie Bohannon and Edna T. Lakin.

Sunday School—Katie McGinnis, Hettie Puryear and Naidine Knox.

Non Represented Churches—Eld. C. O. Garrison, Geo. Lynch and Saumie Layne.

Obituaries—J. W. Allred, Lester Vonhook and Pearl Garrison.

Union of Churches—Mary G. Samuels, Elba Bland and Frances Clark.

Elders O. T. Allred and Winford Davis to fill sacred stand Friday night.

Friday morning session adjourned. Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading, 4th. chapter of Malachi, by moderator.

Prayer by Eld. R. A. Smith.

Report of ministers: Geo. Been, Bruce Phillips, Bill Oxford, Geo. Lynch, C. O. Garrison, Pierce Kirk, H. M. Knox and R. A. Smith.

Visting Brothers: O. T. Allred and Winford Davis.

Motion to adjourn until Saturday morning 10 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Kenneth Autrey.

Eld. C. O. Garrison and Kenneth Autrey to fill stand Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

A splendid address by O. T. Allred and Winford Davis.

and after communion service, 52 washed feet.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading by moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox, 3rd. chapter of James.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Allred. Song by Eld. Dock McCullough.

Report of Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Report on Obituaries received and committee discharged.

Report on finance received and committee discharged.

Report on temperance received and committee discharged.

Report on union of churches received and committee discharged.

Report on resolutions received.

Resolutions no. 1 approved.

Resolution no. 2 approved.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. W. E. Bland.

Special song by Isaac and Gladys Lynch. "I can hear them singing over there."

A very splendid memorial sermon delivered by Eld. C. O. Garrison.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Bill Oxford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading 33rd. division of Psalms by moderator.

Elders W. E. Bland and Willie Capps to fill the sacred stand Saturday night.

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

Eld. J. W. Allred, elected for a term of 3 years to executive board.

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Ossociation to be held with Pilgrims Rest Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1945, at 10 o'clock. Eld. Willie Capps is to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. H. M. Knox his alternate.

We are to represent in Old Union Association, Willie

Capps, Geo. Lynch and Charley Lynch as volunteer delegates.

We are to represent in Indian Creek Association, Eld. Bruce Phillips and Loy Archer as volunteer delegates.

We are to represent in State Association by letter.

We are to have 400 minutes printed.

Resolution committee made their final report and was discharged.

A donation of \$25.65 by Association to Rock church.

BILL OF THANKS

Be it resolved that we the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association extend our appreciation and gratitude to the people of Rock church for their courtesy, love and respect they have shown us while in their community and in their homes.

H. M. Knox, moderator

H. R. Neely, clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School: We your committee on Sunday School submit the following, we believe all churches should maintain a Sunday School and believe all leaders and teachers should be Christians and their determination to lead their pupils to Christ. We believe parents should go with their children to Sunday School, for the Bible says train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart there from. Prov. 2:26 We truly believe God will hold parents responsible for the way they bring up their children and we trust in God to help us bring our children in the way of the Lord. Kate McGinnis, Hettie Puryear and Nadine Knox.

Union of churches: We your committee on union of churches, submit the following, we find our churches in union, in spirit and truth. We believe that all children of God which are regenerated and born of the Spirit of God, should be in unity in God's blessed work. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133:1.

Mary Gladys Samuel, Francis Clark, Elba Bland.

Temperance: We your committee on temperance realizing since the repeal of the 18th. amendment, the devil

is putting up a strong fight with intoxicating drinks. We feel it is the duty of every child of God's to stand firm for temperance in every way. Denouncing intemperance on every hand. We urge true children of God to put on the whole armor of God without fear and trembling, for the scripture sayth, who hath woe, who hath sorrow, who hath contentions, who hath wounds without cause, who hath redness of eye; they that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine, at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. Therefore we urge our pastors, evangelist and teachers to set forth by practice and example of temperance in all things, Christians watch your vote and elect God fearing men to our various offices.

Ruby Vanhook, Ursa Neely.

Obituaries: We your committee on obituaries find that 4 brothers and 2 precious children have passed from labor to reward as follows: Eld. Elmer S. Lawson, Bro. Jackson Gosvener, Bro. Andrew L. Scott, Bro. M. Davis, Jimmie Boye Vanhook and Tom Earl Davis.

J. W. Allred, Lester Vanhook, Pearl Garrison.

Finance: We your committee on finance submit the following:

New Hope	\$4.95
Cottage Hill	2.25
Shady Grove	2.00
Christian Home	2.60
Clifty	3.80
Pilgrims Rest	3.10
Clear Creek	3.50
Mt. Zion	7.85
Rock	3.75
Hickory Grove	2.40
Rose Hill	2.50
Antioch	3.00
Total	\$41.70

Loss Wood, Willie Bohannon, Edna Thelma Lakin.

Resolutions: No. 1. Be it resolved we commend the Rock church for their splendid work in the Lord, in all of their efforts and especially in building a house of worship and looking forward to their dedicatorial service, praying God's blessings upon them.

No. 2. Be it resolved that we compliment the Home

Mission supporters of Old Mt. Zion Association, for the splendid way in which they have responded for the past seven years to our Home Mission needs, but seeing that the field is ripe to harvest and our obligations are greater and that our pastors co-operate in bringing this duty before all of the churches of this Association in both Home and Foreign Missions.

Eld. Geo. Been, Eld. Bruce Phillips, Eld. Bill Oxford.

OBITUARIES

GOSVENER—Jackson Gosvener was born in Franklin County Ark., Dec. 25, 1862 and departed this life July 9, 1944 at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 14 days.

He was united in marriage to Lary Ann Evans, Feb. 1, 1880, but she departed this life Aug. 20, 1890. To this union 3 girls were born, 2 preceeded him in death.

Later in May 21, 1891, he was united in marriage to Ella Evans to this union was born 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls, 2 died in infancy.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and five children, 28 grand-children and several great grand children, a host of relatives and friends to mourn his going.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with the Free Will Baptist church, July 1, 1905 at Christian Home Church and lived a devoted christian life until God called him home.

Our father from us has gone, he has joined the angels above. His heartaches and sorrows are o'er. He's singing God's praises by night and by day, in heaven on that ever green shore. We miss him in work, we miss him in play, as through this world we sadly roam, but praise the dear Lord, we are trusting in him and striving for that beautiful home.

DAVIS—Robert M. Davis, was born in Tenn. on March 2, 1850 and departed this life Aug. 14, 1943. At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mattie Littrell, Rogers, Ark. at the age of 93 years, 4 months and 14 days.

He professed a hope in Christ about 35 years ago and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Rose Hill Ark. He lived a devoted christian life to the end. He spent much of his time in later years studying the Bible and talking of the wonderful promises which it holds for those who live faithful to the end, he never faltered in his faith.

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

DAVIS—Tom Earl Davis, son of Brother and Sister Earl Davis, was born Feb. 2, 1938 and departed this life July 27, 1944. Age 6 years, 5 months, 25 days. He leaves to mourn his passing, his father, mother, two brothers and four grand parents and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tom Earl was loved by all his playmates.
A beautiful flower has gone away,
We'll meet him again in heaven some day.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Bill Oxford and Eld. C. O. Garrison with burial in Calbough cemetery.

VANHOOK—Jimmie Boye Vanhook, was born in Carroll Co. Ark. near Mundell on Aug. 15, 1934. He departed this life on April 11, 1944 at the Rogers Hospital at the age of 9 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Besides his parents, Lester and Zella, he leaves one sister and three brothers, all of the home, also two grandfathers and a host of other relatives and friends.

Little Jimmie Boye was of a lovable disposition and was always willing to help with the work on the farm, which he loved so well.

He was very obedient to his parents and was loved by his schoolmates and all who knew him.

We know that our loss is heavens gain.

SCOTT—Andrew L. Scott was born in Benton County Ark., September 16, 1880 and departed this life at Tulsa, Okla. August 29, 1943 at the age of 62 years, 11 months and 13 days.

He was married to Dillia May Stafford at Clifty, Ark. Aug. 11, 1904. To this union three children were born. The family moved to Oklahoma in 1924 and the parents with their son have resided east of Vera for three years.

Those who survive are: the wife, the three children, Mrs. Clyde Wright, near Vera; Mrs. Bonnie Norris, Pampa, Texas; and Ray, of the home address; six grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. U. E. Finn, Monett, Mo.; Mrs. L. B. Barnhill, Rio Vista, Calif. and a host of relatives

and friends.

Mr. Scott professed faith in Christ and joined the Free Will Baptist Church in October, 1911 and remained in that faith.

Though he suffered physical afflictions the last 25 years of his life, he was unusually patient and kind toward those who cared for him.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled

A place is vacant in our home

That never can be filled.

He was a loving father and husband

For us he did his best

Until the Lord called him away

To his eternal rest.

He has gone to join the angels

In that bright home so fair

He wants his friends and loved ones

To meet him over there.

Funeral Text: Job 5:26. Subject, "Living a Full Life" by Weston F. Cox. Songs, "Farther Along," "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

LAWSON—Rev. Elmer S. Lawson, age 62, died June 7 at his home near Harue, Arkansas. Funeral service was conducted June 14, 2:00 p.m., by Rev. Bill Oxford and Rev. Cecil Garrison at the Burks Shed church and interment was made in the cemetery there. Music was furnished by the Lynch quartet. The pallbearers were H. R. Neely, John Hatfield, Albert Bland, Horace Knox, Arthur Bland and Fred Cook. The arrangements were directed by the Bruce Brashears Undertaking Company.

The deceased was a Free Will Baptist minister and a member of the old Mt. Zion association, and had been a great help in advancing the cause of Christ and His Kingdom throughout the various communities of his church association. He spent his entire life in the Burks Shed community. His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Etta Rogers Lawson and three sons, Harvey of Clifty, Everett, serving in the armed forces, and Norman of

Larue; also two sisters, Bertie Roles and Flossie Bowlin of Best and five brothers, Jake and Herm of Springdale, Ward and John of Hutchinson, Kas., and Burks of Rogers. There are four grandchildren.

NAMES. ADDRESSES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

George Been, Springdale, R.R. 2	62
J. W. Allred, Rogers	74
J. H. Roberts, Springdale, R.R. 2	72
C. Knox, LaRue	72
H. M. Knox, Rogers, Star Route	38
C. O. Garrison, Huntsville, R.R. 2	34
W. E. Bland, Rogers	42
Bruce Phillips, Springdale, R.R. 2	41
Willie Capps, Rogers, Star Route	37
Claud Lynch, Best	51
Sammie Lane, Clifty, Star Route	36
Thos. Ingmire, Hindsville	50
Jack Hobbs, Marble R.R. 1	40
Clark Baker, Rogers	44
R. A. Smith, Marble, R.R. 1	78
P. G. Kirk, Rogers, Star Route	58
Bill Oxford, Rogers, Star Route	43

LICENSED

Burl True, Oklahoma City	38
Lloyd Edmonson, Best	

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour 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 ex-

ercises 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.

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 2:26; 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 Saviour 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. 23:1; 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 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; 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.

Church	Organ- ized	Retir'ng Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Berry Puryear	4	0	0	0	0	1	125
New Hope	1886	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Dow Boydston	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
Hickory Grove	1886	Bill Oxford ..	Sammie Lane	Willie Bohannan	4	0	0	0	0	0	72
Christian Home ...	1892	Bill Oxford ...	Bill Oxford ..	Kate McGinnis	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Geo. Vanhook	0	0	0	0	0	1	106
Antioch	1910	Lester Cline ..	W. Armstrong	J. A. Smith	0	0	0	1	0	0	53
Pilgrims Rest	1911	Bill Oxford ..	Bruce Phillips	Harry Wright	1	0	0	0	0	0	178
Clear Creek		Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Albert Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Bertha Farriester	3	0	0	0	0	0	27
Rose Hill	1937	Lester Cline	Lester Cline	Mrs. Clyde Walker	0	0	0	1	0	1	20
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford ..	Bill Oxford ..	Ruth Samuel	3	0	0	0	0	0	21
Rock	1938	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox	P. T. Stafford	8	3	0	1	0	0	73
Totals					23	3	0	3	0	3	702

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