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OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

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PROCEEDINGS

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Convened At

FREEDOM CHURCH

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.

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OFFICERS

H. M. Knox Moderator
Willie Bohannon Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with Clear Creek Church beginning at 10:00 o'clock on Friday before the Second Sunday in August, 1952. Elder Cecil Garrison to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Bruce Phillips 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, "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and "The Glory Land Way." Our Moderator reads Romans, 12th chapter. Prayer by Eld. George Been.

Elder Bill Oxford reads Romans 1:14-17 and asks Elder Bill Hutton to lead in prayer before continuing with the text, "I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." A wonderful message ensued, concluded by Elder Tom Day, his alternate.

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, Lucy Phillips and Marguerite Shaver; Pilgrim Rest—Arnet Wilson, Essie Wilson and Bruce Graham; New Hope—Robert Neely. Pearl Garrison and Manerva Sharp; Hickory Grove—Kendall Bohlen, Mitchell Vanhook and Ella Vanhook; Clear Creek—Lutie Jones and Willie Bohannon; Christian Home—Arvil McGinnis, Kate McGinnis and Evelyn Harrison; Clifty—Clarence Capps, Lester Vanhook and Florence Jordon; Antioch—Eula Wood, Jessie McKenney and Lillie Hamby; Shady Grove—Loy Bland; Rose Hill—Tom Davis, Ruth Hobbs and Etta Jennings; Cottage Hill—Carrie Miles, Elsie Miles and Effie Anderson; Rock—Orpha Secrest, Bertha Oxford and Florence Fox; Farmer—Annie Shepherd, Pearl Day and Bee Shepherd; Buckeye—Elsie Vaughn, Ora Trammel and Thermon Keeney; Bohannon—(represents by letter only); Freedom—Carney Samuel, Ralph Snoderly and Emma Ellington.

Sister Associations

Old Union—Dora Dodson, Newel Allred and Oscar Cavins; Indian Creek—Elder O. T. Allred.

Election of Officers:

Horace M. Knox Moderator
Willie Bohannon (R 3, Huntsville) Clerk

Appointment of Committees:

Divine Service—Frank Mann, Clarence Capps and Arvil McGinnis.

Finance—Carney Samuel, Elsie Vaughn and Elsie Miles.

Temperance—Annie Shepherd, Bertha Oxford and Minervia Sharp.

Sunday School—Pearl Garrison, Lucy Phillips and Emma Ellington.

Obituary—Robert Neely, Ralph Snoderly and Marguerite Shaver.

Union of Churches—Orpha Secrest, Essie Wilson and Kate McGinnis.

Resolutions—Elder George Been, Elder Bill Oxford and Elder Sammie Lane.

Divine Service Committee selects Elder Bruce Phillips and Elder Elmo McKinney to bring tonight's message.

Motion made to adjourn until 2:30. Dismissed in prayer by Elder Tom Day.

Friday Afternoon Session

Services opened by singing. Scripture reading, Eph. 5th chapter, by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. Geo. Lynch.

Reading of "Rules of Order," Sister Willie Bohannon.

Reading of "Constitution," Elder H. M. Knox.

Special Song, "Hand in Hand with Jesus," by Mary and Audry Phillips.

Report on Finance received and committee discharged.

Report on Temperance received and committee discharged.

Report on Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Report on Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Elder George Been makes report concerning data for his statistical report.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Divine Service Committee select Elder Jack Hobbs and Eld. George Lynch for the 11:00 o'clock service Saturday.

Dismissed in prayer by Elder Willie Capps.

Friday Night Service

Service opened by singing. Prayer by Elder Cecil Garrison. Elder Elmo McKinney brings the first part of

the message, concluded by Elder Bruce Phillips. Eighty-five washed feet. It was a wonderful service with lots of old time shouting.

Saturday Morning Session

Song, "Amazing Grace." Scripture reading, I Cor., 13th chapter, by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Jack Hobbs.

Recieve report on "Finance of Radio Program," and retain same committee as follows: Elder Tom Day, chairman; Elder Cecil Garrison, Bro. I. T. Lynch, arrangement of singing: Mary G. Samuel of Route 4, Rogers, Arkansas, Treasurer.

Donations received\$883.85

49 programs at \$13.00 637.00

Balance in treasury\$246.85

This is a "Faith Broadcast." Many outside the Free Will Baptist Churches have made contributions. We thank one and all.

Motion made and carried to give Elder Bruce Phillips authority to deliver "Welcome Address" at State Association.

Motion carried to print obituary of Clay Hall.

Report on Obituaries received and committee discharged.

Discuss menu for State Association and appointment of following committee to take care of articles to be purchased: Ray Shaver, Max Puryear and Fred Archer.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:00 p. m.

Dismissed in prayer by Elder Tom Day.

Eleven O'clock Service

Special song "I Can Hear Them Singing Over There," by Bro. Isaac Lynch. Scripture, John 14:1-3; Rev. 7:9-12. Obituaries by Elder George Lynch. Special song, "Standing Outside," by Bro. Isaac Lynch. Message by Elder Jack Hobbs. This was really a Spirit filled message.

Divine Service Committee select Elder Tom Day and Elder Horace Knox to fill the stand Saturday night.

Dismissed in prayer by Elder Cecil Garrison.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Scripture reading by Moderator, Malachi, chapter 4. Prayer by Elder J. H. Roberts.

Discuss purchase of tent to be used for council meetings, revivals, and other associational purposes. Vote

for Tent Committee. The following selected: Elder Tom Day, Elder Cecil Garrison and Elder Bruce Phillips.

Association (1952) to convene with the Clear Creek Church. Introductory Sermon by Elder Cecil Garrison, Elder Bruce Phillips his alternate.

Report on Resolutions received and committee discharged.

Report of Executive Board accepted.

We, the Executive Board, have received the following at Council meetings to be turned over to the District Evangelist.

Mt. Zion	\$117.00
New Hope	9.00
Hickory Grove	4.05
Clear Creek	27.33
Christian Home	2.65
Clifty	6.71
Antioch	none
Shady Grove	4.00
Rose Hill	3.00
Cottage Hill	2.15
Rock	9.40
Farmer	17.50
Buckeye	40.00
Bohannan	1.00
Freedom	123.75
Pilgrim Rest	43.50
Total	\$411.04

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

District Evangelist's Report (Aug. '50 '51):

Elder Cecil Garrison—Revivals, 16; sermons preached, 244; professions witnessed, 199; additions to church, 92; baptized, 85; churches pastored, 1; ministers ordained, 3; ministers licensed, 2; married, 19 couples; funerals, 20; miles traveled, 8,396; money received by free will offering, \$1,811.70; money received at council meetings, \$411.04; total amount received, \$2,222.74; expense, \$425.90; total amount left, \$1,791.84; 19 years in service; age, 41.

Ministers Reports

Elder Ed Stilley: By the Grace of God I preached 49 sermons; one revival—no conversions; free will offering, \$97.64; churches donated \$87.83 to apply on purchase of car; cost of car, \$384.47.

Elder Steve Montgomery: Preached 50 sermons; conducted 3 funerals; married 2 couples; witnessed 12 conversions; miles traveled, 1,556; offerings, \$173.25; ordained January 21, 1951.

Elder Bruce Phillips: Pastored 3 churches; preached 81 sermons; helped in 1 revival; conversions witnessed, 5; married one couple; money received from churches: Mt. Zion, \$455.14; Hickory Grove, \$64.75; Farmer, \$70.75—total, \$590.64; years in service, 14.

Elder Tom Day: Pastored 2 churches; preached 182 sermons; revivals, 12; conversions witnessed, 218; additions to church, 30; baptized, 56; ministers ordained (helped), 3; funerals, 10; miles traveled, 6,500; chairman of radio program; served as member of State Executive Board; money received from churches, revivals, funerals, and marriages, by free will offering, \$1,800.80; free will offering for radio work, \$116.50; total amount received, \$1,917.30; years in service, 4.

Re-nominate and elect Elder Cecil Garrison for District Evangelist.

Delegates to Indian Creek Association (volunteers): Elder Bruce Phillips, Elder Tom Day and Sister Willie Bohannan.

Delegates to State Association: Berry Puryear, Fred Archer, Rufus Young, Ernest Hollaway and Marguerite Shaver.

Volunteer delegates to Old Union Association: Elder George Lynch, Elder Jack Hobbs and Elder Cecil Garrison.

Vote to print 500 minutes; 50 to go to Old Union Association.

Bill Of Appreciation

Be it resolved that this Association express our heart felt thanks and appreciation to the Freedom Church and community for the splendid way in which they have so loyally and efficiently entertained us during our stay among them. We pray God's blessings upon them. Elder George Been, chairman; Elder Sammie Lane and Elder Bill Oxford.

Motion carried to adjourn until next year. (1952) to convened with Clear Creek Church.

Dismissed in prayer by Moderator, Elder H. M. Knox.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Union of Churches:

We, your committee on Union of Churches, submit the following report. We believe that we have excellent unity among our churches because every one is represented by delegates, letters, or both. "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.

Orpha Secrest, Essie Wilson, Kate McGinnis

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.

Annie Shepherd, Manerva Sharp, Bertha Oxford

Sunday School:

We, your committee on Sunday School, submit the following. That not only Christians, but also all people should go to Sunday School and take their children that they might be trained up in the ways of the Lord. When they are old they won't forget the good teachings of the Bible. Let us pray more and work harder for our youth, because they are the fathers and mothers of tomorrow.

Pearl Garrison, Emma Ellington, Lucy Phillips

Finance:

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following:

Freedom	\$ 7.50
Clifty	7.65
Farmer	4.95
Shady Grove	2.50
Cottage Hill	4.70
Buckeye	5.10
Antioch	3.00

Rose Hill	3.00
New Hope	7.70
Rock	3.00
Mt. Zion	9.35
Clear Creek	3.50
Bohannon	3.00
Pilgrim Rest	15.00
Christian Home	5.20
Hickory Grove	6.05
Donations	
Total	\$90.30

J. C. Samuel, Elsie Vaughn, Elsie Miles

Obituaries:

We, your committee on Obituaries, find that death has called home nine of our members. They are: Mrs. Mattie Halloway Roberts, Mrs. Viola J. Richardson, Mrs. Sarah Moore Webb Boatright, James Joseph Lane, Mr. Hugh Becker, Mrs. Heley Becker, Mrs. Edna Jane Clardy, Luther Asa Coger, and Rev. Robert A. Smith.

Robert Neely, Ralph Snoderly, Margaret Shaver

Hugh Becker—

Hugh Becker passed away Dec. 23, 1950 near Huntley, Wyoming after several months illness. He was born March 3, 1868.

Survivors are two daughters: Mrs. Bessie Crawford of Mill Creek, Oklahoma; Mrs. Floy Gosvener, Lyman, Nebraska; four grandchildren and four great grand children; one brother, Bill Becker, of Missouri.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Calbaugh.

Mrs. Haley Sisco Becker—

Haley Sisco Becker passed away December 22, 1950 at the Memorial Hospital, Forrington, Wywoing after three months of illness.

She was born December 23, 1877.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Crawford of Mill Creek, Okla.; Mrs. Floy Gosvener, Lyman, Nebr.; four grandchildren and four great-grand children; two brothers, Joe and John Sisco of Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Edna Parcher of St. Helens, Oregon.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Calbaugh.

Rev. Robert A. Smith—

Rev. Robert A. Smith or Uncle Bob as he was known best by his friends, was born June 11, 1866.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Free Will Baptist Church. He lived a devoted Christian life until God called him home, December 14, 1950.

He was the son of Alex and Lizzie Smith. He was united in marriage to Abbie Newman; to this union was born 11 children, seven of which have gone on before. He is survived by one son, Walter, of Huntsville, Route 2; three daughters; Mrs. Lótha Miller of Rogers; Mrs Grace Taylor of Marble; and Mrs. Quixie Hudspeth of Huntsville, Route 4; also three brothers and three sisters; Mr. Arnold Smith, Marble; John Smith, Decatur; Jim Smith, Sands Springs, Okla.; Mrs. Emma Williams, Marble; Mrs. Nancy May, Springdale; Mrs. Mary McMurray, Buena Park, Calif.

We have lost our dear, sweet father
He no more on earth shall roam;
And there'll never be another
Who can take his place at home.

Father's life was true and faithful,
And his heart was filled with love
Trusting Jesus as his Saviour
'Till he joined Him up above.

Some day we shall go to meet him
Where there'll be no more goodbyes,
We can think of nothing sweeter
Than our meeting in the skies!

Mrs. Mattie Hallaway Roberts—

Mrs. Mattie Hallaway Roberts age 84 years, 11 months, 23 days, was born January 7, 1866; passed away January 1, 1951. She was married to J. R. Roberts November 11, 1884. To this union was born ten children.

Myrtle Hanby of California; Jennie Perry of Hartwell, Ark.; Missie Porter of Kansas; Amy Whisnett of California; Willie Roberts of California; Ed Roberts of Oklahoma; Carson Roberts of Alabam, Ark.; three have preceeded her in death; Maud, Minnie and Carl. Also her husband J. B. Roberts.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and was a devoted Christian.

Viola J. Richardson—

Viola J. Richardson passed away at the age of 66. She was born September 13, 1884, at Cedar County, Mo.

Survivors are four sons and three daughters. Chris C. Richardson of Hindsville, Ark.; Ora S. Richardson, Linwood, Calif.; Robert C. Richardson, Rogers, Ark.; Cecil H. Richardson, Green Forest, Ark.; Mrs. Leo C. Faidley, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Eugege Helzner, Walla Walla, Wash.; Mrs. Clyde Furlong of Washington; 39 grand children and 15 great-grand children.

Our dear mother lived a Christian life and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

James Joseph Lane—

James Joseph Lane was born May 2, 1885 at Clefty, Arkansas and departed this life April 26, 1951 at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 24 days at his home on Route 2, Martinsville, Indiana after an illness of one month.

He was married to Katy Donaghey of Wesley, Ark. on March 19, 1911. To this union was born ten children. He is survived by his wife Katy, of the same address, Truman Lane of Best, Arkansas; Clarence Lane and Luther Lane both of Brooklyn, Indiana; Mrs. Mary Hubbard of Friendswood, Ind.; Mrs. Martha Bowlin of Whittier, California; Mrs. Marie Lawson of Mattoon, Illinois; Mrs. Bertha Oxford of Rogers, Arkansas; Thomas Lane of Martinsville, Indiana; Mrs. Margie Lawson of North Kansas City, Missouri; and Mrs. Dixie Oxford of Rogers, Arkansas. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, two brothers, and four sisters.

He professed a hope in Christ in his early life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Calbaugh. He lived a faithful, devoted life until death.

Mrs. Edna Jane Clardy—

Mrs. Edna Jane Clardy, 88 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maudie Jones, near Spring Valley, following a long illness.

She was born August 28, 1863 in Spring Valley, the daughter of Berry and Nancy Joyce Macón, both natives of Tennessee. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest.

Survivors are two sons, Marvin Clardy of Springdale, and Riley Clardy of Kansas City, Missouri; four daughters, Mrs. Dollie Richards of Kansas City, Missouri, Mrs. Florence Plummer of Henderson, Nevada, Mrs. Edna

Reynolds of Springdale and Mrs. Maudie Jones of Springdale; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Joyce Cemetery near Spring Valley with the Rev. John R. Johnson officiating.

Luther Asa Coger—

Luther Asa Coger, resident of Washington County for 66 years and a native of West Virginia, died at the County Hospital July 5, after several weeks illness.

Mr. Coger was a successful farmer and stockman. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church which he helped establish in the Hickory Flat community soon after he came to this county. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and was active in politics and civic affairs for many years. He established the present mail route in this community.

Mr. Coger was married to Maggie Sanders in 1889. She departed this life July 5, 1904. To this union was born 8 children; three survive him.

In 1905 he was married to Liza Mayes, who passed away last year. To this union was born seven children. Two preceded him in death.

Those surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Doyle Brooks, Fayetteville; Mrs. A. C. Pitchford, Kansas City; Mrs. Bessie Mercer, Wichita Falls, Texas; Mrs. Mamie Fitch, Little Rock, California; and Mrs. Maude Shaver, Springdale.

Sarah M. Webb—

Sarah M. Webb, was born January 25, 1876; departed this life May 11, 1951.

She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 15 years, united with the Free Will Baptist Church and lived a devoted Christian until her death.

She was married to Rev. W. T. Webb, August 20, 1892. To this union was born seven children. Three preceded her in death. The survivors are: Lonnie Webb, Springdale, Ark.; Mrs. Lillie Evans, Hindsville, Ark.; Mrs. Adline Bowerman, Springdale, Ark.; Mrs. Lizzie Dorsey, Springdale, Ark.

Funeral services were conducted at Calbaugh May 13, with Rev. Cecil Garrison, officiating. Singing by Lynch quartet.

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

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.

Clay Hull (By request)—

Clay Hull, age 13, died at the Madison County Memorial Hospital December 9, 1950.

He was the only son of Alex and Mary Hull of Bohannan Mt. He was born at Riverside, Calif., May 19, 1937.

Survivors are his parents and several uncles and aunts, also a host of friends; a sister preceded him in death 19 years ago.

He loved his Sunday School and was a faithful attendant, missing only in times of illness.

A little bud, a tender flower
 To us from God was given
 They're waiting now for us to come
 And meet them up in Heaven.

Charlie Lee Shepherd—

Charlie Lee Shepherd, born November 29, 1950, died April 1, 1951, at the age of four months and three days. He was survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shepherd and one sister Pauletta Sue. Also his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Laird, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Shepherd. Funeral was conducted by Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Vivon Rhodes.

MINISTERS

J. H. Roberts, age 79	Springdale, Arkansas
C. Knox, age 79	Rogers, Arkansas
George Been, age 70	Rt. 2, Springdale, Arkansas
P. G. Kirk, age 65	Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas
Claud Lynch, age 58	Rogers, Arkansas
Clark Baker, age 51	Rogers, Arkansas
Bill Oxford, age 50	Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas
Bruce Phillips, age 48	Rt. 2, Springdale, Arkansas
Jack Hobbs, age 47	Rt. 4, Huntsville, Arkansas

H. M. Knox, age 45 Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 Willie Capps, age 44 Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 Sammie Lane, age 43 Rt. 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 C. O. Garrison, age 41 Box 254, Huntsville, Arkansas
 George Lynch, age 41 Rt. 1, Hindsville, Arkansas
 Elmo McKinney, age 45 Marble, Arkansas
 Tom Pinkerton Enid, Oklahoma
 Arnold Smith Rt. 4, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Tom Day, age 40 Rt. 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Vivan Rhodes Rt. 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Tom Ingmire Rt. 3, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Steve Montgomery Marble, Arkansas
 Jack Ledbetter Rt. 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Kenneth Shepherd Rt. 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Ernest Corley Fayetteville, Arkansas
 Bill Williams Rt. 1, Garfield, Arkansas
 Francis Clark Rt. 1, Garfield, Arkansas

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 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 expiarence, 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 virture 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 Baptist 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 recived 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 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 sufferage, 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 busi-

ness 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 the 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 the 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; Rev. 22:17.

9. **Baptism**—We believe that Christian baptism is the immerison 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 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 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 amuse-

ments and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Duet. 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 Able 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; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. Perseverance—We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace, and in the knowledge of the truth, and that God's grace is sufficient to help them 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 willfully 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. Judgement—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgement, 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	Baptism	Experience & Recommendation.	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Mem'ship
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Tom Day				2		2	155
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Tom Day	Tom Day	18	5		1	1	1	235
New Hope	1866	H. M. Knox	Bill Williams				2			33
Hickory Grove	1866	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	1	1					65
Clear Creek	1920	Vivan Rhodes	Vivan Rhodes							15
Christian Home	1892	George Lynch	George Lynch	5	3				4	37
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	2	3					90
Antioch	1910	O. F. Cavins	Sam L. Doss				1		1	25
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	1			1			27
Rose Hill	1937	O. F. Cavins	Elmo McKinney		2					33
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford	Bill Oxford				1			17
Rock	1938	Bill Oxford	Steve Montgomery	4						63
Farmer	1945	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips							30
Buckeye	1945	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox							27
Bohannan	1949	Tom Day	Vivan Rhodes	6	2					25
Freedom	1950	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	25	11					59