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OFFICERS

Moderator — Horace M. Knox _____ 621 N. C. Street Rogers, Ark. Clerk-Treasurer — Willie Bohannan _____ Route 3 Huntsville, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rogers, Ark. Rufus Young — 1 Year _____ Springdale, Ark. George Lynch — 3 Years _____ Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.

EXAMINING COUNCIL

Bruce Phillips 2 Years _____ Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. H. M. Knox — 1 Year _____ 621 N. C. St., Rogers, Ark. Carl Casteel — 3 Years _____ Huntsville, Ark.

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.

PROCEEDINGS

The 124th annual session of Old Mt. Zion Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists convened in the Ass'n building on Hwy. 68 in the Pilgrim Rest Community; congregational singing conducted by Bro. Tom Day, accompanist Sammy Davis; Scripture lesson: I Sam. 2:1-10; Prayer was offered by our senior minister, Eld. Geo. Been concluded by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Due to an injury, the speaker-elect, Bro. Jack Boyd, was unable to bring the Introductory Message. In his absence, the alternate, Bro. Carl Casteel, came to the pulpit and delivered the message of the hour, using the text, "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods?" Scriptures read in connection with the text were: Jer. 2:7-11; Ps. 78:35-51. also Rev. 22:17. "The Last Call" was quoted in closing, prior to the invitation song, "Oh, Why Not Tonight?"

Church letters were called for: right hand of fellowship was extended to all delegates-elect, ordained deacons and ministers, and each invited to seat.

Motion carried to postpone election of officers until all churches were present.

Motion carried to elect a speaker for Fri., 11:00 a.m. Bro. Noel Easterling was elected. Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Fri. a.m. Benediction, Bro. I. E. Hawley.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Cecil Garrison, accompanied by Sis. Berdie Benton at the piano. Scripture reading: Isaiah Ch. 53 by moderator; prayer by Eld. Tom Day.

Roll Call continued and the remaining delegates seated by giving each the right hand of fellowship.

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Eld. Rufus Coffey, of Nashville, Tenn., director of conference ministries, was introduced by our moderator to deliver a message on needs of Foreign Missions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations made, one by one, that each of the present officers be re-elected. With each one, a motion was made that each be elected by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

ModeratorElder Horace KnoxAssistant ModeratorElder Clyde JohnsonClerkSister Willie BohannanAssistant ClerkSister Irena Wright

The Divine Service Committee was appointed at this time. Motion made, seconded, carried to adjourn until 1:30 for business session. Benediction, Eld. Kenneth Jones.

DELEGATES BY CHURCHES

MT. ZION — Fate Anderson, Kenneth Phillips, Max

Puryear.

PILGRIM REST — Shirley Galloway, Evelyn Todd, Yvonne Whittle.

CHRISTIAN HOME — Lillie Evans, John Lynch.

FARMER — Annie Shepherd, Janet Samuels, Bobby Shepherd.

BUCKEYE — Elsie Vaughan, Lola Eubanks, Cal Keeney.

HICKORY FLAT — Stella Gibson, Dorothy Black, Amos Taylor.

HUNTSVILLE — Velma Harrington, Maggie Jones, Lillie Hawley.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL — Cary Goff, Henry Harvey, Paul Archer.

ROGERS — Opal Hubbard, Carolyn Hubbard, Dixie Harp.

OAK GROVE — Ernest Hill, Berdie Benton, Sis, Gardenhire.

FAYETTEVILLE — DeLane Johnson, Lorene London, Elroy London.

NEW SULPHUR — Mary Rice, Emma Pierce, Pat Jones.

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LIBERTY — (By letter only.)

EUREKA SPRINGS — Joyce Hull, Beulah Johnson, Norma Butler.

FREEDOM — Georgia Mann, Linda Henson, Glenda Sue Snoderly.

PLEASANT VALLEY — Jessie McKinney, Pearl Grogan.

ANTIOCH — Mildred Burks, Caroline Miller, Chlorine Burks.

CLIFTY CHAPEL — Maggie Vanhook, Althea Sandlain, Dorothy Birchfield.

FRIDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK MESSAGE

Hymn: "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," directed by Eld. H. M. Knox, DeLane Johnson accompanist. Two special numbers by Eld. and Mrs. C. D. Benton, "I Saw Jesus When I Prayed Last Night," and "Everywhere I Go and Everything I Do Is For My Lord." Scripture Lesson: St. John 3:14-15; Isaiah 6:1-8. Message of the hour by Eld. Noel Easterling: text, "I saw the Lord high and lifted up." An invitation was extended to the unsaved. Benediction: Eld. Lum Lynch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing: leader, Lum Lynch; pianist, Berdie Benton; prayer, Bro. Talmon Hicks. Scripture quotations by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Clyde Johnson, from Romans and Proverbs.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES (Brothers and Sisters)

RESOLUTIONS — Arthur Lee Galloway, C. D. Benton, Cecil Garrison, Claude Hendrix, Cecil Gladden.
FINANCE — Lola Eubanks, DeLane Johnson, Linda Sue Henson, Carolyn Miller, Althea Sandlain.
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREACHING — John Campbell, Roy Edgmond, Berry Puryear, Elroy London, Bob Vanhook.
TEMPERANCE — Elsie Vaughan, Sue Snoderly, Shirley Galloway, Cordelia Jones, Pat Jones.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS — Jessie McKinney, Mary Rice, Carolyn Hubbard, Mildred Burks, Dorothy Black.

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OBITUARY — Max Puryear, James Spears, Riley Hicks, George Lynch, Fate Anderson.

UNION OF CHURCHES—Henry Harvey, John Lynch, Kenneth Phillips, Georgia Mann, Opal Hubbard. NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES — None.

Two special numbers in song by Bro. and Sis. C. D. Benton; "Some Day," and "Give Me A Little More Time."

Seating of alternates at this time by moderator.

"Rules of Order" and "Constitution" read by moderator.

The Pleasant Valley Mission letter read; motion made, seconded and carried to accept same.

Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to give the Building Committee authority to have a Sound System installed in the Ass'n building. At this time, Bro. Ed Smith volunteered to pay the bill.

Address given by Bro. Lum Lynch, 821 N. Block St., Pampa, Texas.

Motion carried to accept the Sunday School report and discharge the committee.

Hymn: "I'm Saved," by congregation. Duet numbers by the Bentons: "Lord, I'm Waiting to Go," and "There's A City."

Reading of "Organization" and "History" of Old Mt. Zion Ass'n by clerk.

Duet: "I'll Just Keep Right on Walking," by Miller sisters.

Duets: "That's When the Lord Moves In," and "What Will the Answer Be?", by Bro. and Sis. Ed Smith.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday a.m. for business session. Benediction: Eld. Cecil Gladden.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Tom Day, Mrs. C. D. Benton at the piano. Duet numbers, "I Will Bear My Burdens," and "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All," by Bro. and Sis. Benton. Numbers rendered by the Reynolds-Casteel singers: "Standing By the River," "I Need Jesus," and "Talk It Over With Him." Offering for upkeep of Ass'n Building, \$153.27. Bro. Bruce Phillips takes stand and uses for his Scripture lesson Exodus 12:11-14 and Luke 22:7-20prayer, Bro. Tom Day. Services concluded by Bro. Arthur Lee Galloway: request number in song, "Just One Drop for Me." Text, I Peter 5:5. Invitation given to the unsaved. Approximately 175 Brothers and Sisters partook of the communion service and foot washing which followed. An old-time "hand-shake" was enjoyed by all as they engaged in congregational singing and . . . went out . . .

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Hymn: "I'll Soon Be At Home Over There," Phyllis Phillips leader, Mable Phillips accompanist; Scripture lesson, Is. 28:1-11; prayer by Bro. Lester Hicks.

Motion carried to receive the report of the District Evangelist. Also a motion made, seconded, carried to keep a District Evangelist in the field for the ensuing year. Motion carried to elect Bro. Luther Jones, by acclamation, as District Evangelist.

Motion made, seconded, carried to receive the Radio Report and retain Eld. Cecil Garrison as Radio Pastor for ensuing year. Motion carried to give Bro. Garrison a rising vote of thanks for his faithfulness and untiring efforts.

Motion carried to receive the report on Obituaries

and discharge the committee.

Volunteer committee for landscaping yard: Bros. Ed Smith, Fate Anderson, Berry Puryear, Roy Edgmond, Max Puryear. The Ass'n Body is to support said committee and gives them the authority to select and purchase trees; (and if expense), the Ass'n Body is to assume the financial responsibility.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:00 for business session. Benediction, Eld. George Lynch.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Song: "I'll Live In Glory," Phyllis Phillips conducting, DeLane Johnson accompanist. Elder Tom Day took the stand and read I Thes 4:13-18 and I Cor. 15: 12-26. Bro. Day read a portion of each of the obituaries and commented on each. Special in song: "Smiling Through Our Tears." Bro. Cecil Garrison brings the message of the hour, using Josh. 4:1-9 for his lesson text; "... What mean ye by these stones?" Benediction, Bro. Kenneth Shepherd.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Call to order by singing: Hymn, "Lord, Send Me," Bro. Tom Day conducting, Sis. Pearl Day at the piano; Scripture lesson, Ps. 23, by moderator; prayer by Bro. Glenn Jones.

Motion carried to receive the report on Finance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Resolution Committee. Resolutions Nos. 1 and 3 adopted.

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

Motion carried to accept the report on Temperance and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to accept an oral report of the Executive Committee.

Eld. George Lynch nominated and elected to serve on the Executive Board for a period of 3 years.

Eld. Carl Casteel nominated and elected to the Examining Council for a term of 3 years.

Motion carried to set Aug. 28th as the date for the dedication of Old Mt. Zion Ass'n Building.

Bro. and Sis. Ed Smith volunteer to go as delegates to Zion Hope No. II Association to convene on Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in September.

Delegates elect to Old Union Ass'n: Bros. Fate Anderson, Kenneth Phillips, George Lynch, Clyde Johnson and wife; said Ass'n to convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September.

Delegates to Ark. State Ass'n of Free Will Baptists: Bro. Noel Easterling and wife, Hazel; Bro. Cecil Gladden and wife, Ethel.

Motion carried to have 1000 minutes printed.

Bro. Jack Boyd was elected to preach the Introductory Message on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1966. Bro. Tom Day, his alternate.

Motion sustained to adopt minutes and give the clerk the authority to prepare and submit the manuscript for press without being read in the presence of the Ass'n Body.

Motion carried to dismiss the Resolutions Committee.

At the request of Bro. Riley Hicks, a motion was moved and carried to dismiss him from the Youth Camp Committee. A second motion carried that he be replaced by Bro. Noel Easterling.

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At this time, more than \$500.00 was taken in pledges toward preparations for a Youth Camp on the Ass'n grounds.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7:30 Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1966. Benediction, Sis. Lester Hicks.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Congregational singing directed py Bro. Tom Day, accompanied by Sis. Pearl Day; prayer by Bro. David Todd. A free will offering was taken for the Youth Camp; received \$60.00.

Bro. Claude Hendrix took the stand and read St. Luke 5:1-11; prayer, Bro. Cecil Garrison. Bro. Hendrix brought a heart-warming message, after which Bro. Luther Jones concluded the service. Bro. Jones used Eph. 6:11-14 and James 4:7-8 as his lesson text. An invitation was given to the unsaved, no response. Benediction, Bro. James Spears.

GENERAL REPORTS

Annual Report of Radio Program

Carry Over

\$138.92

| Received | | 724.00 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | TOTALS | 862.92 |
| | | |
| Total on Hand | Vada Netherton, Sec. and Treas. | |
| • • | Route 1 Springdale, Arkansas 7276 | 4 |

DISTRICT EVANGELIST

To Old Mt. Zion Ass'n: since last association, I have helped conduct 6 revivals; witnessed 24 professions; preached 112 sermons; helped ordain one minister; weddings, one; funerals, 2; money received from the 5th Sunday Council meetings, \$1070.66; offerings in revivals, \$246.42; free will offerings, \$175.62; total amount received, \$1492.70; traveled 15,635 miles; expenses on car, \$277.46.

Bro. Arthur Lee Galloway

STATISTICS

Old Mt. Zion Ass'n of Free Will Baptists is composed of 18 churches. The letters were incomplete from several churches. Statistics as given are: Number of parsonages, 4; ordained ministers, 56; licensed ministers, 6; ordained deacons, 67; Sunday Schools, 18; Leagues, 11; Women's Auxiliaries, 2; Prayer Meetings, 13; church membership, 1418; resident, 1047; non-resident, 371; members received, 103; by profession of faith, 44; by letter, 29; by statement of faith, 30; members dismissed, 39; by letter, 28. excluded, 0; deceased, 11; Sunday School enrollment, 1013; League enrollment, 248; Women's Auxiliary, 37; total given in the churches, \$53,504.40; general offerings, \$45,985.22; building fund, \$7,519.18; pastors' salaries, \$17,130.18; evangelistic work, \$3,260.84; building and repair, \$16,581.79. literature, \$2,181.32; advertising (radio programs), \$1,472.80; miscellaneous, \$5,685.07; other, \$3,046.42; total local expenditures, \$49,358.42; foreign missions, \$1,272.13; home missions, \$985.82; associational projects, \$1,009.25. other, \$107.00; total outside expenditures, \$3,374.20; value of property for 11 churches, \$108,000.00; value of 4 parsonages (property), \$31,000.00; value of associational property, \$20,000.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Union of Churches

We, your committee on Union of Churches, submit the following report: To the best of our knowledge, our churches are in complete unity. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Ps. 133:1) "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (Rom. 12:10).

Henry Harvey, chairman.

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe a Bible-instructed child will rise up and call his mother blessed, (Prov. 31:28). If the parents themselves cannot instruct their children in the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, they should see to it that they are taken, or sent, to Sunday Schools where they will be taught God's way of salvation in simplicity and faithfulness.

Jessie McKinney, chairwoman.

Temperance

We, your committee on temperance, believe ". . every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (I Cor. 9:25). "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Titus 2:12). "For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." (Prov. 23:21) "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1). "... and besides this giving all diligence ,add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness" (2 Peter 1:5-6). "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Cor. 6:17).

Elsie Vaughan, chairwoman.

Arrangements For Preaching

We, your committee on arrangements for preaching, report as follows: Friday evening, Elders Bruce Phillips and Arthur Lee Galloway; Saturday morning, Elders Cecil Garrison and Tom Day; Saturday evening, Claude Hendrix and Luther Jones.

John Campbell, chairman.

Finance

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

| Church | Clerk | State | Minutes |
|-----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Mt. Zion | \$2.00 | \$3.00 | \$15.00 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 2.00 | 3.00 | 11.00 |
| Christian Home | | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Farmer | 2.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Buckeye | | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Freedom | | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Hickory Flat | | 3.00 | 7.00 |
| Pleasant Valley | | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Huntsville | | 3.00 | 15.00 |
| Phillips Chapel | | 3.00 | 25.00 |

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| Church | Clerk | State | Minutes |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Rogers | 2.00 | 3.00 | 10.00 |
| Oak Grove | | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Fayetteville | 2.00 | 3.00 | 11.00 |
| Clifty Chapel | 2.00 | 3.00 | 14.00 |
| New Sulphur | 2.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Liberty (Wichita) | 2.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Antioch | 2.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Eureka Springs | 2.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| Personal Donation | | | 8.00 |
| Totals | \$36.00 | \$54.00 | \$164.00 |
| | Lola Eubanks chairwoman. | | |

Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following:

No. 1: We recommend that Resolutions No. 1 and No .2 be reprinted as they appear in the present minute with the exception of the word, "indebtedness," which is to be changed to "upkeep."

Arthur Lee Galloway, chairman.

No. 1—Be it resolved that each church receive an offering quarterly to help with the upkeep on the Association Building. We recommend each pastor and deacon assume this responsibility.

Arthur Lee Galloway, chairman.

No.2—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association be more concerned of our Evangelist on the field — by supportinng him better financially — also with our prayers. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." I Cor. 9:14. Cecil Garrison, chairman

No. 3—Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association report a correct list of active and inactive members composing their church enrollment; that it may be known the responsibility some churches are bearing. Done while in conference by the Buckeye Church, July 5, 1965.

Resolutions: (Permanently Printed)

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 God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call 15 of our brethren and sisters from labor to reward: "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).

Max Puryear, chairman .

Eugene Scott Stamps . . .

Eugene Scott Stamps, 87, resident of Huntsville, Arkansas, passed away Feb. 25, 1965, at the Madison County Hospital.

He was born Oct. 27, 1877, in Carroll County, Arkansas. He was a deacon in the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Garland and Clarence Stamps; five daughters, Era Sparks, Bessie Stout, Polly Yingst, Floy Perry and Grace Casteel; one brother, Bee Stamps; one sister, Maggie Whitaker; one half-sister, Jennie Dorsey.

Burial was at Alabam, Elder Bruce Phillips officiating. Jason Walker . . .

Jason Walker, 67, resident of Huntsville, Arkansas, passed away Feb. 15, 1965, at his home. He was born June 11, 1897.

Mr. Walker was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Boyd Walker of Amity, Ark., and Ottie Walker of Bearden, Ark.; three daughters, Donna Bloss of Fayetteville, Ark., Geneva Keck of Huntsville, Ark., and Imogene Bailey of Hawkinsville, Ga.; three brothers, Walter, Will and Jim Walker; two sisters, Leona Guinn and Ada Lyman.

Interment was at Whorton Creek, Elders Merritt Youngblood and Claude Counts officiating.

Able Harvey Henson

Able Harvey Henson, 52, died at his home at Garfield, Ark., March 31, 1965. He was born Jan. 16, 1912, in Sedalia, Mo. He was a member of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church until it was abandoned and later was an associate member of Freedom Church.

Survivors include the widow, Leona, of the home; two sons, Harvey Ray and Roy Gene, of the home; two daughters, Lora Elizabeth and Linda Sue, of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Argee Tyree of Downey , Calif., Mrs. Flossie Jansen of Norwalk, Calif., Mrs. Mary Webb of Calif., and Mrs. Rosie Webb of Pea Ridge, Ark.

Carl Wayne Pool (by request) . . .

Carl Wayne Pool, 14, drowned Sunday afternoon, Aug. 9, at the Parker Ford on War Eagle. He was born Oct. 21, 1949, at Hindsville, Arkansas, the son of Forrest and Mary June Steelman Pool. He had professed a hope in Christ and been baptized.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Pool of Huntsville; his mother, Mary June English of Maryland; two half-sisters, Nancy Ellen and Nina Jo, of the home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Steelman and Mrs. Dulcie Pool, all of Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.

Burial was at Morriss cemetery, Elders Cecil Garrison and Arthur Lee Galloway officiating.

Some day we shall go to meet him,

Where there'll be no more good-byes;

We can think of nothing sweeter

Than our meeting in the skies.

Thomas Benton Smith . . .

Funeral service for Thomas Benton Smith, 86, of Rogers, was held at the Rogers Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Kenneth Jones officiated. Burial was at Benton County Memorial Garden by Brashears Funeral Home at Huntsville.

Mr. Smith died Tuesday, April 13, 1965, at the Rogers hospital.

Survivors include his widow, Belle, of the home; three sons, Orvil of Eureka Springs, Clifford of Ulysses, Kan., and Rev. Delbert Smith of Adrian, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Jordon of Rogers.

T. G. (Don) Mitchell . . .

T. G. (Don) Mitchell, 81, of 513 E. Huntsville Ave., died at 5:25 p.m. Nov. 10, 1964, at Springdale Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 23, 1883, at Kingston, the son of Jasper N. and Mary Reynolds Mitchell. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Belia Downing of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Mrs. Audie Smith and Mrs. Thelma Thomas of Springdale; one sister, Mrs. Myrtie Smith of Springdale; one aunt, Mrs. Will McMillan of Berryville; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Tommy Day officiating.

Ben Joseph Smith . . .

Ben Joseph Smith, 60, resident of Manteca, Calif., died April 23, 1965, following a car and train accident in that city. He was born July 4, 1904, at Spring Valley, the son of John L. and Anna Ragsdale Smith, and was a Baptist. He had been a resident of California since 1955.

Survivors are one son, Perry Smith of Hindsville; one brother, Fred Smith of Springdale; and three grandchildren.

The body was returned to Springdale for funeral services and burial. He was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

James Allen Foster . . .

Brother James Allen Foster was born February 1, 1894, in Carroll County, Arkansas, and departed this life June 21, 1965, at his home near Marble, Ark., at the age of seventy-one years, four months and twenty days.

His parents, Bro. Lige Foster and Sister Jane Foster, were of the first members of the Antioch Church.

He leaves three sisters, Sister Bess Harp, Sister Fannie Miller, and Sister Emma Wallace; one brother, Brother Alfred Foster, to mourn his passing; also a host of other relatives and firends. Although he wasn't a member of the Antioch Church, he had attended that church ever since boyhood and had professed a hope in Christ for many years. No member was more faithful to come to church than he. Although he had been blind all his life, this didn't discourage his interest in church. Where he is now he will have new sight.

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Floyd Holland . . .

Floyd Holland, 53, of Route 1, Hindsville, died Thursday in the Springdale Memorial Hospital. He had been in ill health for the past several years.

Mr. Holland was born March 13, 1911, at Ft. Gibson, Okla., the son of Will Holland and Ollie Lollar Holland. He was a member of the Farmer Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Walker Holland, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Margie Sharp of Huntsville, and Mrs. Mary Garrison of Rancho Cordona, Calif.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Holland of Hindsville; two brothers, George Holland of Wichita, Kan., and Horace Holland of Hindsville; one sister, Mrs. Ona Welch of Folson, Calif.; and three grandchildren,

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home, Huntsville, with Rev. Cecil Garrison conducting. Burial was in the cemetery here. Pallbearers were Wayne McChristian, Charles Whorton, Jr., Dwayne Watson, Bill Fantinel, Dallis Walker and Carl Hunt.

Lee Roy Vanhook . . .

Lee Roy Vanhook, 57, died in the Springdale Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning, December 1, 1964, after a few months' illness. A former resident of Clifty, he moved to Springdale recently when ill health forced his retirement from farming.

Mr. Vanhook was born in Carroll County June 15, 1907, the son of Bcb Vanhook and Maggie Clark Vanhook. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Gladys Stansell Vanhook, of the home; one son, Jack Vanhook of Springdale; one brother, Mitchell Vanhook of Springdale; and two sisters, Mrs. Cordelia Jones of Huntsville and Mrs. Vesta Samuels of Pea Ridge.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church, with the Rev. Cecil Garrison, Rev. Noel Easterling and Rev. Horace Knox officiating. Burial was in the Clifty Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Jim Babb, George Carr, Billy Stafford, Clarence Tice, Albert Todd and Raymond McGinnis.

THE CROSSING

(At Springdale Memorial Hospital. Written at 2:30 a.m., Dec. 1, 1964. To Roy from his wife, Gladys. He expired at 3:00 a.m., Dec. 1.)

Dear Dad, you are slipping from us Into the great beyond, Our hearts are torn asunder, For we know you'll soon be gone.

But your love and works will linger Around our cottage door. We'll cherish your memory forever, Tho' your form is here no more.

Your poor broken body is so painful, Much courage you have shown. Our hearts are torn and bleeding, 'Ere your spirit to God has flown.

We're so thankful to have had you, Tho' your body was wracked with pain. Now we must strive to follow you Where we can all live again.

The angels are hovering over you; I can hear their beckoning call. Step forth, our precious Darling, They'll never let you fall.

Farewell, my darling companion. Now your crossing draweth near; Stretch forth your arms to Jesus, For scon I'm coming There.

Where pain and grief is all over, Where joy and love we will share, There we'll be together with Jesus, In His beautiful Mansion Up There.

Tenderly yours, Mom (Gladys Vanhook)

Nancy May . . .

Nancy May's exact age unknown, was born in the year 1888; departed this life May 6, 1965. She was united in marriage to Tom May and to this union was born five children; Dalas May of Sonora, Bill May of Springdale, Buck May of Fayetteville ,Mrs. Ruth Miller of Springdale, and Mrs. Minnie Stamps of Springdale. She was a member of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church since its establishment in 1910.

Dora Viola Gilbert . . .

Mrs. Dora Viola Gilbert, 75, of Route 1, Huntsville, died Saturday at the hospital here. She was born Oct. 8, 1889, in Oklahoma, the daughter of Robert P. Ledbetter and Nancy Jane Barnes Ledbetter.

Survivors include four sons; W. R. Gilbert of Route 1. Huntsville, Roy Gilbert of Springdale, Floyd Gilbert of Wichita, Kan., and Melvin Gilbert Jr., of Independence, Mo.; one brother, Robert Ledbetter of Huntsville; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Dungy of Springdale, and Mrs. Mattie Cornelison of Buena Park, Calif.; six grandchildren and ten greatgrandchildren.

She was a member of the Farmer Free Will Baptist Church. Burial was in the Farmer Cemetery, Eld. Noel Easterling officiating. Pallbearers were Arthur Donaghey, Lee Donaghey. Alfred Gilbert, Murrel Gilbert, Jim Ledbetter and Jerry Ledbetter.

Mrs. Dora Johnson . . .

Mrs. Dora Johnson, 80, resident of Route 1, Republic, Mo., died Saturday, March 20, at 12:45 p.m. in a Springfield, Mo., hospital. She was born Feb. 24, 1885, near Springdale,

the daughter of Andrew J. Been and Hollis Lewis Been. Her husband, the late Norman V. Johnson, died Nov. 11, 1959. She was a former resident of the Sonora community and a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include one son, Lewis Johnson of Republic, Mo.,; four daughters, Mrs. James Girth of Republic, Mo., Mrs. Mildred Carnahan and Mrs. Pauline Carnahan, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Doris Swartz of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Rev. George Been of Springdale and E. O. Been of Atwater, Calif.,; two sisters, Mrs. Maude McGuiney of Lamar, Colo., and Mrs. Dessie Brown of Springdale; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Mt. Zion Church.

Mrs. Pete Roles . . .

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Roles, 68, of Rt. 1, Hindsville, died Jan. 19, 1965, at Springdale Memorial Hospital. She was born Feb. 7, 1896, the daughter of Samuel F. and Laura Trollinger Wade.

Surviving are her husband, Pete Roles; one brother, Jim Wade of Hindsville; and one sister, Mrs. Sara Knoles of Hindsville.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at Mt. Zion church, with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in Burk Shed Cemetery, under direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Mrs. Alva Elizabeth Henry . . .

Mrs. Alva Elizabeth Henry, 62, of Elm Springs, widow of the late Evert Henry, died Aug. 14, 1964, at a hospital in Fredonia, Kansas. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, the Rebekah Lodge of Greenwich, Kan., and the VFW Auxiliary of Springdale. Survivors include two sons, Thomas C. Henry of Greenwich, Kan., and Jimmy Dwayne Henry of the home; her father, Thomas H. Mayes of Eagle, Idaho; five brothers, Roy and Gilbert Mayes of Eagle, Idaho, Earl Mayes of Mt. Home, Idaho, Dale Mayes of Reno, Nev., and Cecil Mayes of Wichita, Kan.; three sisters, Mrs. Lola Gaffery of Bakersfield, Calif., Mrs. Helen Tingle of Madres, Ore., and Mrs. Fredia Kennedy of Rosamond, Calif; and one grandchild. Funeral services were held Aug. 18 at Elm Springs Methodist Church, with Rev. Wilbert Feagan officiating.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

George Been, age 84 _____707 E. Emma, Springdale, Ark. P. G. Kirk, age 81, ______ Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. Bruce Phillips, age 62 _____519 N. Water, Springdale, Ark. Jack Hobbs, age 60 ______ Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. H. M. Knox, age 59 ______621 N. "C", St. Rogers, Ark. Willie Capps, age 57 ______ Springdale, Ark. Sammie Lane, age 56 ______ Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. C. O. Garrison, age 54, ______ Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. George Lynch, age 55 ______ Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.

Elmo McKinney, age 58 _____ Rt. 4, Berryville, Ark. Steve Montgomery, age 59 Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. Ernest Corley, age 55 _____ Rt. 3, Fayetteville, Ark. Edd Stilley, age 34 Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark. Millard Davis ______ 321 Pritchard, Berryville, Ark. I. E. Hawley, age 83 _____ Rt. 6, Huntsville, Ark. Clyde Coatney age 61 ... 746 S. Pershing, Wichita, Kan. Claude Hendrix, age 44 902 S. "C" St., Rogers, Ark. Clarence Tice, age 58 _____ Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark. Oscar Cavin, age 61 _____ Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark. George Roller, age 46 _____ W. Walnut, Rogers, Ark. Talman Hicks, age 81 ... 307 NW A. St. Bentonville, Ark. Rufus Young, age 47 _____ Springdale, Ark. John D. Birchfield _____ Rt. 1, Eureka Springs, Ark. Jessie Plumlee, age 45 3634 N. Mascott, Wichita, Kan. Noel Easterling, age 49 _____ Huntsville, Ark. J. A. Davidson _____ Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark. Kenneth, Autry, age 52, 207 Pritchard, Berryville, Ark. Cecil Gladden, age 58 _____ Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. Von Dean McFerrin, age 36 _____ Springdale, Ark. Glenn Barnes, age 51 _____ Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. Boyd Harp _____ Rt. 2, Lowell, Ark. Charlie Bagwell, 70 ... 407 S. Cleveland, Springdale, Ark. Burton Birchfield ______ Eureka Springs, Ark. Authur Lee Galloway, age 31 Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark. Carl Casteel, age 42 _____ Huntsville, Ark. Floyd Spurlock, age 57 _____ Rt. 1, Huntsville, Ark. Layton Porter _____ Bacus St., Springdale, Ark. Riley Hicks ______ 307 NW A. St., Bentonville, Ark. Chester McKinney 201 E. Madison, Berryville, Ark. Norman Cline _____ 503 E. Grove St. Springdale, Ark. James Spears _____ Sherman St., Springdale, Ark. Kenneth Jones ______ 906 W. Elm St., Rogers, Ark. Joe C. Langham _____ 312 S. Block, Fayetteville, Ark. David Todd, age 27 ... 1013 N. Mill St., Springdale, Ark. Luther Jones _____ Rt. 2, Rogers, Ark. Clyde Campbell, 46 ... 1333 S. Richmond, Wichita, Kan. Leslie Thomas, 42 2646 N. Jackson St., Wichita, Kan. Jack Boyd _____ Springdale, Ark. C. D. Benton _____ Oak Grove, Ark. Tommy Day _____ 1420 W. Sunset, Springdale, Ark. Cecil Ramey ______ Greenland, 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 assemblying 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

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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 creden-

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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.

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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 Asso-

ciation 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 twothirds 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.

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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 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 idots 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

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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 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 presbetery 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

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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

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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 everylasting 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 immediattely 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.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Mt. Zion — Ola Puryear, Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. Pilgrim Rest — Irena Wright, 709 E. Meadow, Springdale, Ark. Christian Home — Evelyn Harrison, Hindsville, Ark. Farmer — Odie Shepherd, Hindsville, Ark. Buckeye — Cal Keeney, Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark. Freedom — Carl Snoderly, Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark. Hickory Flat — Mrs Ben Taylor, Rt 2, Bx 270, Springdale, Ark. Pleasant Valley—Doris McKinney, 201 E. Madison St., Berryville, Ark. Huntsville — Imogene Parks, Huntsville, Ark. Phillips Chapel — Irene Armes, Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. Rogers — Dorothy Rowland, Rt. 1, Rogers, Ark. Oak Grove — Bessie Atchley, Oak Grove, Ark. Fayetteville — Virginia G. Johnson, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark. Clifty Chapel — Florence Fox, Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. New Sulphur — Opal Cross, Rt. 2, Prairie Grove, Ark. 72753 Liberty (Wichita) — Flora Woodward, 3620 Mascot, St., Wichita, Kans. Antioch — Willa Miller, Star Rt., Berryville, Ark. 72616 Eureka Springs — Etha Hull, Rt. 1, Eureka Springs, Ark.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

| Church | Organized | Retiring Pastor | Pastor Elect | Experience and Baptism By Letter Statement Of Faith Dismissed By Letter By Letter Died Total Membership |
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| Mt. Zion | 1866 | Arthur Lee Galloway | Arthur Lee Galloway | 0 0 0 2 0 3 128 |
| Pilgrim Rest | 1911 | Glenn Barnes | Glen Barnes | |
| Christian Home | 1892 | George Lynch | George Lynch | |
| Farmer . | 1945 | George Lynch | Clarence Tice | 0 0 0 0 0 2 17 |
| Buckeye | 1945 | Clarence Tice | Clarence Tice | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 25 |
| Freedom | 1950 | Claude Hendrix | Bruce Phillips | 0 0 0 4 0 116 |
| Hickory Flatt | 1951 | Rufus Young | James Spears | |
| Pleasant Valley | 1951 | Millard Davis | Elmo McKinney | 0 2 2 0 0 37 |
| Huntsville | 1952 | Carl Casteel | Carl Casteel | 6 0 2 5 0 2 126 |
| Phillips Chapel | 1952 | Cecil Garrison | Cecil Garrison | |
| Rogers | 1953 | Kenneth Jones | Kenneth Jones | |
| Oak Grove | 1955 | C. D. Benton | C. D. Benton | 0 0 2 0 0 99 |
| Fayetteville | 1956 | Horace M. Knox | Tommy Day | |
| Clifty Chapel | 1958 | John D. Birchfield | Noel Easterling | 5 0 1 0 0 45 |
| New Sulphur | 1958 | Glenn Jones | Glenn Jones | |
| Liberty (Wichita) | 1959 | Leslie Thomas | Leslie Thomas | |
| Antioch | 1910 1961 | Harold Duvall | C. W. Warren | 5 2 0 0 1 59 |
| Eureka Springs | | James McCulley | John D. Birchfield | 0 0 3 7 0 0 31 |

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