

# Minutes - -

**Old Mount Zion**

**ASSOCIATION**

of

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES**

**1954**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**113TH ANNUAL SESSION**

Convened at

**SHADY GROVE CHURCH**

**MINUTES**  
Of The  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
Of The  
**OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION**  
Of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Held With  
**SHADY GROVE CHURCH**  
AUGUST 5, 6, 7, 1954

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**O F F I C E R S**

H. M. Knox ..... Moderator  
Willie Bohannon ..... Clerk

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The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with the Phillips Chapel Church beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1955.

Elder Noel Easterling to preach the Introductory Sermon.  
Elder Rufus Young is 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.

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## PROCEEDINGS

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The 113th Annual session of Old Mt. Zion Association was called to order by our moderator, Eld H. M. Knox. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Roberts.

Opening song, "Anywhere is Home."

Scripture lesson, 2nd chapter of Colossians.

Prayer, Eld. Burl True.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Claude Hendrix,—about 42 souls testified to the glory and saving power of Christ.

Song, "Shall We Gather at the River."

"Introductory Sermon."

Eld. Bruce Phillips takes the stand, reading Eph. 5:1-3.

Prayer, Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Bro. Phillips delivered the message using "The Love of God," as his text.

An invitation was given to the unsaved.

Nominations were made—the body proceeded to elect, by acclamation, Eld. Cecil Garrison and Eld. Burl True to bring the 11:00 o'clock message on Friday.

While singing, the body engaged in an old time hand shake, exchanging greetings, also shouting.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Friday morning.

Benediction, Eld. George Lynch.

### Friday Morning Session

Song, "I'll Fly Away," Uncle Joda Roberts leading in group singing.

Scripture reading, I Cor. 13th ch. by moderator.

Prayer, Eld. George Been.

Church letters were called for. All responded except Clear Creek with letters and delegates as follows:

**Mt. Zion**, Fred Archer, Veva Archer, Hettie Puryear; **Pilgrim Rest**, Henry Whittle, Josie Robinson, Irene Wright; **New Hope**, Rosa Webb, Lela Sigmon, Faye Wight; **Hickory Grove**, Sid Taylor, Glenn Koontz, Gladys Lynch; **Christian Home**: Arvil McGinnis, Kate McGinnis, Sis. Dan Davis; **Clifty**, Clarence Capps, Nora Vanhook, Fannie Prickett; **Antioch**, Eula Wood, Lois Holman, Lillie Hamby; **Shady Grove**, Minnie Murphy, Edna Blackburn, Leona Henson; **Rose Hill**, Represented only by letter; **Cottage Hill**, J. L. Banks, Elsie Miles, Effie Anderson; **Farmer**, Odie Shepherd, Annie Shepherd, Cordelia Jones; **Buckeye**, Cal Keeney, Julia Vaughn, Ezra Clark, **Bohannon**, Theodore Woodward, Velma Woodward; **Freedom**, Boyd Snoderly, Zelious Davis, Mary G. Samuel; **Hickory Flatt**, Ben Taylor, Marguerite Stevons, Stella Gibson; **Pleasant Valley**, Howard Wolfenbarger, Leroy Walker, Joe Nelson; **Huntsville**, Alvin Sparks, Charlie Dorsey, Mamie Sparks; **Phillips Chapel**, Frank Smith, Pearl Day, Wanda Young; **Rogers**, Grace Ray, Betty Trotter, Florence Jordan.

(Sister Associations)

**Old Union**, John Dotson, Jim Dotson, Dora Dotson.



Each delegate was given the right hand of fellowship by moderator, and invited to seats.

(Newly Organized Church)

**Mt. View**, (received by unanimous vote), Orpha Se-crest, Harriet Farriester, Florence Fox.

The Association body requests, and nominates Sis. Willie Bohannon as delegate from Clear Creek Church.

Mt. View delegates and Sis. Bohannon given right hand of fellowship and invited to seats.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Elder H. M. Knox ..... Moderator  
Sister Willie Bohannon (Rt. 3 Huntsville) ..... Clerk

#### **Appointment of Divine Service Committee:**

Harvey Henson, Boyd Snoderly, Arvil McGinnis, Theodore Woodward, Fred Archer.

Divine Service Committee named Elds. J. H. Roberts and Alfred Glenn to preach Friday night.

Benediction, Eld. Tommie Day.

#### **Friday Morning Service**

Song, "He Paid the Price," led by Tom Day.

Bro. Burl True delivers the 11 o'clock message, using Gal. 6:14-16 as his Scripture lesson. Text: Gal. 6:16. Stressing, "As many as walk according to this rule." Eld. Cecil Garrison concludes the message, bringing a wonderful thought on "Walking After the Spirit," and "Obeying the Word of God," as of Romans 5:1-5.

Invitation given to the unsaved.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. C. O. Garrison.

#### **Friday Afternoon Session**

Congregational singing conducted by Bro. Tom Day.

Scripture lesson: Rom. 12:1-12, by moderator.

Prayer, I. E. Hawley.

#### **Appointment of Committees:**

**Resolutions**, George Been, I. E. Hawley, George Lynch, R. F. Smith, Robert Neeley. **Finance**, Cal Keeney, Gladys Lynch, Josie Robinson, Mary G. Samuel, Leona Henson. **Temperance**, Tom Day, Claude Hendrix, Mamie Sparks, Glenn Koontz, Clarence Capps. **Sunday School**, Faye Wight, Grace Ray, Katie McGinnis, Elsie Miles, Veva Archer. **Obituary**, C. O. Garrison, Alfred Glenn, Bruce Phillips, Sid Taylor, Clyde Coatney. **Non-Represented Churches**, Carney Samuel, Edna Blackburn, Alvin

Sparks, Pearl Day, Florence Jordan. **Union of Churches**, Frank Mann, Florence Fox, Cordelia Jones, Julia Vaughn, Loy Archer.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Motion carried to have tent repaired and treated, as necessary: the work in charge of tent committee.

Report of tent committee received and committee retained.

We, your tent committee, submit the following:

Following last Association of '53, the tent was left at Huntsville for a revival. It was used in two revivals, one at Fayetteville, the other Whorton Creek, before being stored at Huntsville for the winter.

Since then it was used at Berryville, Freedom and at present here at Shady Grove Church, convened at Blands Chapel.

Rev. Bruce Phillips, chairman  
Rev. Cecil Garrison  
Rev. Tommy Day

Report of Examining Council for all ordination services, received. Bruce Phillips (re-elected) term of 3 years. H. M. Knox (unexpred) term of 2 years. Tommy Day (unexpired) term of 1 year.

### **Report of Radio Program Received:**

August 10, 1953 - August 1, 1954

Free Will Offerings received .....	\$721.06
Cost of broadcasts .....	676.00

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Balance in treasury .....	\$ 45.06
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Secretary-Treasurer,  
Mrs. Vada Netherton,  
Springdale, Arkansas

Motion carried to transfer from Pea Ridge Bank, a radio fund of approximately \$52.00 to Vada Netherton, who is now treasurer of the Radio Program. (Said fund is questionable, and may have to be refunded at a later date). If so, it is to be at the discretion of association body.

Motion carried to continue the Radio Program as has been for the past four years, Bro. Tommy Day being in charge. He urged continual support of all—financially; also stressed the need of cooperation from other ministers and singers.

### Report of Executive Board:

By Ezra Clark

Motion carried to receive the following report and retain committee.

#### Offerings at Fifth Sunday Council Meetings:

Mt. Zion .....	\$108.50
Pilgrim Rest .....	45.00
New Hope .....	8.25
Hickory Grove .....	5.00
Clear Creek .....	15.00
Christian Home .....	8.15
Clifty .....	
Antioch .....	
Shady Grove .....	6.00
Rose Hill .....	
Cottage Hill .....	3.90
Farmer .....	3.00
Buckeye ' .....	40.00
Bohannan .....	2.00
Freedom .....	107.16
Hickory Flatt .....	5.00
Huntsville .....	47.11
Phillips Chapel .....	117.05
Rogers .....	5.70
Pleasant Valley .....	18.67
Rock .....	1.80
Total .....	\$547.29

The Executive Board also presented the "Special Report" (page 14, '53 minutes) as passed upon at Council Meeting, Mt. Zion Church, August 30, 1953.

Motion was made and carried to receive said "Special Report."

Motion carried to reimburse Elsie Vaughn (\$6.00) for unpaid dues at State Association.

Financial Report of association clerk, Willie Bohannan, given and accepted by association body, without auditing books.

#### Executive Board:

Loy Archer (re-elected) term of 3 years.

Noel Easterling (unexpired) term of 2 years.

Ezra Clark (unexpired) term of 1 year.

Motion carried to print the obituary of Amos Stafford, along with that of his wife, Maude Stafford. (Done by special request).



Motion carried to print the obituary of Adline McCollough.

The Association presents quilts to Bro. Horace Knox and wife and Bro. Cecil Garrison and wife. The churches of the Association gave finance for material but we give special credit to Mary G. Samuel, who did the painting, and Lula and Helen Eden, Margie Snoderly and the Freedom Auxiliary who did the quilting.

Report on Non-Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Report of Union of Churches received and committee discharged.

Report of Sunday School received and committee discharged.

Divine Service Committee name Eld. George Been and Eld. Amos Howard for the 11:00 o'clock service Saturday.

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

Benediction.

### Friday Night Service

Congregational Singing.

Special Song, "He'll Guide Me Over," Tom Day.

Eld. J. H. Roberts takes the stand, reading Ex. 12: 1-24. His theme, "Jesus, the all sufficient Lamb." Eld. Alfred Glenn concludes, being very spiritual in his remarks,—stressing humbleness among God's children.

Approximately 66 women and 54 men engaged in the communion and foot washing service.

### Saturday Morning Session

Song, "Heavenly Sunlight."

Scripture Lesson, Col. 3:1-18.

Prayer, Bro. Noel Easterling.

Reading of Constitution, Willie Bohannon.

Reading of Rules of Order, H. M. Knox.

Report of Obituary Committee received and committee retained until after the Memorial Service.

Report of Temperance Committee received and committee discharged.

A Motion carried to send an invitation to Rev. Raymond Riggs, inviting him to attend our next association. The purpose thereof to bring to our remembrance the great need of foreign missions to Christianize the world as a means of overthrowing communism. We believe the



Gospel to be a more efficient weapon than guns.

Sister Mary M. Samuel suggests that each church start a foreign mission fund and have it present at next association to present to Bro. Riggs when he meets with us.

Motion carried to have the association clerk write Bro. Riggs, giving the invitation, (to be signed by moderator).

Motion carried to have a Bible School Clinic for the purpose of discussing and selecting materials for next year's Vacation Bible Schools.

The association body elected by acclamation Tommy Day, Mary G. Samuel and Willie Bohannon to serve as a committee for the purpose of conducting and superintending said Bible School Clinic.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 o'clock.

Divine Service Committee selected Bro. George Lynch and Sister Willie Bohannon to bring the message Saturday night.

Benediction, Bro. Rufus Young.

#### **Saturday 11:00 O'Clock Service**

Congregational singing, led by Frank Mann.

Scripture, St. Mark 14:1-10.

Eld. George Been read the obituaries, commenting on each. Eld. Amos Howard brought a wonderful sermon—Theme: "A Soldier in the Service." He emphasized the urgent need of putting on the Whole Armor of God and being a good soldier, using the Army of our U. S. A. for a comparison.

Old time hand shake followed the service. Benediction by Bro. Edd Stilley.

#### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

Scripture reading, Ps. 122.

Prayer, Bro. Ernest Corley.

#### **Ordination Service:**

Bro. Homer Bragg was ordained as deacon for the Buckeye Church.

Eld. H. M. Knox

Presbytery: Eld. C. O. Garrison

Eld. Bruce Phillips

Motion carried to dismiss Obituary Committee.

Report of Finance Committee received and committee discharged. Should funds be insufficient, clerk was to check our present funds in treasury.

Motion carried to have a Ministers-Deacons' conference. The first meeting, August 21, 1954, at Phillips Chapel Church for organization.

Report of District Evangelist C. O. Garrison.

Motion carried to receive report and give Bro. Garrison a rising vote of thanks.

Motion carried to retain Eld. C. O. Garrison for another year as District Evangelist.

Motion carried to tabulate statistical report of all local churches and print in minutes.

### **Statistical Report:**

Old Mt. Zion Association is composed of 21 churches; 18 of them gave the following data on church letters presented at the Association:

Preachers 35; deacons 54; members received this year 140; number baptized 98; number dismissed by letter 42; number excluded 3; number deceased 11; resident members 828; non-resident members 471; total membership 1,299; number of prayer meetings 10; number of Sunday Schools 18; average number of pupils 902; number of officers 125; number of Leagues 5; League membership 137; number of Auxiliaries or Missions 2; Auxiliary or Mission membership 34; amount paid pastors \$7,642.20; amount for evangelistic work \$2,898.56; amount for building and repairs \$3,817.24; amt. for incidentals \$1,489.51; value of church property (8 churches) \$44,700.00; amount for Foreign Missions \$187.55; amount for Home Missions \$739.03; amount for education \$306.94; amount for publication (S.S. Lit., etc.) \$974.28; amount of budget money paid \$587.59; radio program \$227.41; orphanage \$12.00.

"We trust the laity and ministers will cooperate and other churches will state their finance another year. (Thank you, your clerk)"

### **Report of Resolutions:**

No. 1, rejected.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, accepted; committee discharged.

Delegates to State Association: Bro. Cecil Gladden; Sisters Ethel Gladden, Elsie Vaughn and Marguerite Shaver.

Delegates to Old Union Association: Rev. and Mrs. Amos Howard; Bro. Cecil Gladden, Ethel Gladden, alternates.

Motion carried to adopt minutes.

Motion carried for the 114th session of Old Mt. Zion Association to convene on Thursday night.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1955, to convene with Phillips Chapel Church. Bro. Noel Easterling to preach the introductory message; Bro. Rufus Young, alternate. Benediction, Bro. H. M. Knox.

#### **Saturday Night Service**

Congregational singing, directed by H. M. Knox and Ewell Boyd.

Bro. George Lynch opened the service by calling all Christians into the altar for prayer. His message, which ensued, was an admonition to continue in "The Faith".

Services were concluded by Sis. Willie Bohannon delivering a message on Christian Growth, using for her text Jer. 6:16a. "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Invitation given to the unsaved.

Benediction, Bro. Bennie Crawford.

### **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.

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

/s/ Frank Mann, chairman

#### **Temperance:**

We, your committee on temperance, believe strong drink is the greatest of all evils. It is the cause of the downfall of many of our young people as well as the older ones. It causes more deaths and broken homes than all other evils combined.

Hab. 2:15—"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!"

We, as Christians, should take a firm stand against the sale of strong drink,—by vote, voice, and by prayer.

Rev. Tommy Day, chairman

#### **Sunday School:**

We, your committee on Sunday School, offer the following report:



We believe Sunday School to be an important part of our worship.

The Bible, in II Tim. 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We, as Free Will Baptists, need to strive to build better Sunday Schools.

Faye Wight, chairwoman

#### **Finance:**

We, your committee on finance, submit the following:

For State funds .....\$ 50.00

#### **For Minutes:**

Freedom .....\$ 10.00

Clifty ..... 5.15

Farmer ..... 3.25

Shady Grove ..... 4.75

Cottage Hill ..... 2.55

Buckeye ..... 4.00

Antioch ..... 3.00

Rose Hill ..... 3.00

New Hope ..... 7.50

Mt. View ..... 2.25

Mt. Zion ..... 10.00

Phillips Chapel ..... 15.00

Rogers ..... 3.00

Clear Creek ..... 3.00

Bohannon ..... 3.00

Pilgrim Rest ..... 7.00

Christian Home ..... 4.50

Hickory Grove ..... 5.50

Huntsville ..... 7.61

Pleasant Valley ..... 5.00

Hickory Flatt ..... 1.50

Total .....\$110.56

Cal Keeney, chairwoman

#### **Non-Represented Churches**

We, your committee on condition of non-represented churches, find all churches represented, either by letter or delegate, except **Clear Creek**. The association body seated Sis. Willie Bohannon as a delegate to represent Clear Creek Church.

Carney Samuel, chairman



### Resolutions:

No. 2—Be it resolved that we amend resolution No. 6, 1953 minutes, to read as follows:

“No. 6—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association, in all ordination services of ministers, comply strictly with the rules and regulations laid down by the Free Will Baptist denomination. Said procedure to be conducted by an examining council of three orthodox Free Will Baptist ministers of this Association to be chosen by the Association.”

No. 3—Be it resolved that we elect our moderator and clerk of the association by nomination and standing vote (or uplifted hand).

No. 4 (Bill of Thanks)—Be it resolved that this association extend its deepest appreciation to the Shady Grove Church and community, and to all who so faithfully and lovingly assisted in entertaining the delegation of this association during our stay among them. We pray God's richest blessings upon them. Also, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our faithful moderator and clerk.

Rev. George Been, chairman.

### Obituaries:

We, your committee on obituaries, find that death has called home 11 of our members. They are Brothers Edward Lee Trammel, Marvin Wheeler, Howard Sams, Linzie Harchel Whittle, Martin A. Lawson, Albert Bohannan, Cleavie Ford; Sisters Anna Belle Moss, Lena Jane Lynch, Maudie B. Corley, and Maude Stafford.

We request that the obituaries of Adline McCollough and Amos Stafford be printed in our minutes.

/s/ Eld. Cecil Garrison, chairman

### Edward Lee Trammel—

Edward Lee Trammel was born October 22, 1882 in the Tuttle community near Fayetteville. He was the son of Nathan and Maggie Trammel. A farmer and stockman. He had lived in the Buckeye community 42 years. He was a devoted Christian, having been converted early in life and was a charter member of the Buckeye Free Will Baptist Church. He was elected deacon July 8, 1945 and was ordained September 23, 1945, by Elds. C. O. Garrison, Willie Capps, and Bill Oxford. He was a faithful and devoted member until death.

Survivors include his wife, and several nieces and nephews.

He was married to Ora Sharp June 10, 1906.

Funeral services were held at Buckeye Monday, December 28 at 2 o'clock conducted by Bros. Cecil Garrison and Horace Knop. Burial was in the Buckeye cemetery under the direction of Moore's Funeral Home of Fayetteville.

Pallbearers were James Turner, Floyd Sharp, Ezra Clark, Richard Bell, John Campbell, and Herman Sharp.

James Marvin Wheeler—

James Marvin Wheeler, 56, was born November 14, 1897, near La Rue, Arkansas. He had long been a resident of Benton County. He departed from this life January 14, 1954, in the Rogers Memorial Hospital following a three weeks illness.

He was the son of the late James Franklin and Mattie Boyd Neely Wheeler.

He was a member of the New Hope Church at La Rue, Arkansas, where he was a deacon in the church and a faithful worker in the Sunday school.

He was always willing to lend a helpful hand to anyone in need.

He is survived by one brother, three sisters, three half-brothers, and two half-sisters: Mrs. Lela Lakin, Birmingham, Michigan; Mrs. Mae Hite, Martindale, Texas; Mrs. Mattie Finch, Cogar, Oklahoma; Orville Wheeler of Pendleton, Oregon; Clarence Wheeler of Oregon; Audory Wheeler, Eugene, Oregon; Glint Wheeler, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Cleo Mull, Selma, California; Mrs. Edith Fay Clark, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Also a step mother, Mrs. M. M. Wheeler of Anadarko, Oklahoma; and three step-brothers, Roy Strange, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Rev. R. S. Strange, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Murvin Strange of California.

Howard Sams—

Howard Sams was born October 20, 1925 in Madison county, the son of W. A. Sams and Donna Dean Sams. He was a naval veteran of World War II and an employee of Fox De Luxe Foods in Springdale. He was a member of the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are his parents of Elkins; his wife, Mrs. Bertha Young Sams; two sons, Ray Gene Sams and Dan Allen Sams, both of the home; six brothers, Loyd of La-

mar, Ark, Olin of Oklahoma City, Covan of Portland, Maine, Dolphus of Wynne, Ark., Claud of Cowiche, Wash. and Kenneth of Elkins, Ark.; five sisters, Mrs. Ocie Gregory of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Josie Tilley of Lamar, Ark., Mrs. Mary Self of DeSota, Kansas, Mrs. Anna Mae Hayes of Tulsa, Okla. and Mrs. Martha Guess of Idaho.

Linzie Harchel Whittle—

Linzie Harchel Whittle was born February 13, 1881. He was the son of W. W. and Susan Whittle. He was married to Della Ellenbarger March 10, 1901.

He is survived by two sons, Fay and William Alva, both of Springdale. Three sisters, Loney Ellenbarger, Effie Bartlett and Bell Ellenbarger, all of Springdale; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was converted July 23, 1920. United with the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest July 24, 1920. Was baptized by Elder J. H. Roberts July 25, 1920, at the White River bridge on 68 Highway. Was buried in the Wilson cemetery April 30, 1954. Funeral conducted by Elders J. H. Roberts and G. W. Been.

Martin A. Lawson—

Martin A. Lawson was born December 22, 1898 at Spring Valley and had been a resident of Madison county all his life.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Beulah Evans Lawson; his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Lawson, of Huntsville; two daughters, Walda of the home and Mrs. Mary Davis of Indio, Calif.; 11 sons, Eugene of Coachella, Calif., Darrel, Donald and Lee Lawson, all of Indio, Calif., Darren of Huntsville, and J. D. Berry, James, Jerry, Ronald and Lester, all of the home; three brothers, Clyde Lawson of Siloam Springs, Virgil Lawson of Rogers and Eura Lawson of Hindsville; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Phillips of Hindsville, Mrs. Lallie Lee of California and Mrs. James H. Jiles of Nebraska and 13 grandchildren.

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

Albert Bohannan—

Albert Bohannan was born March 4, 1870, departed this life January 29, 1954 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Winnie Todd. He was a lifelong resident of Clifty and Clear Creek communities.

He was married to Mary Elizabeth Wasson Febru-



ary 14, 1890. To this union was born three children, one daughter and infant son preceding him in death.

Mr. Bohannon was a charter member and deacon of the Clear Creek Free Will Baptist Church, where he worked and served faithfully until three months before his passing when failing health prevented.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Winnie Todd; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Cecil Garrison and Bro. Tommie Day. Music by the Lynch quartet. Interment in the Clifty cemetery.

Cleavie Ford—

Cleavie Ford, 70, former resident of Clifty community passed away at his home at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

He was married to Minnie Stafford in 1909. Seven children were born to this union, two dying in infancy.

Mr. Ford leaves to mourn his passing, his wife three sons and two daughters; also a host of other relatives and friends.

He was converted and united with the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church many years ago.

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 good-byes.  
We can think of nothing sweeter  
Than our meeting in the skies!

Anna Belle McGinnis Moss—

Anna Belle McGinnis Moss, age 80 years, 8 months and 28 days, passed away at her home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 19, 1954.

She was born at Glade, Ark., the daughter of John R. and Martha Reynolds McGinnis. Early in life she was converted and joined the church. She lived a faithful Christian until her death.

Survivors are: George M. Moss, Chester D. Moss and Mrs. Mary Cook, all of Tulsa; Mrs. Grace King of Bloomington, Indiana.

Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. Harry Staires of the Lawnwood Free Will Baptist Church. Services were held in the chapel of the Coulter and Brown



Funeral Home at 3:30 p. m. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery in Tulsa.

Lena Jane Lynch—

Lena was born May 28, 1882 near Toledo, Ohio; departed this life September 3, 1953 at Modesto, Calif., at the age of 71 years, 3 months, 6 days. She was married to Mat Lynch December 10, 1899, near Clifty, Arkansas. To this union two children were born, one daughter, Mrs. Mable Terry, one son, Cecil Lynch of Modesto, Calif. Other survivors include three grandchildren, Rev. Virgil Terry of Williams, Oregon, Claud Terry of San Matto, Calif., Barbara Lynch of Modesto, Calif.; also two great grandchildren; two sisters, Grace McLaren of California and Ethel Lendsey; a brother, Tom Sharp of Arkansas.

She was converted in early life and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Hickory Grove. She was a faithful worker in the church and Sunday school.

She was a Modesto resident 26 years, but kept in contact with her church here. She was faithful to send money for the Old Mount Zion Association Minutes. She was a sweet, loving girl, having many friends here in Arkansas.

She has gone to her sweet reward. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sleep on, dear Lena, day by day; we are so sad since you've gone away. But we'll meet you some day, where there'll be no sad farewells.

The writer had the privilege of attending her wedding. She was one of my best girlhood friends and pal. I loved her very much.

/s/ Mrs. G. W. Stafford

Maudie B. Corley—

Maudie B. Corley was born April 1, 1888, and departed this life August 25, 1953, at the age of 67.

She was married to Josiah B. Corley in 1907. Eleven children, three brothers, and 38 grandchildren survive.

She was converted and joined the Free Will Baptist Church the first year of her married life, thus training up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Vivan Rhodes and Elder Alfred Glenn.

Adline McCullough—

Adline McCullough was born March 10, 1879. De-

parted this life December 3, 1953 at the age of 74 years, 8 months, 23 days. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, David and Emiline McCollough and by three sisters and four brothers. A sister, Lizzie Taylor, and a number of nieces and nephews survive.

She joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Liberty at the age of 15 years.

Maude Ann Stafford—

Maude Ann Stafford was born September 2, 1882 and departed this life September 18, 1953 at the age of 71. She was the daughter of Robert and Rebecca Clark Ford. She was married to Amos F. Stafford February 23, 1899. To this union was born seven sons, one dying in infancy.

She had been a member of the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church for more than 50 years.

She is survived by six sons: Robert N. Stafford, Clyde Stafford and B. C. Stafford, all of Wichita, Kans. Bill Stafford and Keet Stafford of Clifty, and Virgil Stafford of Great Bend, Kans.; and two brothers, Fred Ford of Raymondville, Mo. and Everett Ford of Wichita, Kans.

Funeral services were held at Clifty Sunday afternoon, September 20 at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Robert W. Jones. Burial was in the Clifty cemetery with arrangements by the Brashears Funeral Home. The pallbearers were the six sons.

We would appreciate it if the Association would print the following obituary along with that of our mother, Maude Stafford. —The Stafford children

Amos F. Stafford (Published by special request)—

Amos F. Stafford, 76, well known resident and retired farmer of Clifty community, passed away at his home Sunday, September 27, 1953 after an illness of three years and seven months.

He was born at Lowell, Ark., July 1, 1877, the son of Jasper Newton and Lucinda Stafford.

He was married to Maude Ford February 23, 1899.

Survivors include six sons, Robert N., Clyde, Berry C., Bill, Keet and Virgil Stafford; two brothers, G. W. Stafford, Rogers, Ark., and P. F. Stafford, War Eagle, Ark.; five sisters, Ollie Colville, Holdenville, Okla.; Minnie Ford, Gay Ford and Pearl Shepherd of Wewoka, Okla., May Scott, Tulsa, Okla.; also eight grandchildren.

During his illness he professed a hope in Christ.

bearing his pain and suffering with resignation and Christian patience. His belief and confidence in his Saviour were made evident thereby; also, by the last testimony which he gave that he was ready to meet God in peace.

Music was by the Lynch trio; the six sons served as pallbearers.

Heaven's nearer, darling mother,  
Since you've gone to be at rest;  
Daddy followed, nine days later,  
Put a longing in our breasts!  
No, we won't forget you, daddy,  
Though you've left us and gone on;  
Watching, waiting there in Heaven,  
Ever beckoning, "Boys, come home."  
It's a glorious thought, we can meet again,  
Greet daddy and mother up there;  
We'll also see Jesus upon His throne,  
If in this world we will prepare.

#### **District Evangelist's Report:**

Revivals 15, sermons 232, professions 131, baptized 56, additions to church 35, ordained minister 1, ordained deacons 3, pastored 1 church (Huntsville), marriages performed 23, funerals 31, miles traveled 12,000;  
money received by free will offering .....\$1,504.25  
money received from churches at council ..... 547.93  
total amount received .....\$2,052.18  
traveling expense on car ..... 450.00  
remainder .....\$1,602.18

Twenty-two years in service, age 44.

/s/ Eld. Cecil Garrison, Rt. 6, Huntsville

#### **Ministers' Reports**

**Amos G. Howard:** I humbly submit the following—Pastored 1 church (Rogers); received in free will offerings \$1,470.00; gave tithes back to church \$147.00; expense on car \$650.00. Helped in six revivals, money received from them \$273.03. Professions witnessed 61, marriages performed 4; funerals 6.

**Eld. Tommy Day:** I have served as member of the State Executive Board; served as chairman and evangelist of radio program; pastored the Phillips Chapel F.W.B.



Church full time. Funerals 11; weddings 7; additions to Church 40; conversions and renewals witnessed 90; baptized 54; sermons preached 160. Helped ordain two ministers and three deacons; served as member of Examining Council; miles traveled approximately 12,000. Money received: funerals \$8.00, weddings \$23.00, revivals \$350.43. Pastoral work \$2,593.58. Total \$2,975.00. Years in service, seven.

**Eld. Steve Montgomery:** Preached 87 sermons; held 1 revival; helped in 2 revivals; witnessed 12 conversions; helped baptize 14; conducted 1 funeral; marriages performed 4; traveled approximately 4,407 miles. Free will offering \$389.74.

**Eld. Edward L. Stilley:** Sermons 73; conversions witnessed 4; 1 revival. Years in service 5. Free will offering \$90.45.

**Eld. I. E. Hawley:** Since last Association, I have three regular monthly appointments. Preached 31 sermons; marriages performed 6; taught 89 nights Bible School at Huntsville and Smyrna. Free will offering \$88.47.

**Eld. Joe Weldon:** By the grace and help of God I have preached approximately 50 sermons; conversions witnessed 7; baptized 7; have two regular appointments.

**Eld. Ernest Corley:** By the grace of God I've preached about 48 sermons; have three regular appointments; marriages performed 3; helped in one revival; baptized 10; miles traveled unknown. Free will offering about \$50.00.

**Bro. Noel Easterling:** Sermons 26; conversions witnessed 8; helped in three revivals. Free will offering \$81.50.

**Eld. George Been:** I have tried to preach 15 sermons; funerals 3; married 5 couples; served as Bible teacher in the Pilgrim Rest Sunday school; served as chaplain in the Washington County singing convention; made a number of sick calls. No record of miles traveled.



# MINISTERS

J. H. Roberts, age 82 .....	Springdale,	Arkansas
George Been, age 73, R 5, B 224,	Springdale,	Arkansas
P. G. Kirk, age 68 .....	R 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Claude Lynch, age 61 .....	Rogers,	Arkansas
Bruce Phillips, age 51 .....	R 1, Hindsville,	Arkansas
Jack Hobbs, age 50 .....	R 4, Huntsville,	Arkansas
H. M. Knox, age 48 .....	R 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Willie Capps, age 47 .....	R 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Sammie Lane, age 46 .....	R 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
C. O. Garrison, age 44 .....	R 6, Huntsville,	Arkansas
George Lynch, age 44 .....	R 1, Hindsville,	Arkansas
Elmo McKinney, age 48 .....	Rudd,	Arkansas
Tom Pinkerton, .....	Enid,	Oklahoma
Tom Day, age 43 .....	R 4, Springdale,	Arkansas
Vivian Rhodes, age 41 .....	Huntsville,	Arkansas
Steve Montgomery, age 48 .....	R 4, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Jack Ledbetter .....	R 1, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Kenneth Shepherd, age 27 .....	R 1, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Ernest Corley, age 46 .....	R 3, Fayetteville,	Arkansas
Bill Williams, age 42 .....	Rogers,	Arkansas
Edd Stilley, age 24 .....	R 2, Eureka Springs,	Arkansas
I. E. Hawley, age 73 .....	Huntsville,	Arkansas
Dave Casteel .....	Hindsville,	Arkansas
Clyde Coatney .....	Berryville,	Arkansas
Alfred Glenn .....	Alabam,	Arkansas
Boyd Bennett .....	R 1, Huntsville,	Arkansas
Claude Hendrix, age 33 .....	Rogers,	Arkansas
Loyd Edmondson .....	R 5, Rogers,	Arkansas
Amos Howard, age 40 ....	611 E. Huntsville St.,	
	Springdale,	Arkansas
Joe Weldon, age 58 .....	R 3, Springdale,	Arkansas
Clarence Tice .....	Huntsville,	Arkansas
Burl True .....		
Oscar Cavins, age 51 .....	Rogers,	Arkansas

**Licensed Ministers—**

Rufus Young, age 36 .....	Springdale, Arkansas
Burton Birchfield .....	Eureka Springs, Arkansas
Noel Easterling, age 38 .....	Huntsville, Arkansas
J. A. Davidson .....	R 3, Springdale, Arkansas
Boyd Harp .....	
Hoyt Trotter .....	
Nelson Crabtree .....	
Kenneth Hubbard .....	
George Roller .....	

## 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 the 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 Baptists), 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 regularly ordained ministers and deacons of this Association becoming properly credentialed and in full fellowship and good standing in the church of which they are members, shall be entitled to seats as a delegate, 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



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 (and none on promise of letter); 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 one 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, 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; 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; Psalm 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; I Peter 2:9-25.

**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. 11:23-29; 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 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 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 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 willfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide if persistently continued 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. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1, 2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31, 32.

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

**17. Sanctification**—Sanctification is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all 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; 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 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 and Baptism ...	Recommendation	Rec'd. by Letter	Dismiss by Letter	Excluded .....	Died .....	Total Mem'ship
Mt. Zion .....	1866	Bruce Phillips .....	Bruce Phillips .....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	1	130
Pilgrim Rest .....	1911	Alfred Glenn .....	Alfred Glenn .....	.....	.....	1	2	1	1	222
New Hope .....	1866	H. M. Knox .....	Horace Knox .....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	2	51
Hickory Grove .....	1866	Willie Capps .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	50
Clear Creek .....	1920	Willie Capps .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	14
Christian Home .....	1832	Willie Capps .....	Steve Montgomery .....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	32
Clifty .....	1892	H. M. Knox .....	H. M. Knox .....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94
Antioch .....	1910	Elmo McKinney .....	Clyde Coatney .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48
Shady Grove .....	1936	H. M. Knox .....	H. M. Knox .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	42
Rose Hill .....	1937	Clyde Coatney .....	Hugh Gage .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	29
Cottage Hill .....	1938	George Lynch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
Farmer .....	1945	.....	Boyd Bennett .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
Buckeye .....	1945	H. M. Knox .....	H. M. Knox .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25
Bohannon .....	1949	Alfred Glenn .....	Boyd Bennett .....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	29
Freedom .....	1950	Bruce Phillips .....	Bruce Phillips .....	13	2	.....	3	.....	.....	84
Hickory Flatt .....	1951	George Lynch .....	George Lynch .....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	17
Pleasant Valley .....	1951	Francis Clark .....	Francis Clark .....	3	.....	5	7	.....	.....	52
Huntsville .....	1952	Cecil Garrison .....	Cecil Garrison .....	10	5	10	.....	.....	.....	91
Phillips Chapel .....	1952	Tom Day .....	Tom Day .....	40	.....	.....	7	1	1	172
Rogers .....	1953	Amos Howard .....	Amos Howard .....	16	5	14	.....	1	.....	65
Mt. View .....	1954	Edd Stilley .....	Edward Stilley .....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	8