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of the
THE OLD MT. ZION
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

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of the
106th Annual Session

Convened with
Christian Home Church

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
held with
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH

August 8th, 9th, 1947

Officers

H. M. KNOX, Moderator

BRUCE PHILLIPS, Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with Buckeye Church, beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1948. Eld. Cecil Garrison to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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 the Moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox. Scripture reading by Moderator, Heb. 13:1-22. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Roberts. The eleven o'clock message by Eld. Jack Hobbs. Scripture, Rev. 2:10. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Johnson. A splendid message.

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

New Hope—Marvin Wheeler, Donald Sigmon, Pearl Garrison.

Pilgrim Rest—Jewell Everett, Theo Johnson, Harry Wright.

Mt. Zion—Velma Archer, Ruby Phillips, Phylis Phillips.

Hickory Grove—Alva Koontz, Mary Gladys Samuel, Gladys Lynch.

Christian Home—Arvil McGennis, Maude Davis, Della Evans.

Clifty—Clarence Capps, Lester Vanhook, Clara Capps.

Antioch—Clyde Smith, Jessie McKinney, Hellen Duvall.

Clear Creek—Mary Jane Bohannon, Lutie Jones, Eula Todd.

Shady Grove—Frank Murphy, Harvey Henson, Ralph Randolph.

Rose Hill—Clyde Walker, Mary Howard, Bertellie Lee.

Cottage Hill—Bertie Roles, Marie Lawson, Elsie Miles.

Rock—Frank Wilson, Josie Robinson, Florence Fox.

Buckeye—Ray Logue, Sister Cal Kenney, Jewell Campbell.

Farmer—Pearl Day, Alyne Witt, Lily Fay Braggs.

Sister Associations

Old Union—Jeff Rogers, Sister Holt, Lum Sills, Eld. J. D. Holt, Vester Holt.

Cherokee Home—Eld. J. B. Johnson.

Newly Organized Churches—None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ELD. H. M. KNOX ----- Moderator

ELD. BRUCE PHILLIPS ----- Clerk

Reading the Constitution and Rules of Order by Clerk and Moderator.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Bill Oxford, Cecil Garrison, Jack Hobbs.

Divine Service—Arvil McGennis, Mary Gladys Samuel, Velma Archer.

Finance—Frank Murphy, Sister Cal Kenney, Marvin Wheeler.

Temperance—Pearl Day, Maude Davis, Bertie Roles.

Sunday School—Clara Capps, Lester Vanhook, Jessie McKinney.

Obituaries—Eld. Geo. Been, Clarence Capps, Theo Johnson.

Union of Churches—Ray Logue, Elsie Miles, Gladys Lynch.

Elds. Bruce Phillips and Burl True to fill the stand Friday night.

Motion to adjourn until 2:30. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Geo. Been.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading by Moderator, 5th chap. Heb. Prayer by Eld. Burl True.

New Business

Eld. J. B. Johnson asked that the Obituary of Bro. and Sister E. L. Cloer be printed in our Minutes if it meet the approval of the Association. It was voted unanimously to grant Bro. Johnson's request.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES UNION OF CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, submit the following: Believing from the representation of Churches in our present Association, that there is union among our Churches. We believe that our Churches should endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. Eph. 4:3.

Gladys Lynch,
Elsie Miles,
Ray Logue.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe there is no greater evil than strong drink, or intemperance in any manner. We urge every Christian to do all that is in their power, God being their helper, to put down the evil.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, over our land and country, thereby deceiving many. To our knowledge the crime caused by Alcohol has increased year by year since repeal of prohibition. Therefore, may we as Christians and citizens, do all in our power by the help of God to put down the evil, by voice and by vote.

We, as chosen servants of God should pray more to God for his help to keep our nation clear, that the young generation might overcome the evil habit of drinking. We believe the prayers of the righteous avail much.

Pearl Day,
Maude Davis,
Bertie Roles.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, submit the following:

We believe all churches should maintain a Sunday School. We believe all Christians should take their children to Sunday School, and bring them up to know God. For the Bible says to 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 find Paul wrote the young preacher Timothy, that from a child thou

hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15.

Clara Capps,
Jessie McKinney,
Lester Vanhook.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

Mt. Zion	\$ 5.00
Pilgrim Rest	5.27
New Hope	10.00
Hickory Grove	1.60
Clear Creek	2.60
Christian Home	3.25
Clifty	5.00
Antioch	3.60
Shady Grove	4.50
Rose Hill	4.00
Cottage Hill	3.10
Rock	5.00
Farmer	6.50
Buckeye	3.50

Total \$62.92

Frank Murphy,
Marvin Wheeler,
Mrs. Cal Kenney.

Motion made to adjourn and come together at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Eld. Cecil Garrison and Eld. Harce Knox to fill the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tom Day.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Elders Bruce Phillips and Burl True brought the message. Afterward Communion service. Then 74 washed feet. Afterward an altar call was given and 4 came and 2 were saved. A glorious service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Scripture reading by Moderator, H. M. Knox, 1 Peter 4. Prayer by Bro. Holt. The following ministers made a report of their year's work:

Eld. J. H. Roberts—Sermons 25, Funerals 1, Married 2 couples, Age 75.

Eld. Bruce Phillips—Pastored 4 churches. Sermons 93, Witnessed 2 conversions, Received 7 members into the church, Baptized 9, Helped ordain 1 minister, Married 2 couples, Helped conduct 1 funeral. Money received \$487.86. Age 44. Years in service 12.

Eld. Jack Hobbs—Pastored 2 churches, held 2 Revival meetings, Sermons

70, Witnessed 6 conversions, had 4 additions to the church, Conducted 2 funerals. Received in offerings \$134.36. Miles travelled 540. Years in service 6. Age 43.

Eld. Geo. Been—Have not pastored any churches, but done some local work. Helped ordain 1 minister, have preached some, conducted 2 funerals. I have been interested in Gospel Singing, and served as Chaplain of the Washington County Singing Convention. Age 66. Years in service 35.

Eld. Geo. Lynch—Pastored 2 churches, Had 6 additions to the church, Helped hold 4 Revivals, Witnessed 6 conversions, Preached 88 sermons, Conducted 1 funeral. Money received \$175.62. Miles travelled 1,025. Age 37. 4 years in service.

Harce Knox—Pastored 3 churches, Helped in 3 Revivals, Witnessed 18 conversions, Baptized 4, Had 13 additions to the church, Conducted 8 funerals, Married 1 couple, Preached 70 sermons, Travelled approximately 1,600 miles. Money received \$540.42. Age 41. Years in service 14.

Eld. Elmo McKinney—Pastored 1 church, Preached 30 times, Witnessed 8 conversions, Helped in 2 Revivals. Money received \$26.35. Age 41. Years in service 2.

Eld. Willie Capps—Sermons 25, Baptized 1, Served as Chairman of the Free Will Baptist Council Meeting, Travelled 1,500 miles. Money received \$94.02. Age 40. Years in service 16.

District Evangelist made his report: Revivals 11; Sermons preached 206; Professions witnessed 61; Baptized 30; Additions to church 31; Pastored 1 church; Helped ordain 1 minister; Married 17 couples; Funerals 24; Miles traveled 5,237; Money received by free will offering \$146.86; Money received from the different churches \$1,130.22; Total amount received \$1,277.08; Expenses on car \$221.84; Total amount left \$1,055.24; Age 37; Years in service 15; Name and address: Cecil O. Garrison, Huntsville, Ark.

Motion made to adjourn until 2 o'clock. Dismissed in prayer by J. A. Green for recess.. Eld. Cecil Garrison and Harce Knox brought the 11 o'clock Memorial message. Bros. Bill Oxford and Willie Capps to fill the stand Saturday night. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Sam Doss for noon.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Scripture reading by Moderator, H. M. Knox, Rev. 3:1, 14.

Resolutions Committee made their report, but was retained until the Resolutions were discussed. Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Association re-elected Eld. Cecil Garrison as District Evangelist for another year. Then a motion was made to elect the second District Evangelist. Bro. Burl True, of Oklahoma City was elected.

The next Association will convene with Buckeye Church.

Bro. I. T. Lynch was elected for a term of 3 years on the Executive Board.

Motion made to represent in Christian Home Association. Eld. J. H. Roberts volunteered.

Indian Creek Association—Sister Willie Bohanan, Cecil Garrison, Jack Hobbs.

State Association—Eld. Geo. Been, Bro. Cecil Gladden, Cecil Garrison.

Motion made to have 500 minutes printed. Bros. Tom Day and Geo. Lynch to fill the stand Sunday. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. H. M. Knox.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

Bill of Thanks

Be it Resolved that the Old Mt. Zion Association, Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors, express our hearty appreciation for the kindness and hospitality shown us by the Christian Home Church and Community while in this session of the Association.

Bruce Phillips, Clerk,
H. M. Knox, Moderator,
Rev. W. L. Oxford,
Rev. Cecil Garrison,
Rev. Jack Hobbs.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1—Does it meet the approval of Old Mt. Zion Association to recommend to the local churches that they elect and support an all-time pastor. By Eld. Samie Lane.

No. 2—Be it Resolved that we, the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptist, take our position relative to the Board and Convention plan.

No. 3—Be it Resolved that we, the Old Mt. Zion Association purchase a Communion Set to be used by the Association at each session.

No. 4—Does it meet the approval of Old Mt. Zion Association to continue the preaching service through Sunday.

W. L. Oxford,
Cecil Garrison,
Jack Hobbs.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that death has visited the homes of our Association and called from our midst ten of our members. They are as follows:

E. L. Cloer—Born in Madison County, 1858. Was united in marriage to Delilah Johnson in 1877. To this union was born 9 children. Four are still living, 2 girls and 2 boys. Bro. Cloer said he was not afraid to die for he was ready to go when God called for him. He was 89 years old. Funeral services conducted by Rev. J. B. Johnson.

Cathern Brown Lee—Departed this life in April, 1947. She was converted and united with the Cottage Hill Church and remained faithful until death. Her affliction, which she bore, worked out for her a far more exceeding weight of glory.

Tom May—Was born at Osage October 29, 1886. Died at Monett, Mo., December 31, 1946. He was converted and baptized in 1912, and joined the church at Antioch. He leaves his companion and 6 children to mourn his going. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

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

Elsie Harp Littrell—Mrs. Elsie Harp Littrell, 35 years old, died June 10. She was united in marriage to Cay Littrell December 25, 1926. She is survived by her husband; six children: Melvin, Leota, Iola, Howard, Imogene, Herman Wayne; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Harp and four brothers: Delbert, Elbert, Boyd and Lloyd Harp. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Antioch. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cecil Garrison.

Peter Lee Whittle—Son of Woodford and Susan Greenfield Whittle, was born on June 8, 1874, died March 20, 1947, at the age of 72 years, 9 months and 12 days. Bro. Whittle was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Wolf. To this union was born 3 children: 2 boys, Henry and Norman; One adopted son, Clarence Baker; One daughter, Minnie. All survive him. Also 26 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Brother Whittle united with the Pilgrim's Rest Church on October 1, 1911, the following day after it was organized. Brother Whittle was firm in the faith and continued faithful until death.

Ila Moore Been Guest—Of Sanbernardina, California, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Been, was born September 17, 1907, near Whitener, Ark. Was united in marriage to Oscar Guest of Sanbernardina, Calif., September, 1946. To this union was born one daughter, Carolyn Sue, on July 22, 1947, and Ila passed away the same day. Beside the husband and little Carolyn Sue, she also leaves to mourn her going, one son, Louie Edwin Been, and a heart-broken father and mother; one sister, Mrs. Harry Wright, and many relatives and friends. Ila was converted at the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark., and later in July, 1932, she united with the Pilgrim's Rest Free Will Baptist Church, and continued in the church until death.

Harrison D. Lee—Of Bentonville, Arkansas, died at the Veteran's Hospital at Fayetteville, August 30, 1946, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the graveside in the National Cemetery of Fayetteville, the Rev. W. L. Oxford officiating. Bro. Lee was a Spanish American war veteran, a member of Rice W. Means Camp No. 19. He was converted in his later life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Cottage Hill. Mr. Lee was born and reared at Clinton, Mo. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Lee, and other more distant relatives.

Millie Deliah Cloer—Daughter of Issiah and Susan Johnson, was born in Washington Co., Ark., June 29, 1858. To this union 8 children were born, four who survive: Mrs. Reldia Pugh of Siloam Springs, John Henry of Springdale, Mrs. Rhoda Bowerman of Fayetteville, and George of Fayetteville. Mrs. Cloer departed this life at 5 a. m., Saturday morning, at the home

of her daughter in Siloam Springs. She was 87 years old. Her husband preceded her in death one year and 4 months. Mrs. Cloer gave her life to Jesus at the age of 35 and has lived a true Christian ever since. Her brother and 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren are left to mourn her going.

Mrs. Hattie R. Tillie Cox, Reynolds, Garner—Was born in North Carolina December 1, 1880. Departed this life January 16, 1947, at the age of 66 years, 1 month and 15 days. Mrs. Garner accepted Christ at an early age of life and lived a true and consecrated life. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at LaRue, Arkansas. She was united in marriage to Johnnie Franklin Reynolds April 15, 1900. To this union seven children were born. Six survive: Mary Owens of Joplin, Mo.; Ethel Oxford of Adair, Okla.; three sons, Elzie Reynolds of St. Charles, Michigan; Ray Reynolds of Lowell and Roy of the home; One step-daughter, Mrs. Opal Hughes of Adair, Okla.; One sister, Mrs. Pearlie Clark; two brothers, Arthur Cox and Ross Cox; Eighteen grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Also a host of friends.

Mr. Garner, to whom she was later married, also preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted at the Pleasant Grove church by the Rev. Everett Bland. Interment was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Simon L. (Uncle Dick) McGinnis—Was born in Tennessee May 8, 1863, departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edna Rayon in Rogers, July 26, 1947, at the age of 84 years. Uncle Dick, one of God's quiet but consecrated nobleman, had been a Christian about 54 years. He was a member of Coal Gap Church. His church died, but he, together with his good wife, Mrs. Emma Hegwood McGinnis, remained true to God and the faith of his church. He is survived by his wife, the daughter, Mrs. Rayon, with whom he made his home, and two other daughters, Mrs. Goldie Fine of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Silvia King of Rogers; also 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Truly our loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services were conducted at the Callison Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Everett Bland and interment was in the Oakley Chapel Cemetery.

A POEM

Our hearts are sad and weary
As we try to carry on
Since our darling's gone to heaven
We wonder can we bear it long.

Oh God, help us in our sorrow
How we miss that dear sweet smile
Oft she talked of her dear Jesus
Though she was with us just a while

Oh we're the parents of an angel
Oh God teach us to live each day

So that we may join our darling in
That land some happy day.

Burtie and Ruby Oxford
and little Sister, Reta Mae.

NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS

R. A. Smith, Marble, Ark., R. R. 1—81.
J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Ark.—75.
C. Knox, La Rue—75.
Geo. Been, Springdale, R. R. 2—66.
P. G. Hirk, Rogers, R. R. 5—61.
Claud Lynch, Rogers—54.
Clark Baker, Rogers—47.
Bill Oxford, Rogers, R. R. 5—46.
Bruce Phillips, Springdale, R. R. 2—44.
Jack Hobbs, Marble, R. R. 1—43.
H. M. Knox, Rogers, R. R. 5—41.
Willie Capps, Rogers 5—40.
Samie Lane, Rogers R. R. 5—39.
C. O. Garrison, Huntsville—37.
Geo. Lynch, Best—37.
Elmo McKinney, Marble—41.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Eld. Tom Day.

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, ordinance, 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 been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

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

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

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected 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. Alterations 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 Mt. 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. The Association to have a Moderator, a Clerk, and an Executive Committee of three ordained elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual association. The Executive 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; 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. PERSEVERENCE. 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. JUDGMENT. We believe that there will be a general universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—2 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; 2 Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36-37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	Church Clerk	Experience and Baptism	Recommendation	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Ola Puryear	12	4	0	2	0	0	145
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Bruce Phillips	Willie Capps	Harry Wright	0	0	0	0	0	3	178
New Hope	1886	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Robert Neely	5	0	0	3	0	0	107
Hickory Grove	1886	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Iva Earl Lynch	10	0	0	0	0	0	79
Clear Creek		Geo. Lynch	Geo. Lynch	Albert Todd	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Christian Home	1892	Bruce Phillips	Bill Oxford	Kate McGinnis	0	0	0	1	0	0	30
Clifty	1892	Geo. Lynch	Geo. Lynch	Geo. Vanhook	6	0	0	1	0	0	79
Antioch	1910	Jack Hobbs	Jack Hobbs	Eula Wood	1	0	0	1	0	2	27
Shady Grove	1936	W. L. Oxford	H. M. Knox	Frank Murphy	6	0	0	1	0	0	25
Rose Hill	1937	Elmo McKinney	Elmo McKinney	Dellar Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Cottage Hill	1938	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Elsie Miles	0	0	0	1	0	2	15
Rock	1938	Samie Lane	H. M. Knox	Florence Fox	1	0	0	0	0	0	67
Farmer	1945	Bruce Phillips	Bill Oxford	Ethel Gladden	5	0	0	0	0	0	19
Buckeye	1945	C. O. Garrison	C. O. Garrison	Ezra Clark	5	0	0	0	0	0	23