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Of

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AUGUST 8 - 9, 1952

O F F I C E R S

II. M. Knox Moderator
Willie Bohannon Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with Huntsville Church beginning at 9:30 o'clock on Friday before the Second Sunday in August, 1953. Elder J. H. Roberts to preach the Introductory sermon. Elder Vivan Rhodes 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 song, "Amazing Grace." Scripture reading by Moderator, Heb. 13:5-21. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Roberts.

A glorious message on "The Church" was rendered at 11:00 o'clock by Eld. Cecil Garrison: Scripture reading, I Cor. 12:17-31. Equally stirring thoughts were given by his alternate, Eld. Bruce Phillips, in conclusion.

The following churches responded with letters and delegates. Our Moderator gave each delegate the right hand of fellowship and invited them to seats.

Mt. Zion—Berry Puryear, Milton Hinshaw, Phylis Phillips; Pilgrim Rest—Rufus Young, Burrell Horn, Arthur Lee Galloway; New Hope—Faye Wight, Josephine Webb, Donna Lea Stilwell; Hickory Grove—Hazel Koontz, Kendall Bohlen, Gladys Lynch; Clear Creek—Lutie Jones, Willie Bohannon, Opal Hinds; Christian Home—John R. Davis, Leonard Harrison, Eulena Casteel; Clifty—Florence Capps, Lennie Capps, Clarence Capps; Antioch—Eula Wood, Jessie McKinney; Shady Grove—Minnie Murphy, Betty Blackburn, Duane Morris; Rose Hill—Tom Davis, Maud Tacker, Mary Howard (Rose Hill didn't represent until Saturday); Cottage Hill—Helen Lynch, Elsie Miles, Bertie Roles; Rock—Harriet Farriester, Florence Fox, Harvey Oxford; Farmer—Annie Shepherd, Ethel Gladden, Odie Shepherd; Buckeye—Homer Braggs, Julia Vaughn, Cal Keeney; Bohannon—Elmer Woodward, Flora Woodward, Nadine Ledbetter; Freedom—Carl Snoderly, Hugh Foster, Virgil Eden.

Newly Organized Churches Received:

Hickory Flat—Marguerite Stevens, Harmon Gibson, Stella Gibson; Pleasant Valley—Clyde Coatney, Claude Bandy, Etha Hull; Huntsville—Leroy Phillips, Pearl Garrison, Hazel Easterling.

Sister Associations

Cherokee Home—J. B. Johnson, delegate.

Old Union—Dora Dodson, W. H. Lively, Lula Holt.

Indian Creek—Eld O. T. Allred (seated as visitor).

Election of Officers:

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

Appointment of Committees:

Divine Service: Sam Jones, Rufus Young, Claude Bandy,
Elsie Miles, and Harriet Farriester.

Resolutions: George Been, Vivan Rhodes, I. T. Lynch,
Cecil Gladden, and Milton Hinshaw.

Divine Service Committee selects Eld. Tom Day and
Eld. O. T. Allred to bring tonight's message.

Motion passed to adjourn until 2:30.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Vivan Rhodes.

Friday Afternoon Session

Song, "An Empty Mansion." Scripture reading, 4th
chapter of I Timothy, by our Moderator.

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

Reading of "Constitution" by Sis. Willie Bohannon.

Appointment of Committees—continued:

Finance: Carl Snoderly, Julia Vaughn, Kendall Bohlen,
Florence Capps, and Lutie Jones.

Temperance: Helen Lynch, Hazel Easterling, Etha Hull,
Nadine Ledbetter, and Betty Blackburn.

Sunday School: Pearl Garrison, Opal Hinds, Phyllis
Phillips, Faye Wight, and Josephine Webb.

Non-represented Churches: Harvey Oxford, Stella Gib-
son, Arthur Lee Galloway, John R. Davis, and Donna
Lea Stilwell.

Obituary: Cecil Garrison, Tom Day, Marvin Wheeler,
George Lynch, and Homer Bragg.

Union of Churches: Bill Williams, Virgil Edens, Clyde
Coatney, Bill Oxford and Jack Ledbetter.

Eld. Bruce Phillips made a financial report of the
tent committee. A motion carried to extend a vote of
thanks for the efficient work of said committee.

A motion was made and carried to retain the purchas-
ing committee of tent as Custodian Committee of the
management and assignment of said tent for various
revivals, religious and associational purposes.

Reading of radio financial report by our treasurer, Mary G. Samuel. Motion carried to receive said report.

Motion carried to receive financial report of associational clerk, Willie Bohannon.

Following report of our District Evangelist, the body extended a vote of confidence and appreciation for his inexhaustible efforts.

The Divine Service Committee chose Eld. Bill Oxford and Eld. Vivan Rhodes for the 11:00 o'clock service Saturday.

Report of Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Motion made and carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday a.m.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Pierce Kirk.

Friday Night Service

Services opened by singing. Scripture reading, I Cor. 11:23-26, by Eld. Tom Day. Eld. O. T. Allred concluded the service using I Cor. 11:26 for a text.

Approximately 73 women and 61 men washed feet at the close of the service accompanied by much shouting and singing.

Saturday Morning Session

Song, "Love Lifted Me." Scripture reading, Romans 10th chapter. Prayer by Eld. Jack Hobbs.

Motion carried to receive report on Temperance and discharge committee.

Report on Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Motion carried to receive report on Obituaries and discharge committee.

Motion carried to dismiss committee on non-represented churches, as all churches were represented.

Round table discussion on Sunday Schools. This was both interesting and helpful.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30.

The Divine Service Committee appointed Eld. Pierce Kirk and Eld. Willie Capps to fill the stand tonight.

Eleven O'Clock Message

Song, "Home of the Soul." Prayer by Eld. Steve Montgomery. A splendid spiritual message was delivered

by Eld. Vivan Rhodes based on Rev. 6:9-11; text, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Concluded by Eld. Bill Oxford using I Thes. 4:16-18 as a Scripture lesson.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Bruce Phillips.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Song, "I'm in the Glory Land Way." Scripture reading, Malachi 4th chapter, by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. Edd Stilley.

Report of Finance received and committee discharged.

Partial report of Resolutions Committee accepted and committee retained.

Motion made and carried to continue radio program as has been carried on for the past year.

Eld. Cecil Garrison re-elected for District Evangelist, 1952-1953.

Volunteer delegates to State Association: Ernest Holloway, Ethel Gladden, Elsie Vaughn, Alva Koontz, Hazel Koontz.

Volunteer delegates to Old Union Association: Clyde Coatney, Pearl Garrison, Jack Hobbs, and Pearl Day, alternate.

Volunteer delegates to Cherokee Home Association: Cecil Gladden and Ethel Gladden.

Volunteer delegates to Indian Creek Association: I. E. Hawley, Mrs. I. E. Hawley, and Willie Bohannon.

Volunteer delegates to General Baptist Association of Missouri: Cecil and Ethel Gladden.

Vote for Eld. J. H. Roberts to preach introductory sermon next year; Eld. Vivan Rhodes, alternate.

Motion carried to adopt minutes.

Report of Executive Board accepted.

We, the Executive Board, have the following report of council meetings:

Mt. Zion	\$147.45
Pilgrim Rest	72.00
New Hope	25.25
Hickory Grove	3.49
Clear Creek	15.30
Christian Home	3.80
Clifty	10.05

Antioch	
Shady Grove	1.00
Rose Hill	1.00
Cottage Hill	8.10
Rock	23.68
Farmer	10.30
Buckeye	40.00
Bohannon	15.00
Freedom	130.50
Pleasant Valley	21.00
Hickory Flat	3.50
Total	\$531.42

Election of Executive Board:

Ezra Clark Term of 3 years
Loy Archer Term of 2 years

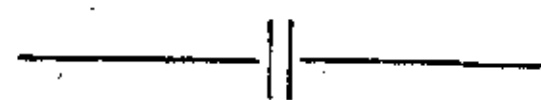
Motion carried to accept final report of Resolution Committee and discharge same.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning before the Second Sunday in August, 1953, to convene with the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Benediction by our grateful Moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

Saturday Night Service

Conducted by Eld. Willie Capps. Scripture, Job 21: 11-15; text, Job 21:15. A wonderful sermon.



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!" Psalm 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.

Eld. Bill Williams, chairman

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.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1.

Hazel Lynch, chairman

Sunday School:

We, your committee on Sunday School, offer the following as our report.

We believe that every parent and child should attend and help in the teaching of the Bible, so that the work and will of the Lord may be manifested in His people. We believe it is the foundation of building our tomorrow.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Col. 3:16.

We have a great lesson taught by our Saviour in Luke 4:16 where he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath with his parents.

Pearl Garrison, chairman

Finance:

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following:

Freedom	\$ 7.00
Clifty	6.82
Farmer	4.90
Shady Grove	5.05
Cottage Hill	3.60
Buckeye	5.50
Antioch	2.90
Rose Hill	6.10
New Hope	6.10
Rock	3.00
Mt. Zion	11.85

Clear Creek	3.00
Bohannon	4.00
Pilgrim Rest	20.00
Christian Home	4.80
Hickory Grove	3.00
Huntsville	6.30
Pleasant Valley	5.00
Hickory Flat	2.00
Total	\$107.82

Carl Snoderly, chairman

Resolutions:

No. 1—Be it resolved that this association convene at 9:30 a.m. on the opening service instead of 10:00 a.m.

No. 2—Whereas, the resolution of 1915 creating an ordaining council, or presbytery, shall be repealed.

No. 3—(Bill of Appreciation.) Be it resolved that we extend to the Clear Creek Church and vicinity, and all who has assisted so lovingly and courteously, a vote of thanks for entertaining this association during our stay among them—praying God's blessings upon them.

Eld. George Been, chairman

Obituaries:

We, your committee on Obituaries, find that death has called home eight of our members. They are: Sisters Bertie McGinnis, Della S. Whittle, Rosa Jane Finn, Maud Harp, Anna Brown; Brothers Albert Lane, H. R. Neely, and Alec Hull.

Eld. Cecil Garrison, chairman

Bertie McGinnis—

Mrs. Bertie Josephine McGinnis, 71, died at her home south of Vilas, Colorado, July 11.

She was born April 23, 1881, the daughter of Hiram and Susan Lane Ellis of Hindsville. While still a young woman she was converted and joined the Christian Home Free Will Baptist church and was active in the young women's choir.

She was married to James E. McGinnis September 15, 1901. On September 15, 1951 they had the happy privilege of celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary. They were the parents of two children, one son, Harry Paul, and one daughter, Irene, who died at the age of seven weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis, with their son, moved to Colorado in 1915 and homesteaded on a farm south of Vilas, where they have since resided. In recent years, Mrs. McGinnis suffered occasional heart attacks, the last of which caused her death.

Survivors are her husband, Jim, her son, Paul, and his wife, Beth; two sisters, Mrs. John Lynch of Pritchett, Colorado, and Mrs. Arch Vaughn, of Huntsville. Two sisters and four brothers and her parents have preceded her passing.

Funeral services were held at Friends church in Vilas, Colorado, July 14 and interment was in the Springfield, Colorado Cemetery with arrangements by the Rich Funeral Home.

Della S. Whittle—

Della S. Whittle, 65, died Monday, February 4 at 10:00 o'clock at her home on route 3 near Springdale, Arkansas after a long illness.

Mrs. Whittle was born October 23, 1886 in Springdale, a daughter of John and Melinda Byars Ellenbarger.

She is survived by her husband, Hartchel; two sons, Charles Fay and William S. (Abb) Whittle; nine grand children and one great grandchild.

Services were conducted by Eld. J. H. Roberts. Sis. Whittle had been a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church for years.

Anna Brown—

Pernelia Anna Brown, age 88 years and nine months, passed away Friday, June 13 at 12:11 a.m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Miran Hull of Larve, Arkansas.

She was born October 20, 1863 at Troy, Missouri, and was united in marriage to Joseph Lewis Brown, December 31, 1886. To this union was born five children, four girls and one boy. Mr. Brown passed away June 22, 1923.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church. She lived her religion and kept the faith until the death angel came and took her away. She had been bedfast for 3½ months, but was patient and her faith in God never faltered. She lived a beautiful life and left the testimony that she was ready to go. Her loved ones will always remember her many thoughtful deeds.

Funeral services were conducted at Shady Grove, June 14, at 2:00 o'clock, with the Rev. Willie Capps of

Clifty officiating, assisted by Rev. Mary Taylor Hull of Springdale. Burial was in Martin Cemetery at Larve under the direction of Burns Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Golden Hull of Larve and Mrs. Flossie Mitchell of Topeka, Kansas, also their husbands Mr. Miran Hull and Mr. Earl Mitchell; one brother, W. D. Robinson of Ferguson, Missouri; four grandchildren, Mrs. Marvin Baker, Mrs. Anna Belle Smith, Mrs. Katherine McKnight and Mrs. Mary Anna Doud; twelve great grandchildren and many friends.

Rosa Finn—

Rosa Jane Knox was born September 24, 1879 at Mundell, Arkansas, the daughter of Jack and Emily Scott Knox and died February 12, 1952 at her home in Springfield, Missouri.

She was married January 5, 1898 to Curtis Finn who departed this life February 25, 1921. To this union was born six children, two of whom died in infancy and a son, Spencer, was deceased in 1942. Surviving is a son, Sherman Finn, Springfield, Missouri; two daughters, Mrs. Hettie Puryear, Springdale, Arkansas, and Mrs. Montess McGinnis, Springfield, Missouri; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was converted in early life and affiliated with Clifty church of Free Will Baptists.

Her later years were attended with pain and suffering which she bore with resignation and Christian patience. Her belief and confidence in her Saviour were made evident by daily acts of kindness and helpfulness.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. T. Allred with the music and singing rendered by the Vanhook Quartet. Interment was at Union Chapel Cemetery at Mundell, Arkansas.

Albert Lane—

Albert Lane was born March 19, 1901 and departed this life at his home on Sunday morning, September 23, 1951 at the age of 50 years, six months and four days.

He professed a hope in Christ about 12 years ago and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Rock. He lived a devoted Christian life until the end. Through all his afflictions and sufferings he never faltered in his faith.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Mrs. Sadie Moppin Lane, and 10 children: Ola, Ida Mae, Dora Ann,

Leona, Edith, Doyle and Tillman Lane, all of the home, and Roy Lane of Bakersfield, California, Mrs. Iva Mae Barkwell of Vero Beach, Florida and Mrs. Ruth Weaver of Stotts City, Missouri; also one brother Sammie Lane of Rogers, and four sisters: Mrs. Jim Wade, Hindsville, Mrs. Newt Cook, Huntsville, Mrs. Oscar Donaghey of Elkins, and Mrs. Mary Short of Oklahoma; seven grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by two infant sons.

We know that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Henry R. Neely—

Henry Rufus Neely, 66, well-known farmer of the Larue community near Rogers passed away Sunday, March 9. He had been a resident of that community all his life.

Mr. Neely was born in Texas January 23, 1836. His parents were James H. Neely and Elizabeth Humphries Neely. He was a member of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, also two daughters, Mrs. Eva Pearl Garrison of Huntsville and Mrs. Ita E. Stillwell of Rogers; two sons, Benjamin H. Neely of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, and Robert Ray Neely of Rogers, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Rocky Branch Tuesday, March 11, at 2:00 p.m., conducted by Rev. Bill Oxford. Burial was in the Bland Cemetery with arrangements by the Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Arthur Bland, Dow Boydstun, Ben Hatfield, Damon Hatfield, Henry Boydstun and Bazzle Hatfield.

Alex Hull—

Alex Hull passed away July 4, 1952 at the City Hospital at Fayetteville after a short illness. He lived in the Bohannan Community.

Mr. Hull, 55, was born at Aurora, Arkansas, October 15, 1896, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hull. He was married to Mary Hayes April 9, 1927. To this union was born two children, both preceding him in death.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Bohannan where he was converted in May, 1949, and had remained a loyal Christian.

Besides his widow, the deceased is survived by three brothers: John of Huntsville, Arkansas; Lee of Goshen,

Arkansas; Clyde of Hindsville, Arkansas; four sisters: Lou Lawson of Wesley; Bertha McChristian of Wesley; Rosa Logue of Springdale, Arkansas, and Martha Ledbetter of Peru, Kansas; a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Bohannon July 5, 1952 at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Jack Ledbetter. Burial was in the Bohannon Cemetery with the Bruce Brashears Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Earlis Lawson, Arlie Lawson, Kenneth Logue, Dewey Logue, Clifford Logue, and Gene Hull.

My home is sad and lonely
Since Alex went away,
We'll meet again in heaven
On that unclouded day!

I'll shake his hand and greet him
We'll live together for aye—
I'll tell him how I missed him
When he went away.

Maude Overton Harp—

Maude Overton Harp, 59, died of a heart attack in May, 1952 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Oval Whittle.

Mrs. Harp was born November 30, 1892 at Ava, Missouri, the daughter of the late Jacob M. Bragg and Margaret Ann Huffman Bragg. She was married to James Riley Overton, who died September 18, 1931. In February, 1935 she married Tolbert Harp, who preceded her in death May 5, 1952. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest. Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Leslie and Mrs. Oval Whittle, both of Springdale; two sons, Riley Overton of Wichita, Kansas, and Tom Overton of Des Moines, Iowa; six stepsons: Don, Frando, John, Jess and Duran Harp, all of Springdale, and Jordan Harp of Wichita, Kansas; three step-daughters: Mrs. Blanch Wade, Mrs. Beatrice Sherry, and Mrs. Manila Clark, all of Springdale; three brothers: Thomas Bragg of Squires, Missouri; Jess Bragg of Pendleton, Oregon, and Jake Bragg of Dexter, California; three sisters: Mrs. Fannie Hix of Bentonville, Arkansas; Mrs. Eve McCillip of Fairplay, Missouri, and Mrs. Lucy Cooper of Yuma, Arizona; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Collison-Sisco Funeral Home with Rev. George Been officiating.

District Evangelist's Report (Aug. '51—Aug. '52):

Revivals 15; sermons preached 204; conversions witnessed 174; baptized 78; additions to church 57; helped ordain 2 ministers; helped ordain 8 deacons; helped organize 2 churches; tried to pastor 3 churches; funerals 30; married 43 couples; miles traveled 10,500; money received by free will offering \$2,050.32; money received from churches (council meetings) \$540.77; total amount received, \$2,591.09; traveling expense for car \$450.00; make payments on car \$500.00; amount left \$1,641.09. Twenty years in service, age 42. Address—Huntsville, Arkansas, Box 254.

Eld. Cecil Garrison

Ministers Reports

Elder Bruce Phillips: Pastored 2 churches; preached 64 sermons; witnessed 28 conversions and renewals; baptized 12; helped conduct 3 revivals; received from churches—Hickory Grove \$37.75, Farmer \$66.00, free will offerings \$220.56, making a total of \$324.31.

Elder Edward Lawrence Stilley: By the grace of God I answered the call to the ministry July, 1949, preached my first sermon August 13, 1949 at the Rock Church, and was ordained in October, 1951. Since August, 1951 I preached 53 sermons; 1 funeral; witnessed 2 conversions; helped conduct 1 revival from which I received \$23.92; other free will offerings \$129.83. Traveled about 500 miles; expense on car about \$125.36; paid \$12.00 tithes. Age 22. R.R. 2, Box 41A, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Elder Earnest Corley: By the grace of God I held 2 revivals; witnessed 3 conversions; number of sermons preached, unknown; miles traveled, about 1,200; free will offering, \$50.00.

Elder Francis Clark: Sermons preached 96; revivals 3; conversions witnessed 15; helped baptize 3; miles traveled about 2,600; free will offering \$337.73.

By the help and grace of God I was ordained a deacon 3 years ago, ordained a minister 10 months ago. Age 44. R.R. 2, Garfield, Arkansas.

Elder Tom Day: Churches pastored 2; sermons preached 197; revivals 11; conversions witnessed 146; additions to church 45; baptized 66; helped ordain 4 deacons; helped

organize 2 churches; funerals 6; couples married 7; served as member of the State Executive Board; served as chairman and evangelist of radio program; money received for radio expense \$166.00; money received from churches: Pilgrim Rest \$800.37, Mt. Zion Church \$594.95; money received as free will offerings from revivals held, funerals and marriages \$828.28; total amount \$2,389.60; traveled approximately 10,000 miles. Years in service, 5; age 41.

Elder Bill Williams: Since being ordained September 9, 1951 I have, by the help and grace of God, pastored one church; preached approximately 50 sermons; witnessed 10 additions to the church; baptized 6; helped organize one prayer meeting; helped ordain 2 deacons; received \$273.30 in free will offerings, \$81.15 of which New Hope Church has given me. Age 40.

Elder Steve Montgomery: Pastored 1 church; held regular appointments in 3 other communities; money received from Roach \$96.10; money received from other appointments and free will offerings \$199.99; helped conduct 5 revivals; conversions witnessed 16; money received at revivals \$118.79; total number of sermons 96; total offerings \$414.88; total number of miles traveled 2,795; funerals 1; marriages performed 2; paid for flowers \$22.75.

Elder I. E. Hawley: Since January 19, 1952, when the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church was organized, I have preached 8 sermons; married 12 couples; have one regular appointment each month. I have three Sundays open that I could preach, if called. Age 71. Box 303, Huntsville, Arkansas.

Elder Tom Igmire: I tried to preach 16 sermons. Money received, approximately \$25.00.

Our church letters name nine newly licensed ministers whom we trust will prove themselves and be on our regular list next year, as the fields are truly white to harvest and the laborers few. They are as follows: Joe Weldon, Dave Casteel, Frank Laird, Boyd Bennett, Lloyd Edmondson, Charlie Sulfridge, Clarence Sulfridge, Claude Sulfridge and Clyde Coatney.

M I N I S T E R S

J. H. Roberts, age 80 Springdale, Arkansas
 C. Knox, age 80 Rogers, Arkansas
 George Been, age 71 R 2, Springdale, Arkansas
 P. G. Kirk, age 66 R 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 Claude Lynch, age 59 Rogers, Arkansas
 Clark Baker, age 52 Rogers, Arkansas
 Bill Oxford, age 51 Huntsville, Arkansas
 Bruce Phillips, age 49 R 1, Hindsville, Arkansas
 Jack Hobbs, age 48 R 4, Huntsville, Arkansas
 H. M. Knox, age 46 R 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 Willie Capps, age 45 R 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 Sammie Lane, age 44 R 5, Rogers, Arkansas
 C. O. Garrison, age 42 Box 254, Huntsville, Arkansas
 George Lynch, age 42 R 1, Hindsville, Arkansas
 Elmo McKinney, age 46 Marble, Arkansas
 Tom Pinkerton Enid, Oklahoma
 Arnold Smith R 4, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Tom Day, age 41 R 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Vivan Rhodes R 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Tom Ignire, age 58 R 3, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Steve Montgomery Marble, Arkansas
 Jack Ledbetter R 1, Hunntsville, Arkansas
 Kenneth Shepherd R 1, Huntsville, Arkansas
 Ernest Corley Fayetteville, Arkansas
 Bill Williams, age 40 Rogers, Arkansas
 Francis Clark, age 44 R 1, Garfield, Arkansas
 Edd Stilley, age 22 R 2, Eureka Springs, Arkansas
 I. E. Hawley, age 71 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 ab-

stain 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.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 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 received upon profession of faith, by letter of 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 suffrage, and an Executive Committee of three, one member chosen each year for a 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 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, roes 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; Ezekiel 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 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 purposes.—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 Thes. 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 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 17-19; 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.

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

20. Judgement—We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment and the righteous into eternal happiness.—II Thes. 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	Experience & Baptism	Recommendation	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Tom Day	Tom Day	2		5	3			150
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Tom Day	Tom Day	29		8	6	2	2	263
New Hope	1866	Bill Williams	Bill Williams	6	4		6		1	39
Hickory Grove	1866	Bruce Phillips	Willie Capps				2			58
Clear Creek	1920	Vivan Rhodes	Jack Ledbetter							16
Christian Home	1892	George Lynch	George Lynch				2		1	34
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	7	2			3	1	88
Antioch	1910	Sam L. Doss	Elmo McKinney	6	6					31
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox	15	12				1	40
Rose Hill	1937	Elmo McKinney	Elmo McKinney							33
Cottage Hill	1938	Bill Oxford	Bill Oxford				1			19
Rock	1938	Steve Montgomery	Francis Clark				1		1	61
Farmer	1945	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips							31
Buckeye	1945	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox							27
Bohannon	1949	Vivan Rhodes	Jack Ledbetter	3	8		3		1	30
Freedom	1950	Cecil Garrison	Bruce Phillips	2	2					58
Hickory Flat	1951	Kenneth Shepherd	George Lynch	3	14					17
Pleasant Valley	1951	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	14	20					34
Huntsville	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	8	36					44

Springfield 1952

Rogers