

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**Old Mount Zion Association**  
OF  
**Free Will Baptist Churches**  
**1950**



*PROCEEDINGS*  
Of The  
**109th Annual Session**



Convened At  
**COTTAGE HILL CHURCH**

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
Of The  
**OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Held With  
**COTTAGE HILL CHURCH**  
August 11 and 12, 1950

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**OFFICERS**

H. M. KNOX ..... Moderator  
WILLIE BOHANNAN ..... Clerk

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The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene  
with Freedom Church beginning at 10 o'clock on  
Friday before the Second Sunday in  
August, 1951. Elder Bill Oxford  
to preach the  
Introductory Sermon.  
Elder Tom Day, 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. Report 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

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Old Mt. Zion Association was called to order by our Moderator, Elder H. M. Knox. Opening songs, "Amazing Grace" and "Draw Me Nearer." Scripture reading, Ephesians, 4th Ch., by moderator. Prayer by Elder O. T. Allred.

Elder Bruce Phillips gave an introductory talk, offered prayer, and sang the 1st verse of "Amazing Grace" before beginning his 11:00 o'clock message. Scripture — Heb. 10th ch.; Text Heb. 10: 20. Throughout this wonderful message he stressed, "The New and Living Way." Elder H. M. Knox, his alternate, concluded.

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

Mt. Zion:— Berry Puryear, Hettie Puryear and Elsie Phillips; Pilgrim Rest:—Theo Johnson, Bruce Graham; New Hope:—Marvin Wheeler, Pearl Garrison and Manervia Sharp; Hickory Grove:—Mitchell Vanhook, Kendall Bohlen, and Sally DeVeney; Clear Creek:—Lutie Jones, Willie Bohannon and Albert Todd; Christian Home:—Kate McGinnis, Della Evans and Maud Davis; Clifty:—Edd Stelley, Clarence Capps and Lester Vanhook; Antioch:—Sammie Miller and Fanny Miller; Shady Grove:—Harvey Henson, Ralph Randolph and Mrs. Frank Murphy; Rose Hill:—Clvde Walker, Ray Jennings, and Tom Davis; Cottage Hill:—Bertha Oxford, Helen Lynch and Ruby Oxford; Rock:—Frances Oxford, Orpha Secrest, and Anthony Lane; Farmer:—Elmer Ledbetter. Pearl Day and Annie Shepherd; Buckeye:—Elsie Vaughn, Hazel Fitch, and Ezra Clark; Bohannon:—Jack Ledbetter, Alex Hull and Harrel Chancellor; Freedom:—Carney Samuel, Clint Eden and Vera Dye.

Moderator gives right hand of fellowship to all ministers and deacons of above churches.

Motion made and passed to receive the Executive Board's approval of receiving Freedom Church into our honorable body.

### Sister Associations

Old Union:—Cliff Sugg, Hester Sugg and Dora Dotson.  
Indian Creek:—Elder O. T. Allred.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

HORACE M. KNOX ..... Moderator

WILLIE BOHANNAN ..... Clerk

## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

DIVINE SERVICE: Bertha Oxford, Elsie Vaughn and Het-  
tie Puryear.

RESOLUTION: Elder Geo. Been, Elder Bill Oxford and Eld-  
er Willie Capps.

FINANCE: Pearl Garrison, Vera Dye and Sally DeVeny.

TEMPERANCE: Elder Cecil Garrison, Lutie Jones and Lee  
Trammell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sister Bruce Phillips, Annie Shepherd  
and Orpha Secrest.

OBITUARY: Elder Bruce Phillips, Clint Edens, and Ruby  
Oxford.

UNION OF CHURCHES: Elder Geo. Lynch, Hazel Fitch,  
and Loy Archer.

Divine Service Committee appoints Elder Tom Day and  
Elder O. F. Cavins for Friday night service.

Motion made to adjourn until 2:30. Dismissed in pray-  
er by Elder George Been.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song: "This World Is Not My Home." Scripture read-  
ing by moderator, Eccles 5: 1-8. Prayer by Elder Bill Ox-  
ford.

Reading of "Rules of Order" by Elder H. M. Knox.

Reading of "Constitution" by Sister Willie Bohannan.

Unfinished Business: The following committee made a  
report on buying of fan and communion supplies. Elder H.  
M. Knox pledged funds to replace deficit bill. The report  
was received and committee discharged.

Eld. Tom Day, Mary G. Samuel, Willie Bohannan

New Business: Motion made and carried to make the  
widow of Elder J. W. Allred a standing delegate of this  
body, wherever we may meet for the remainder of her life.

Report on Temperance received and committee discharged.

Report on Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Report on Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Divine Service Committee selected Elder Cecil Garrison and Elder Bill Oxford to fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock, Saturday.

Dismissed in prayer by Elder O. T. Allred.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Elder Oscar F. Cavins brings the message. Scripture Ex. 13: 1-15; I Cor. 11: 14-34. Prayer by Elder Cecil Garrison. Service concluded by Elder Tom Day. Scripture, Rev. 14: 14-20; Joel 2: 1-14. 73 took part in the communion service and foot washing that followed.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened by singing. Scripture reading by our moderator, Romans 10th ch. Prayer by Elder Auburn Green.

Motion made and carried to receive the obituaries of John Means and Liza Coger and have them printed in our minutes.

Report on obituaries received and committee discharged.

Divine service committee reported that Bro. Everett Lawson and Elder Burl True will fill the stand Sat. night; Elder Willie Capps and Elder Sammie Lane Sunday morning.

Dismissed in prayer by Elder Burl True to come together again at 2:00 p.m. for another business session.

Elder Cecil Garrison and Elder Bill Oxford delivered the 11:00 o'clock message. Scripture, 1 Cor. 4: 50; I Cor. 5: 1,7, 8. This message was one that would stir the hearts—four souls were richly blessed.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture reading by moderator, Mal. Ch. 4. Prayer by Bro F. A. Varnell.

The delegation discussed the need of a radio program. It was decided that we have a 30 minute program each Sun. morning for one year. This is a "Faith Broadcast." Let us be faithful to support this much needed service.

Program committee: Eld. Tom Day, chairman; Elder Cecil Garrison and Bro. I. T. Lynch. Treasurer - Mary G. Samuel of Rte. 4, Rogers, Arkansas.

Report on finance accepted, committee discharged.

Report of Executive Board accepted.

Oral reports of State Meeting (1949) were given.

The next association will convene with Freedom Church. Elder Bill Oxford to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Tom Day, his alternate

## MINISTERS REPORTS

Elder Bruce Phillips — Pastored 2 churches preached 41 sermons; Received 8 members into the church; helped organize 1 church; helped ordain 4 deacons; conducted and helped conduct 4 funerals; married 1 couple; money received from the church, \$163.75; Money received from free will offerings, \$54.00; years in service, 13; age 47.

Elder Tom Day — Pastored 3 churches; helped in 8 revivals; Sermons preached 138; witnessed 92 conversions; 38 additions to the church; baptized 21; helped organize 1 church; helped ordain 4 deacons and 1 minister; conducted 2 funerals and assisted in 2 more; married 5 couples; miles traveled approximately 3,500; money received by free will offering \$1,153.29; years in service, 3; age 39.

Elder George Lynch — Pastored 1 church; additions to the church 2, baptized 2; conducted 1 funeral; helped ordain 1 minister; helped sing at several funerals; held and helped to hold 3 revivals; witnessed 39 conversions; no record of the number of sermons or money received.

Elder George Been — Preached 2 sermons; conducted 8 funerals; attended 3 council meetings and was on one pro-



gram; attended the state association; served as state statistician; attended the Nat. F.W.B. Association at Richmond, Calif.; served as chaplain of the Wash. Co. singing convention; served as teacher of the adult class in Bible training course at Southern Grove Bap. Church; traveled approximately 5,000 mi. Age 69 years with 36 years in the ministry.

Elder Bill Oxford — Gave an oral report.

Elder Willie Capps — Gave an oral report.

Bro. Edd Stelley (Licensed) — Gave an oral report.

Elder Claud Lynch — Gave an oral report.

### DISTRICT EVANGELIST REPORT

Elder Cecil Garrison — revivals 16; sermons preached, 211; conversions witnessed, 145; additions to the church 68; baptized, 55; churches pastored, 1; churches organized, 1; ministers ordained, 1; deacons ordained 4; married 8 couples; funerals, 31; miles traveled 6,488; money received, free will offering, \$1,715.32; money received at council meeting, \$346.86; expenses, \$464.14; total amount left, \$1,598.04; 18 years in service; age 40.

Delegates to Old Union Association:—Elder George Lynch, Ray Jennings, E. N. Davis, Willie Bohannon, alternate.

Delegates to Indian Creek Association:—Elder Bruce Phillips, Bro. Cecil Gladden, Elder Bill Oxford, Carney Samuel, alternate.

Motion carried to represent in state meeting by letter and delegation—Elder Tom Day, Bro. Darrett Everett, Sis. Ethel Gladden, Sis. Willie Bohannon.

Motion made and carried to ask for the State Association to convene with Mt. Zion Church in 1951.

The body elected Bro. I. T. Lynch to serve on the Executive Board for 1 term of 3 years.

The Association unanimously re-elected Elder Cecil O. Garrison as District Evangelist.

Report of Resolution Committee received and committee discharged.

Delegates voted to adopt minutes.



## BILL OF APPRECIATION

Be it resolved that we go on record and cause to be spread on our minutes that from the depth of our hearts we express our appreciation for the splendid way in which Cottage Hill has so loving, kindly, and efficiently cared for and entertained the Association during our stay among them. We pray God's Blessings upon them.

Elder George Been, chairman, Elders Willie Capps and Bill Oxford, committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until next year to meet with Freedom Church.

Benediction: Elder Horace M. Knox.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, the Executive Board met at Mt. Zion council meeting and agreed to receive the Freedom Church into our association. We are glad to receive this church into our body and pray God's Blessings upon them.

Money received during Associational year, at Council Meetings, for District Evangelist — Farmer - \$74.00; Mt. Zion - \$76.26; Buckeye - \$97.90; Bohannon - \$98.40 — Total \$346.56.

W. D. Everett, J. C. Gladden, I. T. Lynch

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### Union of Churches:

We, your committee of Union of Churches, submit the following report. We believe that by the representation of every church in the association that we have excellent unity. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psa. 133: 1.

By having perfect unity we attain our greatest strength. Eph. 4: 3. Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

George Lynch, Hazel Fitch, Loy Archer.

### Temperance:

We, your committee on temperance believe there is no greater evil than strong drink, or intemperance in any manner. God's word says to shun the very appearance of evil.

Therefore, may we as part of God's Church (denominated Free Will Baptists) pray, and do all in our power by voice and vote to do away with this great evil, strong drink, which is in our nation. Strong drink is causing the downfall of many. Many not only lose their lives here but their precious souls go into eternity without God.

Elder Cecil Garrison, Lee Trammel, Lutie Jones

### Sunday School:

We, your committee on Sunday School, submit the following:- That as Christians, we should encourage all children to attend. Parents should see that their children be trained in the way they should go. They will seldom depart from it, and few of them will ever be brought into court. Prov. 22: 6.

Orpha Secrest, Elsie Phillips, Annie Shepherd

### Finance:

We, your committee on finance, submit the following:

Freedom	\$ 5.00
Clifty	4.70
Farmer	4.77
Shady Grove	3.75
Cottage Hill	3.55
Buckeye	5.00
Antioch	3.00
Rose Hill	3.00
New Hope	9.00
Rock	3.00
Mt. Zion	6.25
Clear Creek	2.50
Bohannan	4.00
Pilgrim Rest	10.00
Christian Home	3.20
Hickory Grove	5.25
Donations	4.03
TOTAL	\$ 80.00

Pearl Garrison, Vera Dye and Sally DeVeney.

### Resolution:

Be it resolved that we, The Old Mt. Zion District Association ask the State Association to correct an error in the State Constitution and Rules of Order (and anywhere) that the word "subordinate" does appear and be replaced with

the term "district" so as to clarify our constitutional position in Sec. No. 1.

Geo. Been, Willie Capps, Bill Oxford.

### Obituaries:

We, your committee on obituaries, find that death has called home 15 of our members from our association. They are John L. Smith, Susan Catherine Troutt Evans, Jack Coger, Artus Stevens, Liza Coger, Cecil Hamilton Haynes, John Means, Margaret Rodgers, Z. M. Allred, Mary E. Hancock, Libby E. Capps, Laney Lindley Sanders, Cordelia Macon, Rebecca Ford and Sid Smith.

Elder Bruce Phillips, Ruby Oxford, Clint Edens.

### Mary E. Smith Hancock —

Born in Washington County, Sept. 5, 1864 and departed this life Dec. 6, 1949 at the age of 86 years, 3 mos., and 1 day. She was united in marriage to William R. Hancock in 1888. To this union was born 5 children, 4 boys and one girl. Bert Hancock of Lenapah, Okla.; Lee Hancock of Osage, Okla.; John Hancock of Springdale and Morgan of Springdale; daughter, Martha White of Forum, Ark.; 36 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

She professed a hope in Christ in early life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Mt. Zion. She was a devoted Christian until death.

### Cordelia Florence Macon —

Born April 2, 1867 and died Sept. 6, 1949 at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 4 days.

Sister Macon was a member of the Mt. Zion Church. Although she moved away from her church she remained faithful until death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Callison-Sisco Funeral Home at Springdale by Elder Geo. Been. Burial was in the Wilson cemetery near Monitor.

She was the wife of the late Elder Jones Macon, one of our former ministers.

### Rebecca Ford —

Mrs. Rebecca Ford, 86, of 347 Laura St., Wichita, Kans. died at her home early Thursday morning Feb. 2, 1950.

Mrs. Ford was born March 25, 1863, in Springdale, Ar-



kansas. She was married to Bob Ford who preceded her in death 23 years ago. She had been a resident of Wichita for the past 22 years moving there from Clifty Ark.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Hickory Grove.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Maude Stafford of Clifty; two sons, Fred Ford of Raymondsville, Mo.; Everett Ford, 347 Laura St., Wichita, Kansas; a brother, Billy Clark of Lowell, Ark.; 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Clifty Church Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Robt. Jones of Huntsville. Singing was by the Lynch Quartet. Burial was in the Clifty cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons. The Cochran Mortuary was in charge of local arrangements.

#### **Bro. John L. Smith —**

John L. Smith, 85, retired farmer, died Jan. 20, at 3:40 p.m. at the home of his son, Fred Smith, at Lowell. He had been ill for the past year. He was born Nov. 23, 1864 at Springdale, Ark., the son of Joseph B. Smith of North Carolina and Matilda Trammell Smith of Tennessee. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest for more than 30 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Clifton Smith; three sons, Fred of Lowell; Ben and Lester of Phoenix, Ariz.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Novie Reynolds of Schell City, Mo.; one brother, Ben Smith of Springdale, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Tillman of Portland, Ore.; 16 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Pilgrim Rest with Elder George Been officiating. Music was in charge of Bro. Theo Johnson and the quartet from the Church. Burial was in the Joyce Cemetery.

#### **Mrs. Susan Evans —**

Daughter of the late Robert and Anna Vaughn Troutt, she was born Oct. 15, 1862; departed this life June 25, 1950 at the age of 87 years, 8 mos., and 10 days.

She was married Oct. 18, 1877 to John Henry Evans who preceded her in death ten years and to this union nine children were born. Surviving her are Alonzo, Orville, and



Gordon; Mrs. Ora Hill, and Mrs. Mary Bewley; 36 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren. She professed a hope in Christ at an early age and lived a devoted life until death.

“Good-bye, our darling mother,  
We know you have gone to rest,  
Up there with Jesus, our Saviour,  
In that home of the blest.

Someday we are coming to meet you,  
To shake your hand again,  
And tell you how much we missed you  
Up there on the Golden strand.

You left us so sad and lonely,  
We don't know what to do,  
But we will leave it to Jesus,  
We know He will see us through.”

#### Jack Coger —

Born Aug. 23, 1911 near Spring Valley, Ark., the son of L. A. Coger of West Virginia, and Liza Mayes Coger of Arkansas.

He was a deacon of the Pilgrim Rest Church and a faithful worker in church and Sunday School.

Survivors include his parents, his wife, Mrs. Ruby Gibson Coger, one daughter, Miss Jacqueline Coger, one son, Loyd Asa Coger of the home; five sisters, Mrs. A. C. Pitchford, Bartlesville, Okla., Mrs. Doyle Brooks, Fayetteville, Ark., Mrs. Joe Shaver, Springdale, Ark., Mrs. Bessie Mercer, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Mrs. Mamie Fitch, Little Rock, Calif.

Bro. Jack passed away Jan. 18, 1950 at 5:12 a.m. at Sparks Memorial Hospital in Ft. Smith, Ark. Funeral services were held Jan. 20 at Pilgrim Rest at 2 p.m. with Elder Bruce Phillips officiating assisted by Elder Cecil Garrison. Burial was in Joyce cemetery.

Bro. Jack is sadly missed by his church and many friends. We are sure he would say, “Be faithful and help save the lost.” He was a firm believer in, and was often heard to say, “Ye must be born again.”

#### Mrs. Margaret Rodgers —

Mrs. Margaret Rodgers, or Aunt Mag, as she was

known by everyone, passed away Jan. 28, 1950, at a convalescent home in Rogers, Arkansas at the age of 89.

She was born in Washington Co., Ark., May 14, 1860. She was united in marriage to T. P. Rodgers in Oct. 1879 at Huntsville, Ark., and to this union 8 children were born, five surviving, four daughters, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Etta Lawson, Mrs. Charley Samuel, Mrs. Calvin Ellis; and one son, Earl Rodgers; a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren, also 3 great, great grandchildren. Her husband died April 27, 1927.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Hickory Grove. Aunt Mag was converted in 1887 and lived a faithful Christian until the end came. Funeral services were conducted at the Cottage Hill church by Rev. Cecil Garrison, Free Will Baptist minister of Huntsville, Arkansas. Burial was in the Austin cemetery.

Taken from our midst is one more old fashioned mother. She was a kind, loving wife and mother, a friend to everyone. No one knows the silent heartaches, only those who have lost a loved one can tell of grief that is borne in silence for our loved ones we love so well. She leaves such a vacant place but in Heaven she knows no grief.

"Heaven to us is even nearer,  
As we think of her sweet rest;  
And her life in Heaven is dearer,  
For we know God's way is best."

#### Libby E. Capps —

Born March 13, 1890 at Mundell, Ark. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Comstock. She died Oct. 25, 1949 at the age of 59 at her home in Eugene, Oregon.

She was united in marriage to Jerry Capps of Clifty, Ark., and to this union 13 children were born. She is survived by her husband and twelve children, Lorus, Chester, Loyd, Curtis, Arvis, Eliva, and Otis Capps, all of Eugene, Oregon, Cleo and Doil of Coquille, Oregon, Mrs. Jewell Moore, Mrs. Yvonne Potts of Eugene, Oregon, and Mrs. Vada Ware of Los Angeles, Calif.; eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Capps was converted in young womanhood and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Clifty, Arkansas.

**Mrs. Laney Lindley Sanders —**

Mrs. Laney Lindley Sanders, 79, died Sunday morning Nov. 6, 1949 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Baker, Rogers, Ark., after a short illness. She was born in Washington County and lived most of her life near Hinds-ville, Arkansas. She was the widow of the late J. D. Sanders who died April 2, 1942. She was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist church at Colbaugh.

Funeral service was held at the Friendship Church near Springdale. Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery.

Survivors include five sons, Riley and Bert of Springdale; Roy of Shawnee, Okla., Garland of Best, and Alfred of the home at Hinds-ville; three daughters, Mrs. Marline Baker, Rogers; Mrs. Harry Puryear of Vaughan and Mrs. Robert Puryear, Springdale; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild; 5 brothers, four sisters and a host of relatives and friends,

“The old home place seems so lonesome,  
Since mother has gone away;  
But we know her smile of welcome,  
We'll see again some day.”

**Sid Smith —**

Sid Smith, 74, of Marble, Arkansas, died at his home there April 2, 1950. He was born in Carroll County August 27, 1875, the son of Alex Smith and Lizzie Litterell Smith. He had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church about forty years.

Survivors are four brothers, Rob of Marble, John of Decatur, Jim of Sand Springs, Okla., and Arnold of Huntsville; three sisers, Emma Williams of Huntsville, Mary McMurray of Buena Park, Calif., and Nancy May of Springdale.

Funeral services, conducted by Elder Cecil Garrison were he'd at Lower Camp Ground April 4, at 11 a.m. Burial was in the cemetery there under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

**Cecil Hamilton Haynes —**

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hamilton was born June 9, 1906, near Huntsville, Ark., and departed this life Nov. 7, 1949.

She was united in marriage to Jeff Haynes, March 18,



1936. To this union was born one son, Billy Lee Haynes.

She is survived by her husband and son, her parents, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Ollie Inman, Hilltop, Ark., Mrs. Elsie Howerton, Springdale, Ark., Mrs. Gladys Haynes, Mulberry, Kansas, Creed Hamilton, Castleford, Idaho and Paschal Hamilton of Huntsville, Ark., and a host of friends and other relatives.

She was converted at an early age and was united with the Freewill Baptist church in 1941. She was a faithful wife and devoted mother and was loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted at Alabam, Ark., Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. by the Rev. R. W. Jones and Rev. Cecil Garrison and burial was in the cemetery there.

#### Mrs. Liza Coger —

Mrs. Liza Jane Coger died at her home in the Hickory Flat community following an illness of three years.

She was born March 12, 1874, in Washington County, the daughter of Rev. J. S. Mays a native of Tennessee, and Cynthia Johnson Mayes of Arkansas. She was educated at the Rogers Academy, Rogers, Ark., and taught school for 16 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church at Son's Chapel.

Survivors are her husband, L. A. (Rufe) Coger; two daughters, Mrs. Doyle Brooks, Fayetteville and Mrs. A. C. Pitchford, Bartlesville, Okla.; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Bessie Mercer, Wichita Falls, Texas, Mrs. Mamie Fitch, Little Rock, Calif., and Mrs. Joe Shaver of Springdale; four brothers, Johnnie Mayes, Ward Mayes, Will Mayes and Tom Mayes, all of Meridian, Idaho; three sisters, Mrs. Effie Keller, Meridian, Idaho, Mrs. Lizzie Goodman and Mrs. Ida Mayes, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Pilgrim Rest Church with Elder Cecil Garrison, assisted by Elder Bruce Phillips, officiating. The Seimon Graham quartette was in charge of the music.

#### Miss Artus Stevens —

Artus Morene Stevens, 36-year-old resident of Burk Shed community, died at her home after a short illness.

Miss Stevens was born October 16, 1913 at Burk Shed,



the daughter of Robert Stevens of Indiana and Anna Danford Stevens.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Burk Shed. For many years she had been a Springdale News correspondent for that community.

Survivors are two brothers, Herbert of Pine Bluff, Wyo. and Ernest of Springdale and three sisters, Mrs. Marion Henry of Springdale, Mrs. Jess Anderson of Best, Ark., and Mrs. Fred Bowlin of Azusa, Calif.

#### **John Means —**

John Means, 92, retired farmer of Spring Valley, west of Hindsville died May 16, 1950 in the City Hospital. Fayetteville. His death followed an illness of six months. He was born March 9, 1858, in Spring Valley, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Ellen Means of Spring Valley; two daughters, Mrs. Anna Proctor of Hindsville, and Mrs. Ola Johnson of Springdale; a sister, Mrs. Brilla Miller of Avoca in Benton County; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Spring Valley Church by Elder Cecil Garrison of Huntsville. Burial was in the Friendship cemetery near Springdale with arrangements in charge of the Callison-Sisco Funeral Home.

#### **Zemry Malcolm Allred —**

Zemry Allred, 76, widely known Rogers retired farmer, died in the Bates Hospital at Bentonville following an illness of only a few days.

Mr. Allred was born December 15, 1873, at Greensboro, N. Car., and moved to Arkansas with his parents in 1878. The family settled in the Larue community, east of Rogers, and Mr. Allred continued to make his home there until 1920 when he retired and moved to his home on North C Street in Rogers.

He was married to the former Miss Martha Susan Henson at Larue.

Funeral services were held at the Burns Funeral Home with the Rev. Everett Bland officiating. Burial was in the

Reddick cemetery, near Garfield, under direction of the Burns Funeral Home.

Mr. Allred is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Henson Allred; two daughters, Mrs. Loyd Bland of Rogers, and Mrs. A. E. Caswell of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Allred was converted at the age of 21 and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Rocky Branch and remained a faithful member until death.

With the exception of the last 3 months of life, for 20 years, he cared for his invalid wife alone. Two months before his death he told a daughter that he was weary and wanted to go on home but that he hoped to live as long as his invalid wife for he did not want to leave her for the children to care for.

### MINISTERS

R. A. Smith, age 83	Rte. 1, Marble	Arkansas
J. H. Roberts, age 78	Springdale,	Arkansas
C. Knox, age 78	Rogers,	Arkansas
George Been, age 69	Rte. 2, Springdale,	Arkansas
P. G. Kirk, age 64	Rte. 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Claud Lynch, age 57	Rogers,	Arkansas
Clark Baker, age 50	Rogers,	Arkansas
Bill Oxford, age 49	Rte. 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Bruce Phillips, age 47	Rte. 2, Springdale,	Arkansas
Jack Hobbs, age 46	Rte. 4, Huntsville,	Arkansas
H. M. Knox, age 44	Rte. 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Willie Capps, age 43	Rte. 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Sammie Lane, age 42	Rte. 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
C. O. Garrison, age 40	Huntsville,	Arkansas
George Lynch, age 40	Rte. 1, Hindsville,	Arkansas
Elmo McKinney, age 44	Marble,	Arkansas
Tom Pinkerton	Enid,	Oklahoma
Arnold Smith	Rte. 4, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Tom Day, age 39	Rte. 1, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Vivan Rhodes	Rte. 1, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Tom Ingmire	Rte. 3, Huntsville,	Arkansas

### 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 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 exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquor as 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.

### **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 dismissal to any of its members shall require a notice from 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 year 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 organized 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. 9. 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.

## 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 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.—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 presidency 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 remembrances 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 hu-



mility 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, in 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: 1-3; Heb. 12: 15-17; I John 5: 16; Heb. 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 sins 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	Clerk	Experience & Baptism	Recommendation	Recd. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Tom Day	Bruce Phillips	Ola Puryear	7			3		3	195
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Tom Day	Tom Day	Theo Johnson	18	6				2	214
New Hope	1886	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Robert Neely	1			6		1	33
Hickory Grove	1886	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Gladys Lynch	5	1		4		2	72
Clear Creek	1920	Willie Capps		Willie Bohannan						1	18
Christian Home	1892	George Lynch	George Lynch	Kate McGinnis	2					2	32
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	George Vanhook		1				1	84
Antioch	1910	Jack Hobbs	O. F. Cavins	Eula Wood						1	27
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Frank Murphy	3			2			22
Rose Hill	1937	Elmo McKinney	O. F. Cavins	Myrna Walker				1			31
Cottage Hill	1938	Claud Lynch	Bill Oxford	Elsie Miles							13
Rock	1938	Willie Capps	Bill Oxford	Florence Fox				2	2		66
Farmer	1945	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	Ethel Gladden	4						31
Buckeye	1945	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	Ezra Clark	1						27
Bohannan	1949	Tom Day	Tom Day	Norma Chancellor		3					19
Freedom	1950	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	Mary G. Samuel	11	12					23