

**The
Old Mt. Zion
Association
of
Free Will Baptist**

1945

**Proceedings of the
104th. Annual Session**

**Convened at
Pilgrims Rest Church**

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Pilgrim's Rest Church
August 10th and 11th. 1945

OFFICERS

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

Moderator
Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with Farmer Church, beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in August 1946.

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

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

Association was called to order by moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

Scripture reading by moderator, 2nd. chapter of 1st. Peter.

Prayer by Eld. Geo. Been.

Eld. Willie Capps read 3rd. chapter of Romans. Text, 16 verse of 6th capter of Jeremiah, delivered a good sermon, followed by Eld. H. M. Knox. He too delivered a good sermon.

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

New Hope — Ursa Neely, Pearl Garrison.

Shady Grove — Nadine Knox, Francis Clark.

Christian Home — Susie Davis, Kate McGinnis, Avil McGinnis.

Cottage Hill — Lum Miles, Luther Lane, Elsie Miles.

Clifty — Lester Vanhook, Clarence Capps, Lemine Capps.

Pilgrims Rest — Jack Coger, Harry Wright, Irena Wright

Mt. Zion — Charley Bagwell, Floy Ingerham, Lucy Morriss.

Clear Creek — Lutie Jones.

Rock — Nellie Wilson, Josie Robinson, Francis Oxford.

Hickory Grove — Gladys Lynch, Willie Bohaman, Iva Lynch.

Rose Hill — A. L. Howard, Etta Jennings, Donald Jennings.

Antioch — Loss Wood, Eula Wood, Elmo McKinney.

Sister Associations

Old Union — Jeff Rogers, Lillie Rogers.

Indian Creek — Winford Davis.

Newly Organized Churches

Farmer and Buckeye.

Election of Officers

Eld. H. M. Knox, Moderator.

H. R. Neely, Clerk

Appointment of Committees

Resolution — Elds. Geo. Been, C. O. Garrison, Bruce Phillips.

Finance — Ethel Gladden, Melva Clark, Luther Lane.

Divine Service — Darret Everett, Lester Vanhook, A.

L. Howard.

Temperance — Willie Bohaman, Irene Wright, Ursa Neely.

Sunday School— Luta Jones, Lola Eubanks, Alma Holland.

Obituaries—Bill Oxford, Willie Capps, Arvil McGinnis.
Union of Churches — Pearl Garrison, Rachel Clark, Francis Clark.

Brothers Bill Oxford and Bruce Phillips, to fill sacred stand Friday.

Motion to adjourn until 3 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Bill Oxford.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading by moderator, 8th chapter of Romans.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. Roberts.

Report of Committees

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

Report of committee on Sunday School received and committee discharged. Report of committee on finance received and committee discharged. Report of committee of Obituaries received and committee discharged.

Motion made and received, to have resolutions adopted for one year.

Motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Eld. Cecil Garrison and Eld. W. E. Bland to fill sacred stand Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

An address by Rev. Winford Davis which was good and a contribution of \$65.41 for foreign mission was made

A very splendid sermon made by Elds. Bruce Phillips and Bill Oxford and after communion service 56 washed feet.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading by Moderator, 23 Psalms.

Prayer by Eld. J. W. Allred.

Resolution committee made a partial report and was received. Resolutions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, were adopted. Resolution No. 6 rejected.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. Geo. Lynch.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Scripture reading by moderator, 32nd. Psalms.

Prayer by Eld. Geo. Lynch.

The temperance committee make their report and committee was discharged.

Report of evangelist C. O. Garrison, revivals 11; sermons preached, 190; professions witnessed 58; additions to church, 15; Baptized 39; Churches organized 2 with 27 members. Deacons ordained 4; Funerals conducted, 29; miles traveled 4315. Money received \$1149.90. Expenses of car \$237.92.

The association re-elected Eld. C. O. Garrison as district evangelist for another year.

Eld. Willie Capps was re-elected for a term of 3 years on Executive Board.

Eld. Bruce Phillips was elected for a term of 1 year on Executive Board.

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Motion made and accepted to have 500 minutes printed.

Motion to represent in Old Union association, Eld. J. H. Roberts, Willie Bohaman and Pearl Garrison are volunteer delegates.

Motion to represent in Indian Creek association. Eld. Bruce Phillips and wife, and Loy Archer, are volunteer delegates.

Motion to represent in Cherokee Association, Eld. J. H. Roberts as a volunteer delegate.

Motion to represent in State Association by letter and send \$5.00 for minute fund.

The following ministers make a short report. J. W. Allred, Geo. Lynch, Bill Oxford, J. H. Roberts, Bruce Phillips, Burl True, Geo. Been. Elmo McKinney, Sam Doss, R. A. Smith and H. M. Knox.

Elds. Burl True and Geo. Lynch to fill sacred stand Saturday night.

Eld. J. H. Roberts, to preach at 11 o'clock Sunday.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Sam Doss.

Resolution committee made their final report and were discharged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bill of Thanks

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

Geo. Been, Cecil Garrison, Bruce Philips.
H. M. Knox, Moderator, H. R. Neely, Clerk.

Union of Churches

We, your committee on Union of Churches submit the following: We find our churches in union in spirit and in 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

Pearl Garrison
Rachel Clark
Francis Clark

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 determinations to lead their pupils to Christ. We believe parents should go with their children to Sunday School for the Bible says ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4.

Dola Eubanks
Lutie Jones
Alma Holland

Finance

We, your committee on finance submit the following:

Christian Home Church	\$4.05
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Buckeye Church	5.00
Farmer	4.25
New Hope	9.60
Shady Grove	1.80
Clifty	3.25
Cottage Hill	3.65
Rock	3.64
Pilgrims Rest	7.60
Mt. Zion	7.00
Antioch	7.00
Rose Hill	3.00
Hickory Grove	4.50
Clear Creek	2.50
Total	\$66.84

Ethel Gladden
Melva Clark
Luther Lane

Temperance

We, your committee on temperance realize that strong drink is one of the greatest evils that must be fought and conquered by christian nations. Temperance should be taught first, in the home because parents ordinarily have more influence over a child than any other individual, second in the public schools and by all means should it be stressed in church and Sunday School by pastors, teachers and laymembers, Prov. 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Therefore, if the child has proper training in childhood and youth, then we have the promise of more honorable upright citizens to train our future generations.

For the benefit of our neighbors and friends we as Christians must be temperate at all times. Hab. 2:15

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbors drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

If christians partake of wine and strong drink (even moderately) they are not True Children of God.

Intemperate conduct kills the influence of such christians. We ought to live according to the gospel and not cause our brother to be weak. Romans 14:21 says It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything where-by thy brother stumbleth or is offended or made weak.

We believe that all children of God must be temperate and teach temperance at home, at church, on the street, and in all public places, every time the opportunity affords, continually denouncing intemperance, that we may be worthy of God's calling..

Dear christians remember, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Willie Bohannan

Ursa Neely

Irena Wright

Resolutions

Be it resolved that we the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, realize the fact that according to the divine word of God, and the fulfillment thereof we are now confronted with greater obligations than ever before.

And be it resolved that each church of this association go forth with a greater zeal than ever before to meet them.

2. Be it resolved that each church select a visiting committee to visit any members who are neglecting a attend church and try to ascertain the reason for their neglect and urge their attendance at church.

3. Be it resolved that the deacons are by virtue of their office the financiers of the church to which they belong, and that they should see that their pastors are compensated for their service, also see after the other financial needs of the church.

4. Be it resolved that each pastor read and comment on these resolutions in each church in his charge immediately after the minutes are published, and at any other time that he or the church deem it necessary.

5. Be it resolved that each minister of this association keep a written record of his ministerial work during the year and report the same to the next association to be published in the minutes, and that he state his age and years in service.

Elder Geo. Been

Elder Cecil Garrison

Elder Bruce Phillips

OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries find that death has

called seven brethren and three sisters: Namely, Bros. Charie Mopkins, Irvin W. Jones, Irvin Cox, A. L. Webb, Lenord Bowlin, Jacob W. Blackburn and Raymond Boydstun, who was killed in action in France while serving for our country.

Sisters: Meda Gibson, Lucy Moore and Lottie Marea Wood.

W. L. Oxford

Willie Capps

Arvil McGimis

Brother Lenord Bowlin, son of Mrs. Pearl Bowlin Nolin, was born 1920, and died May 19th 1945, age about 25 years. He was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Burks-shed, We hope our loss is heavens gain.

Sister Winnie Artie Smith, was born February 11, 1905, near Marble Ark. and died at Marble, April 12, 1945.

She was converted and baptized and joined the Antioch Free Will Baptist church about 20 years ago, and remained faithful until death.

She was united in marriage to Samuel L. Doss, 1928. To this union was born 6 children, Arnold, Anna Lee, James, Willie, Earnest and Wilma, who all also passed away April 12, 1945, in the tornado that struck there that day.

Arnold and Anna Lee had professed a hope in Christ and we feel our loss is heavens gain.

Survivors the husband and father, Eld. Samuel L. Doss, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smith, one brother, two sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled,

A place made vacant in our home

Which never can be filled.

Lottie Marea Wood was born at Clifty, Ark. July 10, 1922, and died at Marble, Ark. January 27, 1945, at the age of 22 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

Sister Lottie professed a hope in Christ 5 years ago, and joined the Free Will Baptist church.

After over 10 weeks of suffering her faith in Christ grew stronger. Lottie's friends cannot be numbered, her last wish was to meet them all in a better world.

She is survived by her father and mother and five sisters and three brothers, Helen Devall, Marble, Ark.,

Bettie Harp, Marble, Rt. 1, Georgia Houston, Eureka Springs, Rt. 1. Joe and Jean of the home, Cecil Wood, Marble, Rt. 1, Troy and Dale of the home.

She also leaves a host of relatives and friends.

Irvin Finis Cox, was born at La Rue, Ark. Aug. 22, 1895, died at his farm home of Zion Community. He was a son of Henry L. C. and Mary Ellen Moffit Cox.

About the beginning of World War 1 he was married to Lela Belle Wells, the couple had lived on their farm since 1918.

The deceased was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at New Hope and was a member of the Rogers American Legion post and served in the U. S. Army during World War I.

Survivors are his widow, one daughter, Mamie Lois, of the home, 2 brothers, Ross Cox of Rogers and Arthur Cox of Lowell, two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Clark and Mrs. H. A. Garner of Lowell.

Funeral services were conducted at the Spring Creek Church, Eld. W. C. Bland officiating. Pall Bearers will be members of the local American Legion Post.

Sister Lucy Moore was born February 19, 1875, and died Feb. 20, 1945 at the age of 70 years and 1 day. Sister Moore was born in Independence Co. Ark. and moved to North West Ark. in early life, and in the month of December 1936, she was married to A. O. Moore, no children were born to this union.

She leaves her husband, 4 brothers and 2 sisters, Mrs. Julia Cook of Whorton, Ark., Andrew Story of Springfield, Mo. Willie Story, of California, Charley Story, of Tulsa, Okla. Ben Story, of Wichita Kansas and Mrs. Lillie Childers of Calif. with many relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Sister Moore was converted in early life, and joined the Methodist Church, and in 1938 she united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Rock, and has lived a devoted life until God called her home.

Jacob Ward Blackburn was born February 5, 1871. Departed this life April 8th 1945, at the age of 74 years 2 months and 3 days.

He was united in marriage to Matilda White, Oct. 16, 1898. To this union was born 4 children, Lonnie and Truman of the home, Raymond Blackburn of Rogers, Route 4, and Mrs. Beatrice Smith of Richland, Washing-

ton, 5 grand children, Raymona, Doyle and David Blackburn, Imogene and Harold Smith. He also leaves 3 sisters, Mrs. Mary Bland, Mrs. Rachel Puyear and Mrs. Lucy Morris and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at the age of 25 years and has lived a faithful christian life.

Sympathy of the entire Association we will miss our beloved brethern in our association and in our council meetings and in many of our christian activities, but we deem our loss is heavens gain.

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A voice we loved is stilled,

A place is vacant in our home

That never can be filled.

Funeral services directed by Eld. H. M. Knox, and Eld. Bill Oxford.

Interment was made in Tucks Chapel Cemetery.

Albert La Fayette Webb, was born on Pea Ridge, Benton, Co. Ark. Nov. 13, 1864 and died Aug. 26, 1944.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Ellen Bouche, and to this union was born 6 sons and 1 daughter, all of whom survive except one.

Sister Webb passed away shortly after their 50th anniversary. Brother Webb passed away at his own home at La Rue, He was a member of War Eagle Masonic Lodge for 50 years and a member of New Hope Church of Free Will Baptist for 45 years.

Truly we believe that our brother has gone to be with God and all His holy saints.

Irvin W. Jones, was born Aug. 13, 1880, died Jan. 15, 1945 at the age of 64 years, 5 months and 2 days.

He was converted in Aug. 1920, united with the Clifty Church of Free Will Baptist. He was an active member, did much for the upbuilding of the church and community. He was a friend and helper to all, was much interested in our boys in service, always mentioning them in his prayers.

He was married about the year of 1937 to the former Sarah White. She has preceded him in death. He is survived by one sister, one brother and a host of other relatives and friends.

Irvin as we all knew him was a kind helpful neighbor to all. Burial was under the McVay and Newton funeral

home. Interment at the Beulah Union church, Eld. H. M. Knox and Eld. C. O. Garrison officiating.

Charlie Moppins was born Dec. 5, 1880 and passed away Feb. 7, 1945, at the age of 64 years, 2 months and 2 days.

He was united in marriage to Bertha White, Nov. 26, 1911 at Clifty, Ark. To this union were born 7 children, 4 daughters and 3 sons, Mellie Cook of Kansas City, Mo. Nellie Boyd of Hindsville, Ark., Alyne Moppins of the home, Helen Moppins deceased. Raymond of Independence, Mo., Henry killed in action in France, Willie of Independence, Mo. Survivors are his wife, five children, 1 brother and eight grand children.

Funeral services was conducted by Eld. Cecil Garrison, at Forum in the Assembly of God Church and interment was in the cemetery there:

IN MEMORIUM

Private Raymond D. Boydstun.

Death has again entered our sanctuary and called from labor to refreshments our beloved brother, Pvt. Raymond D. Boydstun, who was killed in action in France, November 18, 1944.

We are despondent when we view the vacant chair and the Fraternal Altar drapped in mourning. Yea, when we consider that our brother's mortan remains now lie clothed in the habiliments of death in a foreign clime; yet we are strengthened and our hearts are uplifted when we recall that our brother was ever true to the trusts reposed in by his Fraternity, his country, church and Home and that he gave his life in maintaining his sacred honor to these institutions.

Though the Scythe has laid our brother low, we confidently hope that by the mercies of God his immortal soul will have a glorious resurrection and bloom in eternal spring.

Brother Boydstun was born near La Rue, Ark., Sept. 18, 1909, a son of Horace P. and Idella Neely Boydstun and spent most of his life in that community. He accepted Christ at the age of seventeen and united with the New Hope Church of Free Will Baptist at La Rue.

On Nov. 30, 1939 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Helen Bland, daughter of Geo. and May Lee Bland. To this union one son James Allen, was born. He is sur-

vived by his wife and son, a sister and five brothers.

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence has removed our brother from our midst 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 ardent members, his church a devoted christian, his community one of its best citizens, his family a loving husband and father.

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

Fraternally

War Eagle Lodge No. 429, F. and A. M.

Committee, M. H. Pittillo, E. P. McGinnis, W. E. Bland

Names and Ages of Ministers

Geo. Been, Springdale, R. R. 2	63
J. W. Allred, Rogers,	75
J. H. Roberts, Springdale, R. R. 2	73
C. Knox, La Rue,	73
H M. Knox, Rogers, R. R. 5	39
C. O. Garrison, Huntsville, R. R. 3	35
W. E. Bland, Rogers,	43
Bruce Phillips, Springdale, R. R. 2	42
Willie Capps, Rogers, R. R. 5	38
Claud Lynch, Best	52
Sammie Layne, Rogers, R. R. 5	37
Thos. Ingmire, Hindsville,	51
Jack Hobbs, Marble, R. R. 1	41
Clark Baker, Rogers,	45
R. A. Smith, Marble, R. R. 1	79
P. G. Kirk, Rogers, R. R. 5	59
Bill Oxford, Rogers, R. R. 5	44
Geo. Lynch, Best,	35

Licensed

Burl True, Oklahoma City	39
Loyd 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 whomever he may request.
2. Ministers and deacons present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be lieisurely 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 Canadian 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. The Association to have a Moderator, a clerk, and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual association. The Credentials Committee shall be elected as follows: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Then one each year following to succeed the outgoing members.

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 of 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 inquire 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 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 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. 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 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Organ- ized	Retir'g Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Berry Puryear	5	0	0	0	0	3	122
Pilgrims Rest ..	1911	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Harry Wright	1	0	0	0	0	0	179
New Hope	1886	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Dow Boydston	0	0	0	0	0	3	108
Hickory Grove...	1886	Sammie Lane	Sammie Lane	Iva E. Lynch	0	0	0	9	0	1	58
Clear Creek		Bruce Phillips	Bill Oxford	Albert Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Christian Home.	1892	W. L. Oxford	Bruce Phillips	Kate McGinnis	6	0	0	0	0	0	31
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Geo. Vanhook	0	0	0	0	0	1	105
Antioch	1910	W. Armstrong	H. Armstrong	J. A. Smith	3	0	0	0	0	2	55
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox ..	H. M. Knox ..	Bertha Fariester	0	0	0	0	0	0	000
Rose Hill	1937	Lester Cline .	Jack Hobbs ..	Dillar Walker	4	0	0	0	0	0	27
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford	Bill Oxford	Elsie Miles	1	0	0	1	0	0	40
Rock	1938	H. M. Knox	Willie Capps	Sammie Lane	1	0	0	4	1	1	65
Buckeye	1945			Ezra Clark	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
Farmer	1945			Anna L. Bragg	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Total											731

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