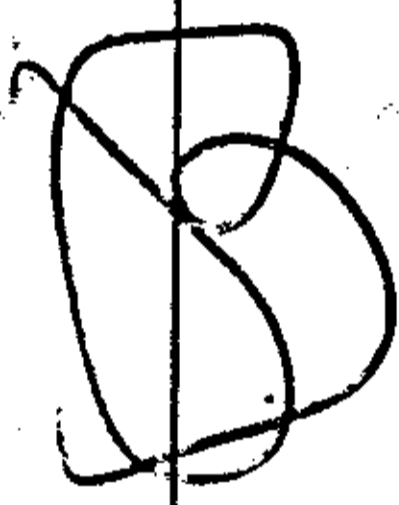
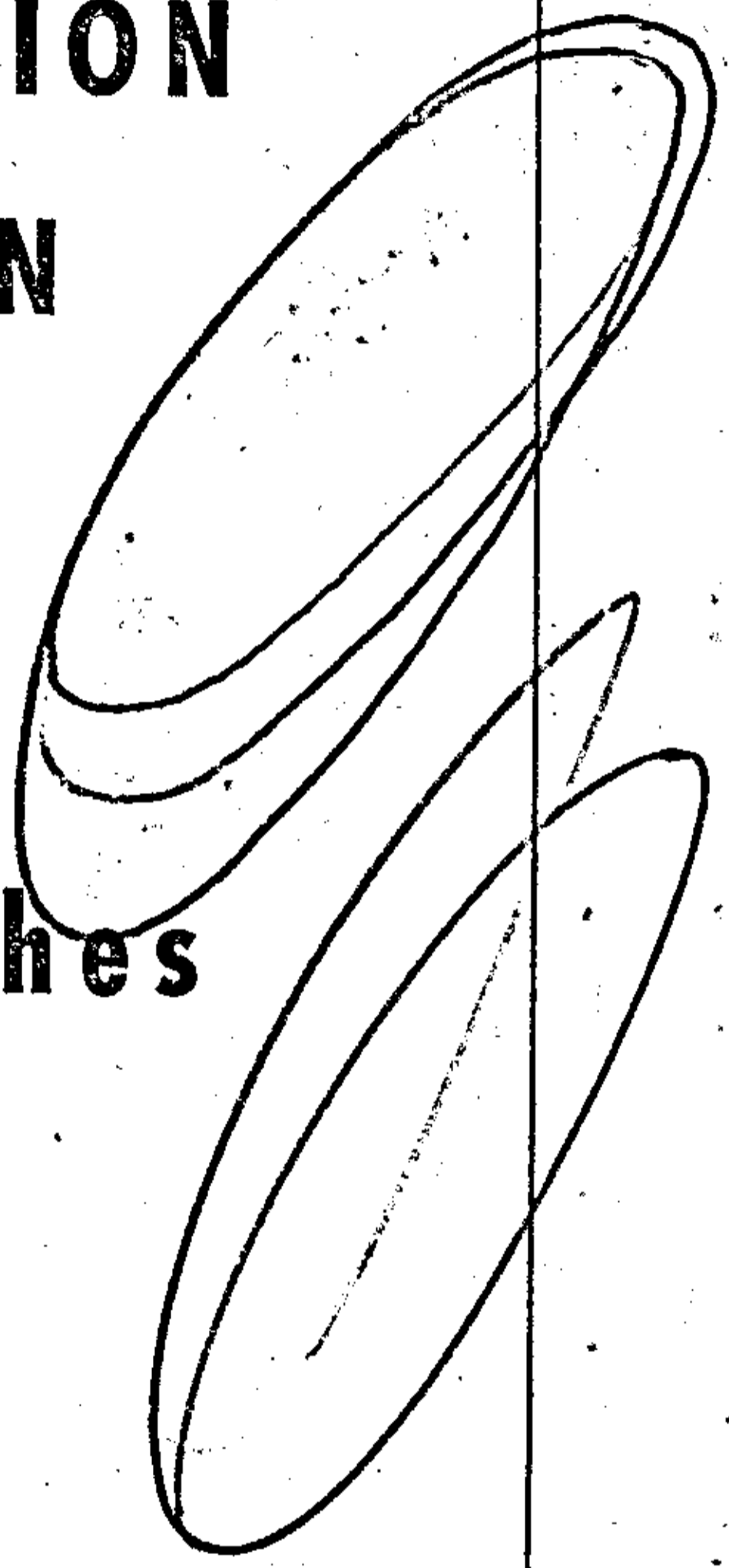


*Harry Wright*



**MINUTES**  
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**OLD MOUNT ZION**  
**ASSOCIATION**

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**Free Will**  
**Baptist Churches**  
**1960**



**PROCEEDINGS**

**119th Annual Session**

**Convened At**

**Associational Building**

# MINUTES

Of The  
**One Hundred and 19th Annual Session**  
Of The  
**OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION**  
Of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

August 11, 12, 13, 1960

## OFFICERS

H. M. Knox ..... Moderator  
Willie Bohannan ..... Clerk

The next session of Old Mt. Zion Association will convene in Ass'n. Building beginning on Thursday night before the Second Sunday in August, 1961.

Elder Kenneth Shepherd to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Elder George Lynch is his alternate.

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## 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 of 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 School; (f) Obituary; (g) Condition of Non-Represented Churches; (h) Union of Churches.
10. Reports of committees appointed last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Who shall preach the Introductory Sermon?
14. Reading and adopting minutes.
15. Adjournment.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The 119th Annual Session of Old. Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists convened in the new Associational Building, on 68 Hy. in the Pilgrim Rest community. Services were opened by singing, "An Old Account Settled," "The Lilly Of The Valley," and "There'll Be Shouting," directed by Bro. Albert Shanda, accompanied by Browyn Hendrix at the piano. Scripture Lesson Eph. 6:5-24 read by Moderator Eld. H. M. Knox; Prayer by Eld. Jake Gage.

### INTRODUCTORY SERMON

"Unity" was the theme of the message delivered by Elder Bruce Phillips. Scripture read, Ephesians 4. The appeal and admonition of the message was for Christians to advance and grow in grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. An invitation was given to the unsaved as the congregation sang, "After Death What Then?"

## THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Church letters were called for and the delegates were seated by giving them the right hand of fellowship; the deacons and ministers were seated in like manner as the congregation sang, "Be A Light."

Motion carried to close the business session.

Bro. Cecil Garrison was nominated and elected by acclamation to preach Friday A. M., in the 11:00 o'clock service.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 A. M., Friday.

## FRIDAY A. M. SESSION

Hymns: "Amazing Grace," and "I'll Be Somewhere Listening," directed by Eld. Cecil Garrison, accompanied by Bronwyn Hendrix at the piano. Scripture lesson, Ps. 23; Prayer by John M. Crouch.

Reading of letters from those churches that were absent on Thursday evening, and the seating of their delegates as the body sings, "I'll Be Satisfied."

## DELEGATES BY CHURCHES

MT. ZION — Hettie Puryear, Edith Bagswell,  
Georgia Archer.

PILGRIM REST — Irena Wright, Josie Clardy,  
Riley Clardy.

CHRISTIAN HOME — Arvil McGinnis, Kate  
McGinnis, Maude Davis.

CLIFTY — While in conference, members voted to disband.

ROSE HILL — Jack Hobbs, minister gave oral report,  
no letter.

FARMER — Annie Shepherd, Ethel Gladden,  
Ruth Shepherd.

BUCKEYE — Cal Keeney, Jewel Campbell,  
Ezra Clark.

FREEDOM — Georgia Mann, Raleigh Hicks,  
Edna Blackburn.

HICKORY FLATT — Represented by Letter.

PLEASANT VALLEY — Chester McKinney, Doris McKinney, Blanche Rivett.

HUNTSVILLE — Elsie Phillips, Nora Mitchell, Myrl Casteel.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL — Vera Montgomery, Ruth Schanda, Otis Watson.

ROGERS — Dorthy Rowland, T. W. Norwood, Ruth Norwood.

OAK GROVE — Mae Allen, Denton Plumlee.

FAYETTEVILLE — Clyde Buntun, Mary Lou Mitchell, Betty Corley.

BENTONVILLE — Represented by Letter.

MT. SHARON — Etha Schnitzer.

CLITY CHAPEL — Florence Fox, Althea Sandlian, Maggie Vanhook.

NEW SULPHUR — Opal Cross, Fannie King, Pat Jones.

LIBERTY (Wichita) — Mildred Starkey, Daisy Coatney, David Dorton.

HICKORY GROVE — Inactive; The Ass'n body votes to receive Kendall Bohlen as a delegate.

OLD UNION ASSOCIATION — Represented by Letter

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder H. M. Knox, Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.

Clerk—Sister Willie Bohannan, Rt. 3, Huntsville, Ark. (Elected by acclamation).

Assistant Moderator—Elder Clyde Johnson.

Assistant Clerk—Sister Irena Wright, by acclamation.



## APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolutions—Bruce Phillips, Cecil Garrison, Berry Puryear, Harry Wright and T. W. Norwood.

Finance—Althea Sandlian, Edna Blackburn, David Dorton, Ruth Schanda, Josie Clardy.

Arrangements of Preaching — Homer Bragg, Riley Clardy, Ruth Shepherd, George Starkley, Dorothy Rowland.

Temperance—Ruth Norwood, Opal Cross, Kate McGinnis, Georgia Mann, Cal Keeney.

Sunday School—Doris McKinney, Myrl Casteel, Denton Plumlee, Clyde Bunton, Hettie Puryear.

✕ Obituary—Lester Hilton, Clarence Tice, Claude Hendrix, Cecil Gladden, Clyde Coatney.

Condition of Non-Represented Churches—Noel Easterling, Charlie Bagswell, Arthur Lee Galloway, Talmon Hicks, Glenn Jones.

Union of Churches—Kenneth Shepherd, Ernest Hayhurst, Sammie Lane, Clyde Johnson, Edd Stilley.

Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1:00 P. M. Benediction by Bro. Glenn Jones.

### Friday 11:00 O'Clock Message

Song, "I'll Be Satisfied," directed by Bro. Tom Day, accompanied by Sister Elsie Phillips.

The message of the hour was delivered by Eld. Cecil Garrison. Scripture—Phillipians Ch. 3. Text, "To Know Christ in the Power of His Resurrection." An exhortation to all Christians to decline carnalities and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. An invitation was extended to the unsaved while the congregation sang, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

The pulpit committee announced that Clyde Coatney and Edd Stilley shall preach Friday night. Benediction by Eld. Kenneth Shepherd.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn: "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," directed by Bro. Claude Hendrix, Sister Pearl Day, accompanist. Scripture, Romans 12:1-19; Prayer by Bro. Jimmy McCulley.

Reading of the "Rules of Order," and "Constitution" by Moderator.

Bro. Noel Easterling gives an oral report of the Building Committee.

Kendall Bohlen requests that he be seated as delegate; his local church, Hickory Grove, is inactive. The Ass'n body makes a motion and second that Kendall Bohlen be seated; carried.

Motion carried that we retain our Building Committee as a standing committee. Namely, Noel Easterling, Bruce Phillips, Tom Norwood.

Motion carried to pay 50% of arrears to State Ass'n. for 1959. This error was the result of a misunderstanding that State Ass'n had become self-supporting. The motion also stated that we would pay dues in full for 1960.

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

Motion carried that we receive a partial report from Resolutions Committee and retain them. Resolution No. 1 accepted. Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Motion carried that we receive the report of Union of Churches and discharge the committee.

Bro. Tom Day gives an oration on the National Ass'n and admonition to stand firm for the religious freedom of the U. S. A.

Report on Temperance received and committee discharged.

Recognize Bro. Blain, visiting minister from General Baptists at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The Pulpit Committee announces Bros. Noel Easterling and Dave Casteel will preach Saturday morning.

Motion carried to dismiss until 9:30 Saturday morning.

Benediction, Bro. Lester Hilton.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Services were opened with singing. Director, Willie Capps, Cecil Garrison, H. M. Knox and Albert Schanda; Helen Johnson, accompanist.

Special songs—"In Heaven We'll All Be the Same," by Edd and Wynema Smith. "Why Don't You Go Down To Jordan," By Nolan Parker, Flora Burgess, Albert Schanda, and Ernie Armes. "Glory Each Passing Day," by the same quartet. "On The Oother Side Of Jordan," by Edd Smith, Flora Burgess and Charles Sandlian. "Heaven Is Really Goin' To Shine," by Hendrix sisters. "When We Gather On That Beautiful Shore," by Willie Bohannan.

A free will offering of \$336.53 and pledges of \$416.00 were taken at this time for payment of Ass'n Building, and indebtedness of same.

Prayer by Eld. Kenneth Autry. Bro. Clyde Coatney goes to pulpit and reads from Ex. 12; Luke 15:13; I Cor. 11:23; Lev. 17:11. Text, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." Song, "I Guess I'm Just A Little Old Fashioned," by Willie and Clara Capps. Prayer by Bro. Lester Hilton. Services were concluded by Bro. Edd Stilley reading John 6:47-53 and a portion of John 13. This was a very spiritual and soul inspiring service. Thirty five ordained ministers helped in the breaking of the bread and a large percentage of the assembly took part in the communion and foot-washing that followed. An old time handshake was enjoyed by all as they sang a hymn and "went out."

## SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opening song, "It Won't Be Very Long," directed by Cecil Garrison, accompanied by Peggy Mann. "I'll Fly Away," directed by Frankie Mann. Scripture—Rev. 2:1-19, read by Moderator; prayer by Bro. Jack Hobbs.

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

Motion carried that we receive Finance report and discharge the committee.



Motion carried that we print the obituaries of Charles Henry Taylor, a member of the original Free Will Baptist Church of Purdy, and Patricia Earlene Day, infant daughter of Tommie L. and Dorotha Day.

The report of the Radio Program was accepted and the body votes for the continuation of the program under the direction of Eld. Cecil Garrison; Sister Vada Netherton, secretary-treasurer; Address; Rt. 3, Springdale, Arkansas.

Following the report of District Evangelist, a motion carried that we continue to keep an Evangelist in the field.

Nominations were made for District Evangelist and Bro. Arthur Lee Galloway was elected.

Motion carried that we give Bro. Amos Howard a rising vote of thanks for his work during the past year as District Evangelist.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 to meet again in business session.

Benediction by Bro. Chester McKinney.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hymn: "When All Of God's Singers Get Home," directed by Albert Schanda, Mable Phillips, accompanist.

Report of Obituary Committee accepted and committee discharged.

Bro. Dave Casteel opens the service by reading a portion of each of the 17 obituaries and commenting on them. Services were concluded by Bro. Noel Easterling. Scripture reading was taken from Ps. 90; John 14:1-6; Eccl. 12:13-14; the theme of the message, "Heaven" the eternal home of the redeemed of the Lord. An invitation was given to the unsaved that they too might be one of His own.

Benediction by Bro. Oscar Gavins.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn; "I'm Going That Way," directed by Jimmy McCulley accompanied by Mary A. Glenn at the piano.

Specials: "What Will We Leave Behind," and "Will It Do Precious Lord?" by Edd Smith, Wynema Smith and Myrtle Savage.

The pulpit committee announces that Bro. Arthur Lee Galloway and Bro. Claude Hendrix will be preaching Saturday evening.

Quartet number by Bro. Clyde Coatney's group from Wichita, Kansas.

Solo: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," by Willie Bohannon.

Scripture reading: Ps. 19:7 by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Clyde Johnson.

Prayer by Bro. George Lynch.

Motion carried that we receive Resolution No. 3 and dismiss the Resolution Committee.

Bro. Clarence Tice was nominated and re-elected to the Executive Board for a term of 3 years. Board: Clarence Tice, Noel Easterling and Ezra Clark.

Bro. H. M. Knox was nominated and re-elected to serve another 3 years on the Examining Board. Board: H. M. Knox, Cecil Garrison, Bruce Phillips.

Motion made, seconded and carried that we centralize the 5th Sunday Council Meeting to be held at the Ass'n Building.

Volunteer Delegates to the State Association: Daisy Coatney, Ethel Gladden, Myrl Casteel, Elsie Phillips, Riley Hicks.

Motion carried that we print 1,000 minutes. If funds are insufficient the clerk is to notify the churches that they may reimburse said clerk for the unpaid balance.

Motion carried that we delete No. 13 in "Order of Business" as we will continue to meet in the Ass'n Building in the future.

Elder Kenneth Shepherd was elected to preach the 1961 Introductory Message, Bro. George Lynch is his alternate.

A motion carried by the Ass'n body to the effect that we invite some foreign missionary to visit us during the next session of Old Mt. Zion Association.

Volunteer delegates to Old Union Association: Bros. Jack Hobbs, Clyde Johnson and Sis. Ben Taylor. Alternates: Bros. Cecil Gladden, Ben Taylor and Sis. Jack Hobbs.

Motion carried that we dismiss our Divine Service Committee.

Motion carried that we give the Building Committee the authority to take out a good Insurance on the Association Building.

Motion carried to dismiss the tent committee.

Quartet number given by Cecil Garrison, Jimmy McCulley, Lum and George Lynch.

A motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1961, to convene in the Ass'n Building on E. 68 Hy in the Pilgrim Rest Community.

Final Benediction, Eld. Lum Lynch.

### SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

Congregational singing conducted by Nolan Parker, Elsie Phillips, accompanist.

Specials: "Onward Christian Soldiers," by Elayne Johnson. "How Far Is Heaven?" by Lynda Bowen. "I Need No Mansion Here," by Tice children. "Let The Spirit Descend," by Paula Shepherd. "All Is Well," by Mixed Quartet. "Jesus, The Son Of God," by Naydene Watson. "Love Lifted Me," directed by Lum Lynch.

Eld. Arthur Lee Galoway read St. John 13:34-35, subject, "Love." Services were concluded by Eld. Claude Hendrix, Heb. 13:10, theme "Jesus, the same yesterday today and forever." An altar call was made. Twenty-three ministers sang, "Amazing Grace." Dismissed by Elder George Lynch.

## GENERAL REPORTS

To the Old Mt. Zion Association: We, the members of the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church, met in conference August 7, 1960, and because our building is in the Beaver Dam Reservoir, voted to disband, giving each member a letter of recommendation so they can join a church of their choice.

Elder Sammie Lane, Pastor  
Sister Nora Vanhook, Clerk

### Annual Report For Radio Program

Carry Over .....	\$123.93
Received .....	622.49
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TOTAL .....	\$786.42
Expense .....	\$689.00
Balance on Hand .....	\$97.42

Vada Netherton, Sec'y-Treas.  
Route 3, Springdale, Arkansas

## DISTRICT EVANGELIST REPORT

To Old Mt. Zion Ass'n: Since I began serving as District Evangelist on Aug. 31, 1959, I have participated in 10 Revivals, Witnessed 53 professions of Faith in Christ, 42 additions to the church, assisted in the ordination of 2 deacons, conducted 5 funerals, performed 1 marriage, driven 9,339 miles. Offering received at 5th Sunday Council Meetings \$801.99; freewill offering \$569.13; Approximate expense on car, \$801.81; balance \$569.31.

## STATISTICAL REPORTS

Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists is composed of 17 active churches. Several of these churches gave a very incomplete report: statistics as given in the letters is as follows: Number of ordained ministers 46; Licensed Ministers 1; Sunday Schools 17; Leagues 9; Women's Auxiliaries 3; Prayer Meetings 7; Deacons 63; Resident members 821; Non-Resident members 418; Members received by experience and baptism 46; By Letter 31; By statement of faith 39;



Members dismissed by letter 27; Excluded 4; Deceased 17; Sunday School enrollment 995; League enrollment 214; Woman's Auxiliary membership 41; Total given in the churches \$36,890.93; General offering \$33,892.41; Building fund \$2,998.52; Pastor's salary \$14,027.93; Evangelistic work \$2,569.76; Building repair \$5,477.98; Literature \$2,175.87; Advertising, Radio Program, etc., \$419.75; Miscellaneous \$2,219.64; Other \$5,706.75; Total local expenditures \$32,597.68; Foreign Missions \$92.76; Home Missions \$699.54; Education \$43.18; Associational projects \$2,260.25; State and national project \$76.00; Total outside expenditures \$3,171.73.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### UNION OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on Union of Churches, submit the following report. We believe we have real unity as expressed in the fellowship witnessed among the churches represented here in this association.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Ps. 133:1.

We recommend that we "Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3.

Kenneth Shepherd, Chairman.

### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, believe strong drink to be one of the greatest evils of our day. In God's word, Proverbs 23:30-31, we read of the results of strong drink: Therefore, we as christians should vote to abolish this evil.

Ruth Norwood. Chairwoman

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe that Sunday School is one of the main foundations of our churches. If parents will take their children to Sunday School instead of sending them, the children will always remember their teachings; and, "when he is old he will not depart from it." Pro. 22:6; also, "they set light by father and mother:" Ezek. 22:7. Therefore,

let us set our light before them and help ourselves too by going to Sunday School, and the Lord will surely bless us.

Doris McKinney, Chairwoman

### NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all churches are represented except Rose Hill. We, your committee recommend that this church be carried for one more year to see whether or not it may be revived. If not, then it may be dropped. May the Lord greatly bless them and all churches in this association.

Noel Easterling, Chairman

### FINANCE

We, your committee on finance submit the following report:

	Minutes	State	Clerk
Mt. Zion .....	\$8.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Pilgrim Rest .....	12.00	3.00	1.00
Christian Home .....	4.00	3.00	1.00
Rose Hill .....	5.00		
Farmer .....	5.00	3.00	1.00
Buckeye .....	6.00	3.00	1.00
Freedom .....	6.00	3.00	1.00
Hickory Flatt .....	4.00	3.00	1.00
Pleasant Valley .....	4.00	3.00	1.00
Huntsville .....	9.00	3.00	1.00
Phillips Chapel .....	11.00	3.00	1.00
Rogers .....	16.00	3.00	1.00
Oak Grove .....	6.00	3.00	1.00
Fayetteville .....	8.00	3.00	1.00
Bentonville .....	1.00	3.00	1.00
Mt. Sharon .....	3.00	3.00	1.00
Clifty Chapel .....	3.00	3.00	1.00
New Sulphur .....	3.00	3.00	1.00
Liberty (Wichita) .....	7.00	3.00	1.00
Personal donations .....	3.00		
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>\$127.00</b>	<b>\$54.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>

Althea Sandlian, Chairwoman

## RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following report.

No. 1 — Be it resolved that in the future all church clerks' names and addresses be printed in the minutes for the benefit of those wanting to transact business with the clerks.

Done by order of the Freedom Church while in conference June 11, 1960.

Carl Snoderly, Clerk

No. 2 — Be it resolved that this Association furnish identification cards to each minister of this association.

Done by order of Pilgrim Rest Church, Aug. 8, 1960.

Irena Wright, Clerk

No. 3 — Be it resolved that this committee extend its deepest appreciation to every church and delegate for their splendid cooperation during this session of Old Mt. Zion Association, also to our Moderator and Clerk. We pray God's blessings on everyone until we meet again.

Elder Bruce Phillips, Chairman

### Resolutions: (Permanently Printed)

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 to 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 denominations. 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 risk of losing their place in this Association.

### OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries find that death is still abroad in our land, and that God in His great wisdom has called our beloved brothers and sisters as follows: Brothers Hugh Foster, Virgil Bowen, George Coger, Charley Porter, Jess Parker, Luther Tacker, Truman Lester Cox, Charles Henry Taylor, Michael Bunton; Sisters Hester Clardy, Ida Irene Litton, Gertrude Crumley, Sophia Ann Murphy, Annie Spradling, Mrs. Virgil Bowen, Nella Wade and Patricia Elaine Day.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14:13.

Elder Lester Hilton, Chairman



**Hugh Foster . . .**

Hugh Foster died at his home near Avoca, Arkansas, on Nov. 25, 1959, at the age of 65 years, 6 months and 12 days.

He was converted and joined the Freedom Free Will Baptist church in June, 1951. He lived a devoted christian life until death.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Horace Knox and Bro. Jimmy McCulley. Burial was in the Pratt cemetery under the direction of Callison Funeral Home of Rogers, Ark.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie, one half-brother, Ray Bowman, Toledo, Oregon; two nieces and two nephews, Mrs. Doris Metcalf, Garfield, Ark., Mrs. Edna Ferguson, Toledo, Oregon, James and Gene Bowman, Toledo, Oregon, and a host of relatives and friends.

**Truman Lester Cox . . .**

Truman Lester Cox was born Dec. 26, 1907 near LaRue, Arkansas; departed this life, Jan. 4, 1960, at the age of 52 years and 8 days. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Rogers.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Velma Cox of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Nona Faye Stroud of Rogers; three sons, Gene Cox, Yakima, Wash.; H. L. Cox of Rogers; and Johnnie of the U. S. Navy, Long Beach, Calif.; one grandson; his mother, Mrs. Ida Cox of Rogers; one sister, Mrs. Lea Garrison of Rogers; two brothers, Everett of Bentonville and Paul of Iowa;; ;a host of relatives and friends. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery.

**Michael Bunton . . .**

Michael Bunton, one-day-old son of Bro. and Sister Clyde Bunton of Fayetteville passed away on April 13, 1960, at the Washington County Hospital. The parents are members of the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church.

**Charles Henry Taylor . . .**

Charles Henry Taylor was born Dec. 9, 1868, in Madison County, Arkansas; departed this life July 30, 1960 at the age of 91 years, 7 months and 21 days. He was the son of the late Robert and Isabella Kay Taylor. He had spent his entire life in Madison County. He was a retired merchant.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters; Joe Taylor, Huntsville, Ark.; Clyde Taylor, Butterfield, Mo.; C. H. Taylor Jr., Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Droucilla Taylor, Huntsville; Lillie Reeves, Huntsville; six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Purdy. He was a kind and devoted husband, father and neighbor. To know him was to love him.

**George E. Coger . . .**

George E. Coger, met a tragic death in an automobile accident while driving to work August 31, 1959.

The funeral and interment were at San Bernardino, California, where he had lived since 1949.

George was born in Springdale, August 5, 1919. He mar-

ried Blanche Malonlund in 1945. Besides Mrs. Coger he leaves his mother, Mrs. Lillian Ingram and a step-daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Batistic and their small son, Bobby Batistic of San Bernardino.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized the day he was 15 years old in the year 1934, and joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Pilgrim Rest, near Springdale, Ark.

#### **Charley Porter . . .**

Charley Porter, of 1735 S. 43 St. National City, Calif., died Jan. 17 at 8 p. m. in a hospital at Chula Vista, Calif. Mr. Porter, after one day's illness at his home, was rushed to the hospital where he was put under an oxygen tent, but passed away two and a half hours later from double pneumonia.

He was born August 23, 1909 to Albert and Jane Warren Porter, and was married Oct. 17, 1928, to Rosie Edith Hammons,, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammons, of Route 1, Huntsville. To this union two children were born, one son and one daughter.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife, Rosie Porter, of the home; one son, Robert Jr. Porter, and one daughter, Rosemary Staten, all of 7321 Allengrove St. Downey, Calif.; three grandchildren; his father, Albert Porter of Missouri; one brother, Leo Porter of Woodlake, Calif.; one half-brother, Bertie Moore of National City, Calif.

Mr. Porter was a member of the Farmer Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the Greenwood Funeral Home with Elder Bill McTeet, officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Memorial Park cemetery at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Porter is making her home with her son and daughter at Downey, Calif.

#### **Luther F. Tacker . . .**

Funeral services for Luther F. Tacker, 74, native of Madison County, who died Monday morning at his home in Marble, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Lower Camp Ground Church with the Rev. Cecil Garrison and M. L. Davis, officiating.

Burial was in the Lower Camp Ground cemetery.

He was born January 20, 1885, the son of the late Benjamin and Minerva Tacker, and had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 30 years.

Suvivors include his wife, Maud, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Velma Giffin, Springdale and Mrs. Grace Holt of Marble; two brothers, Bert Tacker, Carbondale, Colo., and Sam Tacker of Aurora, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Rosa Lindsay, Carthage, Mo.

#### **Jess Parker . . .**

Jess Parker, 72, died May 9 at 4:00 p. m. at his home, Route 1, Springdale. He was born Dec. 9, 1887 at Wheeler, Ark., the son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth Caprel Parker. He lived in the White Oak community many years before coming to Springdale. He was a member of the Phillips Chapel

Baptist Church and a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Virginia Sweeten Parker of the home; three stepsons, Billy Sweeten of the home, Odie Sweeten of Keddie, Calif., and Allen Sweeten of Springdale; one step-daughter, Mrs. Jack Graham of Siloam Springs; one brother, Mike Parker of Springdale; two sisters, Mrs. Rachel Hayes of Fayetteville and Mrs. Anna Lawson of Springdale and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church with Elder Cecil Garrison, Elder Tommy Day and Rev. Paul Watson, officiating.

#### **Ida Irene Litton . . .**

Mrs. Ida Irene Litton, 68, resident of 224 Park Street, died this morning, August 9, at 1 o'clock, at her home after a long illness.

She was born September 14, 1891, at Springdale, the daughter of Wesley and Susan Wolfe Wilson, and was a charter member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church. Her husband, John Thomas Litton died November 21, 1956.

Survivors include one son, Paul, Springdale; three daughters, Mrs. Thelma Griffis, Springdale; Mrs. Eula Parker of Fayetteville; and Mrs. Elma Ferriell of Springdale; two brothers, Harvey Wilson of Springdale and Joe Wilson of Sacramento, Calif.; 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Callison-Sisco Funeral chapel with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating.

#### **Mr. and Mrs. Bowen . . .**

Double funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Virgil E. Bowen, Elkins residents, who were killed instantly in a car-train collision Friday near Wynne, Ark., were held January 29, 1960, at Liberty Hill church near Clarksville. Rev. Jack Ledbetter and Rev. Bill Ross officiated at the service. Burial in the Liberty Hill cemetery was under the direction of Cox Funeral Home in Clarksville.

Mr. Bowen was 53, and his wife 46. They moved to Elkins nine years ago from Clarksville.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest, Wichita, Kansas, and Gerald Bowen of Elkins; five grandchildren.

Mrs. Bowen's survivors in addition to her sons, include her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart, Lookeba, Okla.; two brothers, Jasper Buchannan, Wichita, and Clinton Buchannan, Fayetteville;; and six sisters, Mrs. Hester Bowen, White Oak, Ark., Mrs. Armanda Hatfield, Keensburg, Calif., Mrs. Clara Sanders, Hindsville, Mrs. Ruth Harris, Muskogee, Okla., and Mrs. Christene Hatchett and Mrs. Johnni eAnglin, both of Clarksville.

Owens' other survivors include a brother, Edgar, Cherry Valley, Ark.; a sister, Mrs. Essie Knich, Ashland, Calif.; his step-mother, Mrs. Mary Bowen, Clarksville; seven half-brothers, J. R. and Edwin, both of Wichita, Kan., Myron, Oakland, Calif., Gene, Detroit, Mich., John W. and Dewey, both of Little Rock and Hoyt, Clarksville; and three half-sisters, Mrs. Odell Riley, Oakland, Mrs. Rosie Thompson, Ehenborge, Calif., and Mrs. Jewel Lacy, Richmond, Calif.



**Mrs. Hester Clardy . . .**

Mrs. Hester Clardy, 75, resident of Route 1, Hindsville, died February 25, 12:30 a. m., at the Springdale Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was born October 19, 1884, at War Eagle, the daughter of Philander and Elizabeth Miles Cook, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Burk Shed.

Survivors include her husband, W. T. Clardy of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Maudie Hill and Mrs. Hazel Garvin, both of Hindsville; two sisters, Mrs. Rena Macons, Bakersfield, Calif., and Mrs. Delora Ingram, Hindsville; one grandson, Thurman Wayne Hill of the home.

Funeral services were held at the Burk Shed church with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating.

**Mrs. Gertrude Crumley . . .**

Mrs. Gertrude Crumley, 75, former resident of the Hindsville community, died July 2 in Los Angeles, Calif., after a long illness. She was born February 22, 1885, in the Hindsville Valley community, the daughter of Harvey and Margaret Lane Wilks. Her husband, Joseph P. Crumley, to whom she was married in 1914, died in 1957. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Charles Ray White, South Gate, Calif., Mrs. James R. Coppenger, Anaheim, Mrs. Virgil Stafford, Fullerton, Mrs. Leonard Presley, Downey and Mrs. Nick Kelishes of Norwalk; one sister, Mrs. Allie Vinson, Westville, Okla.; eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in South Gate and burial was in Rose Hills Memorial cemetery in Whittier, Calif.

**Sophia Ann Murphy . . .**

Sophia Ann Murphy, 86, who made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Baker, 709 East Center, died this morning at 12:10 o'clock in the Springdale Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

She was born November 25, 1872, at Clifty, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Scott Gardner. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Pilgrim Rest and the widow of Hugh I. Murphy, who died in January, 1954.

Survivors include four sons, John and Allen Murphy of Jefferson, Iowa, Otto of Scranton, Iowa, and Denver Murphy of Springdale; six daughters, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Myrtle Main of Springdale, Mrs. Mary Evins, Syracuse, Kansas, Mrs. Ethel Lee Houston, Texas, Mrs. Erbie Gatlin, Pasadena, Texas, and Mrs. Irma Wilson, Fayetteville; one brother, Lundy Gardner, Fresno, Calif.; 27 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Pilgrim Rest church with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating.

**Mrs. Nellie Virginia Wade . . .**

Mrs. Nellie Virginia Wade, 64, of Route 1, Hindsville, died at the Springdale Memorial Hospital, Friday, August 14. She was born in Madison county, February 17, 1895, the daughter of Joseph Lane and Lucy Wolsey Lane.

She is survived by her husband Jim Wade, of the home;



three sons, Joe Wade of Hindsville, and Jimmy and Wilford Wade, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Floy Kelley, Mrs. Evelyn Donaghey and Mrs. Ruby Upshaw, all of Springdale; and Mrs. Ova Upton of Ontario, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Donaghey of Elkins, Mrs. Annie Cook of Huntsville, and Mrs. Mary Bigsby of California; one brother, Sammy Lane, of Route 5, Rogers, and 25 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Colbaugh, conducted by Rev. Cecil Garrison.

**Mrs. Annie Spradling . . .**

Mrs. Annie Spradling, 92, of Route 2, Huntsville, died at her home, Friday, May 6. She was born Feb. 26, 1868, at Decatur, Ill., but had spent most of her lifetime near Huntsville. Her parents were Jasper Gray and Elizabeth Henchcliff Gray. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 80 years.

Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Martin of Springdale; Mrs. Roy Wall of Rocky, Okla., Mrs. Bertie Beasley of Route 2, Huntsville, and Miss Grace Spradling of the home; one son, Ewen Spradling of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister Mrs. Ada Garrett of this city; 17 grandchildren, 46 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Cecil Garrison, were held at Big Sandy.

**Patricia Earlene Day . . .**

Funeral services for Patricia Earlene Day, one month old daughter of Tommie L. and Dorotha Thomas Day, Route 4, who died August 2, at the Springdale Memorial Hospital were held August 4th, at 2:00 o'clock in the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with Elds. Cecil Garrison and Vivan Rhodes, officiating.

Burial was in the Friendship cemetery under the direction of Callison-Sisco Funeral Home. She was born July 2, 1960 at Springdale. Survivors besides the parents include one brother, Raymond Day, of the home; the paternal grandparents, Eld. and Mrs. Tommie Day, Monett, Mo.; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thomas, of Springdale; the paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Day, Portersville, Calif., and Mrs. Annie Shepherd, of Hindsville.

**ORDAINED MINISTERS**

- George Been, age 79 .. 707 E. Emma, Springdale, Ark.
- P. G. Kirk, age 74, ..... Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
- Claude Yynch, age 66 ..... Rogers, Ark.
- Bruce Phillips, age 56 ..... Huntsville, Ark.
- Jack Hobbs, age 55 ..... Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.
- H. M. Knox, Age 54, ..... Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
- Willie Capps, age 52 ..... Springdale, Ark.

Sammie, Lane, age 51 ..... Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.  
 C. O. Garrison, age 49 ..... Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark.  
 George Lynch, age 50 ..... Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark.  
 Elmo McKinney, age 53 ..... Rt. 4, Berryville, Ark.  
 Steve Montgomery, age 53 ..... Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.  
 Ernest Corley, age 50 ..... Rt. 3, Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Edd Stilley, age 29 ..... Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark.  
 Lester Hilton, age 54 ..... Oak Grove, Ark.  
 Millard Davis ..... Berryville, Ark.  
 Dave Casteel, age 39 ..... Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.  
 Kenneth Shepherd, age 33 ..... Huntsville, Ark.  
 I. E. Hawley, age 78 ..... Huntsville, Ark.  
 Clyde Coatney, age 56 ... 746 S. Pershing, Wichita, Kan.  
 Alfred Glenn, age 58 ..... Rt. 8, Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Claude Hendrix, age 39 ... 902 S. C. St., Rogers, Ark.  
 Amos Howard, 46,, ... 611 E. Huntsville, Springdale, Ark.  
 Clarence Tice, age 53 ..... Huntsville, Ark.  
 Oscar Cavins, age 56 ..... Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark.  
 John R. Bingham ..... Lowell, Ark.  
 Clyde Johnson ..... Fayetteville, Ark.  
 George Roller ..... Rogers, Ark.  
 Talman Hicks, age 76, 307 N. W. A St. Bentonville, Ark.  
 Rufus Young, age 41 ..... Springdale, Ark.  
 Noel Easterling, age 44 ..... Huntsville, Ark.  
 J. A. Davidson ..... Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark.  
 Kenneth Autry, age 47... Pritchard St., Berryville, Ark.  
 Glenn Jones, age 49 ..... Rt. 1, West Fork, Ark.  
 Cecil Gladden, age 53 ..... Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.  
 Von Dean McFerrin ..... Springdale, Ark.  
 Glenn Barnes ..... Springdale, Ark.  
 Ted Slavens ..... Springdale, Ark.  
 Kenneth Hubbard ..... Rogers, Ark.  
 Boyd Harp ..... Rogers, Ark.  
 Charlie Bagwell ..... Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.  
 Ernest Hayhurst, age 59 ..... 523 6th W., Jerome, Idaho  
 Burton Birchfield ..... Eureka Springs, Ark.  
 Vallie O. Johnson ..... Rt. 5, Berryville, Ark.  
 Nelson Crabtree ..... Rt. 4, Bentonville, Ark.  
 Elmer Ledbetter ..... 2227 S. Estelle, Wichita, Kan.  
 Jimmy McCulley, age 35 ..... Garfield, Ark.  
 Arthur Lee Galloway, age 26 ... Rt. 2, Springdale, 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 nega-



tive, 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 creden-



tialed 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 to 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 questions 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 Re-prover, 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 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; 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 Ghost, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbetry 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 saint's 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 graces, 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 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 and Baptism	By Letter	Statement Of Faith	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Clyde Johnson	Arthur L. Galloway	0	0	0	1	0	1	114
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Kenneth Shepherd	Glenn Barnes	4	2	0	2	0	6	136
Christian Home	1892	Clarence Tice	Willie Capps	0	0	0	0	0	1	36
Farmer	1945	Clarence Tice	Clarence Tice	3	0	1	0	0	1	30
Buckeye	1945	Rufus Young	Rufus Young	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Freedom	1950	Horace Knox	Alfred Glenn	4	5	2	1	2	1	117
Hickory Flatt	1951	Rufus Young	Rufus Young	1	0	1	0	0	0	21
Pleasant Valley	1951	Elmo McKinney	Elmo McKinney	5	0	0	6	0	0	34
Huntsville	1952	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	4	3	1	2	0	1	115
Phillips Chapel	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	6	7	12	3	0	1	229
Rogers	1953	Horace Knox	Horace Knox	1	3	2	2	0	1	121
Oak Grove	1955	Lester Hilton	Lester Hilton	8	0	0	0	0	0	78
Fayetteville	1956	Amos Howard	Amos Howard	0	4	11	2	0	0	39
Bentonville	1956	Von Dean McFerrin		0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Mt. Sharon	1957	Claude Hendrix	Claude Hendrix	0	0	0	3	0	0	22
Clifty Chapel	1958	Noel Easterling	Noel Easterling	1	1	4	0	0	0	31
New Sulphur	1958	Glenn Jones	Glenn Jones	1	0	0	0	0	0	22
Wichita	1959	Clyde Coatney	Clyde Coatney	8	6	5	5	2	0	49

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

- Mt. Zion — Ola Puryear, Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.  
Pilgrim Rest — Irena Wright, Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.  
Christian Home — Evelyn Harrison, Hindsville, Ark.  
Farmer — Odie Shepherd, Hindsville, Ark.  
Buckeye — Ezra Clark, Rt. 2, Hindsville, Ark.  
Freedom — Carl Snoderly, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark.  
Hickory Flatt — Mrs. Ben Taylor, Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.  
Pleasant Valley — Leroy Walker, Rt. 2, Berryville, Ark.  
Huntsville — Imogene Parks, Huntsville, Ark.  
Phillips Chapel — Irene Armes, Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark.  
Rogers — Dorthy Rowland, Rogers, Ark.  
Oak Grove—Bessie Atchley, Box 93, Green Forest, Ark.  
Fayetteville — Virginia G. Johnson, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark.  
Bentonville — Nancy Larkin, Bentonville, Ark.  
Mt. Sharon — Etha Schnitzer, Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark.  
Clifty Chapel — Gladys Vanhook, Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.  
New Sulphur — Opal Cross, Rt. 2, Prairie Grove, Ark.  
Liberty (Wichita)—Flora Woodward, Rt. 1, Peck, Kan.