

MINUTES
Of The
127th Annual Session
of
OLD MOUNT ZION
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Convened At
Association Building
August 8-10, 1968

The next session of Old Mount Zion Association will meet at the Association Building beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1969.

ELD. H. M. KNOX, Moderator
621 N. C. Street
Rogers, Arkansas

SIS. WILLIE BOHANNAN, Clerk
Route 3, Box 69
Huntsville, Arkansas

ELD. JACK MORRIS
To Deliver The Introductory Sermon

ELD. CLAUDIE HENDRIX
Alternate

OFFICERS

Moderator — Horace M. Knox 621 N. C. Street
Rogers, Ark. 72756
Clerk-Treasurer — Willie Bohannon Route 3
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Assistant Moderator — Eldon Bagwell Route 1
Hindsville, Ark. 72738
Assistant Clerk—Irena Wright 709 E. Meadow
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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Claude Hendrix — 4 Years 902 S. C Street
Rogers, Ark. 72756
George Lynch — 2 Years Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
72738
Cecil Garrison — 1 Year 68 East, Springdale, Ark.
72764
Eldon Bagwell — 3 Years .. Rt. 1 Hindsville, Ark. 72738
David Todd — 5 Years ... Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark. 72764

EXAMINING COUNCIL

Bruce Phillips — 2 Years.. Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Horace M. Knox — 1 Year 621 N. C Street
Rogers, Ark. 72756
Willie Capps — 3 Years Lowell, Ark.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Noel Easterling Huntsville, Ark.
Clyde Johnson Fayetteville, Ark.
Cecil Garrison Springdale, Ark.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the Moderator and in his absence, by the Clerk.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Appointment of Committee on Committees by the Moderator.
4. Letters from churches composing the Association called for, read, and messengers invited to seats.
5. Corresponding Associations.
6. Right hand of fellowship.
7. Call for letters from newly organized churches.
8. Election of permanent officers.
9. Reading of the Constitution and Rules of Order by the Moderator or Clerk.

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 127th session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1968 at the Association Building. Services were opened by congregational singing conducted by Sis. Sammye Beck with Debbie Vanhook as pianist; prayer by Eld. Bruce Phillips; Scripture lesson, II Chron. 7:1-18 read by our moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox. Prayer, Eld. Cecil Garrison.

The Introductory Message was delivered by Eld. John D. Birchfield; scripture lesson, Matt. 16:13-20; text, Matt. 16:18 — "That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." An invitation was given to the unsaved but no response. The services were concluded by alternate, Bro. Bobby Shepherd. Bro. Shepherd read Heb. 12:1-5 and used Gal. 5:22-23 for a text. He placed much emphasis on "putting on the whole armor of God" in order to manifest the "Fruits of the whole Spirit."

Church letters were called for and read; 18 churches responded. Appointment of Committee on Committees: Bro. David Todd, Cecil Garrison, Claude Hendrix, Luther Jones and Bruce Phillips. Bro. Luther Jones was nominated and elected to preach on Friday at 11:00 o'clock service. Benediction, Eld. Clyde Johnson.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Hymn, "Wonderful Jesus," conducted by Eld. Eldon Bagwell, Sis. Bronwyn Jones at the piano. Prayer, Eld. Glen Dipoye; scripture lesson, Matt. 27:17-35; continuation of Roll Call. Sister Association, Old Union, was recognized at this time represented by Eld. Harold Duvall. The right hand of fellowship was extended to all delegates-elect, ordained ministers and deacons.

A report of the Executive Board was given by

Bro. Claude Hendrix. A motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Request for letters from newly organized churches; petitionary letters were offered by Pea Ridge, Falls Creek and Victory Free Will Baptist churches. Motion carried to receive Pea Ridge Free Will Baptist Church. Motion carried to receive Falls Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Motion carried to receive Victory Free Will Baptist Church. Delegates-elect from the newly organized churches were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to seat.

Motion moved, seconded, carried that we elect both Bro. H. M. Knox as moderator and Sis. WiWillie Bohannon as Clerk by acclamation.

Motion carried to elect an assistant moderator. Eld. Eldon Bagwell was elected. Motion carried that Sis. Irena Wright be re-elected by acclamation.

Motion carried that we print the names and addresses of the assistant moderator and assistant clerk on page 2 with the other officers.

Motion carried to dismiss business session; benediction, Bro. Lloyd Jones.

FRIDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Hymn, "I'll Fly Away," conducted by Bro. Lloyd Jones, Bronwyn Jones at the piano. ?

Eld. Lum Lynch of Tampa, Texas, was recognized at this time as a visiting minister.

Special number, "I'm Building A Bridge," by Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Jones; prayer, Eld. Tom Day.

Bro. Jones delivers the 11:00 o'clock message; lesson Job 14:1-15; text, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Heb. 9:27. This was a wonderful message of admonition to prepare to meet God.

Benediction, Eld. Larry Montgomery.

FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

Hymn, "Just A Little While To Stay Here." Scripture lesson Eph. 2:8-22 read by assistant moderator, Eld. Eldon Bagwell. Report of Committee on Committees at this time. Bros. Glen Dipoye and J. A. Joflin of Zion Hope II were recognized at this time as visitors.

Motion moved, seconded, carried to receive the

report on Union of Churches and discharge the committee.

Reading of Rules of Order and Constitution by moderator.

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

Bros. Bruce Phillips and Cecil Gladden submit their recognition as members of the Building Committee. Motion carried to grant them their request.

Motion moved, carried that the Building Committee for the Youth Camp also be responsible for all buildings on the Ass'n property, repairs, etc.; and that their names be printed annually. Namely, Bros. Noel Easterling, Clyde Johnson and Cecil Garrison.

Motion carried that we receive the Report of the Executive Board as read by Bro. Claude Hendrix. A rising vote of thanks was offered by the Executive Board for their labor of love. Bro. George Lynch was elected to a term of two years to the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Bro. James Spears. Bro. David Todd was elected to the Executive Board for a term of five years.

Bro. Willie Capps was nominated and elected for a term of 3 years to the Examining Council. The Examining Council now composed of Bros. Willie Capps, Bruce Phillips and H. M. Knox.

The Body moves and endows Bro. H. M. Knox with authority to nominate a committee to draw up a questionnaire to present to the Executive Board outlining a standard pertaining to scriptural qualifications that each candidate must meet before being ordained to the ministry of the Free Will Baptist movement.

Said committee appointed by Bro. Knox to write up questionnaire: namely, Bros. Cecil Garrison, Tom Day and Clyde Johnson.

Motion moved that we dismiss all business until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Announced that Bros. Cecil Garrison and H. M. Knox will preach the Memorial Service at 11:00 o'clock Saturday. Benediction, Bro. Johnny Christman.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Bro. Eldon Bagwell, DeLane Johnson at the piano; prayer, Bro. Jack Morris. Special numbers in song were delivered

by children from Mt. Zion Church, The Christman Children, Shirley Standfield and The Lynches.

Special love offering taken for the Youth Camp amounted to \$282.60; \$45.00 in pledges.

Eld. Arthur Lee Galloway was the first speaker of the hour; lesson, St. Luke 22:1-20; prayer, Eld. Jack Boyd. Eld. Lum Lynch concluded the services using the subject of "Communion-Footwashing." Twenty-five ministers took part in the breaking of the bread and serving of the fruit of the vine. Bros. Cecil Garrison and Charlie Bagwell offered prayers. Approximately 175 brothers and sisters took part in the communion service which followed. Dismissed by congregational singing and old time hand shake.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing conducted by Phyllis Phillips, Debbie Vanhook at the piano. Scripture lesson Malachi ch. 3; prayer, Bro. Rex McMahan.

Motion made that we receive the partial report of the Resolutions Committee and consider each resolution one by one and retain the committee.

Resolution No. 1 adopted.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Resolution No. 3 adopted. (See resolutions elsewhere in minutes.)

Motion carried to receive obituaries of Sis. Lou Stafford and small son of Bro. David Todd and have each printed in our minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p. m. Benediction, Eld. Loyd Thomas.

"MEMORIAL SERVICE"

Hymn, "Precious Memories," directed by Eld. Eldon Bagwell, pianist Sis. Debbie Vanhook. Bro. Cecil Garrison reads Mark 14:8-9, then reads a portion of each obituary, giving a short memorial to the deceased. Bro. H. M. Knox concludes, using Ps. 116:15 as a key verse but "Faith" as his subject. Benediction, Eld. Auburn Green.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn, "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me," Bro. Frank Mann conducting, DeLane Johnson, pianist.

Scripture lesson Eph. 4:4-6, read by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Eldon Bagwell; comments on v. 5, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," prayer, Bro T. J. Williams.

Bro. Marion Pettus, of Little River Association, Mo., was recognized as a visitor. Bros. Auburn Green and Rex McMahan were recognized as visitors from Old Union Ass'n of United Baptists.

Building committee and Youth Camp reports given by Bro. Noel Easterling. Motion carried to receive the report of Building and Youth Camp committee.

Radio Program report given by Bro. Cecil Garrison. Motion carried that we receive the Radio Program report and retain Eld. Cecil Garrison as our Radio Pastor.

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

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

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

Motion carried that we receive the report of the Examining Council.

Motion carried that the receive the report of the Obituary Committee and discharge the committee.

Motion carried that we give Bro. Tom Day a rising vote of thanks for his achievements and labor of love pertaining to the attainment of our Youth Camp.

Motion carried that we elect Eld. Eldon Bagwell, by acclamation, as Director of the Youth Camp.

Bro. Bagwell appoints Sis. Virginia Johnson as his secretary for the Youth Camp project.

Motion carried to discharge the Committee on Committees.

Motion carried that clerk, Willie Bohannon, reserve enough of the Ass'n funds for District purposes and send the remainder of the funds to the Arkansas State Association.

Volunteer delegates to Ark. State Ass'n: Sisters Hazel Easterling, Evelyn Todd, Terri Todd, Shirley Galloway and Ethel Gladden. Ministers: Noel Easterling, Loyd Thomas and Cecil Gladden.

Volunteer delegates to Old Union Ass'n of United Baptists: Bros. Clyde Johnson, Fate Anderson and Bro. and Sis. Ed Smith.

Volunteer delegates to Zion Hope II Ass'n: Bro. and Sis. Ed Smith.

Nominate and elect Eld. Jack Morris as District Evangelist for the coming year.

Motion carried to have 1000 Minute Books printed.

Nominated and elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, 1969, Bro. Jack Morris; Bro. Claude Hendrix his alternate.

Motion carried to adopt minutes without reading of same.

Motion carried to eliminate page one of the Minute Book, as it is a duplicate of front cover.

Res. No. 4 adopted.

Res. No. 5 adopted. Motion carried to discharge the committee on Resolutions.

Motion carried to dismiss this setting of Old Mt. Zion Ass'n to convene again at 7:30 o'clock on Thursday evening before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1969.

Benediction: Bro. Fred Archer.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE **(By Our Youth)**

Congregational singing: prayer, Bro. ElRoy London.

"Girls View of Youth Camp," Carolyn Whillock.

"Boys View of Youth Camp," David Watson.

(The reports of our Youth was an encouragement to all who had helped and contributed to the cause of the Camp.)

Specials in song were given by the youth of First Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, and Faith Free Will Baptist Church.

Report, "Youth Camp Year Book," Sis. Virginia Johnson.

Sis. Virginia Johnson elected Youth Camp clerk and secretary.

Camp Committee: Connie Whillock, Sandra Benson and Debbie Vanhook.

The evening message was by Eld. Larry Montgomery. Lesson Matt. 22:37-40; I John 4:7-21; Rev. 20:12; St. John 15:9-14. Text: "Weighed in the balances and found wanting." Invitation given to the unsaved. Benediction, Eld. Clyde Johnson.

DELEGATES BY CHURCHES
(Brothers and Sisters)

- MT. ZION—Hettie Puryear, Anne Anderson, Lawrence Lawson.
- PILGRIM REST—Evelyn Todd, Verna Graham, Hazel Easterling.
- CHRISTIAN HOME—By Letter.
- FARMER—Ann Johnson, Evelyn Shepherd, Charlotte McCoy.
- BUCKEYE—Diann Morris, Jewel Campbell, Elsie Vaughn.
- FREEDOM—Wanda Hendrix, Donna Doyle, Bobbie Grimes.
- HICKORY FLAT—Stella Gibson, Dorthy Black.
- PLEASANT VALLEY—By Letter.
- HUNTSVILLE—Geneva Faulkner, Shirley Galloway, Lillie Hawley.
- PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Vera Montgomery, Henry Harvey, Lou Morris.
- ROGERS—Bronwyn Jones, Lloyd Jones, Ada Jones.
- OAK GROVE—By Letter.
- I FAYETTEVILLE—Verlon Napier, Elsworth Winn, Wilbert Lawson.
- II FAYETTEVILLE—Waymon Pearson, Judy Pearson, Mrs. Loyd Thomas.
- CLIFTY CHAPEL—Lela Lane, Carol Phillips, Gladys Vanhook.
- NEW SULPHUR—Lola Newell, Mamie Williams, Sis. Treiche.
- LIBERTY—By Letter.
- ANTIOCH—Jewel Fultz, Lorene Fultz, Helen Duvall.
- EUREKA SPRINGS—Murlia Groceman, Lillian Hern-
don, Joyce Hull.
- STAR VALLEY—Troy Lee Campbell, Mary Jane Campbell, Zula Craig.
- PEA RIDGE—Wynema Smith, Ed Smith, Troy Wight.
- FALL CREEK—Frank Carter, Clinton Sargent, Bob-
bie Williams.
- VICTORY—Tressie Porter, Myrle Woodward, Mamie Havelson.
- OLD UNION ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS
—Larry Montgomery, Harold Duvall.

GENERAL REPORTS

Annual Report of Radio Program—8-3-67 to 8-3-68

Carry Over	\$130.00
Received	743.00

TOTAL	\$873.00
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Expense	\$728.00
Total on Hand	\$145.00

Pearl Archer, Sec.-Treasurer
501 Mt. View Street
Springdale, Arkansas 72764

Financial Statement of Building and Youth Camp Funds

Carry Over	\$ 437.36
Camp Fee Donations	2480.30
Bank Loan	1000.00
Love Offerings	290.60

Receipts during the past 12 months	4208.26
Expense on buildings	\$2104.48
Water department	35.00
Concrete	200.00
Insurance	80.50
Gas, lights, misc.	207.46
Camp expense	840.00
Total Expense for Year	\$3467.44

Cash on Hand	\$ 740.82
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We still owe \$2,500 plus interest on first note, and
\$1,000 plus interest on second note.

Noel Easterling, treasurer

STATISICAL REPORT

Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists is
composed of 23 churches. Many church letters were
incomplete. Statistics as given are:

Number of parsonages, 4; number of ordained min-
isters, 58; number of licensed ministers, 2; number of
ordained deacons, 81; number of Sunday Schools, 23;
number of CTS, 6; number of woman's auxiliaries, 2;
number of prayer meetings, 16; Church membership,
1650 (resident 1224, non-resident 426); members re-

ceived by baptism and profession of faith, 75; by letter, 65; by statement of faith, 34; members dismissed by letter, 44; excluded, 5; deceased, 21; Sunday School enrollment, 1241; CTS, 140; woman's auxiliary, 21; average number at prayer meetings, 338; total given in churches, \$71,605.35; general offerings, \$52,615.35; bldg. fund, \$18,990.00; pastors' salary, \$25,437.30; evangelist work, \$3371.00; building and repair, \$18,963.00; literature, \$3,097.65; advertising and radio program, \$738.00; miscellaneous, \$13,619.15; total local expense, \$65,226.10. Outside causes: Cooperative Plan, \$479.00; Foreign missions, \$868.50; Home missions, \$701.10; Education, \$478.00; Orphanage, \$69.00; Associational projects, \$2,480.30; State and national projects, \$137.00; Other, \$1,086.00. Total outside expenditures, \$6,298.90; Value of Associational property, \$33,500.00; Value of church property (14), \$157,750.00; Value of parsonage property (4), \$28,600.00. Amount of Arkansas State Minutes and General Expense, \$150.00.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

RESOLUTIONS—Bros. Eldon Bagwell, Glen Jones, Arthur Lee Galloway, Verlon Napier, Henry Harvey.

FINANCE—Sisters Gladys Vanhook, Stella Gibson, Myrle Woodward, Wynema Smith, Ada Jones.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREACHING—Bros. Roy Edgmon, Lloyd Jones, Ed Smith, Berry Puryear, Bob Grimes.

TEMPERANCE—Sisters Shirley Galloway, Beulah Johnson, Donna Doyle, Diann Morris, Mamie Havelson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Hazel Easterling, Verna Graham, Anne Anderson, Bronwyn Jones, Lela Lane.

OBITUARIES—Bros. Cecil Gladden, Willie Capps, Troy Wight, Sisters Lillie Hawley, Helen Duvall.

UNION OF CHURCHES—Bro. Wilbur Lawson, Sisters Evelyn Shepherd, Jewell Campbell, Hettie Puryear, Evelyn Todd.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES — David Todd, Clyde Johnson, Sisters Wanda Hendrix, Cathy Taylor, Lola Newell.

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 all in unison with one another. "The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all." (Proverbs 22:2). "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (I Corinthians 3:9).

Evelyn Shepherd, Chairwoman

Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe that it is important for children to be taken to Sunday School and even more important for parents to be living examples of Sunday School lessons. "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." (Col. 3:6). "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." (Prov. 20:11). Parents should be thankful that God has blessed them with children to teach in the right way.

Hazel Easterling, Chairwoman

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe "Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal. 5:23). "And beside 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; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." (I Peter 1:5-9.)

Shirley Galloway, Chairwoman

Non-Represented Churches

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches are thankful to report to you that all churches were represented at this session of the Old Mount Zion As-

sociation by either delegation and/or letter. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1).

Clyde Johnson, Chairman

Finance Report

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Church	Clerk	State	Minutes
Mt. Zion	\$2.00	\$13.00	\$20.00
Pilgrim Rest	2.00	10.00	13.00
Christian Home	2.00	6.00	8.00
Farmer	2.00	6.00	7.00
Buckeye	2.00	10.00	10.00
Freedom	2.00	13.00	20.00
Hickory Flat	2.00	3.00	5.00
Pleasant Valley	2.00	3.00	5.00
Huntsville	2.00	13.00	15.00
Phillips Chapel	2.00	15.00	48.00
Rogers	2.00	6.00	7.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00
1st. FWB Fayetteville	2.00	13.00	11.00
Clifty Chapel	2.00	10.00	4.00
New Sulphur	2.00	8.00	12.00
Liberty (Wichita)	2.00	3.00	3.00
Antioch	2.00	3.00	5.00
Eureka Springs	2.00	0.00	4.00
2nd FWB Fayetteville	2.00	3.00	10.00
Star Valley (Wichita)	2.00	3.00	9.00
Pea Ridge	2.00	6.00	7.00
Fall Creek	2.00	3.00	5.00
Victory	2.00	6.00	7.00
Personal donations			6.00
Totals	\$44.00	\$156.00	\$241.00

Gladys Vanhook, Chairwoman

Resolutions

Whereas, Old Mt. Zion Association has adopted a resolution to place a District Evangelist in the field, we, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend that we amend Resolution No. 1 to read that all churches support both the Youth Camp and District Evangelist. Motion made and carried that the body meet the recommendations of the committee.

Resolution No. 1 (amended): In view of the fact that our Youth Camp has become a reality, we recommend that **all churches** support both the Youth Camp and the District Evangelist.

Resolution No. 2: Be it resolved that Old Mt. Zion Association put a District Evangelist back in the field "for the sake of the weak churches." (Done in order by the Freedom Church when in conference.)

Resolution No. 3: Be it resolved, "Any church desiring a resolution to be voted on at setting of Association, send a copy of proposed resolution to each church of Old Mt. Zion Association before Association convenes; that is, if possible." (Done in order by Freedom Church while in conference.)

Resolution No. 4: Be it resolved that we revise Rules of Order No. 2 to read: "Ministers, deacons and delegates of Old Mt. Zion Association, when present, are invited to seat, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects and to vote. Visiting ministers, deacons and delegates are invited to seat, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but not to vote." (Submitted by Pea Ridge Free Will Baptist Church.)

Resolution No. 5: Inasmuch as the ladies of our Association have worked so faithfully in preparing the food for the meals each day of the Association, we, your committee, recommend that we give them a rising vote of thanks.

Eld. Eldon Bagwell, Chairman

Resolutions: (Permanently Printed)

Resolution No. 2: Be it Resolved that the Association set aside Saturday night of the conference each year for the Youth of our Churches to make their reports concerning their work and to be in charge of the worship service for that night, with the privilege of selecting a speaker or speakers for that service.

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 21 of our brothers and sisters in Christ have been called home to be with God. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15.)

Elder George A. Been . . .

Eld. George A. Been, 86, of 707 E. Emma, Springdale, Arkansas, died Sept. 7, 1967, at 4:15 p.m. at the Springdale Memorial Hospital. He was a retired minister, a carpenter and farmer. He was born June 25, 1881, near War Eagle, Ark.

He was active in the Old Mt. Zion and Arkansas State Associations for many years. He served as State Statistician for nine years before ill health forced him to retire from active work.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Melissa Been, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Irena Wright of Springdale; one half-bro-

ther, E. O. Been, of Atwater, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Maude McGuiney, Lamar, Colo., and Mrs. Dessie Brown, Tracy, Calif.; four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pilgrim Rest Church, with Eld. Cecil Garrison and Eld. H. M. Knox officiating. Burial was in Joyce Cemetery under direction of Sisco Funeral Home.

Papa's Gone Home

I will not think of Papa as dead,
He has just gone home.
With instructions to me
To carry on each day.

I know some day I shall see him again,
If I'm true each day
To his dear teaching
And the life he lived.

Remember, dear friends,
You can meet him, too,
If you will be true to our Heavenly Father
Who loves us all.

(Irena Wright, Feb. 4, 1968)

Tom Davis . . .

Tom Davis, resident of Marble, Arkansas, and a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church passed away at the Madison County Hospital after an extended illness.

Benjamin H. Evans . . .

Benjamin Harrison Evans, 76, died August 31, 1967, at his home on Route 2, Eureka Springs, Ark. He was a son of Robert Eugene and Rebecca Ann Vaughn-Evans and was born June 15, 1891, in Carroll County, Ark.

He was married to Beulah A. Annmon, April 10, 1910, and they were the parents of 10 children. His wife and a son, Arvle, preceded him in death.

Mr. Evans is survived by five sons, Lonnie Evans of Busch, Ark., Louis Evans of Berryville, Gordon Evans of Beaver, and Troy Evans and George Evans of Maywood, Calif.; four daughters, Ruth Wynn of Tulsa, Okla., and Lucille Worley, Eva Trammel and Agnes Hatcher of Eureka Springs; two sisters, Lula Birchfield of Eureka Springs and Ada Evans of Salisaw, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m., Monday at the Mountain Grove Freewill Baptist Church, Eureka Springs, with Eld. John D. Birchfield officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Eureka Springs.

Andrew J. Gibson . . .

Andrew Jackson Gibson, 98, 1101 East Rhodes, died Dec. 19, 1967, at 5:25 p. m. at the Springdale Memorial Hospital.

A retired farmer, he was a member of the Hickory Flat Free Will Baptist Church. He was born Nov. 3, 1869 at Spring Valley the son of James and Louanna Sizemore Gibson.

Survivors include one son, Harmon of Spring Valley; four daughters, Mrs. Jessie Crowley of Long Beach, Calif., Mrs. A. F. (Louellen) Morris of Springdale, Mrs. Charles (Bertha) Dement of Bell Gardens, Calif., and Mrs. Tommie (Esther) Stephens of Bell Gardens; one brother, Mack Gibson of Springdale; one sister, Mrs. Sara Ellen Means of Fayetteville; twelve grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren and three step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with Eld. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery.

Charles W. Sandlain . . .

Charles William Sandlain, 77, of Route 1, Hindsville, died Saturday, January 27, in the Madison County Hospital. He was born Jan. 23, 1891 at Crawford, Neb., the son of William and Massie Deveny Sandlain and was a Baptist.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Althea D. Hardy Sandlain of the home; two sons, Merle H. of Hindsville and William E. of Las Vegas, Nev.; three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Nickell of Fayetteville, Mrs. Ruby Kentell of Las Vegas and Mrs. Robbie Ratliff of Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Deveny of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Bessie Samuel of Clifty; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, at the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church with Eld. Noel Easterling officiating. Eld. Sammie Long and Eld. Cecil Garrison assisted. Burial was in the Clifty Cemetery.

William W. (Pop) Parsley . . .

William W. (Pop) Parsley, 83 resident of route 3, Springdale, died March 22, 5:55 p. m. in the Springdale Memorial Hospital. A retired lumber and real estate man, he was born Jan. 3, 1885 at Spring Valley, the son of Alonzo F. and Elizabeth Miller Parsely.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lorena Welch Parsley of the home; two sons Vol Parsley of Springdale and Vernon Parsley of Tulsa; three daughters, Mrs. Wayne Vanzant and Mrs. Ervin Anglin of Springdale and Mrs. Clark Trowbridge of Topeka, Kan.; ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

One son, Johnny Parsley of the Navy, was killed in action during World War II.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with Eld. Cecil Garrison, officiating.

Burial was in the Sonora cemetery.

Carl L. Snoderly . . .

Carl L. Snoderly, 51, of Garfield died Monday, June 10, 1968, in Turlock, California. He was born June 16, 1916 in Garfield and was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, a World War II veteran and a member of the Pea Ridge Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Vera, of the home; three sons, John Snoderly, Henry Snoderly and Jack Snoderly, all of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Sue Blackburn of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Mann and Mrs. Bob Robinson both of Garfield.

Funeral services were held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Callison Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy McCully officiating and Eld. Bruce Phillips assisting. Burial was in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

Bryon Dean Todd . . .

Funeral services were held in the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church for Bryon Dean Todd, 5-year old, resident of route 1, Springdale, who died Mar. 23 at 6:15 p. m. in the Springdale Memorial Hospital. Rev. Glen Barnes and Rev. Noel Easterling officiated.

Pallbearers were M. F. Butler, Alfred Wade, Bob Hannah and Dan Hannah.

Burial was in the Joyce cemetery under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel.

He was born July 4, 1962 at Springdale, the son of David Earl and Mary Evelyn White Todd.

Survivors include his parents of the home; one sister, Terri Todd of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Todd and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nina Whittle, all of Springdale; great grandparents, Mrs. Rosa Todd of Springdale and Mrs. Susie Dooley of Cushing, Okla.

Our Prayer:

There is a new lamb cradled on Thy breast tonight,
A sweet small lamb, so lately ours,
We scarce can keep our arms from reaching out
As though to snatch him back from Thine.

These arms of ours are wanted so to him, dear Lord,
They curved about his little form so sweetly, and from
dawn of time our love was meant
To keep him safe and warm.

What does one do with aching arms and empty hours,
With silent rooms, and dragging days?
The things we knew before will not avail us now—
Teach us new lessons and new ways.

Take Thou, we pray, these idle folded hands of ours,
Which can no longer busied be
With dear, familiar tasks for him . . .
In mercy, Lord,
Fill hands and hearts with tasks for Thee!

Mr. and Mrs. David Todd and Terri

Bert Inman . . .

Bert Inman, 78, of Springdale, died August 11, 1967, in the Madison County Hospital, Huntsville. He was born Sept. 7, 1888, in Madison County, and was a charter member of the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Bernice Inman of the home; two sons, Floyd of Harrison and Arlis of Rogers; one brother, Alonzo of Fayetteville; three sisters, Mrs. Tilda Jones and Mrs. Daisy Jones of Huntsville and Mrs. Flora Burgess of Springdale; two step-daughters, Mrs. Loretta Thompson of Huntsville and Mrs. Norma Jean Gosverer of Cashmere, Washington; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m., August 14, at the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Tommy Day officiating. Pallbearers were Wendell Easterling, Olen Easterling, Noel Easterling, Virgil Inman, Paul Steele and Dewell Jones. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Fowler, Johnny Fowler, Sherwood Phillips, Willie Binam, Marion Barker and Sam Barker. Burial was in the Huntsville cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Dear Brother, you've gone and left us,
Left us here in this world of woe,
It was so sad to give you up,
But our Lord said you must go.

We did all we could to keep you here,
But our efforts were all in vain,
We must strive to live so close to God,
That we can meet with you again;

Where there'll be no more sad partings,
No bitter tears will dim our eyes,
We'll meet and sing with you again,
In that mansion in the skies.

Then farewell to you, Dear Brother,
You've reached that peaceful rest,
Though it's hard for us to understand,
Yet our Saviour knoweth best.

(Written in memory of Bert by his sister, Flora Burgess.)

John R. LaRue . . .

John R. LaRue, 64, of Cedarville died Tuesday night at Ft. Smith Hospital. He was a former resident of Lincoln area but had returned to Cedarville in July. He was born May 24, 1903. He was a deacon in the New Supphur Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are the widow, Ruby, of the home; two sons, Alford and Ralph of Cedarville; three daughters, Mrs. Velma Gray, Mrs. Selma Crowley and Mrs. Sue Kincaid all of Cedarville; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Clyde of Chester and Tom of Mountainburg; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Wentz of Ft. Smith and Mrs. Lula Kimes of Chester.

Funeral services were on Friday at th Cedarville Assembly of God Church with Elds. Glen Jones and Cecil Ramey officiating; burial was in the Shamrock Cemetery.

He is missed by a host of friends and relatives.

George W. Nichoalds . . .

George Wesley Nichoalds, son of Wesley M. and Ella Byers Nichoalds, was born June 12, 1883, at Chicago, Illinois, passed away February 20, 1968, in the Eureka Springs City Hospital. He had attained the age of 84 years, and his home was 16 Fritz Street, Eureka Springs.

He was a retired postal employee, from the days when mail was delivered on horseback until his retirement from the Eureka Springs postoffice some years ago. He enjoyed stamp collecting, his Church work, travel and singing as well as gardening most of his life, but especially during his retirement years here.

His wife, the former Mary Willis Gossett, and one daughter, Eunice, preceeded him in death.

Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Pinkley, Eureka Springs; and Mrs. Dorothea Hallquist, Chicago, Ill.; a son, George S. Nichoalds, Elmhurst, Illinois; a half-sister, Mrs. Mae Gastineau, Springfield, Mo.; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a. m. Friday, February 23, at the First Christian Church in Eureka Springs with the Rev. Roy Horton, the Eld. Norman Clark and the Eld. John D. Birchfield officiating. Interment followed in the Eureka Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. George Nichoalds . . .

Mary Willis Nichoalds, daughter of Henry T. and Susan Sturgeon Gossett was born April 7, 1889 at Cave City, Kentucky and died July 15, 1967 in the Eureka Springs Hospital. She had attained the age of seventy-eight years.

Mrs. Nichoalds had been very active in Eureka Springs with Church work, gardening and many interest until the last few years when her activities were limited by illness.

On May 29, 1967 she and her husband, George W. Nichoalds quietly observed their 60th wedding anniversary, having been married on that date in 1907.

Survivors include her husband, George Wesley Nichoalds of the home at 16 Fritz Street here; two daughters, Mrs. George (Ruth) Pinkley of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and Mrs. Dorothea Hallquist, Chicago, Illinois; a son, George S. Nichoalds, Elmhurst, Illinois; three sisters, Mrs. Grace Martin, Cive City, Kentucky; Mrs. Flora Mae Broady, Hardyville, Kentucky, and Mrs. Daisy Mills, Wharton, Texas; two brothers, Henry Thomas Gossett, Cave City, Ky., and Lucien Gossett, El Campo, Texas; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a. m., Monday, July 17 at the Assembly of God Church here with the Eld. Norman Clark and the Eld. John D. Birchfield officiating. Interment was in the Eureka Springs Cemetery.

Mrs. Lula Stafford . . .

Mrs. Lula Stafford, 83, Huntsville resident, died Jan. 15 at her home. She was born Nov. 3, 1884 in Benton County the daughter of Jessie and Clarendia Stamback and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and the widow of George W. Stafford.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Freda Hankins of Huntsville and Mrs. Mary Samuels of Pea Ridge; two sons, Fred Stafford of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Billy Stafford of Hindsville; ten grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 17, 1968, at 2 o'clock in the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church with Eld. Bruce Phillips officiating.

Burial was in the Clity Cemetery.

Ora Lou Trammel . . .

Mrs. Ora Lou Trammel, 86, of Hindsville, passed away Monday, January 8, in the Madison County Hospital. She was born March 2, 1881 in Richlandview, the daughter of John and Caldonia Stringfield Sharp and was a charter member of the Buckeye Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are one sisetre of Goshen; 14 nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning, January 11, at 10:00 a. m. in the Buckeye Church with Rev. H. M. Knox, Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Clarence Tice officiating.

Burial was in the Buckeye Cemetery.

Maggie Vanhook . . .

Maggie Clark Vanhook, 79, resident of 604 dodson St., Springdale, Ark., departed this life Tues., July 16, at her home following a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 16, 1888, in Madison County near Clifty, the daughter of Emm and Mary Clark. She was a long time member of the Free Will Baptist Church and a charter member of Clifty Chapel Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Vanhook of the home; one son, Mitchell, of Springdale; two daughters, Mrs. Vesta Samuels of Pea Ridge and Mrs. Cordelia Jones of Huntsville; two sisters, Mrs. Lennie Capps, Lowell Ark., and Mrs. Minnie White of Rogers, Ark.; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Roy Vanhook, in 1964.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 19, at 2:00 p. m., at Clifty Chapel Church with Eld. Noel Easterling and Eld Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in Clifty Cemetery.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A vacant chair sits in our home,
That never can be filled.

Ida Bowen . . .

Ida Bowen, 83, a resident of the Pilgrim Rest Community for many years, died April 27, 1968 at 7:30 p. m. in Bates Memorial Hospital, Bentonville, Ark. She was born June 22, 1884, in Madison County, the daughter of James and Julia Ann Hawkins Holman. She was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Jess Bowen of the Pilgrim Rest Community; two daughters, Mrs. William (Lucy) Thomas and Mrs. William (Nellie) Smith both of Springdale, Ark.; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 30 at 2:00 o'clock in the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church with Eld Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Joyce Cemetery.

Della Loretta Evans . . .

Della Loretta Evans, daughter of John and America Harrison McCoy, was born March 26, 1883, near Huntsville, Ark., and died April 15, 1968, at the Madison County Hospital, at the age of 85 years and 20 days.

She was united in marriage to William Lonzo Evans, March 16, 1901. To this union two children were born. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Martin (Bula) Lawson, preceded her in death.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Earl (Susie) Davis of Hindsville, 15 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and 13 great, great grandchildren.

She was converted at an early age and was a member of the Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at Colbaugh.

Funeral services were held at the Colbaugh church, Rev. Noel Easterling and Rev. Lorin Collins officiating. Burial was in the Colbaugh Cemetery under the direction of Sisco Funeral Home. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Maude Ann Barnes . . .

Maude Ann Barnes, 88, resident of Route 2, Springdale, Ark., died Jan. 27, 8:30 a. m., at the Springdale Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 26, 1879 at Spring Valley, the daughter of Burrell and Rachel Scott Holmesly. She had been a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church since Aug. 23, 1913. She was the widow of the late John R. Barnes, who was a deacon in the church for years.

Survivors include two sons, Garland Barnes of Kingsburg, Calif., and Eld. Glenn Barnes of Springdale, Ark.; three daughters, Mrs. Theo (Merle) Johnson of Route 2, Springdale; Mrs. Milburn (Madge) Neill of Springdale and Mrs. Wave (Edith) Butler of Des Moines, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30 at 2:00 p. m. in the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church with Eld Bruce Phillips officiating. Burial was in Joyce Cemetery.

Rosie Francis Sharp . . .

Rosie Francis Sharp, 57, Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark., died Wed., June 12 at her home. She was born Aug. 10, 1910 in Hindsville, the daughter of John and Mary Jane Clark. She was a charter member of the Buckeye Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are the husband, Paul Sharp of the home; one son, Lawrence of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. Jack Morris of Fayetteville; three brothers, five sisters and 5 grandchildren.

Manerva Sharp . . .

Mrs. Manerva Garrison Sharp, 84, died April 24, 1968 in a Bentonville Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 3, 1883 in LaRue, Ark.

Survivors include three sons: Rev. Ray Garrison of Elm Springs; Rev. Cecil Garrison of Springdale and Leo Garrison of Rogers; four step-sons, Willy Garrison of Washington State; Charles Garrison of Adair, Okla.; Ed Garrison of Tulsa, Okla., and John Sharp of Wichita, Kan.; one step-daughter, Mrs. Alpha Jones of Afton, Okla.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Callison Chapel with the Rev. Burr Wiggins and the Rev. Horace Knox officiating. Burial was in the Bland Cemetery.

Ethel George . . .

Ethel George, 55, 405 G. So. Ave., Houston, Texas, passed away June 4, 1968. Services were on Friday, June 10, at Trinity Baptist Church, Pasadena, Texas, with Eld. Wilbur Ansley officiating. Interment was at 4:00 p. m. at George West, Texas, in the George West Cemetery.

Survivors are Mrs. Walter Harlas, So Houtson, Texas; Mrs. J. R. Meiss, Houston, Texas; Mrs. J. D. Carathers and Mrs. Gordon Jones of Prairie Grove, Ark., and Mrs. Laverne Habens, Erwin Texas; a son, Jessie Glen George, Farmington, Ark.; three sisters, Mrs. S. E. Denning, Houma, La., Mrs. Arthur Hunter, Austin, Texas and Mrs. P. S. Tahmiyer, Lincoln, Ark., one brother, William Walker, U. S. Navy; 18 grandchildren and a host of friends.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

P. G. Kirk, age 84	Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
Bruce Phillips, age 65	519 N. Water, Springdale, Ark.
Jack Hobbs, age 63	Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.
H. M. Knox, age 61	621 N. "C" St., Rogers, Ark.
Willie Capps, age 60	Lowell, Ark.
Sammie Lane, age 59	Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.
C. O. Garrison, age 58	Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark.
George Lynch, age 59	Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Elmo McKinney, age 61	Rt. 4, Berryville, Ark.
Everett Barksdale	5812 Bellaire, Wichita, Kans.
Jewel Craig	4307 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.
Francis Clark	Pea Ridge, Ark.
Logan Watson	607 Jefferson, Springdale, Ark.
Troy J. Williams	Rt. 7, Fayetteville, Ark.
Steve Montgomery, age 63	Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.
Ernest Corley, age 58	Rt. 3, Fayetteville, Ark.
Clyde Coatney, age 64	1607 S. Ash, Wichita, Kans.
Alfred Glenn, age 66	505 N. Cedar, Springdale, Ark.
Claude Hendrix, age 47	902 S. "C" St., Rogers, Ark.
Clarence Tice, age 61	Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark.
Oscar Cavin, age 64	Rt. 1, Garfield, Ark.
Clyde Johnson, age 62	Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark.
George Roller, age 49	W. Walnut, Rogers, Ark.
Talman Hicks, age 84	307 NW A St., Bentonville, Ark.
John D. Birchfield, age 46	Rt. 1, Eureka Springs, Ark.
Noel Easterling, age 52	Huntsville, Ark.
J. A. Davidson, age 55	Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark.
Kenneth Autry, age 55	207 Pritchard, Berryville, Ark.
Glenn Jones, age 56	Rt. 2, West Fork, Ark.
Cecil Gladden, age 61	Rt. 1, Rogers, Ark.
Von Dean McFerrin, age 39	Springdale, Ark.
Glenn Barnes, age 57	Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark.
Boyd Harp	Rt. 2, Lowell, Ark.
Charlie Bagwell, age 73	407 S. Cleveland, Springdale, Ark.
Burton Birchfield	Eureka Springs, Ark.
Arthur Lee Galloway, age 34	Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.
Floyd Spurlock, age 60	Rt. 1, Huntsville, Ark.
Riley Hicks	307 NW A St., Bentonville, Ark.
Chester McKinney	201 E. Madison, Berryville, Ark.
Norman Cline	Dyer St., Springdale, Ark.
Kenneth Jones, age 32	906 W. Elm, Rogers, Ark.

Joe C. Langham	312 S. Block, Fayetteville, Ark.
Lloyd Thomas	1562 Leverett, Fayetteville, Ark.
Lloyd Edmondson	Rt. 2, Bentonville, Ark.
David Todd, age 30	Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark.
Luther Jones, age 61	322 W. Locust, Rogers, Ark.
Leslie Thomas, age 45	2646 N. Jackson St., Wichita, Kans.
Jack Boyd, age 51	1906 Patti St., Springdale, Ark.
Tommy Day, age 57	1420 W. Sunset, Springdale, Ark.
Cecil Ramey	Greenland, Ark.
Loren Collins	Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Eldon Bagwell, age 31	Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.
Jack Morris	Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark.
Ernest Hill, age 71	207 Public Square, Berryville, Ark.
Wesley Nelson, age 37	2459 Newell, Wichita, Kans.
Johnny Christman, age 26	Eureka Springs, Ark.
Bobby Shepherd	Huntsville, Ark.
Layton Porter	1607 Backus, Springdale, Ark.
Harvey Butler	Oak Grove, 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, deacons and delegates of Old Mt. Zion Ass'n when present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote. Visiting ministers, deacons and delegates are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, but not to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected if necessary before the close of the Association.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment, who shall preach.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptists) being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better Church government.

Art. 1. Membership — This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All regularly ordained ministers and deacons of this Association becoming properly credentialed and in full fellowship and good standing in the church of which they are members, shall be entitled to seats as a delegate, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. Name — The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power over the churches reserving right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. Letters — Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number of members dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any one who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial 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 five, one member chosen each year for a term of five years, and that each member be an Ordained Minister in good standing of the Old Mt. Zion Association, 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, 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 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.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

Church	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	Experience and Baptism	By Letter	Statement Of Faith	Dismissal By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	Jack Boyd	Clyde Johnson	2	0	0	2	0	0	127
Pilgrim Rest	1911	Noel Easterling	Noel Easterling	0	1	0	2	0	3	112
Christian Home	1892	Loren Collins	Loren D. Collins	0	0	0	0	0	1	23
Farmer	1945	Clarence Tice	Jack Morris	0	5	2	0	0	0	45
Buckeye	1945	Clarence Tice	Clarence Tice	0	0	0	2	0	2	29
Freedom	1950	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	0	0	0	10	0	1	122
Hickory Flat	1951	James Spears	Norman Cline	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
Pleasant Valley	1951	Elmo McKinney	Johnny Christman	0	2	0	2	0	0	33
Huntsville	1952	Arthur Lee Galloway	Arthur Lee Galloway	3	0	1	0	0	1	127
Phillips Chapel	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	16	2	9	1	0	2	311
Rogers	1953	Kenneth Jones	Luther Jones	5	0	0	10	2	1	151
Oak Grove	1955	C. D. Benton	Harvey Butler	9	4	0	2	0	0	119
Fayetteville 1st FWB	1956	Tom Day	Tommy Day	1	0	0	4	0	1	58
Clifty Chapel	1958	Eldon Bagwell	Eldon Bagwell	9	0	0	2	2	2	51
New Sulphur	1958	Glenn Jones	Glen Jones	4	0	5	3	0	2	51
Liberty (Wichita)	1959	Leslie Thomas	Leslie Thomas	2	1	1	0	0	1	26
Antioch	1910 1961	Floyd Spurlock	Jack Hobbs	7	0	0	2	0	0	62
Eureka Springs	1962	John D. Birchfield	John D. Birchfield	0	2	3	2	0	3	24
Fayetteville 2nd FWB	1965	Herbert J. Rogers	Lloyd Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Star Valley (Wichita)	1967		Jewel Craig	1	2	6	0	0	0	30
Fall Creek	1967		Troy J. Williams	7	13	7	0	1	0	27
Pea Ridge	1967		Horace M. Knox	9	29	0	0	0	0	38
Victory	1967		Layton Porter	0	4	23	0	0	0	27