

MINUTES
of
OLD MOUNT ZION
ASSOCIATION

of
Free Will
Baptist Churches

1956

PROCEEDINGS
115th Annual Session

Convened At
Rogers Church

MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND 15TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

OF

Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH

ROGERS CHURCH

August 9, 10, 11, 1956

OFFICERS

H. M. Knox—Moderator

Willie Bohannon—Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene with the Mt. Zion Church beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1957. Elder George Been to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Clyde Coatney 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 115th annual session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by our moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox. Opening song, "It Won't Be Very Long", conducted by Albert Schanda.

Scripture lesson—Isa. 40:3-17. Prayer by the church pastor, Eld. Amos Howard.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory message was delivered by Eld. Kenneth Autry. Lesson, Heb. 1:1-3. Text, "God's Call to Man." An invitation was given to the unsaved.

CHURCH LETTERS were then called for—Fifteen of the churches responded and their respective delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to seats.

CHURCH LETTERS were called for from Sister Associations but none responded.

Letters were called for from newly organized churches. Fayetteville responded with letter and delegates. Both were received into the body and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried to have body elect the speaker for the 11:00 o'clock service on Friday. Eld. Ernest Hayhurst was chosen.

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

Benediction by Eld. Glenn Jones.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Tommie Day.

Scripture lesson Heb. 2:1-15. Prayer, Eld. George Been.

Reading of CHURCH LETTERS "continued".

Motion carried to receive Wichita Free Will Baptist Church into our body.

Motion carried to receive Bentonville Free Will Baptist Church into our body.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates from the respective churches just mentioned.

Letter from Old Union Association read, and delegates seated.

DELEGATES BY CHURCHES

MT. ZION—Fred Archer, Veva Archer, Phyllis Phillips.

PILGRIM REST—Ed Smith, Wynema Smith, Mary Anne Glenn.

HICKORY GROVE—Sid Taylor, Hazel Koontz, Ruth Koontz.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Joseph Cornellison, Mary Cornellison, Arvil McGinnis.

CLIFTY—Zella Vanhook, Lester Vanhook, Ida Goldsmith.

ANTIOCH—Represented by letter only.

SHADY GROVE—Nadene Capps, Betty Blackburn, Leona Henson.

ROSE HILL—Clyde Walker, Ray Jennings, Lue Tacker.

COTTAGE HILL—Jim Banks, Elsie Miles.

FARMER—Cordelia Jones, Annie Shepherd, Ethel Gladden.

BUCKEYE—Julia Vaughn, Ora Trammel, Cleathel Clark.

FREEDOM—Boyd Snoderly, Ollie Doyle, Georgia Mann.

HICKORY FLATT—Stella Gibson, Dorthy Taylor, Lillie Taylor.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Ruth Meeks, Leroy Walker, Howard Wolfenbarger.

HUNTSVILLE—Virgil Phillips, Dorothy Sparks, Imogene Parks.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Irene Armes, Ruth Schanda, Calvin Woodring.

ROGERS—George Bland, Orville Boydston, Newton Ward.

MT. VIEW—Harriet Farriester, Florence Fox.

OAK GROVE—Ruth Davis, Mattie Humbard, Denton Plumlee.

JEROME—Ernest Hayhurst, Cora Hayhurst.

WICHITA—Flora Woodward, Mary Bingham.

FAYETTEVILLE—Bert Inman, Maymie Corley, Betty Corley.

BENTONVILLE—Nancy Larkins, Minnie McDaniels, Fannie Hicks.

Election of Officers:

Elder H. M. Knox Moderator

Sis. Willie Bohannon, Rt. 3, Huntsville Clerk

In the above election, nominations were called for Moderator and Clerk. Instead, a motion was introduced to retain the present Moderator and Clerk—the vote was unanimous.

Motion carried to elect an Assistant Moderator and Clerk. Namely, Eld. George Been and Bro. W. E. Smit.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

DIVINE SERVICE—I. D. Foster, Fred Archer, J. E. Jones, Clyde Walker, Grover Farriester.

RESOLUTIONS—Cecil Garrison, Bruce Phillips, Claudie Hendrix, Kenneth Autry, Amos Howard.

FINANCE—George Bland, Zella Vanhook, Elsie Miles, Cletha Clark, Georgia Mann.

TEMPERANCE—Noel Easterling, Tommie Day, Betty Blackburn, Florence Fox, Veva Archer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Maymie Corley, Nancy Larkin, Harriet Farriester, Annie Shepherd, Julia Vaughn.

OBITUARY—Cecil Gladden, Ted Slavin, Alfred Glenn, Lester Vanhook, Leroy Shepherd.

CONDITION OF NON REPRESENTED CHURCHES—P. G. Kirk, Edd Stilley, Clarence Tice, Claud Lynch, Ray Jennings.

UNION OF CHURCHES—George Lynch, Sammie Lane, Lloyd Edmondson, Oscar Cavins, Arvil McGinnis.

Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1:30.

Benediction by Eld. Claud Lynch.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE

Gospel singing led by Bro. Knox, assisted at the piano by Sis. Glenn.

Eld. Ernest Hayhurst read the 26th chapter of Acts. Text, "False Prophets." An invitation to the unsaved was given at the close of the service.

Presentation of gifts to Bro. and Sis. Day as appreciation of their service in the radio work; to Sis. Vada Netherton for her radio service; and to Sis. Willie Bohannon for her faithful service as Association Clerk.

The Divine Service Committee name Bro. Horace Knox and Bro. Cecil Garrison to preach Friday night.

Benediction by Bro. George Lynch.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Cecil Garrison. Scripture lesson: I Samuel 17:34-39.

Prayer by Eld. Vivan Rhodes.

The Investigating Committee of Non-Represented Churches report that of the three churches which failed to represent in the Association last year, two, New Hope and Clear Creek, are still inactive, and still absent from the Association, but that Rose Hill re-organized.

The Associational body carried a motion to retain both non-represented churches, New Hope and Clear Creek in our membership, trusting that each might have faithful members even though there wasn't an active, working, organized group; and, that some day the church might be revived and re-organized.

Motion carried to receive the radio program report as read.

Motion carried to receive the report on Sunday Schools and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive the Financial Report of the Old Mt. Zion Association as read by Clerk.

Motion made by Bro. Garrison, seconded and carried to pay our clerk, Willie Bohannon, \$30.00, for the work that the Association had voted for her to do of correcting the typographical errors in regard to the Scripture References in our Minute Book on the Articles of Faith. This was a love offering as Sis. Bohannon made no charges.

Motion carried to seat as visitors from Indian Creek Association the Davises, including Bro. Teddy Davis of the Bible College of Memphis, Tenn; also Bro. O. T. Allred and Sis. Lucy Wisheart, Foreign Missionary to Cuba.

Sis. Lucy Wisheart sang, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and made a short talk on the missionary work in Cuba.

Bro. O. T. Allred next introduced Sis. Thora Grider who also made a short talk.

A love offering of \$91.36 was taken and given to Sis. Lucy Wisheart.

Motion carried to grant Eld. Joe Weldon a letter from the Association, as requested.

The body elects Bro. H. M. Knox for a 3 year period to serve on the EXAMINING COUNCIL.

The body elects Bro. Alfred Glenn to fill the unexpired term, two years, of Bro. Burl True on the EXAMINING COUNCIL.

Motion carried to receive the report of Non-Represented Churches and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive report on Union of Churches and discharge the committee.

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

The Divine Service Committee selects Elders Amos Howard and O. T. Allred to preach Saturday morning.

Benediction by Bro. Luther Black.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Gospel singing conducted by Bro. Ike Lynch accompanied by Sis. Gladys at the piano.

Special songs by Bro. Don and Sis. Etta Jones, of Pryor, Okla., "Feed Me, Jesus", "Lord, Send Me," and "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me."

Special song, "I'm a Child of the King," Sis. Lucy Wisheart.

Special song, "I'm Just a Poor Way-faring Pilgrim," by Bro. Teddy Davis.

Special song, "In the Sweet Forever," Lynch Quartet.

Special song, "Life Will Be Sweeter Some Day," by Eld. Winfred Davis.

Eld. Cecil Garrison takes the stand and requests that Eld. Winfred Davis lead us to the throne of Grace in prayer. Scripture, Luke 22 was used as a basis for his message. The entire service was very spiritual, Bro. Horace Knox concluding the service stressing the need of foot washing. Approximately 140 partake of the Lord's Supper.

Benediction by Eld. Bruce Phillips.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. H. M. Knox.

Scripture Psalms 23. Prayer by Eld. Jake Gage.

Motion carried to seat Sis. J. H. Roberts, permanently, as an honorary delegate to the Association.

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

Motion carried to receive the report of the tent committee, and to retain them; also, Bro. Bruce is to re-imburse himself for the money he spent for repairing the tent, checking on the tent fund.

Report of the DISTRICT EVANGELIST read and received.

Motion carried to receive report of the Obituary Committee and to discharge them.

Motion carried to dismiss the business session to meet again at 1:30 P.M.

Benediction by Eld. Noel Easterling.

SATURDAY, 11:00 O'CLOCK

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Song, "Heaven Holds All for Me," sung by congregation.

Eld. Amos Howard takes charge of the service, reading portions of the eight obituaries and commenting on same.

Eld. O. T. Allred brings the message of the hour. Text: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." Invitation given to the unsaved, no response. Old time handshake.

Benediction by Eld. Alfred Glenn.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Congregational singing, led by Bro. Amos Howard.

Hebrews 9:11-18, read by moderator. Prayer by Eld. Dave Casteel.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Finance Committee and discharge same.

Motion sustained to have 1000 minutes printed.

Elder Tommie Day was elected District Evangelist, but he declined, giving reasons for his resignation. A motion was sustained and Elder Noel Easterling was elected as DISTRICT EVANGELIST.

Motion carried to continue meeting on Thursday nights.

Motion carried to continue the radio broadcast another year, to be under the direction of Elder Cecil Garrison.

Motion carried to re-elect Sis. Vada Netherton as secretary for the radio program.

The body votes to convene with Mt. Zion Church in 1957.

The body elects Elder George Been to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Clyde Coatney as his alternate.

Motion carried to accept minutes without being read.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Executive Board.

Elder Noel Easterling was re-elected to the Executive Board.

Bill of Thanks read and accepted, and Resolution Committee discharged.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Gospel singing conducted by Bro. Jake Gage.

Elder Edd Stilley read the 3rd chapter of Revelation, after which he delivered a soul-stirring message. Elder Jake Gage continued the message reading the 4th chapter of I Corinthians. Text, "Spiritual works being tested."

God's Spirit was greatly manifested throughout the service.

General Reports

RADIO PROGRAM

There was a Mistake in the 1955 Report. There was a balance of \$80.56 instead of \$111.06 as stated in the 1955 minute.

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| Balance from 1955 | \$ 80.56 |
| Total contributions since Aug., 1955 | 745.00 |

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| Total | \$825.56 |
| Cost of Broadcasts | 676.00 |

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| Balance in Treasury | \$149.56 |
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, your Executive Board, have collected \$522.95 at the Fifth Sunday Council Meetings; this fund was turned over to Bro. Garrison.

Ezra Clark
Loy Archer
Noel Easterling.

DISTRICT EVANGELIST

Revivals, 11; sermons, 154; professions witnessed, 34; additions to church, 17; baptized, 11; ministers ordained, 4; ministers licensed, 1; funerals preached, 38; married 9 couples; miles travelled, 10,300; money received by Free Will offering, \$1593.43; money received at Council Meetings, \$614.00; total amount received, \$2207.43; expense on car, \$500.00; remainder, \$1707.43; years in service, 24.

Elder Cecil Garrison

TENT COMMITTEE

The tent was used at last association (1955) when convened with the Phillips Chapel Church. We used it in Berryville and at the Roy Rodden place on Highway 23 for revivals. It was stored at Huntsville for the winter, and is in use here at Rogers at the present time.

Cecil Garrison
Tommie Day
Bruce Phillips.

Committee Reports

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, are convinced that born-again believers should be temperate in all things, I Cor. 9:25. As King Solomon stated in Prov. 23:20-21, "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

We also believe that we should encourage our people to vote against the legal sale of strong drink. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!" Habakkuk 2:15.

Noel Easterling, Chairman.

UNION OF CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Union of Churches, submit the following: We believe we have good unity among our churches. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalms 133:1.

George Lynch, Chairman.

FINANCE

| | State Fund | Minute Fund | Clerk |
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| Mt. Zion | \$ 3.00 | \$ 8.85 | \$ 1.00 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 3.00 | 10.00 | 1.00 |
| Hickory Grove | | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Christian Home | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 |
| Clifty | 3.00 | 6.10 | 1.00 |
| Antioch | | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Shady Grove | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Rose Hill | 2.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| New Hope | | | |
| Cottage Hill | 2.00 | 1.25 | 1.00 |
| Farmer | 3.00 | 3.25 | 1.00 |
| Buckeye | 3.00 | 5.00 | 1.00 |
| Bohannan | | | |
| Freedom | 3.00 | 7.50 | 1.00 |
| Hickory Flatt | 3.00 | 4.85 | 1.00 |
| Pleasant Valley | | 4.00 | 1.00 |
| Huntsville | 3.00 | 9.00 | 1.00 |
| Phillips Chapel | 3.00 | 11.00 | 1.00 |
| Rogers | 3.00 | 7.50 | 1.00 |
| Mt. View | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Oak Grove | 3.00 | 6.00 | 1.00 |
| Jerome | 3.00 | 4.00 | 1.00 |
| Wichita | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Fayetteville | 3.00 | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Bentonville | | 3.00 | 1.00 |
| Clear Creek | | | |
| Totals | \$57.50 | \$113.80 | \$22.00 |

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the above report.
George Bland, Chairman.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, understand that all churches are represented either by letter or delegation except New Hope, Clear Creek, and Bohannon. We believe that the District Evangelist or whosoever is led by God's Spirit should try to renew their strength and embrace these weak churches of our Association.

P. G. Kirk, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, offer the following as our report: We believe every father and mother should go and take their children to Sunday School and help them with their lessons.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Eccles. 3:1. While children are young is the time for them to learn the truth about Jesus.

Mamie Corley, Chairwoman.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PERMANENTLY 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, moderator; 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 or 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 losing 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 Rogers 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 Cecil Garrison.

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that death has called home eight of our members. They are Brothers J. H. Roberts, Harvey Nelson, William J. Inghram, Clyde Powers, and Sherman Archer; Sisters, Mrs. Clem Ellis Wilcox, Beulah Lawson, and Ella Gosvener.

Cecil Gladden, Chairman.

Rev. Josiah (Joda) Roberts

Rev. Josiah (Joda) Roberts, 83, died at his home, 305 Mountain View Street, Saturday night at 10:45 o'clock following a long illness.

He was born April 26, 1872 at War Eagle, the son of Emsley Roberts and Kate Blackburn Roberts. A member of the

Free Will Baptist Church, he was ordained to the ministry, December 10, 1911. On June 24, 1894 he was married to Miss Ollie Jones.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Ollie Roberts of the home; four sons, John Roberts, Hindsville, Lewis and Tom of the home, and Joda of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Rachel Phillips and Mrs. Ruby Rice, both of Springdale; one brother, John Roberts of Lowell; four sisters, Mrs. Edna Woodruff of Lowell, Mrs. Lizza Morris of Orange, Calif., Mrs. Gertrude Packwood of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Bell Speedy of Joplin, Mo.; 26 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

Bro. Roberts was converted at Burks Shed in September, 1888, and was baptized on the second Sunday in October, 1888. He was faithful to his call to the ministry until death called him away.

His selected text for his funeral was II Tim. 4:6-8.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, in the chapel of Callison-Sisco Funeral Home with Rev. Francis Clark, C. L. Tripp and Joe Weldon officiating.

Harvey B. Nelson

Harvey B. Nelson was born near Halfway, Mo. in 1873. He passed away June 12, 1956. He was the son of Jasper and Cordelia Low Nelson of Hickory Co., Mo.

Mr. Nelson was married to Margaret Anne McCabe, 1897. To this union were born two sons; Wilford and Harold. Wilford passed away in 1936. Survivors are his wife; one son, Harold; one grand daughter; one sister, Mrs. Beulah Reynolds of Leota, Kansas; one brother, Warren Nelson.

He was converted in August, 1953 and united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Huntsville. He was faithful to attend as long as health would permit.

William J. Ingraham

William J. Ingraham, 74, died at the Springdale Memorial Hospital, Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, following a long illness. He was a resident of Rt. 1, Hindsville, in the Burk Shed community for the past 40 years. He was born Feb. 2, 1882 in Franklin Co., Missouri; the son of the late Bert Ingraham and Elizabeth Macon Ingraham. He came to Arkansas with his parents when a small child. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Elva Blackburn Ingraham of the home; four brothers, Albert, George, Jess and Ode Ingraham, all of Springdale; one sister, Mrs. Josie Robinson of Springdale.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Burk Shed, with Eld. Cecil Garrison officiating. Music was furnished by the church choir. Burial was in the Burk Shed cemetery under direction of Callison-Sisco Funeral Home.

Clyde Powers

Clyde Powers was born in Nebraska, April 18, 1880. He passed away May 4, 1956 in St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome, Idaho at the age of 76 years and 17 days. He was married to Orpha Mattice in LaJuanta, Colorado, May 17, 1905; to this union were born 4 children. Survivors are Onie and Marvin Powers of Wichita, Kansas; Nola Hull of Grenola, Kans.; Loren Powers of Jerome, Idaho; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grand children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his parting. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. Powers came to Jerome, Idaho in 1926 and was living at 219 West E, at the time of his passing.

He was converted September 10, 1955, and united with the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church on September 18, 1955.

Funeral services were conducted by the church at the Buehler Mortuary, Elders Ernest Hayhurst and Rue Thomas officiating. Remains were laid to rest in the Jerome Cemetery.

Sherman Everett Archer

Sherman Everett Archer, 44 year old resident of Route 1, Hindsville, died Sunday, March 18 at 11:58 A.M., at his home following a long illness. He was born November 4, 1911, at Spring Valley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Archer. He had lived his entire life in the Springdale area and was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Vista Todd Archer; two daughters, Lola Ann and Mary Louise of the home; two sons, James of Wichita, Kansas, and William of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Archer; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Puryear; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Phillips and one brother, Fred Archer, all of Hindsville.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 20, at 2:30 P.M. at the Mt. Zion Church, with the Elders Amos Howard and Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Burk Shed Cemetery.

Mrs. Clem Ellis Wilcox

Mrs. Clem Ellis Wilcox, 82, passed away May 15, 1956 at the City Hospital in Springfield, Mo. She was the daughter of Jimmie and Ellen Ellis. She was converted early in life and united with the Free Will Baptist Church. She lived a faithful Christian life until death.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, C. W. McGinnis. Survivors are her husband, Matthew Wilcox of Springfield, Mo.; four sons, Sherman and Raymond of Springdale, Ark.; Arvil of Hindsville; and Olan McGinnis of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Home Church at Calbough, Elders George Bean and Jess Hunt officiating with burial in the Calbough Cemetery.

Beulah Lawson

Beulah Lawson, 52, of Hindsville died August 19, 1955 at the Springdale Memorial Hospital. She was born, January 16, 1903. The daughter of Lonzo and Della McCoy Evans. She was married in December, 1918 to Martin Lawson who preceded her in death two years ago. To this union were born 13 children; two girls and eleven boys, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Darrell Davis of Indio, Calif., and Mrs. Clyde Arendale of Springdale, Ark.; Eudene and Donald of Coachella, Calif.; Lee of Indio, Calif., and Darren, Darrell, J. D., Joe, James, Jerry, Ronald and Lester, all of Hindsville. She is also survived by her mother, and one sister, Mrs. Earl Davis of Hindsville.

She was converted early in life and was a member of the Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at Colbaugh. Funeral services were conducted August 22nd at the Mt. Zion Church at Burk Shed. Elders Steve Montgomery and Tommie Day officiating with burial in the Burk Shed Cemetery.

Ella Gosvener

Mrs. Ella Gosvener passed away Sept. 28, 1955. She was born at Hindsville, September 17, 1873, the widow of Jackson A. Gosvener. She had resided at Hindsville until May, 1955, when she moved to Springdale to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Elza Webb.

Survivors are 3 sons, Atlas Gosvener, Hindsville, Ark., Hubert Gosvener, Lymon, Neb.; Richard Gosvener, Cheyenne, Wyo.; one daughter, Elza Webb, Springdale, Ark.; also one step daughter, Ollie Roles, Hindsville, Ark.

Funeral service was in Christian Home Church at Colbaugh with Bro. Steve Montgomery officiating. Music was by the Burk Shed Quartet.

STATE DELEGATION AT STATE ASSOCIATION

Delegates—Julia Vaughn, Ethel Gladden, Pearl Day, Elsie Vaughn, and Annie Shepherd.

Honorary Delegates—Elders H. M. Knox, Tommie Day, Cecil

Gladden, Cecil Garrison, George Been, Noel Easterling, and
Sis. Willie Bohannan.
Visitors—Sis. Pearl Garrison and Sis. Hazel Easterling.
Delegate to Old Union Association—Bro. Roy Ergman.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Old Mt. Zion Association is composed of 23 churches. 22 of them gave the following data on church letters presented at the Association:

Preachers 36; Deacons 64; Members received this year 143; Number baptized 23; Dismissed by letter 33; Excluded 4; Number deceased 8; Total membership 1384; Number of prayer meetings 13; Number of Sunday Schools 19; Average number of pupils 812; Number officers 136; Number of Leagues 1; League membership 25; Number of Auxiliaries 1; Auxiliary membership 18; Amount paid pastors \$10,700.48; Evangelist \$2359.03; Building and repairs \$3407.06; Incidentals \$1820.30; Value of church property \$52,500.00; Foreign missions \$231.04; Home missions \$1261.89; Education \$432.36; Publication \$597.61; Radio program \$246.55; For Minutes \$113.80; State Association \$57.50; For Clerk \$22.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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| George Been, age 74 | 317 Park, Springdale, Ark. |
| P. G. Kirk, age 69 | Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. |
| Claude Lynch, age 62 | Rogers, Ark. |
| Bruce Phillips, age 52 | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Jack Hobbs, age 51 | Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. |
| H. M. Knox, age 49 | Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. |
| Willie Capps, age 48 | Springdale, Ark. |
| Sammie Lane, age 47 | Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. |
| C. O. Garrison, age 45 | Springdale, Ark. |
| George Lynch, age 44 | Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. |
| Elmo McKinney, age 49 | Berryville, Ark. |
| Tom Day, age 44 | Russellville, Ark. |
| Steve Montgomery, age 49 | Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. |
| Ernest Corley, age 46 | Rt. 3, Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Bill Williams, age 43 | Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Edd Stilley, age 25 | Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark. |
| I. E. Hawley, age 74 | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Clyde Coatney | Berryville, Ark. |
| Alfred Glenn | Rt. 8, Fayetteville, Ark. |
| Claude Hendrix, age 34 | Rogers, Ark. |
| Loyd Edmondson | Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. |
| Amos Howard, age 41 | 611 E. Huntsville St., Springdale, Ark. |
| Clarence Tice | Huntsville, Ark. |
| Oscar Cavins, age 52 | Rt. 3, Rogers, Ark. |

Rufus Young, age 37 Springdale, Ark.
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 Kenneth Autry, age 42 Berryville, Ark.
 Glenn Jones Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark.
 Cecil Gladden Rt. 2, Hindsville, Ark.
 Rue Thomas Twin Falls, Idaho
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 Glenn Barnes Springdale, Ark.
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Charlie Bagwell Hindsville, Ark.
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 Frank Laird Wichita, Kansas
 Ernest Hayhurst Jerome, Idaho
 Burton Birchfield Eureka Springs, Ark.
 Ted Crawford
 Ervin Snodgrass

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; 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 dismissal 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 Associations 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; Psalms 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 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 with each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4, 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 Chris-

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tian 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 Thess. 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 Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36, 37; Rev. 20:12, 13; Acts 17:31.

STATISTICAL REPORT

| Church | Organized | Retiring Pastor | Pastor Elect | Experience & Baptism | Recommendation | Received by Letter | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Died | Total Membership |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------|------------------|
| Mt. Zion | 1866 | Amos Howard | Clyde Johnson | | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | 127 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 1911 | Alfred Glenn | Alfred Glenn | | 2 | | 3 | | | 246 |
| Hickory Grove | 1866 | Clarence Tice | Clarence Tice | | | | 2 | | | 56 |
| Christian Home | 1892 | Steve Montgomery | Steve Montgomery | | 2 | | | | 1 | 32 |
| Clifty | 1892 | Noel Easterling | Noel Easterling | | 1 | | | | | 99 |
| Antioch | 1910 | Elmo McKinney | Elmo McKinney | | | | | | | |
| 24 Shady Grove | 1936 | H. M. Knox | Oscar Cavins | 1 | | | | | | 37 |
| Rose Hill | 1937 | | Clarence Tice | | | | | | | 19 |
| Cottage Hill | 1938 | Bill Williams | Rufus Young | | | | | | | 17 |
| Farmer | 1945 | Boyd Bennett | Clarence Tice | | | | | | | 29 |
| Buckeye | 1945 | Boyd Bennett | Boyd Bennett | | | | | | | 24 |
| Freedom | 1950 | H. M. Knox | H. M. Knox | 1 | 1 | | | | | 89 |
| Hickory Flatt | 1951 | Claud Lynch | Lloyd Edmondson | | | | | | | 18 |
| Pleasant Valley | 1951 | Kenneth Autry | Francis Clark | | 2 | | 2 | | 2 | 60 |
| Huntsville | 1952 | Cecil Garrison | Bruce Phillips | 2 | 16 | 1 | 6 | | 1 | 109 |
| Phillips Chapel | 1952 | Tommie Day | Cecil Garrison | | 2 | | 6 | | | 170 |
| Rogers | 1953 | Burl True | Amos Howard | 13 | 23 | | 11 | | | 97 |
| Mt. View | 1954 | Edward Stilley | Sammie Lane | | | | | | | 8 |
| Oak Grove | 1955 | Charlie Hatfield | Kenneth Autry | | 4 | | | | | 58 |
| Jerome | 1954 | Rue Thomas | | 6 | 4 | 3 | | 4 | 1 | 33 |
| Wichita | 1956 | John R. Bingham | John R. Bingham | | 12 | | | | | 12 |
| Fayetteville | 1956 | Bill Williams | Glenn Jones | | 25 | | | | | 25 |
| Bentonville | 1956 | Claude Hendrix | Claude Hendrix | | 16 | 3 | | | | 19 |

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