

**MINUTES**  
of  
**129th Annual Session**  
of  
**OLD MOUNT ZION**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
Convened At  
**Association Building**  
August 6-8, 1970

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The next session of Old Mount Zion Association will meet at the Association Building beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1971.

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

**SIS. WILLIE BOHANNAN, Clerk**  
Route 3, Box 92  
Huntsville, Arkansas

**ELD. CURTIS BEARDEN**  
To Deliver The Introductory Sermon

**ELD. ERNEST JOHNSON**  
Alternate

## OFFICERS

Moderator — Horace M. Knox 621 N. C. Street  
Rogers, Ark. 72756  
Clerk-Treasurer — Willie Bohannon  
Route 3, Box 92, Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
Assistant Moderator — Eldon Bagwell Route 1  
Hindsville, Ark. 72738  
Assistant Clerk — Virginia Johnson Route 2  
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Tommy Day — 4 Years Springdale, Ark.  
Loyd Thomas — 3 Years Fayetteville, Ark.  
Bobby Shepherd — 2 Years Huntsville, Ark.  
Arthur L. Galloway — 1 Year Springdale, Ark.  
Glenn Barnes — 5 Years Springdale, Ark.

## EXAMINING COUNCIL

Noel Easterling — 3 Years Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
Horace M. Knox — 2 Years 621 N. C St., Rogers, Ark. 72756  
Willie Capps — 1 Year 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 129th annual session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox, who requested that Bro. Albert Schanda direct the opening songs, with Debbie Vanhook accompanying on the piano. Songs: "I'll Fly Away," "Just Over in the Glory Land," and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

I Kings 13:1-10 read by Moderator; prayer by Eld. Cecil Garrison.

The Moderator introduced Eld. Lonnie Burks, who delivered the introductory message. Lesson: Matt. 25:31-32; lesson text; "The Final Separation." A soul-inspiring yet thought-provoking message of great warning. Services were concluded by the alternate, Eld. Eldon Bagwell.

Moderator, Bro. H. M. Knox, appoints Committee on Committees: Elders Cecil Garrison, Bruce Phillips, Ernest Johnson, Berry Puryear and Tommie Day.

Reading of church letters, by Moderator.

Eld. Bobby Shepherd elected to preach Friday morning in 11:00 o'clock message.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Friday for another business session.

Benediction, Eld. Bruce Phillips.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Hymn, "Standing on the Promises of God," Eld. Tom Day directing, Mable Phillips at the piano. Isaiah 55:6-13 read by Moderator, prayer by Eld. Luther Jones.

After reading the remainder of church letters, all regu-

larly elected delegates, ministers and deacons were seated by giving each the right hand of fellowship (by Moderator). Visiting minister, Eld. Gary Terrell, and wife were recognized as visitors from Berryville.

Letters were called for from newly organized and re-instated churches. Hickory Grove petitioned the Association body for admittance into the Association. The body voted unanimously to receive the letter and delegates from the Hickory Grove Church. The delegates from Old Union Association were received and invited to seat: the delegates from Hickory Grove were also seated at this time by giving each the right hand of fellowship.

Eld. H. M. Knox was re-elected Moderator by acclamation and given a standing vote of thanks by the Association body. Eld. Eldon Bagwell was re-elected assistant Moderator by acclamation and given a rising vote of thanks for his service. Sister Willie Bohannon was re-elected Clerk by acclamation and given a rising vote of thanks for her service. Sister Virginia Johnson was re-elected as Assistant Clerk by a standing vote.

Reading of Constitution by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Eldon Bagwell. Reading of Rules of Order by Moderator, Eld. H. M. Knox. Report of Building Committee given by chairman, Eld. Noel Easterling. Motion made and carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p.m. Benediction, Eld. George Lynch.

#### **FRIDAY 11:00 A. M. SERVICE**

Congregational singing, Eld. Eldon Bagwell conducting, Mable Phillips, pianist. Eld. Bobby Shepherd is introduced by Moderator. After reading St. John 1:43-51, Bro. Shepherd offered prayer. Text: v. 43, "Follow Me," and v. 46, "Come and See." This was a challenging message to every Christian to give their all for Christ. Benediction, Eld. Charlie Bagwell.

#### **FRIDAY P. M. SESSION**

Hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," Bro. Eldon Bagwell directing, Vona Campbell pianist. Scripture lesson, Jonah 3:1-10; prayer, Eld. Sammie Lane.

Sister Fern Marrs was seated as delegate from Victory.

Motion carried to receive appointments of Divine Service Committee, including an invitation to Eld. Howard Gage as special speaker for Saturday night. Bro. Gage is missionary to Africa. Motion carried to receive appointments of Committee on Committees. Special time was given to Eld. Gary



Terrell, guest speaker.

Chairman, Eld. H. M. Knox, gives an oral report of Examining Council committee. Motion carried to receive the report on Union of Churches and discharge the committee. Motion carried to receive the report on Sunday Schools and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to receive the report on Temperance and discharge the committee. Motion carried to receive the report on Non-Represented Churches and deal with each church individually.

The Association body voted to drop Star Valley Church from the Association as requested by a letter received from said church and signed by five members of said church.

A motion carried that the Home Mission Board investigate cause for absence of Fall Creek Church and carry them on for another year.

A motion carried to continue to carry Christian Home Church in our minutes and pray that they may grow spiritually.

Report on Non-Represented Churches received and committee discharged.

Report of Radio Program given by Eld. Cecil Garrison, Radio Pastor. Motion carried to accept the report of Radio Pastor and to continue "same" under the direction of Eld. Cecil Garrison.

Quartet number by Cecil Garrison, Mary Collins, Eldon Bagwell and George Lynch.

Solo given by Eld. Gary W. Terrell.

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

Eld. Glenn Barns nominated and re-elected by acclamation to serve a term of 5 years on Home Mission Board.

Eld. George Lynch nominated and re-elected to serve a term of five years on Executive Board.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES**

Congregational singing led by Bro. Kenneth Jones, accompanied on piano by Benita Hendrix.

Duet by Leona and Suzanne Bagwell.

Special singing by the Earl Miller family, of White Oak.

Special: children from Mt. Zion.

Trio: Eldon Bagwell, Loren and Mary Collins, accompanied by Audry Bagwell at piano.

Solo: Sister Verlon Napier.

Special offering taken for support of Association buildings and Youth Camp (\$205.00).

Congregational number: Albert Schanda, director.

Solo: "Love of God," by Bro. Gary Terrell.

Bro. Bruce Phillips is introduced as first speaker of the evening, reading St. Luke 22:1-22. Eld. Luther Jones was introduced as second speaker and reading St. John 15:12-13 and St. John 13:2-17. Approximately 36 ministers, 65 men and 75 women took part in the communion and feet washing service which followed. Afterward, they sang a hymn and "went out."

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

Hymn, "I Feel Like Traveling On," Bro. Cecil Garrison directing, Mable Phillips pianist. Scripture lesson: Ps. 107:1-15 read by Assistant Moderator, Eld. Eldon Bagwell; prayer, Eld. Ernest Johnson.

Motion carried to receive the Obituary report and retain the committee. Special request was made by the family of Leo Smith, Jr., to have his obituary printed the minutes. The body moved and passed on the request to print obituary of Leo Smith, Jr.

Report of Executive Board given by Eld. Claude Hendrix. Motion carried to receive said report.

District Evangelist Report, given by Evangelist, Eld. Eldon Bagwell. Motion carried to receive said report and relieve Bro. Bagwell of the responsibility of District Evangelist and at the same time expressing our gratitude and thanks to him by giving him a rising vote of thanks for his service the past year. A motion carried to not have a District Evangelist for the ensuing year.

Motion carried to receive a partial report of the Resolutions Committee and retain the committee. Motion carried to receive Res. No. 1 for discussion; resolution defeated.

Motion carried to adjourn to resume business at 1:30 p.m. Benediction, Bro. Curtis Bearden.

### **SATURDAY 11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Hymn: "I'm Anchored in Jesus," Bro. Claude Hendrix directing, Vona Campbell pianist. Morning message, Elder

Noel Easterling: reading I Thes. 4:13-18. Services concluded by Eld. Cecil Garrison: reading Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16; text: "Heaven." This was a heart-warming message of eternal hope and encouragement for every child of God. Benediction, Eld. Jerry Spurlock.

### SATURDAY P. M. SESSION

Song: "Heaven's Jubilee," director, Eld. Jimmy McCulley, pianist, Elsie Phillips. Scripture reading: Psalms 24; prayer, Eld. Cecil Gladden.

Motion carried to receive letters from Old Union Association of United Baptists and seat their delegates; also to extend greetings to all visitors from Old Union Association.

Letter from Fall Creek received at this time.

Motion carried to discharge Divine Service Committee.

Noel Easterling nominated, elected by acclamation, to serve as member of the Examining Council for a term of three years.

Motion carried to receive final report of the Resolutions Committee. Motion carried to receive Resolution No. 2 for discussion. Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2 to amend Resolution No. 9 (permanently printed.)

Motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 3 and give the ladies a rising vote of thanks for their labor of love in preparing the good meals.

Youth Camp leader, Eld. Eldon Bagwell, nominated and elected by acclamation. Youth Camp Clerk, Virginia Johnson, nominated and elected.

Introductory Sermon 1971: Elder Curtis Bearden nominated and elected to preach; Elder Ernest Johnson, alternate.

Delegates to Old Union Association, Elsie Vaughn, Bruce Phillips and George Lynch; alternates, Noel and Hazel Easterling.

Delegates to Arkansas State Association: Sisters Hazel Easterling, Shirley Thomas; standing delegates, Bros. Loyd Thomas, Cecil Garrison, Noel Easterling, Bobby Shepherd and Sister Willie Bohannon.

Motion carried to have 1000 minutes printed.

Sister Irena Wright requests that "S" be added to their church's name. Their church was organized under the name of "Pilgrims Rest." Due to typographical error (sometime), the "S" had been omitted. The body moved and gave the clerk permission to add the "S."



Specials: "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand," and "I Feel Like Traveling On," by quartet composed of Elders Cecil Garrison, Eldon Bagwell, George Lynch and Sister Mary Collins.

Solo: "I Regret I Didn't Give a Little More to the Lord," Charlotte McCoy.

Solo: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," by Eld. Charlie Bagwell.

Motion passed to dismiss business to meet again on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1971, at 7:30 o'clock. Benediction, Eld. Loyd Thomas.

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

Congregational singing was led by Eld. Loyd Thomas, our 1970 Youth Camp Director, accompanied by Sis. Connie Whillock, with the youth singing some of their favorite hymns. Opening prayer was led by Eld. Tommy Day.

Bro. Galen Boyd took charge of the service. Special songs were rendered by the Day Family and the "Gospelites" from the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church, and the "Gospelairees" from the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Eld. Tommy Day introduced the speaker, Eld. Howard Gage, Free Will Baptist missionary to the Ivory Coast. Bro. Gage brought a stirring message, using Mark 16:15-16 as his text, following which he showed slides of the work being done by the Free Will Baptist missionaries on the Ivory Coast. A special offering of \$125.57 was taken to help support the Gages on the mission field.

Closing prayer by Eld. Clyde Johnson.

### **DELEGATES BY CHURCHES**

MT. ZION— Hettie Puryear, Ann Anderson, Mary Lou Collins.

PILGRIMS REST— Hazel Easterling, Verna Graham, Irena Wright.

CHRISTIAN HOME— By Letter.

FARMER— Ann Johnson, William Worley, Cordelea Jones.

HOPE— Elsie Vaughn, Vona Campbell, Nadine Smith.

FREEDOM— Bob Grimes, Cleo Grimes, Tim Stanford.

HICKORY FLAT— Dorothy Black, Ethel Hobbs, Lillie Taylor.

PLEASANT VALLEY— Barbara Christman, Linda Hatcher, David McKinney.



HUNTSVILLE— Betty Faulkner, Charlinda Gurley, Betty Jo Gurley.  
 PHILLIPS CHAPEL— Alton Reeves, Mary Lee Reeves, Suzie Watson.  
 ROGERS— Fay Howell, Lois Roller, Ethel McGarrah.  
 OAK GROVE— Russell Plumlee, Harlan Powers.  
 I FAYETTEVILLE— Verlon Napier, Raymond Day, Ezra Sims  
 II FAYETTEVILLE— By Letter.  
 CLIFTY CHAPEL— Mary Phillips, Darrell Phillips, Lela Lane.  
 NEW SULPHUR— By Letter.  
 LIBERTY— By Letter.  
 ANTIOCH— Helen DuVall, Janice Millar, Kay Burks.  
 EUREKA SPRINGS— Joyce Hull, Dorothy Birchfield.  
 PEA RIDGE— Joyce Hileman, Janice Lasater, Troy Wight.  
 FALL CREEK— By Letter.  
 VICTORY— Erma Marrs, Lois Guess, Fern Marrs.  
 HICKORY GROVE— Kenneth Lynch, Mary Johnson, Kendall Bohlen.  
 OLD UNION ASS'N OF UNITED BAPTIST— Raymond Wyatt, Jerry Spurlock, Rex McMahan.

### GENERAL REPORTS

#### Annual Report of Radio Program, 8-3-'69 to 8-1-'70

Carry Over	-----	\$132.91
Received	-----	790.09
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TOTAL	-----	\$923.00

Expense	-----	\$788.00
Total on Hand	-----	\$135.00

Beginning Jan. 1, 1970, rates raised from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per Sunday.

Pearl Archer, Sec'y-Treasurer  
 501 Mt. View Ave.  
 Springdale, Arkansas 72764

#### Financial Statement of Building and Youth Camp Funds

Balance at close of Associational Year	-----	\$1,243.47
Offering at 5th Sundays, Camp fee, and		
Individual Offerings	-----	3,067.16
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		\$4,310.63

Light and Gas -----	\$ 103.84
Paid off Note and Interest -----	1,623.75
Sheds for classes -----	400.00
Pictures for Youth Camp -----	34.00
Play Equipment -----	
Insurance and Groceries -----	
Miscellaneous -----	
	1,244.97
Total Exp. for year -----	3,406.56
Cash on Hand -----	\$ 904.07

Noel Easterling, Treasurer

### STATISTICAL REPORT

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

Number of churches, 23; Church membership, 1,871; Number of parsonages, 4; Number of ordained ministers, 59; Number of licensed ministers, 2; Number of ordained deacons, 84; Enrollment of Sunday Schools, 1,383; Average attendance of Sunday School (23 churches), 1,069 (46.5 per church); Enrollment of Church Training Service (7 churches) 154; Average attendance of Church Training Service, 126; Mid-week service average attendance (17 churches), 22.3 per church; Pastors' salaries, \$39,495.62; Evangelistic work, \$4,465.06; Building and repair, \$27,698.21; Literature, \$3,371.60; Other, \$16,207.01; Total spent for local causes, \$91,237.50; Co-operative plan, \$725.79; Foreign Missions, \$1,179.54; Home Missions, \$1,595.03; Education, \$56.00; Associational projects, \$1,268.72; State and national projects, \$448.64; Total spent for outside causes, \$5,273.72; Total expenditures, \$96,511.22; Value of church property, \$169,618.07; Value of parsonage property, \$32,600.00; Amount enclosed for Arkansas State fees, \$135.00; Minutes, \$69.00; Total, \$204.00.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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

**DIVINE SERVICE**— Sisters Elsie Vaughn, Hazel Easterling, Suzie Watson, Mary Johnson, Hettie Puryear.

**FINANCE**— Bro. Roy Edgmon, Sisters Ethel McGarrah, Dorothy Black, Ann Johnson, Charlinda Gurley.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Bros. Bob Grimes, Raymond Day, Darrell Phillips, Sisters Fay Howell, Verna Graham.

**UNION OF CHURCHES**— Bros. George Lynch, David McKinney, Alton Reeves, Sisters Helen DuVall, Joyce Hull.

**RESOLUTIONS**— Bros. Noel Easterling, Clyde Johnson, Ernest Johnson, Claude Hendrix, Charlie Bagwell.

**TEMPERANCE**— Bros. Verlin Napier, Russell Plumlee, Troy Wight, Sisters Ermadean Myers, Irena Wright.

**OBITUARIES**— Sisters Cordelia Jones, Mary Reeves, Vona Campbell, Lois Roller, Janice Lasater.

**NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES**— Bros. Willie Capps, Kendall Bohlen, Ezra Sims, Sammie Lane, Carl Johnson.

Cecil Garrison, Chairman

## **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. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalms 133:1) "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). "Till we all come in unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Eld. George Lynch, Chairman

### **Sunday Schools**

We, your Sunday School Committee, believe it is very important that parents attend Sunday School with their children. "I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths" (Proverbs 4:11). "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14).

Fay Howell, Chairwoman

### **Temperance**

We, your Committee on Temperance, believe that we should be temperate in all things; and that we teach temperance to our children. "Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:23). "And to knowledge temperance;

and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness''  
(II Peter 1:6).

Verlon Napier, Chairman

### Non-Represented Churches

We, your Committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that there are three churches that are not represented. They are Star Valley and Fall Creek; also, we find that Christian Home was not represented because of no church election nor pastor. Star Valley requests dismissal of fellowship from Old Mt. Zion Association.

Willie Capps, Chairman

### Finance Report

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

Mt. Zion -----	\$2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 20.00
Pilgrims Rest -----	2.00	13.00	17.00
Christian Home -----	2.00	13.00	5.00
Farmer -----	2.00	3.00	3.00
Hope -----	2.00	13.00	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	13.00	50.00
Rogers -----	2.00	13.00	10.00
Oak Grove -----	2.00	3.00	5.00
1st FWB Fayetteville -----	2.00	13.00	11.00
Clifty Chapel -----	2.00	13.00	5.00
New Sulphur -----	2.00		10.00
Liberty (Wichita) -----	2.00	3.00	4.00
Antioch -----	2.00	10.00	3.00
Eureka Springs -----	2.00		7.00
2nd FWB Fayetteville -----	2.00	13.00	10.00
Pea Ridge -----	2.00	13.00	11.00
Fall Creek -----	2.00		3.00
Victory -----	2.00	13.00	7.00
Hickory Grove -----	2.00	13.00	9.00
Personal -----			5.00
Totals -----	\$46	\$207.00	\$250.00

Roy Edgmon, Chairman



### **Divine Service**

We, your Divine Service Committee, submit the following: Friday night, Bros. Bruce Phillips and Luther Jones; Saturday Memorial service, Bros. Cecil Garrison and Noel Easterling.

Elsie Vaughan, Chairwoman

### **Resolutions Report**

We, your Resolutions Committee, recommend that Resolution No. 9 be amended to read:

“ . . . 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 Home Mission Board.”

Noel Easterling, Chairman

Item 1. Inasmuch as the ladies 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.

Noel Easterling, 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 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 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 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.

No. 8 — 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.)

No. 9 — (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 Home Mission Board.

### OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, find that death is still abroad in our land and that God in His great Kingdom has called 23 of our beloved brothers and sisters.

"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).

Cordelia Jones, Chairwoman.

#### Hillard Burton Grogan . . .

Hillard Burton Grogan, 70, East Freeman St., Berryville, Ark., died Sunday, October 26th at Carroll General Hospital. He was born at Compton, Ark., Nov. 11, 1898, the son of Joel M. and Nancy A. Black Grogan.

He is survived by his widow, Pearl Ann Tultz Grogan; seven sons, Rufus William, John Kelly, Earl Edward, Billy Lee and Bobby LeRoy, all of Berryville, Ark., Jay Ivan Grogan of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Hugh Melvin Grogan of Greenfield, Calif. He is also survived by four brothers and one sister, eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Grogan was a member of Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 29th, at Moore United Baptist Church, with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating.

#### **Amos Taylor . . .**

Amos Taylor, a member of the Hickory Flatt Free Will Baptist Church, passed away March 21, 1970.

Survivors include six sons, Truman and Duey of Springdale, Ark., Norman of Minneapolis, Minn., Herbert of Bentonville, Ark., Glen of Fayetteville Ark., and Clarence of Rogers, Ark.; one daughter, Mrs. Florence Jennings, of Marble, Ark.; 23 grandchildren and a large number of great-grandchildren. Also a host of relatives and friends. A daughter, Mrs. Allen Burgess, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held March 26th at 2 o'clock in the Alabam Church with Bro. Rufus Young and Bro. J. B. Yarbrough officiating.

#### **Leo Smith, Jr. . . .**

Leo Smith, Jr., 23, 905 N. E. Second St., Bentonville, died Dec. 1, 11:55 p.m., in a Tulsa hospital. He was born April 4, 1946, in Parsons, Kansas, and moved to the Bentonville area when he was a year old. He attended Bentonville schools, and was an employee of Bear Brand Hosiery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Barbara Kay Smith, of the home; one son, Robbie Dean Smith, of the home; one daughter, Teresa Lynn Smith, of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Sr., of Bentonville; two brothers, Gus of Tulsa and Leroy of Hensley, Ark.; two sisters, Misses Josephine and Brenda Smith, of Bentonville; and his grandfather, Preston Smith, of Elm Springs.

Funeral services were in the Free Will Baptist Church in Rogers, with Rev. Kenne'h Jones, Rev. Luther Jones and Walter Buchanan, Church of Christ minister, officiating.



### **John Thomas Harper . . .**

John Thomas Harper, of 708 McKinney Street, Springdale, Arkansas, passed away August 20, 1969, at Springdale Memorial Hospital at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 8 days.

He was born November 12, 1879, at Huntsville, Ark., the son of William O. and Elizabeth (Woodard) Harper.

He is survived by his widow, Ruth Harper, of Springdale, Ark.; one son, Joe Harper of Westport, Connecticut; two daughters, Lucille Phillips of Huntsville, Ark., and Marylee Mikus of Fort Smith, Ark.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was affiliated with the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Springdale.

### **Lonnie G. Blackburn . . .**

Funeral service for Lonnie Gail Blackburn, 70, a lifetime resident of Northwest Arkansas, was held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 1969, at Burns Chapel in Rogers.

Blackburn, whose grandparents founded Blackburn Town, which is today War Eagle, was born Aug. 1, 1899, in War Eagle and lived in Tuck's Chapel Community from 1920 to his death. He was a member of the Rogers Free Will Baptist Church.

He died Friday, Dec. 26, 1969, in St. Edwards Hospital in Fort Smith after a two-week illness.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Luther Jones and Rev. Dennis Jaech. Burial was in Tuck's Chapel Cemetery.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Smith, Livermore, Calif.; two brothers, Truman and Raymond Blackburn, both of Rogers; two nieces and three nephews.

### **John Matt Bohannon . . .**

John Matt Bohannon, 86, Route 3, Springdale, died June 29, 12 noon, in Springdale Memorial Hospital. He was born March 29, 1884, in Madison County, the son of Tom and Elizabeth Davis Bohannon, and was a member of Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include six sons, Efton Bohannon of Greenland, Fred, Leonard Clyde, Dale and John Bohannon, all of Springdale; five daughters, Mrs. John (Ethel) Kiner, Mrs. Mary Shyrock and Mrs. Marvin (Loleta) Woods of Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Velma Vansandt of Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs.



Woodrow (Helen) Prince of Boone, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Lula Howard of Springdale; 35 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Tommie Day officiating.

Burial was in the Stuckey cemetery at Johnson.

#### **Roy Howell . . .**

Roy Howell, 74, died Sunday morning, May 4, 1970, at his home at 810 N. 12th.

A retired farmer, he was born Jan. 24, 1896, at Brightwater and lived his life in Benton County. He belonged to Rogers Free Will Baptist Church, Pea Ridge Masonic Lodge, and American Legion and was a World War I Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Fay Lynch Howell, of the home; two foster sons, Francis Nunley, Lafayette, Calif., and Wesley Nunley, Dallas; four brothers, Henry of Kansas City, Mo., Jess of Tulsa, Russell of Exeter, Mo., and Don of Rogers; and two sisters, Mrs. Visie Shepherd and Mrs. Era Bixon, both of Rogers.

Funeral services, under the direction of Callison Funeral Home, were held at 2 p.m. today at Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Jones of Tahlequah, Okla., and the Rev. Luther Jones of Rogers officiating. Burial was in Benton County Memorial Gardens with Masonic graveside rites.

#### **Logan Watson . . .**

Logan Watson, 59, 607 N. Jefferson, died April 16, 10:30 a.m., at Bella Vista after a sudden illness. He was born Oct. 31, 1910, at Swain, the son of John Thomas and Mary Thomas Watson, and was a member of Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. A resident of Springdale since 1946, moving there from Swain, he was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy, an ordained minister and a carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Susie Edgmon Watson, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Nadine) Loy of Parsons, Kansas, and Mrs. Erma VanOver of Springdale; one granddaughter, Susan Marie VanOver of Springdale; two brothers, Otis and Dent Watson, both of Springdale; five sisters, Mrs. Nancy Daniels of Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Sallie Thomas of Springdale, Mrs. Vola Edgmon of Cave Springs, Mrs. Ella Smith of Bentonville, and Mrs. Martha Edgmon

of Mossville.

Funeral services were at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Tommie Day officiating. Burial was in the Friendship cemetery.

### IN MEMORY OF OUR FATHER

He loved the House of God;  
His dearest wish to be  
A minister within her walls.  
In service full and free,  
Beautifully he lived.  
We who well-loved him know,  
Blessing with kindly hands our dead,  
Softening death's cruel blow.  
Beautifully he died,  
The Temple floors he trod,  
To pass to his reward within  
The Altar of God.

—Written by Nadine Loy.

### Clarence Stroud . . .

Clarence Stroud, 69, of Huntsville, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 1969, at his home. He was born March 29, 1900, at Purdy, in Madison County.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ouida Stroud, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Geneva Jackson and Mrs. Carolyn McConnell of Huntsville, Mrs. Jean Carlew of Moorehouse, Mo., and Mrs. Janice Jones of Old Appleton, Mo.; one son, Dean, of Old Appleton, Mo.; five step-children; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren. Four sons preceded him in death, Pfc. James C. Stroud was killed in action in France during World War II, and three sons died in infancy.

He was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church, with Elder Noel Easterling officiating. Burial was in the Aurora Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Clarence Watson, Harold Duvall, Floyd Spurlock, Bobby Shepherd, Jerry Spurlock and Steve Montgomery.

**John Albert Moses . . .**

John Albert Moses, 85, of Huntsville, died January 31 at the Madison County Hospital. He was born February 1, 1884, in Madison County and was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Zena Wilson Moses, of Huntsville; one son, Arvil Moses, of Fullerton, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Edna Sutton, of Portland, Ore.; six grandchildren 44 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 4, at 1:30 at the Brashears Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bruce Phillips and Rev. Arthur Lee Galloway officiating.

Burial was in the Huntsville Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clarence Tice, Luther Pace, Charley Elzey, Everett Eubanks, Kib Eubanks and V. E. Moses.

**Everett Wayne Silvis . . .**

Everett Wayne Silvis, of Route 6, Huntsville, died Monday, May 11, 1970, in the Madison County Hospital. He was born January 30 1895, at Pettigrew, Ark., the son of Will and Victoria Marrs Silvis. He was a retired farmer and was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Ella Silvis, of the home; one son, Arlie, of Fayetteville; one daughter, Mrs. Nelline Fowler of Huntsville; two brothers, Roy of Raymond, Wash., and Eddie of Tulsa, Okla.; seven sisters, Mrs. Stella Ahart of Stilwell, Okla., Mrs. Cleo Warren of Salinas, Calif., Mrs. Don Smith of Pettigrew, Mrs. Faye Stapleton of Bartlesville, Okla., Mrs. Ruby Johnson of Boston, Mrs. Verna Hughes of Longview, Wash., and Mrs. Opal Pattie of Fayetteville; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at Brashears Funeral Chapel, with Arthur Lee Galloway and Noel Easterling officiating. Burial was in Cove Cemetery.

**Claude Clinton Davis . . .**

Claude Clinton Davis, 79, of Marble, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1969, at the Madison County Hospital. He was born October 8, 1889, at Marble and was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Clifton Davis, of the



home; one son, Crawford Davis, of Charleston, W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Robbie Walden of Salinas, Calif., and Mrs. Mary McDermott of Dupon, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. Maude Tacker of Marble; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Lower Camp Ground Church, with Elders Noel Easterling and Harold Duvall officiating. Burial was in the Lower Camp Ground Cemetery, under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

#### **William Charles Mason . . .**

William Charles Mason was born March 5, 1900, at Clifty, Arkansas, and passed away June 30, 1970. He spent his early life in North Madison County and attended the Mountain View, Ark., school.

He was converted early in life and joined the Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church and remained a faithful member the remainder of his life. "Charley" was loved by all who knew him.

Surviving him are his widow, Alta Marie Todd Mason; one son, Jack Mason, and two grandchildren, all of Ponca City, Okla.; one brother, Paul Colville, of Enid; two sisters, Mrs. Gela Browning of Holdenville, and Mrs. Ruth Conley of Guymon, Okla.

The following little poem was written by "Charley" a short time before his passing:

If I can leave behind me, here and there,  
A friend or two to say when I am gone,  
That I helped to make their pathway fair,  
Had brought smiles when they were bowed with  
care,  
The riches of this world I'll carry on.

If only three or four shall pause to say,  
When I have passed beyond this earthly sphere,  
That I brought gladness to them on a day  
When bitterness was theirs, I'll take away  
More riches than a billionaire leaves here.

#### **Jacob Clifford Williams . . .**

Jacob Clifford Williams, 88, of Fayetteville, died Dec. 31, 1969, in a Neosho, Missouri, rest home. He was born July 7, 1881, in Sulphur City, Arkansas. He had been a member



of the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church since November 1961.

Survivors are two brothers, Earl, of Parsons, Kansas, and Charlie, of Bristow, Oklahoma; and one sister Mrs. Allie Heath, of Detroit, Michigan.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. January 2, 1970, in the chapel of Nelson's Funeral Home in Fayetteville, with the Rev. Glen Barnes officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

#### **Frank Harvey . . .**

Frank Harvey, 74, of Fayetteville, died January 25, 1970, in a local hospital. He was born June 8, 1895, at Falls-ville, Arkansas. He was a charter member of the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Annie Harvey, of the home; three sons, Henry of Springdale, A. E. of Joplin, Mo., and Efton of Fayetteville; a daughter, Mrs. Helen White of Springdale; four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Phillips of Stockton, Calif., Mrs. Effie Rogers, Mrs. Mintie Ball and Mrs. Nellie Parker, all of Japton; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. January 27, 1970, at the Witter Church near Huntsville, with the Rev. Tommy Day and Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Witter Cemetery.

#### **Daisy Venis Coatney . . .**

Daisy Venis Coatney, wife of Clyde E. Coatney, was born in Franklin County, Indiana, on April 25, 1897. Later, she moved to Missouri, then to Kansas.

She was converted at an early age and lived a consecrated Christian life until she was called home on May 15, 1970. At the time of her death she lived in Wichita, Kansas, and was a member of Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church of Carroll County, Arkansas.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marvin Williams at Wellington, Kansas, on May 19th. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Riverdale, Kansas.

She is survived by her husband, two nieces and one nephew.

#### **Mrs. Rachel Sara Ann Clark . . .**

Rachel Clark, 84 years of age, Route 1, Elkins, Ark.,

died Monday, January 26, 1970, in a Fayetteville hospital. She was born August 17, 1885, in the Alabam community in Madison County, Arkansas, the daughter of Durirette and Lucinda Carlock Everett, and the widow of Silas Clark, who preceded her in death in 1959.

She was a charter member of the Buckeye Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are three sons, Ezra Clark of Hindsville, Ark., Alvin Clark of Southgate, Calif., and Clifford Clark of Oakland, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Emele Laner of Fayetteville, Ark., and Mrs. Mary Frances Farrar of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother, Durirette Everett of Springdale, Ark.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Buckeye Church with interment in the Buckeye Cemetery.

#### **Mrs. Mae Savage Hamilton . . .**

Mrs. Mae Savage Hamilton, 73, Route 2, Springdale, in the Pilgrims Rest community, died Jan. 31, 10 a.m., in the Springdale Memorial Hospital. She was born May 12, 1896, at Spring Valley, the daughter of Henry and Nancy Garrison Savage, and was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, James, Dennis and John D. Hamilton, all of Springdale; five daughters, Mrs. Christabell Bowen of Springdale, Mrs. Laura Parsons of Henderson, Nev., Mrs. Jessie Lee Stout of Phonix, Ariz., Mrs. June-viee Cate of Tulsa, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Forcum of Newhall, Calif.; one brother, Martin Savage, of Springdale; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 4 in Sisco chapel with Rev. Noel Easterling and Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Friendship cemetery.

#### **Mattie Ward . . .**

Mattie Lee Ward, 76, Route 2, Bentonville, died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1969, at Rogers Memorial Hospital. Born in West Virginia, she moved to Benton County in 1939, and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Rogers.

She is survived by her husband, Newton J. Ward, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Opal Jean Hubbard, Rt. 2, Bentonville, Mrs. Bertha Francis Johnston, Monett, Mo., and Mrs. Loretta Mae Etheredge of Crestline, Calif.; three sons, Elvin Ernest Ward of Rogers, Rev. Elmer Ward of West

Union, Ill., and James Earl Ward of Springfield, Mo.; a brother, Lumma Jackson, of Wichita Falls Texas; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was at the Free Will Baptist Church in Rogers with Rev. Luther James and Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Phillips Cemetery.

**Mrs. Goldie Baker . . .**

Mrs. Goldie Baker, 66, of Prairie Grove, died September 26, 1969, at the Siloam Springs Hospital. She was born November 24, 1902, in Breckenridge, Texas. She was a charter member of the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist Church, but for the past several years had attended the New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church near her home.

Survivors are the husband, Albert Frank, of the home; a brother, Clyde Sherrock, of Anaheim, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Hettie Thunderburgh of Breckenridge, Texas, Mrs. Loula Gates of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Iva McCratic of Morrow, and Mrs. Shirley Sullivan of Richmond, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sept. 29, 1969, at the New Sulphur Free Will Baptist Church, with burial in the Prairie Grove Cemetery under the direction of Watson Mortuary of Fayetteville.

**Amanda Ethel (Nellie) Bandy . . .**

Amanda Ethel (Nellie) Bandy, daughter of Tom and Pearl Walker Moody, was born March 2, 1902, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and departed this life August 14, 1969, at Eureka Springs at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 12 days. Her home was near Grandview Ark., on Route 5, Berryville.

She was united in marriage December 20, 1919, to Claud Bandy and to this union 11 children were born. Two infant children preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Claud Bandy, of the home; four daughter, Irene Fein of Lakewood, Calif., Nina Strickland of Long Beach, Calif., Dorothy Hart of Placentia, Calif., and Gale Cocavelle of Phoenix, Ariz.; five sons, Linzy of Long Beach, Calif., Arvle of Eureka Springs, Carroll of Pasadena, Texas, Maxie of Fort Worth, Texas, and Lewis of the home; three sisters, Ruby Roller of Eureka Springs, Ruth Russell of Eureka Springs, and Gale Wilkerson of Springfield, Mo.; four brothers, Sam and Curtis Moody, both of Berryville, Ark., Woodrow Moody of Okmulgee, Okla., and



Charles Moody of Berryville; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

She had professed her hope in Christ and was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

#### **Caroline Ann Clardy . . .**

Caroline Ann Clardy was born October 22, 1952, and departed this life October 6, 1969, at the age of 16. She is survived by her parents, Harold and Ruby Phillips Clardy; two sisters, Jeanette and Sue Clardy, of the home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cardy of Lowell; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Phillips of Hindsville.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior early in life and faithfully lived a devoted Christian life. She attended Mount Zion Church.

#### **EBB TIDE**

Precious moments of my childhood,  
Memories polished like ancient driftwood,  
Are hastening toward destiny's sweet chime  
And foaming past the sands of time.

Waves of agony beat the shore,  
Washed out to eternity forevermore.  
Responsibility, burdened with years,  
Is carried away by a tide of tears.

Bright, youthful love did float away,  
Preceding anxiety's dawning day.  
Life's depths engulf me as a well;  
Waves soon will toll departure's knell.

No sands of time remain to me;  
The spray has cleansed and made me free.  
This driftwood no longer will here abide;  
Death is calling me; 'tis ebb tide.

—Caroline Clardy.

#### **Cora Carlock . . .**

Mrs. Ralph (Cora) Carlock passed away Feb. 14, 1970. Mrs. Carlock was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.



### **T. L. Etchison . . .**

Thomas L. Etchison, son of Roe and Isabelle Willhite Etchison, was born May 4, 1905, at Green Forest, and departed this life June 7, 1970, at the Carroll General Hospital, Berryville, at the age of 65 years, one month and three days. His home was Green Forest.

He was united in marriage in 1928 to Eula M. Garrett and to this union two children were born. His wife, and one infant son, preceded him in death. In 1959 he was united in marriage to Shirley Gofourth Buckel of Berryville.

He is survived by his widow, Shirley, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Wilson of Oakdale, Calif.; one step-daughter, Mrs. John W. Mysinger of Green Forest; one brother, Troy Etchison, of Green Forest; four grandsons and two step-grandsons.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Oak Grove.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Nelson Funeral Chapel in Green Forest, with Rev. Winfred Davis officiating.

### **Walter Dugger . . .**

Walter Dugger, age 84, of Oak Grove, died April 7, 1970, at the Carroll General Hospital, Berryville. He was a son of Thomas and Emma Cunningham Dugger, and was born July 26, 1885, in Stone County, Missouri.

He was married to Callie Butler, who preceded him in death in 1951. He later married Nervie Johnson. Mr. Dugger was also preceded in death by one daughter.

Survivors include his widow, Nervie Dugger; a step-son, Kenneth Butler of Oak Grove; a step-daughter, Violet Ford, of Blue Eye, Mo.; five step-grandchildren; a niece and a nephew.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. (Thursday) at the Free Will Baptist Church in Oak Grove, with Rev. C. D. Benton of Sand Springs, Okla., and Rev. Harvey Butler officiating.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Autry, Kenneth, age 57	-- 207 Pritchard, Berryville, Ark.	72616
Bagwell, Eldon, age 33	----- Rt. 1 Hindsville Ark.	72738
Bagwell, Charlie, age 75	-- 407 S. Cleveland, Springdale, Ark.	
Barnes, Glenn, age 59	----- 303 E. Robinson Springdale, Ark.	
Birchfield, Burton	----- Eureka Springs, Ark.	72632
Birchfield, John D., age 48	-- Rt. 2, Eureka Springs, Ark.	72632
Bowen, Darrial W.	---- 802 N. Sherman, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Boyd, Jack, age 53	----- 1906 Patti, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Burks, Lonnie, age 19	----- Rt. 3, Berryville, Ark.	72616
Butler, Harvey	----- Oak Grove, Ark.	72660
Campbell Clyde, age 51	1333 S. Richmond, Wichita, Kan.	67200
Capps, Willie, age 62	----- Lowell, Ark.	72745
Cavin, Oscar, age 66	----- Rt. 1, Garfield Ark.	72732
Christman, Johnny, age 28	----- Eureka Springs, Ark.	72632
Clark, Francis, age 62	----- Rt. 4, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Cline, Norman, age 49	---- 1009 S. Dyer, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Coaney, Clyde, age 66	----- 1607 S. Ash, Wichita, Kan.	67200
Collins, Loren, age 26	----- Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.	72738
Colville, Charles T.	---- 1706 Horseshoe, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Corley, Ernest, age 60	----- Rt. 3, Fayetteville Ark.	72701
Davidson, J. A., age 57	----- Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Davis, Millard	----- Monett, Mo.	65708
Day, Tommy, age 59	----- 2104 Ina, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Easterling, Noel, age 54	----- Huntsville, Ark.	72740
Edmondson, Lloyd	----- Rt. 2, Bentonville, Ark.	72712
Ferguson, Ace	----- Rt. 1, Bentonville, Ark.	72712
Galloway, Arthur Lee, age 36	---- Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Garrison, C. O, age 60	----- Rt. 5 Springdale Ark.	72764
Gladden, Cecil, age 63	----- Rt. 1, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Glenn, Alfred, age 68	----- 505 N. Cedar, Springdale, Ark.	
Harp, Boyd	----- Rt. 2, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Hendrix, Claude, age 49	----- Rt. 4, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Hicks, Riley	----- 307 N.W. "A" St., Bentonville, Ark	
Hicks, Talmon, age 86	-- 307 N.W. "A" St., Bentonville, Ark.	
Hill, Ernest, age 73	----- 207 Public Square, Berryville, Ark.	
Hobbs, Jack, age 65	----- Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark.	72740
Johnson, Clyde, age 64	----- Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Ark.	72701
Johnson, Ernest	----- Rt. 3, Springdale, Ark.	72764
Jones, Glenn, age 58	----- Rt. 1, West Fork, Ark.	72774
Jones, Luther, age 63	----- 906 W. Elm, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Kirk, P. G., age 86	----- Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Knox, H. M., age 63	----- 621 N. "C", Rogers, Ark.	72756
Lane, Sammie, age 61	----- Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark.	72756
Lynch, George, age 61	----- Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark.	72738
McKinney, Elmo, age 63	----- Rt. 4, Berryville, Ark.	72616

Montgomery, Steve, age 65 ----- Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
 Morris, Earl Dean, age 35 ----- Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701  
 Morris, Jack, age 38 ----- Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701  
 Newton, Larry ----- Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. 72764  
 Phillips, Bruce, age 67 -- 510 N. Water, Springdale, Ark. 72764  
 Porter, Layton, age 45 ----- 1607 Backus, Springdale, Ark.  
 Roller, George, age 51 ----- Bentonville Ark. 72712  
 Shepherd, Bobby, age 26 ----- Rt. 2, Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
 Spurlock, Floyd, age 62 ----- Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
 Thomas, Leslie, age 47 -- 335 N. Madison Wichita, Kan. 67204  
 Thomas, Lloyd, age 34 ---- 1044 S. Garland, Fayetteville, Ark.  
 Tice, Clarence, age 63 ----- Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark. 72740  
 Todd, David, age 32 ----- Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark. 72764  
 Williams, Troy J., age 26 ----- Rt. 7, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

### 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 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 or-

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, the suffrage, and an executive committee of five, one member Clerk-Treasurer, elected annually for a term of one year by 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 earth, took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose again the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-41.

**3. Holy Spirit** — We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father, and His coming on the day of Pentecost. Has taken up His office work among all nations of people, as a Divine Reprover, Comforter and Guide.—Judges 6:34, 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20.



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

**5. The Fall of Man** — We believe that God created man good, gave a just law by which he should be governed, with the promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience. Gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming of 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 18:17; 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 for all; and whosoever will may come and be saved on the terms of the Gospel.—Rev. 22:17; I Peter 1:9-13; I Peter 2:9-24; Rom. 3:24.

**9. Baptism** — We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytery of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5, 6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

**10. Communion and Feet Washing** — We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; The Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes.

All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that 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 burdan 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 Peter 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; 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. 15:51-53.

**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 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. 21:3; 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		Clyde Johnson	Clyde Johnson	2	0	0	2	0	0	122
Pilgrims Rest	1911		Noel Easterling	Alfred Glenn	2	0	0	2	0	1	112
Christian Home	1892		Loren D. Collins	Loren D. Collins	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Farmer	1945		Jack Morris	Jack Morris	1	0	0	5	2	0	43
Hope	1945		Clarence Tice	Clarence Tice	0	5	0	0	0	1	32
Freedom	1950		Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	7	2	0	1	0	0	137
Hickory Flat	1951		Norman Cline	Dave Casteel	1	0	1	0	0	1	21
Pleasant Valley	1951		Johnny Christman	Johnny Christman	0	0	5	1	0	3	29
Huntsville	1952		Arthur Lee Galloway	Eldon Bagwell	0	0	4	2	0	5	128
Phillips Chapel	1952		Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	4	5	8	4	0	3	326
Rogers	1953		Luther Jones	Luther Jones	13	9	14	6	2	3	184
Oak Grove	1955		Harvey Butler	Harvey Butler	2	3	0	5	0	2	108
Fayetteville 1st FWB	1956		Tommy Day	Tommy Day	5	1	2	0	0	3	69
Clifty Chapel	1958		Bobby Shepherd	Bobby Shepherd	0	2	2	1	0	0	35
New Sulphur	1958		Glen Jones	Glen Jones	5	13	0	0	0	2	66
Liberty (Wichita)	1959		Leslie Thomas	Clyde Campbell	0	0	5	1	8	0	16
Antioch	1910 1961		Alvin Reynolds	Alvin Reynolds	1	0	0	0	0	0	62
Eureka Springs	1962		John D. Birchfield	John D. Birchfield	3	0	2	0	0	1	39
Fayetteville 2nd FWB	1965		Lloyd Thomas	Lloyd Thomas	2	0	0	2	0	0	55
Fall Creek	1967		Troy J. Williams	Larry Newton	0	2	0	0	0	0	47
Pea Ridge	1967		Horace M. Knox	Horace M. Knox	0	1	2	0	0	0	44
Victory	1967		Glenn Barnes	Glenn Barnes	0	2	0	0	0	0	41
Hickory Grove	1886 1969			Ernest Johnson	2	1	9	0	0	1	12