

Minutes

Old Mount Zion Association

of

Free Will Baptist Churches



1955



Proceedings
114th Annual Session
Convened at
PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Held With
PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH
August 11, 12, 13, 1955



OFFICERS

H. M. Knox Moderator
Willie Bohannon Clerk



The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with the Rogers Church beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1956. Elder Kenneth Autry to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder George Roller 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.



PROCEEDINGS



The 114th annual session of Old Mt. Zion Association was opened with congregational singing, conducted by Albert Schanda.

The body was then called to order by our moderator Eld. H. M. Knox.

Scripture lesson, Col. 3: 1-16.

Prayer, Eld. Tom Day.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Bro. Noel Easterling delivered the message basing the 1st portion of it on "The Value of Prayer." Acts 12: 1-18. He concluded with an invitation to the unsaved, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light." Rom. 13:12.

Closing remarks were given by Bro. Rufus Young; commenting on Prov. 28:13; and Eccl. 12:13.

Church LETTERS were then called for—only seven responded and they with partial delegation.

Motion carried to not give the right hand of fellowship until the majority of delegates arrive.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Friday morning.

Bro. Glenn Jones was nominated and elected by acclamation to bring the 11:00 o'clock message on Friday.

Benediction by Bro. George Been.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing led by Arley Lynch.

Scripture reading: Rom. 8:1-23.

Prayer, Eld. Raymond Riggs.

Reading of CHURCH LETTERS, and seating of delegates, (continued).

Three churches, Antioch, Bohannon, and Mt. View represented by letter only; the remainder by letter and delegation as follows: Mt. Zion, Paul Archer, Lena Phillips, Velma Archer; Pilgrim Rest, Irene Wright, Mary Anne Glenn, Wynema Smith; Hickory Grove, Sid Taylor, Kendall Bohlen, Hazel Koontz; Christian Home, Arvil McGinnis, Kate McGinnis, Maude Davis; Clifty, Ed Parker, Lester Vanhook, Juanita Vanhook; Shady Grove, Bob Grimes, Edna Blackburn, Nadene Capps; Farmer, Cordelia Jones, Annie Shepherd, Odie Shepherd; Buckeye, Thurmon Keeney, Cal Keeney, Hazel Fitch; Freedom, Hugh Foster, Emma Ellington, Georgia Mann; Hickory Flatt, Ben Taylor, Lillie Taylor, Stella Gibson; Pleasant Valley, Sis. Meeks, Sis. Needham, Joe Nelson; Huntsville, Alvin Sparks, Bonnie Phillips, Imogene Parks; Phillips Chapel, Jess Parker, Erlene Clayton, Ruth Schanda; Rogers, Dow Boydston, Lottie Boydston, Mary Gladys Samuel.

SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Cherokee Home: Bro. J. B. Johnson.

Old Union: John Dodson, Ruby Head.

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

NEWLY ORGANIZED CHURCHES

Motion carried to receive Oak Grove Church.

Oak Grove delegates, Willie Bailey, Josephine Bailey, Nola Winkle.

Oak Grove delegates given right hand of fellowship and invited to seats.

Jerome (Idaho) Church presents letter for admission.

Motion carried to dismiss our business session to convene again at 1:00 o'clock.

Benediction: Bro. Glenn Barnes.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Prayer, Eld. Bruce Phillips.

A very spiritual message was delivered by Eld. Glenn Jones; Lesson, II Tim. 4:1-8; Text, "Sound Doctrine."

Invitation given to unsaved.

Benediction: Eld. Burl True.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Song Service conducted by Frank Mann and Eld. Joda Roberts.

Scripture lesson, Jer. 6:6-17.

Prayer, Bro. Kenneth Autry.

Appointment of committee to investigate Jerome, Idaho, Church.

Namely: George Been, Cecil Garrison, Vivan Rhodes, Tom Day and Noel Easterling.

Motion carried to retain Bohannon church, and receive their letter as presented by Eld. Vivan Rhodes.

ELECTION of OFFICERS:

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

APPOINTMENT of COMMITTEES:

DIVINE SERVICE, Floyd Edgman, Paul Archer, Ralph Snoderly, Arvil McGinnis, Berry Puryear.

RESOLUTIONS, Tom Day, George Been, Carney Samuel, Loy Archer, Vivan Rhodes.

FINANCE, Juanita Vanhook, Bonnie Phillips, Velma Archer, Georgia Mann, Nadine Capps.

TEMPERANCE, Cal Keeney, Edna Blackburn, Mary Gladys Samuel, Cordelia Jones, Josephine Bailey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, Thurman Keeney, Ruth Schanda, Erlene Clayton, Nola Winkle.

OBITUARY, Burl True, Glenn Barnes, Alfred Glenn, Cecil Gladden, Ben Taylor.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES, Noel Easterling, Cecil Garrison, Joe Weldon, Hugh Foster, Clarence Tice.

UNION OF CHURCHES, Claude Hendrix, Bruce Phillips, Homer Bragg, Joe Nelson, Edd Stilley.

FOREIGN MISSION—Message by Elder Raymond Riggs; offering, \$282.00.

Motion carried to receive the Financial Report of Clerk, Willie Bohannan.

Motion sustained to receive the report of Temperance Committee, and discharge them.

ORDINATION SERVICE of Bro. George Roller. Presbytery: Elders, Tom Day, Burl True, Cecil Garrison.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Benediction pronounced by Eld. Clarence Tice.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Singing conducted by Albert Schanda. Special Song, "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow," by Lillie Slavens.

Our Moderator introduced Bro. Glenn Barnes, one of our youngest ministers, who based his thoughts on and read, I Peter 5:6 and Prov. 16:18-19; using as his theme, "Humbleness."

Prayer, Elder Cecil Garrison.

The service was continued by Elder Vivan Rhodes

delivering a message on the "Requirements of a Christian," that he might be worthy to partake of the Lord's Supper. He read for his scripture lesson 1st Cor. 11:23-30; St. Luke 22:8-20. Invitation given to the unsaved.

Approximately 150 partook of the Lord's Supper, and engaged in the foot washing service that followed the message. And, as of Matt. 26:30a, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out"

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

We sang the song, "Everybody will be Happy Over There".

Morning devotions by Moderator; Scripture, 1st Cor. 13th Chapter.

Prayer, Bro. Lloyd Edmondson.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Sunday School committee, and discharge them.

"Rules of Order" read by Moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox.

"Constitution" read by Clerk, Sis. Willie Bohannan.

Motion duly passed to receive Radio Program Report:
Contributions since August 8, 1954

of Churches from Old Mt. Zion Assn.....	\$528.00
Contributions since August 8, 1954	
other sources	227.00

Total amount received	\$755.00
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Cost of Broadcasts	689.00
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Balance in treasury, (including '54 balance)	111.06
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Vada Netherton, Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00.

Benediction: Eld. Willie Capps.

Motion sustained to print obituary of Ervin Taylor, receive the report of the obituary committee, and discharge same.

SATURDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK MEMORIAL SERVICE

Special Song by Bro. J. A. Day, "He Made a Way For Me." "This World is not My Home," sung by the congregation.

Elder Claude Hendrix opened the service by reading portions of the obituaries and commenting on them. He read Heb. 2:1-3a and spoke from same. Elder Clarence Tice delivered the message of the hour, using I Thes. 4:13-18 for his theme.

Invitation given to the unsaved.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song: "Any Where is Home."

Scripture reading by Moderator, 11 Chron. 7:12-22.

Prayer, Eld. Jim Davidson.

Motion duly passed to table discussion of "Letters" Article 3 of the Constitution, (to be continued later in session).

Motion carried to receive report of committee on Union of Churches, and dismiss them.

Motion sustained to receive the Financial Committee report, and retain the committee because the funds were insufficient.

Motion carried to reimburse the Finance Fund from balance in treasury as of August 12, 1955, (to pay for minutes and State dues).

Motion duly passed to discharge Finance Committee.

Motion sustained to receive report on Non-Union of Churches and discharge committee.

Motion duly passed to receive the report of the Investigating Committee on the Jerome, Idaho, Church and discharge the committee.

Jerome delegates, Ernest Hayhurst, Cora Hayhurst.

Jerome delegates given the right hand of fellowship and invited to seats.

Motion passed to receive a partial report of the Resolution Committee and retain them.

Resolutions 1 and 2 adopted.

Motion carried to have said clerk, Willie Bohannon, correct the designated errors mentioned in Res. No. 2. (See the Resolution elsewhere in minute.)

Motion carried for the Association to pay clerk wages to do the work of correcting erroneous errors as named in Resolution No. 2.

Resolution No. 3 killed. Motion carried to repeal vote cast on Resolution No. 3 and re-vote. (With exception of that part of Art. 3 which says, "and none on promise of letter.")

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Motion carried to receive report of Tent Committee, reimburse Bro. Cecil Garrison for repair of tent, and retain committee.

Motion duly passed that each church send donations to Bro. Bruce Phillips, treasurer, to repay expense on tent.

Appointment of INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE to investigate NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES. Namely: Elders Cecil Garrison, George Been, Burl True.

Resolution No. 4 adopted.

DISTRICT EVANGELIST REPORT

Revivals, 18; Sermons preached 209; Professions witnessed, 111; Additions to church, 19, in addition to those of the new churches which was 20 and 28 respectively. Baptized, 24; Organized 2 churches; Ministers ordained 3; Deacons ordained 7; Ministers licensed 1; Funerals preached 27; Married 16 couples; Miles traveled 13,000; Money received by Freewill offering \$1,927.75; Money received at Council Meetings \$619.33; Total amount received \$2,547.08; Expense \$600.00; Remainder \$1,947.08. Number of years in service, 23.

Elder Cecil Garrison.

Motion carried to receive the report of District Evangelist. Elder Cecil Garrison nominated and re-elected as District Evangelist.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, your Executive Board, have collected \$631.43 at the 5th Sunday Council Meetings; this fund was turned over to Bro. Garrison.

Noel Easterling,
Ezra Clark,
Loy Archer.

Motion sustained to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Nominate and elect Ezra Clark as member to Executive Board for a term of three years.

Loy Archer (unexpired) term of 2 years.

Noel Easterling (unexpired) term of 1 year.

Examining Council Report (oral).

There have been 7 ministers examined; all accepted.

Nominate and elect Eld. Burl True for a term of three years as member of the Examining Council.

Motion carried to print 1,000 minutes.

Motion duly passed to have the Radio Program continue under the supervision of Eld. Tom Day. (As has been the past 5 years.)

The body votes UNANIMOUSLY to take the next session of the Association to Rogers Church.

Nominated and elected to preach Introductory Message, Elder Kenneth Autry; Elder George Roller, his alternate.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATIONS

OLD UNION: Clyde Coatney, Cecil Gladden, Roy Edgman.

GRAND RIVER: Tom Day, Pearl Day.

INDIAN CREEK: Represent by letter.

STATE ASSOCIATION: Ethel Gladden, Pearl Day.

Motion carried to not print the letters of ministers.

Motion carried to adopt minutes. (Without reading them.)

Motion sustained to receive the final report of the Resolution Committee, and discharge them.

Motion carried to again tabulate statistical report of all local churches and have it printed in the minute.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night, 7:30 P. M., before the second Sunday in August, 1956, to convene with Rogers Church; (organization and business to pursue as time permits.)

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Congregational singing; song, "I'm Moving Across the River Some Day."

Prayer, Eld. Amos Howard.

Eld. Ernest Hayhurst of Jerome, Idaho, opens the

service reading Matt. 16:15. Text, "What Would You Do With Jesus?"

Prayer, Eld. Clyde Coatney.

Quartet composed of Cecil Garrison, Tommie Day Jr., Albert Schanda, and Glenn Barnes, sings, "I Know I Have Religion."

Special Song, "The Darkest Day," Bro. J. A. Day.

Special Song, "I Guess I'm Just a Little Old Fashioned," Eld. Willie Capps and wife, Clara.

Eld. Edd Stilley concludes the service. Lesson Matt. 9:10-15; Text, Matt. 23:8. A wonderful service was enjoyed.

Benediction by Pastor Host, Eld. Tommie Day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Investigating Committee of Jerome Church:

We, your investigating committee on the Jerome, Idaho, Church, find it to be Orthodox and Orderly. We recommend they be received into this body upon letter they previously presented to this Associational Body during this session of the Association.

Elders George Been, chairman,
Tommie Day,
Vivan Rhodes,
Cecil Garrison,
Noel Easterling.

Tent Committee:

We, your tent committee, submit the following: The tent was used at last Association, when convened with Bland Chapel, 1954. It was left there for a revival; then stored at Huntsville for the winter. Later it was taken to Tulsa for repair; that cost was \$67.60, paid by Bro. Cecil Garrison, himself. It was also used at Fayetteville for a revival and is in use here at Springdale at the present.

Elders Cecil Garrison, Tommie Day, Bruce Phillips.

Union of Churches:

We, your committee on Union of Churches submit the following:

We believe that we have good unity among our churches—for by having unity we have great strength.

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12:5.

Eld. Claude Hendrix, chairman.

Temperance:

We, your committee on temperance believe we should observe temperance in all things, especially in strong drinks, as it is a mighty strong factor in breaking down of morals and character. It will eventually lead into deeper depths of degradation such as dope addiction, etc. Prayerful instruction and example should be taught in the home and church against all alcoholic drinks.

Cal Keeney, Chairwoman.

Non-Represented Churches:

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches find all churches represented either by letter or delegate—except, New Hope, Clear Creek, Rose Hill and Cottage Hill.

Eld. Noel Easterling, chairman.

Divine Service:

We, your Divine Service Committee, offer the following report:

Friday evening service; Elders Glenn Barnes and Vivan Rhodes.

Saturday 11:00 a. m. Memorial Service; Elders Claude Hendrix and Clarence Tice.

Saturday evening service; Elders Ernest Hayhurst and Edd Stilley.

Floyd Edgman, chairman.

Sunday Schools:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, offer the following as our report: We believe Sunday School to be one of the most important parts of our worship. We believe every father and mother should go and take their children to Sunday School and not just send them.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

We believe our Free Will Baptist Churches should strive to build up better Sunday Schools.

Thurman Keeney, chairman.

Finance:

	State Fund	Minute Fund	Clerk
Mt. Zion	\$ 3.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 1.00
Pilgrim Rest	3.00	10.00	1.00
Hickory Grove	1.00	3.05	1.00
Christian Home	3.00	3.50	1.00
Clifty	3.00	4.75	1.00
Antioch		3.50	1.00
Shady Grove	3.00	4.75	1.00
Rose Hill	1.50	3.50	
New Hope		1.00	
Cottage Hill	2.00	2.55	
Farmer	3.00	3.00	1.00
Buckeye	3.00	5.00	1.00
Bohannon	3.00	1.00	1.00
Freedom	3.00	10.00	1.00
Hickory Flatt	3.00	1.00	1.00
Pleasant Valley	3.00	5.00	1.00
Huntsville	3.00	9.00	1.00
Phillips Chapel	3.00	10.00	1.00
Rogers	3.00	7.50	1.00
Mt. View		3.00	
Oak Grove	3.00	6.00	1.00
Jerome	3.00	4.00	1.00
Totals	\$52.50	\$109.10	\$18.00

We, your committee on finance, submit the above report.

Juanita Vanhook, chairwoman.

Resolutions:

We, your committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

No. 1—Be it resolved that we have a time of worship of 30 or 45 minutes in the afternoon.

No. 2—Be it resolved that the association appoint someone (or a committee) to correct the typographical and reference errors in the "Articles of Faith" that is in our minute.

No. 3—Be it resolved that this association cause to be reprinted PERMANENTLY in our Minutes (year after year) all of our principal resolutions. Namely: Numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 all passed in 1953. Also Number 6, passed in 1954, so as to keep before our Churches the ruling of the Association.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PERMANENTLY RE-PRINTED:

Resolutions: (printed permanently.)

No. 1—To the Old Mt. Zion Association. Be it resolved that each church give one dollar to the clerk of the association to help with expenses. Done by order of Buckeye Church assembled in conference this 26th day of July, 1953. /s/ H. M. Knox, mod.; Ezra Clark, clerk.

No. 3—That attention be called to Article 3 of the Constitution of this Association, as terms of receiving members into the local church as, namely: (1) profession of faith, (2) by letter of recommendation, (3) by restoration, (4) by denominational choice.

No. 4—That Article 1. Membership—be amended to read: 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, by virtue of their office.

No. 5—Be it resolved that we give adequate support and approval of Home Mission work in the bounds of Old Mt. Zion Association which includes much more than evangelism: such as conducting Bible Schools, Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School Conventions, visiting our weak churches, and assisting those needing His assistance; since, Free Will Baptists from State to National Associations are emphasizing the need of Home Mission work, said work to be under the supervision of the Home Mission Board.

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. 7—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association go on record as denouncing the modern doctrine of a second works of grace ("following regeneration" and calling it the Baptism of the Holy Ghost), as heresy, and unsound doctrine. We warn any church (endorsing such, or having members in their church that advocate such) to purge out such or stand the risk of loosing their place in this Association.

Resolutions:

No. 4—Be it resolved that Resolution No. 2 of 1953 be changed to read: Be it resolved that the Association convene each year on Thursday Night before the second Sunday in August to have the Introductory Sermon and to organize for business, as time will permit.

Elder Tommie Day, chairman.

"Bill of Thanks"

Be it resolved that this Association extend its deepest appreciation to the Phillips Chapel Church and community, and all other Churches (and all those) who so faithfully and lovingly assisted in caring for and entertaining the delegation and visitors during our stay among them. We, pray God's richest blessings upon them. Also, we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to our faithful and efficient Moderator and Clerk for their untiring Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder George Been.

Obituary:

We, your committee on obituaries find that death has called home five of our members. They are: Brothers Thomas D. Ingmire, Jim Metcalf (deacon of ex-church, Rock); Sisters Clara Wright, Etta B. Capps, Bessie Dick. We recommend that you receive the obituary of Ervin J. Taylor, (by request).

Burl True, chairman.

Thomas D. Ingmire

Thomas D. Ingmire, 60, farmer and lifelong resident of route 1, Huntsville, (Clifty community) died suddenly Sunday, August 8 about 5 p. m.

Mr. Ingmire was born February 15, 1894 in Nebraska, the son of William Ingmire and Josephine Sytorik Ingmire. He was married to Minnie Allen November 3, 1913, and they were the parents of 12 children. One daughter, Ethel Mae, died in infancy.

Mr. Ingmire acknowledged a call to the ministry and united with the Free Will Baptist church at Clear Creek.

He is survived by his wife; six sons, Edward Ingmire of route 1, Hindsville; Virgil, of Prineville, Ore., William of Rogers, George of the U. S. Navy, Tommie Lee of Tulsa and Franklin D. of Hindsville; five daughters, Genevie Goff of Tulsa, Okla., Henrietta VanWinkle of Spring Valley, Ruth Oliver of Clifty, Phyllis Ingmire of Spring Valley, and Betty Jo Ingmire of Hindsville.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Cecil Garrison, and the Rev. Tommy Day. Song service was by the Lynch Quartet.

Pallbearers were Elwood McLoud, George Lynch, Willard Bohannon, Jim Bohannon, George Bohannon and Loy Calico.

James H. Metcalf

Funeral services for James H. Metcalf, 76, lifelong resident of Benton county, who died Tuesday at his home near War Eagle, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Rock church near LaRue, with Rev. Horace Knox officiating.

Burial was in the Rambo cemetery under the direction of Callison-Porter Funeral Home.

He was born in Benton county, the son of E. B. and Sarah Moody Metcalf.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Metcalf; two sons, Elmer and E. B. Metcalf of route 5, Rogers; six daughters, Mrs. Lois Robertson, of Clifty, Mrs. Sarah Henshaw of Avoca, Mrs. Elvira Garrett of White Face,

Texas, Mrs. Letty Lynch of Taft, Calif., Mrs. Leona Henson, route 5, Rogers and Mrs. Berba Evans of Rogers.

He was a deacon of the Rock Free Will Baptist Church. A devoted father and Christian until death.

Clara Wright

Clara Wright, 84, resident of the Pilgrim Rest Community, died June 15, at her home. Funeral services were conducted at the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Alfred Glenn of Fayetteville and the Rev. Roe Matthews of Springdale, officiating.

Mrs. Wright was born in Osage County, Kansas, Feb. 5, 1871. She was the daughter of Jacob Collins of Ohio and Susan Hinds Collins, widow of the late John R. Wright. She was a charter member of the Pilgrim Rest Church which was organized in September, 1911.

Survivors are three sons, Everett, Harry and Roy Wright, all of Springdale; one daughter, Mrs. W. L. Roark of Rogers; 26 grand-children and 15 great-grand-children.

Etta B. Capps

Mrs. Etta B. Capps, a native of Pleasant Valley community, and a Tracy, California, resident for the past eighteen years, died in a Stockton Hospital February 4, 1955, following a long illness. The family home is on route 2, box 1150, Larch road, in Tracy.

She was 63 years old and was born in Oak Grove, Arkansas, on March 4, 1891.

Mrs. Capps is survived by her husband, John N.; seven sons, Lester, Albert, Andy, Floyd and Wayne, all of Tracy; Amos of Denair and Ralph of Sacramento, California; two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Dees, Tracy and Mrs. Donna Cook of Manteca, California. Three sisters, Mrs. Zetta Capps and Mrs. Della Crews, both of Pleasant Valley community, Eureka Springs; Mrs. Dicy Covey of Havana, Arkansas; one brother, Claude Hammonds of San Diego, California, and twenty-one grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Capps was converted in young womanhood and joined the Free Will Baptist Church in the Pleasant

Valley community. She lived a devoted Christian life. She will be greatly missed by her many relatives and friends, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Bessie Dick

Mrs. Bessie Dick departed this life in April, 1955.

She was a faithful Christian unto the end. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Ervin J. Taylor

Ervin J. Taylor was born 1886, departed this life July 6, 1953. He was laid to rest in Alabam cemetery.

He professed faith in Christ in early years.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Old Mt. Zion Association is composed of 19 churches. 18 of them gave the following data on church letters presented at the Association:

Preachers 40; Deacons 57; Members received this year 57; Number baptized 38; Dismissed by letter 23; Excluded 1; Number deceased 4; Resident members 801; Non-resident members 558; Total membership 1359; Number of prayer meetings 13; Number of Sunday Schools 19; Average number of pupils 812; Number of officers 136; Number of Leagues 7; League membership 208; Number of Auxiliaries 3; Auxiliary membership 40; Amount paid pastors \$8,473.43; Amount for Evangelistic Work \$2,431.70; Amount for building and repair \$5,340.25; Amount for incidentals \$2,429.39; Value of church property (nine churches), \$52,500.00; Foreign Missions \$314.00; Home Missions \$464.98; Education \$168.30; Publication \$898.70; Budget Money \$423.83; Radio Program \$528.00; Orphanage none; Amount for minutes \$109.10; For State Association \$52.50.

MINISTERS

J. H. Roberts, age 83 Springdale, Ark.
George Been, age 74 317 Park, Springdale, Ark.
P. G. Kirk, age 69 R 5, Rogers, Ark.
Claude Lynch, age 62 Rogers, Ark.

Bruce Phillips, age 52	R 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Jack Hobbs, age 51	R 4, Huntsville, Ark.
H. M. Knox, age 49	R 5, Rogers, Ark.
Willie Capps, age 48	R 5, Rogers, Ark.
Sammie Lane, age 47	R 5, Rogers, Ark.
C. O. Garrison, age 45	R 6, Huntsville, Ark.
George Lynch, age 44	R 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Elmo McKinney, age 49	Berryville, Ark.
Tom Day, age 44	1019 W. Parker, Springdale, Ark.
Vivan Rhodes, age 42	Box 311, Huntsville, Ark.
Steve Montgomery, age 49	R 4, Huntsville, Ark.
Kenneth Shepherd, age 28	Alsum, Okla.
Ernest Corley, age 46	R 3, Fayetteville, Ark.
Bill Williams, age 43	Fayetteville, Ark.
Edd Stilley, age 25	R 2, Eureka Springs, Ark.
I. E. Hawley, age 74	Huntsville, Ark.
Clyde Coatney	Berryville, Ark.
Alfred Glenn	R 8, Fayetteville, Ark.
Boyd Bennett	R 1, Huntsville, Ark.
Claude Hendrix, age 34	Rogers, Ark.
Loyd Edmondson	R 5, Rogers, Ark.
Amos Howard, age 41	611 E. Huntsville St., Springdale, Ark.
Joe Weldon, age 59	R 3, Springdale, Ark.
Clarence Tice	Huntsville, Ark.
Burl True	217 S. 5th, Rogers, Ark.
Oscar Cavins, age 52	R 3, Rogers, Ark.
Rufus Young, age 37	Springdale, Ark.
Noel Easterling, age 39	Huntsville, Ark.
J. A. Davidson	R 1, Springdale, Ark.
Nelson Crabtree	Bentonville, Ark.
George Roller	Rogers, Ark.
Kenneth Autry, age 42	Berryville, Ark.
Glenn Jones	R 2, Fayetteville, Ark.
Francis Clark, age 47	R 1, Garfield, Ark.
Cecil Gladden	R 2, Hindsville, Ark.
Ernest Hayhurst, age 54	523 W. 6th, Jerome, Idaho
Rue Thomas	Twin Falls, Idaho
Bill Woods	Wendell, Idaho

LICENSED MINISTERS

Glenn Barnes	Springdale, Ark.
Glenn Koontz	Hindsville, Ark.
Burton Birchfield	Eureka Springs, Ark.
Ted Slavens	Huntsville, Ark.
Bobby Mayse	Springdale, Ark.
Kenneth Hubbard	Rogers, Ark.
Boyd Harp	Rogers, Ark.

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 combi-

nation 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; 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 busi-

ness transactions of the Association between sessions of the Association and make a report to the Association annually.

Art. 6. New Churches — Newly organized churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7 Questions—No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 8. Motions—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. Minutes—The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches the minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by each church, the distribution to be made at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 10. Clerk—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 11. Signatures—The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

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

Art. 13. Non-Attendance—The Association in case of failure of any church to attend, shall inquire into the case.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. God—We believe in one true and living Triune God; composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, equal in divine Essence, Purpose, Power, and Glory. St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30; I John 5:7.

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 15:22-41.

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.

4. The Bible—We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments was given by inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.—II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. The Fall of Man—We believe that God created man good, gave a just law by which he should be governed, with the promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man 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; Rom. 11:11-35; Rom. 5:18; Ps. 37:23-24.

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 Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified Kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 45:22.

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; II 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.—Rev. 22:17; I Peter 1:9-13, 25; I Peter 2:9-24; Rom. 3:24.

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. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; 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 power of 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, is 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 with 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. 1:4,11,20.

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 to 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 and if persistently continued, would be eternally lost. II Cor. 9:10; II Peter 1:4-8; II Peter 1:12; I Peter 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Peter 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5-16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1-2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matt. 12:31-32.

16. Christ the Head of the Church—We believe that Christ is the Great 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; I Thes. 5:19-23.

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 reunited, 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; St. 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	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Bruce Phillips	Amos Howard	1			1			130
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Alfred Glenn	Alfred Glenn		2	2	2		1	223
Hickory Grove	1866	Clarence Tice	Clarence Tice				2			58
Christian Home	1892	Steve Montgomery	Steve Montgomery							31
Clifty	1892	H. M. Knox	Noel Easterling	2		2	1		1	96
Antioch	1910	Clyde Coatney	Elmo McKinney							48
Shady Grove	1936	H. M. Knox	H. M. Knox			1	2		1	38
Rose Hill	1937	Hugh Gage								8
Cottage Hill	1938	Claude Hendrix	Bill Williams							17
Farmer	1945	Boyd Bennett	Boyd Bennett							28
Buckeye	1945	H. M. Knox	Boyd Bennett				1			24
Bohannan	1949	Boyd Bennett	None							U.K.
Freedom	1950	Bruce Phillips	Horace Knox	2		3	3			88
Hickory Flatt	1951	Claud Lynch	Claud Lynch		1	1	1			19
Pleasant Valley	1951	Francis Clark	Kenneth Autry	5						52
Huntsville	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	4	1	3				98
Phillips Chapel	1952	Tommie Day	Tommie Day	11		1	3			172
Rogers	1953	Amos Howard	Burl True	3		21	6			94
Mt. View	1954	Edward Stilley	Edward Stilley							8
Oak Grove	1955	George Been	George Been	7	15		2			54
Jerome	1954	Ernest Hayhurst	Rue Thomas	3	20		2	1		23