

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES**

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**1948**

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
**of the**  
**107TH ANNUAL SESSION**

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**Held With**  
**BUCKEYE CHURCH**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH**  
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August 6th, 7th, 1948

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**OFFICERS**

H. M. Knox ..... Moderator  
Bruce Phillips ..... Clerk

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The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene  
with Rose Hill Church beginning at 10 o'clock on  
Friday before the Second Sunday in  
August, 1949. Eld. Tom Day  
to preach the  
Introductory Sermon.  
Eld George Lynch his 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) Finances, (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 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, Heb. 4.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. Roberts.

The eleven o'clock message by Eld. C. O. Garrison.  
Scripture Eph. 6: 10, 20. A splendid message.

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

Mt. Zion: Robert Puryear, Berry Puryear, and Elsie Phillips.

Pilgrim Rest: Harry Wright, Ivan Reynolds, and Bruce Graham.

New Hope: Elsie Bland, Burl Sigmon, and Robert Nelly.

Hickory Grove: Gladys Lynch, Marry Gladys Samuals, and Margaret Koontz.

Clear Creek: Albert Todd, Eula Todd, and Lutie Jones.

Christian Home: Orvil McGennis, Kate McGennis, and Della Evans.

Clifty: Lennie Capps, Roy Vanhook, and Clarence Capps.

Antioch: Frank Hudspeth, Cora Hudspeth, and Jessie McKenny.

Shady Grove: Frank Murphy, Harry Henson, and Minnie Murphy.

Rose Hill: Clyde Walker, Bertellee Lee, and Ruth Hobbs.

Cottage Hill: Hellen Lynch, Effie Anderson, and Elsie Miles.

Rock: Orpha Secrest, Florence Fox, and Josie Robinson.

Farmer: Jesse Witt, Alice Witt, and Leroy Shepherd.

Buckeye: Henry Morris, Homer Bragg, and Julia Vaughan.

Sister Associations:

Old Union: Oscar Cauines.

Cherokee Home: J. B. Johnson.

Zion Hope No. 2: Glenn Dipboy and Jake Scott.

## Election of Officers

Eld. H. M. Knox ..... Moderator

Eld. Bruce Phillips ..... Clerk  
Reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order by the  
Moderator.

### Appointment of Committees

Divine Service: Lee Tramel, Roy VanHook, and Harvey Henson.

Resolution: Geo. Been, Cecil Gladden, Cecil Garrison.

Finance: Henry Morriss, Elsie Miles, and Pearl Day.

Temperance: Linnie Capps, Lutie Jones, and Orpha Seerest.

Sunday School: Elsie Phillips, Jack Hobbs, and Helen Lynch.

Obituary: Burl True, Tom Day, and Buil Sigmon.

Union of Churches: Frank Murphy, Robert Puryear, and Clyde Walker.

Motion made to adjourn until 2:30.

Eld. Bruce Phillips and Eld. Elmo McKinney to fill the stand Friday night.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. J. B. Johnson.

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### Friday Afternoon Session

Scripture reading by Moderator, 4th chapter of II Timothy.

Prayer by Eld. Burl True.

Unfinished business, none.

### Reports of Committees

Divine Service Committee reported Elds. Tom Day and H. M. Knox to fill the stand Saturday at eleven o'clock. Elds. Glenn Dipboy and Jake Scott to fill the stand Saturday night.

Sunday School:

We, your Committee on Sunday School, submit the following: We believe all churches should maintain a Sunday School. We believe as parents everybody should take their children to Sunday School and bring them up to know God for the Bible says train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6.

We find this Scripture in II Timothy 3:15, "And 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.

Elsie Phillips

Hellen Lynch

Ruth Hobbs

#### Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that one of the greatest evils we have in our land today is strong drink.

We, as Christians, should urge everyone to do all in his power with God's help to do away with this great evil.

We believe that the younger generation in Sunday School should be taught against the evil habit of drinking.

We believe also that this is one of the greatest evils we have in our training camps today. We urge that Christians do all in their power to put down this evil.

Mrs. Wilson Capps

Mrs. Sam Jones

Mrs. Ernest Secrest

#### Finance:

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

Mt. Zion .....	\$ 6.50
Pilgrim Rest .....	5.00
New Hope .....	8.30
Hickory Grove .....	3.50
Clear Creek .....	2.50
Christian Home .....	4.50
Clifty .....	4.80
Antioch .....	5.50
Shady Grove .....	3.38
Rose Hill .....	3.00
Cottage Hill .....	2.00
Rock .....	3.00
Farmer .....	3.35
Buckeye .....	6.45
Totals .....	\$61.78

Henry Morris

Elsie Miles

Pearl Day

The Association voted to have Article 4 in the Constitution changed.

Motion carried to Adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Elds. H. M. Knox and Tom Day to fill the stand Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Geo. Been.



### Friday Night Service

Elds. Elmo McKinney and Bruce Phillips filled the stand Friday night; afterwards there was a Communion Service; Then 75 washed feet.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Geo. Lynch.

### Saturday Morning Session

Scripture reading by Moderator, H. M. Knox, Eph. 5.  
Prayer by Eld. Bruce Phillips.

Committee on Union of Churches:

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, submit the following believing from the representation of churches in our 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.

Frank Murphy      Clyde Walker

Robert Puryear

### Ministers' Reports

Eld. J. H. Roberts—Sermons preached, 12; conversions witnessed, 10; marriages performed, 4; funerals conducted, 1; age 76.

Eld. Geo. Been—Sermons preached, 2; funerals, 12; marriages performed, 6; served as chaplain of Washington County Singing Convention; Attended all Counsel Meetings and Associations; made several sick calls; usually in religious service every Sunday; age, 67; in service 36.

Bruce Phillips—Pastored Mt. Zion Church full time; sermons, 66; baptized 3; received into church, 7; helped ordain 1 minister; preached 1 funeral and assisted in 3; money received, \$347.50; age 45; in service 12.

Jack Hobbs—Pastored 2 churches; held 1 revival; witnessed 22 conversions; baptized 16; received 12 into church; helped ordain 1 minister; funerals, 2; money received, \$87.65; age, 44; service, 7.

Geo. Lynch—Pastored 3 churches; sermons, 90; helped in 4 revivals; witnessed 5 conversions; baptized, 1; received 2 into church; traveled approx. 2000 miles; money received, \$180.00; age, 38; service, 5.

P. G. Kirk—Preached 38 times; married 1 couple; helped in 2 revivals; money received, \$43.85.

Sam Lane—Sermons 25; adult league teacher; money received, \$54.00

Elmo McKinney—Pastored 2 churches; helped in 5 revivals; sermons 40; married 1 couple; helped ordain 1 minister; money received, \$30.00; Age, 42; service, 3.

H. M. Knox—Pastored 4 churches; held 1 revival; assisted in 1; witnessed 4 conversions; baptized 4; married 3 couples; conducted 10 funerals; traveled approx. 2000 miles; money received, \$543.45; age, 42 years, in service 15.

Tom Day—Helped in 1 revival; witnessed 1 conversion; preached 102 sermons; money received, \$251.85; couples married, 1; funerals, 2; miles traveled, 550; age, 37, in service, 1.

Willie Capps—Sermons, 68; pastored, 2 churches; baptized, 1; traveled 1885 miles; chairman of counsel meeting; money received, 178.89; age, 41; years in service 14.

### District Evangelists Reports

Eld. Burl True—Helped in 10 revivals; sermons, 94; witnessed 25 conversions; 7 additions to the church; helped conduct 2 funerals; Total money received, \$403.14; car expense, \$79.23; balance, \$323.91; age, 41; in service 5.

Eld. Cecil Garrison—Revivals, 15; Sermons, 212; conversions, 147; additions to the church, 82; baptized, 82; pastored 2 churches; organized 1 church; ordained 1 minister; married 7 couples; ordained 4 deacons; funerals, 24; several sick calls; miles traveled, 5560, money received, \$1626.68; expense, \$222.36; balance, \$140.33; age, 38; in service, 16.

Eld. Walter Cavines made a verbal report.

Rev. J. B. Johnson made a verbal report.

Motion made to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. P. G. Kirk for recess.

Eld. Tom Day and Eld. H. M. Knox brought the 11 o'clock message.

Dismissed in prayer for noon by Eld. Willie Capps.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

Scripture reading by Moderator, Malachi 4.

Prayer by Eld. Jake Scott.

Resolution Committee made a partial report.

Motion carried to receive the report and retain the committee.

Resolution No. 1 accepted and the body voted to put it in the Constitution to remain there hereafter.



The Association re-elected Eld. C. O. Garrison as District Evangelist for another year.

The next Association will convene with Rose Hill Bro. Darrett Everell was elected on the Executive Board for a term of 3 years.

Motion was made to represent in sister associations.

Old Union—Eld. Jack Hobbs, George Lynch, and Cecil Gladden.

Cherokee Home—Eld. Jodie Roberts.

State Association—Bro. Cecil Gladden, Bruce Phillips, Geo. Been, C. O. Garrison, and Tom Day.

Indian Creek—Eld. C. O. Garrison.

Final report of Resolution Committee.

Motion was made to receive the report and discharge the committee.

Resolution Committee:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

#### Bill of Thanks

Be it Resolved, That we extend our heart felt thanks and appreciation to Buckeye Church and community for their loyalty and hospitality shown us during our stay among them through the entire session of the Association praying God's blessings upon them.

Clerk, Rev. Bruce Phillips

Moderator, Rev. H. M. Knox

Rev. Geo. Been

Rev. Cecil Garrison

Bro. Cecil Gladden

#### Resolutions:

No. 1. Be it Resolved, That we have Article No. 4 in the Constitution corrected.

No. 2. Be it Resolved, That our churches upon granting letters of dismission to any of its members require a notice from the church receiving said letter to notify the church granting said letter that it has been received.

Geo. Been

Cecil Gladden

Cecil Garrison

Motion carried to adjourn until next year to meet with Rose Hill Church.

J. B. Johnson preached Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed in prayer by Moderator.

## OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries find that death has come and called home 11 of our members from our Association. They are as follows:

### Lum Miles—

Was born August 5, 1885; died August 8, 1947 at the age of 62 years, 3 days. He was converted in 1912, joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Cottage Hill and was a faithful member until death. He was survived by his wife Carrie and 4 children: Euel Miles Lastrop, Calif, Mrs. Lyle Hubbard of Camby, Ind, Mrs. Birtie Oxford, and Floyd Miles, Best, Ark; also one brother, John Miles, Best, Ark.

We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

### Wilson Capps—

Age 71. A resident of Carroll County passed away October 18, 1947. He lived at the family home in the Pleasant Valley Community. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Geo. Been and Eld. Horace Knox. Burial was in Cottonwoods Falls, Chase County Kansas.

January 14, 1876 a Son of Rev. M. P. and Marry Capps came to Carroll County with his parents at the age of 11. Dec. 25, 1898 he was married to Lennie May Clark, and to this union were born four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, the daughter died in infancy.

He leaves to mourn his passing his faithful wife, 3 sons, Clarence, Lawrence, and Willie, 2 grandsons and one great granddaughter, four brothers, Will Capps of Holdenville, Okla., Jerry of Eugene, Oregon, John of Tracy, Calif., Jeff of Eureka Springs, Ark, two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Prickett and Mrs. Lucy Quigley, both of Eureka Springs, Ark.

Mr. Capps was converted in young manhood and joined the Free Will Baptist Church. He lived a devoted Christian life. The Sunday School gave \$10.00 for flowers.

### Mrs. Sarah Davis—

Age 66 depretd this life Feb. 29: She was a member of the Rose Hill Church. She is survived by her husband, Tom Davis, and 7 children by a former marriage.

### Jake Overton—

Son of Thomas Overton of Tenn. and Nancy Jowe

Johnson Overton of Mo. was born Feb. 11, 1884; died Jan. 20, 1948 at the age of 63 years, 11 months, and 9 days. He is survived by a half brother, Jarrett Garrett of Goshen, Ark and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Mills of Forgan, Okla. He joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest Sept, 1924 and was a member at the time of his accidental death.

**William E. Galoway—**

Passed away May 1, 1948 at the age of 68 years, 2 months, and 11 days. He was born in Battle Creek, Mich. Feb. 20, 1880. He was converted in early life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest Nov. 20, 1932. he was united in marriage to Goldie Weston. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Goldie, four sons, and one daughter: Harold Galoway, William E. Galoway, Jr., Mrs. Bonnie Whittle, Munroe Galloway, and Arther Lee Galoway, and also 5 grandchildren.

**John E. Borum—**

Was born April 21, 1888; died Sept. 3, 1947 at the Fort Logan Roots Hospital, Little Rock, at the age of 59 years, 5 month and 14 days. Survivors are his wife, Myrtle, a foster son, Larry Mae Gilmer, 1 brother of Healing Springs, Ark, 1 sister, Mrs. Martha Wilson Dodge, Okla. He had a host of friends, and he was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church. His last words were, "I am going home".

**Thomas Edward Overton—**

Was born Aug. 23, 1881 in Washington County, a son of Thomas Overton of Tennessee and Nancy Jane Johnson Overton of Mo. died Dec. 14, 1947. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Nora Myrick Overton, 4 sons, Harvey, Ed. Jr., Dee of Springdale, Ark, and Bill of Salinas, Calif., 3 daughters, Mrs. Hazel Hunt, Mrs. Eula Clardy, and Mrs. Maxine Brisco, 1 sister, Mrs. Minnie Mills of Forgan, Okla., 1 brother, Jake Overton of Springdale, Ark., and a half brother Jarrett Garrett of Goshen, Ark., 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He joined the Pilgrim Rest Church Aug. 15, 1925 and was a member at the time of his death.

**Anna K. Garrison—**

Was born in Stone County Mo. on Oct. 14th in the year



1884. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Willey Garrison. She grew to womanhood in and around the place of her birth. She was united in marriage to Sanford Goff on July the 17th, 1903. She lived for a while in Stone County then her and her husband moved to Beaver City, Okla. where their oldest son, Harvey, was born. Mr. and Mrs. Goff moved to Clifty, Ark in 1921 and made their home at Clifty and Best, Ark. until her death on June, 1935.

To this union were born, W. E. Goff of Tulsa, Okla., Anna May Logan of Los Angeles, Calif., Edith Logan of Los Angeles, Calif, Ada Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., Walter Goff of Tulsa, Okla, 7 grandchildren, and 1 great grand child all living. Mrs. Goff professed a hope in Christ and was baptized in 1927. She lived her life for Christ.

#### **Mary C. Bland—**

Mrs. Mary Catherine Bland, 82, widow of the late Clark Bland of the Larue Community died at the home of her son, Lloyd Bland north of Rogers at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Bland was born at Springfield, Mo., Oct. 5, 1885 the daughter of Newton and Martha Brinston Blackburn. Most of her life, however, was spent in the Larue Community. Funeral services were held at the Calison Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Thursday with Rev. Horace Knox and Rev. Geo. Been Officiating. Burial was in the Bland Cemetary near Larue.

Mrs. Bland is survived by four daughters, Mrs. A. S. McGennis of Rogers, Mrs. J. M. Royster, Canon City, Colo., Mrs. Miley Howell, Mcgehee, Ark., and Mrs. W. H. Knox, Bentonville, 5 sons, Everett, Rogers, Lester, Glenwood, Springs, Colo., Jack, Winslow, Ariz., and Ralph, Rangley, Colo. 2 sisters, Mrs. Rachel Puryear, Springdale, Ark., and Mrs. Lucy Morris, Vaughan, 38 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren.

#### **Mrs. Elizabeth Faster—**

Age 83, a widow of Marble, died at her home Feb. 15 at 12:30 a.m. A resident for 70 years she was the widow of the late Harris Faster who died in 1913. Mrs. Faster was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Harveston and came to Marble, Ark. at the age of 13. She had been a member of the Baptist church for over 35 years at the time of her death. Survivors are: 2 sons, John of Rock House and Lum of Marble, 1 daughter, Mrs. Martha Kee-

land of Marble; 14 grand children, 7 great grandchildren, 1 half brother who resides at Oregon City, Ore. Three children, Dora Sams, Ellen FASTER, and Tilda Moore, preceded her in death. Funeral services were held at the Alabama Church Monday, Feb. 16 by the Rev. Cecil Garrison, Baptist minister of Huntsville. Burial under the direction of Breashears Funeral Home in the Alabama Cemetary.

#### **Albert E. Bland—**

Age 74, retired farmer and member of a pioneer eastern Benton County family, was found dead at his home in the Rocky Branch Community early Sunday morning. Apparently the victim of a heart attack, his death was discovered about 1:30 p.m. when members of the family went to the home where he had lived alone for several months. Dishes and food were on the table indicating death had occurred soon after eating lunch. Mr. Bland was born at Larue April 18, 1874 the son of the late S. M. and Catherine Tucker Bland, formerly of Tennessee, who were among the early settlers of the eastern section of Benton County. Mr. Bland is survived by four Sons, Arthur Bland, Rt. 5, Rogers, H. E. Bland, Rt. 2, Rogers, H. E. Bland, Rogers, and Stanley Bland, Norman, Okla., 1 daughter, Mrs. Audie Marrs, Rogers, 4 brothers, Carroll Bland, Fullerton Calif, Jeff Bland, Clovis, New Mex. George Bland, Rosemound, Calif., and Lonie Bland, Yakima, Wash., 2 sisters, Mrs. Ella Baker, and Mrs. Hattie Head, both of Bentonville, 24 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

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#### **NAMES AND AGES OF MINISTERS**

R. A. Smith, Marble, Ark., Rt. 1—81.  
 J. H. Roberts, Springdale, Ark.—76.  
 C. Knox, La Rue—76.  
 Geo. Been, Springdale, Rt. 2.—67.  
 P. G. Hirk, Rogers, Rt. 5.—62.  
 Claud Lynch, Rogers—55.  
 Clark Baker, Rogers—48.  
 Bill Oxford, Rogers, Rt. 5.—47.  
 Bruce Phillips, Springdale, Rt. 2—45.  
 Jack Hobbs, Marble, Rt. 1—44.  
 H. M. Knox, Rogers, Rt. 5—42.

Willie Capps, Rogers, Rt. 5—41.  
Samie Lane, Rogers, Rt. 5—40.  
C. O. Garrison, Huntsville—38.  
Geo. Lynch, Best—38.  
Elmo McKinney, Marble—42.  
Tom Pinkerton, Enid, Okla.  
Arnold Smith, Marble, Ark.  
Tom Day, Huntsville, Rt. 1.

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## CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preservor, 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 other's 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 exeemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage; 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.

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## 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 preach.

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 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 of members 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. DISMISSING MEMBERS. Our churches upon granting letters of dismission to any of its members shall require a notice from the church receiving said letter to notify the church granting said letter that it has been received.

Art. 5. OFFICERS. The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, elected annually for a term of one by the suffrage, and an Executive Committee of three, one member chosen each year for the term of three years, who shall have the authority to transact any business transactions of the Association between sessions of the Association and make a report to the Association annually.

Art. 6. 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. 7. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless

it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 8. 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 made at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 10. 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. 11. 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. 12. AMENDMENTS. Amendments of this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

ART. 13. NON-ATTENDANCE. The Association in case of failure of any church to attend, shall inquire into the case.

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## 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.—John 1:1; I 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 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 again the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended 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 com-



ing 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.—II Peter 1:19-21; II 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 a just law by which he should be governed, with the promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man the 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; 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 the Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the 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 3; 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 on the terms of the Gospel.—I Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 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; I 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; I Cor. 11-29; 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 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 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 each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III 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 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.—II Peter 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31,32.

16. **CHRIST THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.** We believe that Christ is the Head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4,5.

17. **SANCTIFICATION.** Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II 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 forever, but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; John 5:28,29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. THE SOUL. The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. 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.—II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II 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 & Baptism Recommendation Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Ola Puryear	10	2		126
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Willie Capps	Tom Day	Harry Wright	9	1	4	182
New Hope	1886	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Robert Neely			2	40
Hickory Grove	1886	H. M. Knox	Tom Day	Iva Earl Lynch	3	5	1	77
Clear Creek		Geo. Lynch	Geo. Lynch	Willie Bohannan	1			14
Christian H.	1892	Geo. Lynch	Geo. Lynch	Kate McGennis				30
Clifty	1892	Geo. Lynch	H. M. Knox	Geo. Vankook	7	1	1	85
Anticch	1910	Jack Hobbs	Jack Hobbs	Eula Wood	2		1	29
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Frank Murphy				25
Rock Hill	1937	Elmo McKinney		Myrna Walker			1	24
Cottage Hill	1938	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Elsie Miles		1	1	17
Rock	1938	Bill Oxford	Bill Oxford	Florence Fox	2	2		63
Farmer	1945	Bill Oxford	Bill Oxford	Ethel Gladden				19
Buckeye	1945	C. O. Garrison	Jack Hobbs	Ezra Clark	4	2		25