MINUTES

of

131st Annual Session

of

OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened At

Association Building

August 10-12, 1972

The next session of Old Mount Zion Association will meet at the Association Building beginning on Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1973.

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

SIS. WILLIE BOHANNAN, Clerk

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ELD. LONNIE BURKO
To Deliver The Introductory Sermon
ELD. DAVE CASTEELE
Alternate

OFFICERS

Moderator — H. M. Knox	621 No. C Street					
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EXECUTIVE	BOARD					
David Todd — 1 Year Cecil Garrison — 2 Years George Lynch — 3 Years Eldon Bagwell — 4 Years Claude Hendrix — 5 Years	Rt. 4, Springdale, Ark. 72764 Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738 Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738					
HOME MISSION	BOARD					
Loyd Thomas — 1 Year Tommy Day — 2 Years Glenn Barnes — 3 Years Arthur L. Galloway — 4 Years Harvey Butler — 5 Years	Springdale, Ark. Springdale, Ark. Springdale, Ark.					
YOUTH CAMP	BOARD					
Loyd Jones — 1 Year Bobby Shepherd — 2 Years Ernest Johnson — 3 Years Dennis Artman — 4 Years Jim Spurlock — 5 Years	Huntsville, Ark. Springdale, Ark. Oak Grove, Ark.					
EXAMINING COUNCIL						
Noel Easterling — 1 Year Clyde Johnson — 2 Years Tommy Day — 3 Years	Fayetteville, Ark.					
BUILDING COMMITTEE						
Noel Easterling Clyde Johnson Cecil Garrison	Fayetteville, 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 permonent 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

Opening songs, "Plant My Feet On Higher Ground," and "Near the Cross," Elder Eldon Bagwell directing, Sister Mabel Phillips at the piano; prayer by Elder Kenneth Autry.

The 131st Annual Session of Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by our clerk, Sister Willie Bohannan. She read for a lesson, Psalms 24.

Moderator, Elder H. M. Knox, introduces Elder Bruce Phillips who delivers the Introductory Message. Following the reading of the scripture, St. Luke 5:1-11, prayer was offered by Elder Luther Jones. Text: three essentials for victorious Christion Living, obedience, courage and faith. Services were concluded by Elder Harvey Butler; text, "How much is expected of a Christion?" The message was built upon Acts 3:5, "And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them."

Appointment of Committee on Committees: Elders Tommy Day, chairman, Cecil Garrison, Noel Easterling, Clyde Johnson, and Jim Spurlock.

Reading of church letters by moderator.

Elder Roy Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee was nominated and elected to preach the 11:00 o'clock message Friday.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until 9:30 A.M. Friday. Benediction, Elder Arthur Lee Galloway.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "That's Why I Love Him So," directed by Eld. Cecil Garrison, Wiloma Edens, pianist. Scripture Eccles. 11:1-10; Prayer, Eld. Auburn Green.

Visiting ministers recognized: Eld. Roy Thomas, Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee; Eld. Truman Allred from Indian Creek Association in Missouri.

Reading of church letters continued: all regularly elected delegates, ordained ministers, and ordained deacons were given the right hand of fellowship, by Moderator, and seated.

Elder Horace M. Knox was re-elected moderator. Motion moved, seconded, and carried that Sis. Willie Bohannan be re-elected clerk, by acclamation. Eld. Eldon Bagwell re-elected assistant moderator. Moved, seconded, and carried that Sis. Virginia Johnson be re-elected as assistant clerk, by acclamation.

Motion moved, seconded, and carried to receive the report of Committee on Committees and discharge the committee.

Motions carried to print the obituaries of Frankie Jo Clark, Annie Kirk Bennett, John Lynch, Flem Wasson, Porter Stafford and Sarah Bessie Harp.

Benediction, Elder Noel Easterling.

FRIDAY 11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Hymn: "Bring Them In," Eld. Claudie Hendrix directing, Sis. Mabel Phillips, pianist.

Specials in song by The Roy Thomas family, "The Lighthouse," and "Build My Mansion Next Door to Jesus," as solo by daughter, Patsy.

Eld. Knox introduces Elder Roy Thomas, Deputational Home Missionary for the National Assoc. of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Thomas read II Cor. 10:13-18 and Acts 10:1-6. Following the message an invitation was extended to those with special needs. Prayer was offered for those acknowledging their need.

Announcement by Divine Service Committee:

Elders Loyd Thomas and Dennis Artman for Friday night. Elders Arthur Lee Galloway and Tommy Day for Saturday morning.

Benediction, Eld. Sammie Lane.

FRIDAY P. M. SERVICE

Hymn: "At The Cross," Eld. Charlie Bagwell directing, Mabel Phillips, pianist. Scripture lesson Psalms 19; prayer, Eld. Tommy Day.

Motion carried that we receive the report of non-represented churches and discharge the committee.

Recognition was given to visiting ministers, Eld. Auburn Green of Old Union Assoc. and Eld. O. T. Allred, Indian Creek Association. Each gave a short talk.

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

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

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT given by Eld. Tommy Day.

Motion carried to receive the Home Mission Board report. Elder Harvey Butler nominated and elected to the Home Mission Board for a term of 5 years.

BUILDING COMMITTEE report given by Eld. Noel Easterling.

Motion carried that we have the Ass'n. Bldg. air conditioned . . . also to have a new furnace in conjunction with the conditioner.

EXAMINING COUNCIL REPORT given by Eld. Noel Easterling.

The Examining Council has examined Bros. Dennis Artman, David Watson, and Jimmy Rogers and each ordained to the ministery.

YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT given by Eld. Bobby Shepherd.

Brother Jim Spurlock nominated and elected to the Youth Camp Board for a term of 5 years.

Eld. Dennis Artman nominated and elected for a 4 year term to replace Eld. Gary Terrell who moved away.

Eld. Tommy Day nominated and elected for a term of 3 years to the Examining Council. A motion carried to accept the recognition of Eld. Willie Capps from the Examining Council. Eld. Clyde Johnson was nominated and elected for a two year term on the Examining Council to replace Eld. Willie Capps who resigned.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 A. M. Saturday to resume business. Benediction Eld. Dennis Artman.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Eld. Eldon Bagwell, Charlotte McCoy at the piano.

Duet: Leona and Suzanne Bagwell.

Quartet: Bagwell-Collins.

Special by Grimes singers.

Special by Youth from Mt. Zion Church.

A special collection was taken to help pay for air conditioner, \$138.34. Prayer by Eld. Lonnie Burks.

The messenger of the evening was Eld. Dennis Artman.

Scripture lesson I Cor. 11:23-32. There were 29 ministers present for this service and 53 men and 39 women took part in the communion service which followed.

Song: "I'll Fly Away."

SATURDAY A.M. SESSION

Song: "Where The Soul Never Dies," Eld. Claudie Hendrix directing, Debbie Vanhook, pianist. Scripture lesson St. John 14:1-13; prayer, Eld. Luther Jones.

Delegates to the Arkansas State Association, Sisters Hazel Easterling, Shirley Galloway, Shirley Thomas, and Pearl Day. Ministers to the State Association were Elders Loyd Thomas, Noel Easterling, Arthur Lee Galloway and Horace M. Knox.

Motion carried to receive the Finance Report and discharge the committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT given by Eld. Claude Hendrix. A motion carried to receive the Executive Board report. Eld. Claude Hendrix elected for a term of 5 years on the Executive Board.

RADIO REPORT given by Eld. Cecil Garrison. A motion carried to receive the report and to continue the Radio Program under the supervision of Eld. Cecil Garrison as Radio Pastor.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 received for discussion. A motion carried to adopt Res. No. 1 and to retain it in the Minutes along with other resolutions — 'Permanently Printed.'

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

Motion carried to receive the Obituary report and discharge the committee.

Motion carried to discharge the Divine Service committee. Motion carried to have 1000 minutes printed.

Eld. Lonnie Burks was nominated and elected to preach the Introductory Message at the next session; Eld. Dave Casteel was elected as his alternate.

Motion carried to dismiss business session until 1:30 P. M. Benediction Eld. Charlie Bagwell.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be," and "Precious Memories," directed by Eld. Eldon Bagwell; Leona Bagwell, pianist.

Eld. Tommy Day is introduced by the moderator to conduct the first part of the service. Scripture lesson Phil. 1:20-23 and II Tim. 4:6-7, was followed by prayer. Bro. Day commented briefly on the lives of the departed ones.

Bro. Arthur Lee Galloway enters the pulpit and reads St. John 14:18-19; Rev. 1:5 and I Cor. 15:1-23. Bro. Galloway requests that Eld. Burl True lead in prayer. Text: "Because I live, ye shall live also." This was a very comforting message to all of God's children.

Congregational song: "Heaven's Jubilee." Benediction, Eld. Eldon Bagwell.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

"When God Dips His Love In My Heart" was led by Bro. Clint Edens with Sis. Wiloma Edens at the piano. Scripture, I Cor. 13, was read by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Jim Spurlock.

Delegates to Old Union Association: Bro. Roy Edgmon, Sis. Suzie Watson, Sis. Elsie Vaughn, Eld. Claude Hendrix, Eld. Luther Jones, Bro. Jack Wilcox and Sis. Betty Wilcox.

Botion carried to receive their report and discharge the Resolution Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday night before the second Sunday in August, 1973, at 7:30.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

(By Our Youth)

Eld. Loyd Thomas, Youth Camp Director, had charge of the service. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Lonnie Siler with Sis. Beth Lawson at the piano. Prayer was led by Bro. Raymond Day. Special singing was rendered as follows: duet by Louise and Lisa Johnson; three trio numbers by Jeff Thomas, Brent Hemmingway and Brenda McCollough; solo by John Thomas.

Bro. Danny Phillips brought a stirring message on "Being a tag-along after worldly lusts and spiritual death due to neglect."

An invitation was given and one young man came forward and rededicated his life.

The service ended with an old-fashioned handshake. Closing prayer by Bro. Jim Spurlock.

DELEGATES BY CHURCHES

(Brothers and Sisters)

MT. ZION—Ann Anderson, Lena Phillips and Lonzo Eoff.

PILGRIMS REST—Mittie Gafford, Verna Graham and Irena

Wright.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Velma Phillips.

FARMER—Lucille Randall, Charlotte McCoy and William Worley.

HOPE-Ina Harp, Naoma Spurlock and Doris Harp.

FREEDOM-Donna Doyle, Wiloma Edens and Leona Henson.

HICKORY FLATT — Eulena Casteel, Ethel Hobbs and Linda Perryman.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Barbara Christman.

HUNTSVILLE—Charlinda Gurley, Betty Jo Gurley and Imogene Parks.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Suzie Watson, Delma Clark and Jim Clark. ROGERS—Jack Wilcox, Betty Wilcox and Zella Vanhook.

OAK GROVE—Russell Plumlee, Janice Artman and Marilyn Flowers.

I FAYETTEVILLE—Verlon Napier, Elsworth Winn and Wilbert Lawson.

CLIFTY CHAPEL—Mary Phillips, Carol Phillips and Opal Hinds. NEW SULPHUR—By Letter.

LIBERTY—By Letter.

ANTIOCH—Not Represented.

EUREKA SPRINGS—Joyce Hull, Gloria Kelly and Sammy Franklin.

II FAYETTEVILLE—By Letter.

FALL CREEK—By Letter.

PEA RIDGE—Abbie Lasater, Lillian Hileman and Janice Lasater. VICTORY—Tressie Porter, Yvonne Whittle and Ozonia Marrs. HICKORY GROVE—Gladys Lynch, Olive Lynch and Mary Johnson.

BERRYVILLE—Orvil Clark, Gary Faulkner and Everett White. CALVARY—Hazel Easterling, Charles Clark and Lois Guess.

GENERAL REPORTS Annual Report of Radio Program 8-1-71 to 8-5-72

Carry Over		\$	270.25
Received		1	,301.97
	Total	\$1	,572.22
	\$1,060.00	\$	512.22

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

Financial Statement of Building and Youth Camp Funds

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Offering at '71 Session of Association		\$	266.00
General Offering and 5th Sunday Meetings		. 1	,412.85
Camp Fee and Sales from Stand	-	. 1	,341.20
Total Receipts		\$3	,020.05
Expenditures:			
Cost of Youth Camp	\$1,338.60		
Paid Off Debt			
Insurance	85.40		
Mowing Yard			
Utilities			
New Office Room			
Sign	82.50		
Total Expense			
Amount On Hand		\$	474.04

Home Mission Board Report - Aug. 4, 1971 to Aug. 9, 1972 Bal. Brought Forward as of Aug. 4, 1971 _____ \$ 622.00 5th Sunday Offering, 8, 29, 71 _____ \$ 186.20 5th Sunday Offering, 10, 31, 71 ______ 183.00 199.50 5th Sunday Offering, 1, 30, 72 5th Sunday Offering, 4, 30, 72 234.50 5th Sunday Offering, 7, 30, 72 _____ 190.10 Total _____ \$1,615.30 Amount Paid Out: Berryville Church, 10-30-71 _____\$ 500.00 Hope F.W.B. Church, 5-29-72 300.00 Calvery F.W.B. Church, 5-29-72 300.00 Total Amount Paid Out \$1,100.00 Balance on 8-9-72 \$ 515.30

Meetings

The Board met in Bro. Glen Barns home on October 22, 1971 and voted to give Berryville F.W.B. Church \$500.00.

The Board met in Bro. Tommy Days home on April 29, 1972 and voted to give the Hope F.W.B. Church \$300.00. Also the Calvery F.W.B. Church \$300.00.

Sec. Rev. Tommy Day

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

"For we are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9a.

The Executive Board was present at all 5th Sunday Meetings. We collected \$993.30 and handed to the Home Mission Board. We collected and delivered to the General Fund, \$1,412.85. We accepted the resignation of Bro. Gary Terrell from the Youth Camp Board on Oct. 31, 1971 and appointed Bro. Harvey Butler to the Youth Camp Board. Bro. Butler would not accept. We met with the Youth Camp Board at a called meeting Dec. 30, 1971.

Eld. Claude Hendrix, Chairman

STATISTICAL REPORT

Old Mt. Zion Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists is composed of 25 churches. Many church letters were incomplete. Statistics as given are:

Number of churches, 24; church membership, 1,799; number of parsonages, 3; number of ordained ministers, 65; number of licensed ministers, 7; number of ordained deacons, 77; enrollment of Sunday Schools, 1,387; average attendance in Sunday Schools, 1,187; enrollment of Church Training Service, 203; average attendance of Church Training Service, 180; enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries, 23; Mid week service average attendance, 475; pastor's salaries, \$37,463; evangelist work. \$8,129; building and repair, \$54,240; literature, \$5,464; utilities, \$6,926; flowers, \$3,211; all others (misc.) \$15,041; total spent for local causes \$130,474. Cooperative plan, \$1,770; foreign missions, \$2,-038; home missions, \$1,556; education, \$50; associational projects, \$1,509; state and national projects, \$157; Youth camp, radio program and all other outside causes, \$6,596; total spent for outside causes, \$13,676; total expenditures, \$144,150; value of church property, \$317,750; value of parsonages, \$29,500; amount sent to state association, \$207.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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

- DIVINE SERVICE Berry Puryear, chairman; Jim Clark, Yvonne Whittle, Donna Doyle and Opal Hinds.
- FINANCE Suzie Watson, chairwoman; Verlon Napier, Claudie Hendrix, Roy Edgmon and Orvil Clark.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL Lois Guess, chairwoman; Zella Vanhook, Charlotte McCoy, Lillian Hileman, Danny Phillips.
- UNION OF CHURCHES David Watson, chairman; Jack Wilcox, Arthur Lee Galloway, Lena Phillips, Ezra Sims.
- RESOLUTIONS Bruce Phillips, chairman; Noel Easterling, Clyde Johnson, Bobby Shepherd and Dennis Artman.
- TEMPERANCE Betty Jo Gurley, chairwoman; Hazel Easterling, Charlie Bagwell, Elsworth Winn, Mittie Gafford.
- OBITUARY Irena Wright, chairwoman; Joyce Hull, Wiloma Edens, Sammie Lane and Eulena Casteele.

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES — George Lynch, chairman; Ann Anderson, Ozenia Marrs, Mary Phillips and Joyce Hileman.

Tommy Day, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, believe we should be temperate in all things. I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. "Rom. 12:1. We must keep our bodies under subjection unto the Lord." "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, not taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. — He that doeth these things shall never be moved." Psalm 15:2, 3,5b.

Betty Jo Gurley, Chairwoman

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, believe it is equally important that parents attend Sunday School as well as making a way for their children to attend. We also believe that the guidance and christian teaching given your child will make the difference in tomorrow's future. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:5-6.

Lois Mae Guess, Chairwoman

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES

We, your committee on Non-Represented Churches, find that all the churches have reported to the association except the Antioch Church. We suggest that the Antioch Church be given another opportunity and that we carry them in our minutes another year. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Gen. 4:9b.

George Lynch, Chairman

FINANCE REPORT

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

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•	Clerk	State	Local
Mt. Zion	\$2.00	\$13.00	\$ 20.00
Pilgrims Rest	2.00	13.00	17.00
Christian Home	2.00	5.00	8.00
Farmer	2.00		13.00
Hope	2.00	13.00	10.00
Freedom	2.00	13.00	20.00
Hickory Flatt	2.00	3.00	5.00
Pleasant Valley	2.00	3.00	5.00
Huntsville	3.00	13.00	15.00
Phillips Chapel	2.00	15.00	48.00
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	3.00	3.00	10.00
Liberty (Wichita)	2.00		10.00
Antioch		-0-	0
Eureka Springs	3.50		7.50
2nd FWB Fayetteville	2.00	13.00	11.00
Pea Ridge	2.00	13.00	6.00
Fall Creek	2.00	3.00	5.00
Victory	2.00	3.00	10.00
Berryville	2.00	13.00	10.00
Calvary	 2. 00	13.00	10.00
Hickory Grove	2.00	6.00	10.00
Personal			10.00
Total	\$50.50	\$207.00	\$311.50

Susie Watson, Chairwoman

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 labors together with God, ye are Gods husbandry, ye are Gods building. (I Corinthians 3:9)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. (Psalm 133:1)

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. (Eph. 4:3-4)

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. (Eph. 4:13)

Eld. Auther Galloway, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

We, the Resolution committee, submit the following:

Resolution No. 1 (permanent) (In regard to ordination of ministers.) When a church member acknowledges their call to the ministery they should be licensed by the church of which they are a member for the period of one year prior to ordination: Or, until they have proved themselves to the church. When the member has proven himself the church should call for his ordination.

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 Board's assistance.
- 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 htis 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 advocating 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 God has called home 24 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We believe that our loss is their gain. The bible teaches that sweet is the reward of the faithful and sweet the hopes of meeting them in heaven, if we are faithful until death.

Irena Wright, Chairwoman

Porter F. Stafford

Porter Forest Stafford, 88, of Clifty, died Oct. 18 in the Madison County Hospital at Huntsville. He was born in Rogers, Sept. 21, 1883 and was a deacon of the Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Moore Stafford of Tyler, Texis, and Mitchell Stafford of Clifty; three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Shepherd of Wewoka, Okla., Mrs. Mae Scott of Collinsville, Okla., and Gay Ford of Wewoka, Okla.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Rock Free Will Baptist Church with burial in the War Eagle cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Home of Berryville.

Lawrence Eugene Ellis

Funeral services for Lawrence Eugene Ellis, 57, of Route 5, Rogers, who died Nov. 22, were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock in Callison Funeral Home chapel in Rogers with Rev. Horace Knox officiating.

Burial will be in Austin cemetery under the direction of Callison Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mildred Bowlin Ellis of the home; his mother, Mrs. Clara Ellis of Route 5; three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Kisner of Springdale, Mrs. Leta Ford of Wichita, Kan. and Mrs. Margaret McDuffey of Oklahoma City, Okla., and three brothers, Pete, J. D. and Clyde Ellis of Best.

James Samuel Harp

A Springdale man, James Samuel Harp, 26, died Friday as a result of injuries he sustained when thrown from the rear of a moving truck Wednesday evening, June 14.

Harp had been in critical condition at Springdale Memorial Hospital where he was taken by ambulance shortly after 7 p.m. Wednesday. Fire department spokesman said the accident occurred on Highway 68 east near Nob Hill and apparently was the result of a mattress in the rear of the truck being blown about by wind and knocking Harp onto the highway.

Born Nov. 27, 1945 at Berryville, Harp was the son of Loyd and Edith Tice Harp. He was a member of Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church and the Pilgrim Rest Riding Club.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harp of the home; two brothers, Lester of Springdale and Virgil of the home; one sister, Mrs. Betty Cannady of Rogers; and his grandfather, James Monroe Harp of Berryville.

William H. Reynolds

William H. Reynolds, 89, resident of Route 2, Springdale, died June 6 at 11:20 p.m. at Springdale Memorial Hospital. He was born July 13, 1882 at Spring Valley, the son of Allen Reynolds and Sarah Johnson Reynolds. He was married to Edna Clardy, who preceded him in death six years ago. A retired farmer, he was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Ivan Reynolds, of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Leoma Graham of Springdale; four grand-children; six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Sisco Chapel with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in the Joyce Cemetery under the direction of Sisco Funeral Chapel. He was a member of Pilgrims Rest Church.

Charles D. Allen

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Monday, at the Freewill Baptist Church in Oak Grove for Charles Donaldson Allen, 65, with the Rev. Dennis Artman, the Rev. Ronnie Reed, and the Rev. Oliver Wood, officiating.

Interment was in the Hale cemetery under the direction of the Nelson Funeral Home of Berryville.

Mr. Allen was born Dec. 27, 1906, in Carroll County, the son of James and Emoline Minick Allen, and died July 6 at his home in Oak Grove.

He was married to May Atchley, March 20, 1927, and they had five children.

Survivors include his widow, May Allen of the home; three daughters: Mrs. Louella Hayden of Rt. 3, Green Forest,

Mrs. Patricia Strandlee of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Donna Allen of the home; two sons, Kenneth of Rt. 1, Berryville, and Earl Dean of Tracy, Cal.; one brother, George of Carden, Okla.; and ten grandchildren.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Oak Grove.

Lt. Col. Lloyd Vaughan

Lt. Col. James Lloyd Vaughan, 48, of Huntsville, radar navigator aboard a B-52 bomber that crashed in the Pacific about 300 miles west of Guam, died of injuries July 8, 1972.

Lloyd had been a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church since 1953.

Survivors are his widow, Dorma Presley Vaughan, his two daughters, Marla and Twila, both of the home; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Dunaway of Fayetteville.

He was born Jan. 5, 1924, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vaughan of Huntsville.

A memorial service was held at the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church at 2:30 Saturday, July 15. Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Eldon Bagwell officiated.

Honorary bearers were Charles Gurley, Derald Parks, Ray Drake, Guy Whorton, Harvey Hatfield, Joe Boatright, Denton Grubbs and J. D. Montgomery.

Jason Myers Jones

Jason Myers Jones, 76, of Huntsville, died Thursday, May 18, 1972 in the Madison County Hospital. Born March 1, 1896 in Madison County, the son of John and Nancy Brashears Jones; he was a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Susvivors include his widow, Frona Walden Jones of the home; a son, Roy Jones of Huntsville, Rt. 5; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Easterling of Springdale, Mrs. Loretta Dotson of Huntsville, and Mrs. Vinita Robinette of Sunray, Texas; a brother, Eli Jones of Springdale; a sister, Mrs. Mellie Myers of Springdale; 13 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, May 20, at 1:00 in the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. J. A. Green and Rev. Bobby Shepherd officiating. Burial was in the Alabam Cemetery under direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

John W. Lynch

John Walter Lynch was born to George and Katheryn Lynch January 5, 1886 at Clifty, Arkansas and departed this life after a short illness in the Southeast Colorado Hospital in Springfield, Colorado on June 12, 1972, at the age of 86 years, 5 months and 7 days.

John grew to manhood in the Clifty Community and was converted and baptized at an early age, and united with the Free Will Baptist Church.

On August 15, 1906, he was united in marriage to Susan Audrey Ellis. To this union was born five children: Opal Agnes Higgins of Canon City, Colorado, Alma Marie Pearce, Pritchett, Colorado, Ruby Kathryn Whitman, Pritchett, Colorado, Evelyn Deleta Horner, Pritchett, Colorado and one son who died in infancy.

In March, 1915, the family moved from Arkansas to a farm in the Liberal, Kansas vicinity. On February 1, 1916 they moved to a homestead near Pritchett, Colorado.

In 1932 John united with the Church of God and lived a faithful christian life until the time of his passing.

John and Audrey were blessed with a long and happy married life. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1956.

His wife, Audrey, preceded him in death on August 26, 1963. He leaves to mourn his passing four daughters, 16 grand-children, 35 great grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter, and 1 sister, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

And God sent a man

And his name was John.

George C. Vanhook

George C. Vanhook, age 69, of 415 N. 4 St., Rogers, Ark., died December 2, 1971 at Rogers Memorial Hospital. He was born March 5, 1902 at Mundell, Ark., the son of James and Emma Weatherman Vanhook. He lived in the Mundell area until 10 years ago, when Beaver Reservoir land was acquired by the Federal Government.

He was a retired farmer; he united with the Free Will Baptist Church early in life and was a deacon in the Old Clifty Church of Free Will Baptist in the West Pleasant Valley District from 1926 until it was disbanded in 1960 to make way for Beaver Reservoir.

He is survived by his wife, Nora Scott Vanhook, three

brothers, Lester Vanhook, Rogers, Denzel Vanhook, Forum, Vernal Vanhook, of La Junta, Colo.

Funeral services were held at the Burn Funeral Chapel Dec. 6, 1971 at 10:30 A.M. Burial was in the Union Chapel portion of the Ruddick Cemetery near Garfield, Ark. Rev. Horace Knox officiating, assisted by Rev. Luther Jones and Rev. Noel Easterling.

Flem Lee Wasson

Flem Lee Wasson, 70, of Huntsville, died June 11, 1972, in the Boone County Hospital at Harrison, following a heart attack. He was born October 14, 1901, in Alpena, Arkansas, the son of James and Vina Moore Wasson. He was a retired barber and a resident of Madison County for approximately eight years, having moved there from Boone County. He attended the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church and had taught in the Old Mt. Zion Youth Camp the past two years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Everett Wasson, of the home; two daughters, Willene Waite of Wichita, Kansas, and Mary Lee Jones of Springfield, Missouri; two brothers, E. J. and John Wasson, both of Harrison; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Harrison at Christenson's Funeral Home on June 13, 1972, at 3:30 P.M. with Elder Noel Easterling and Elder Harold DuVall conducting. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery.

Ray Waterman

Ray Waterman, born June 13, 1906, in Laclede County, Mo., died May 22, 1972 at the Boone County Hospital in Harrison, Ark.

He was married to Geneva Minick and they were the parents of one daughter.

Mr. Waterman was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Eldridge, Mo., and an active worker and song director of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include his widow, of the home; his daughter, Mrs. Pauline White, and two grandchildren, Everta Rae and Paul White of Berryville, Ark.; his stepmother, Mrs. Harriet Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Oma Thornton, Des-Moines, Iowa; a half sister, Mary Carol White, Camdenton, Mo.; and six half brothers, Claude and Homer Waterman, Springfield, Mo., Sherman Waterman, Lebanon, Mo., Oda, Walter, and Glen Waterman of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were at the Free Will Baptist Church at

Oak Grove, with service conducted by the Reverends Winford Davis, Monette, Mo., Dennis Artman, Harvey Butler and Ronnie Reed of the Oak Grove area. Interment was in the Hale Cemetery.

Sam Jones

Sam Jones, 87, of Clifty, died at his home on Saturday, Nov. 13. He was born Jan. 8, 1884 in Madison County, the son of John Albert and Emylin Fanning Jones.

He was a retired farmer and a deacon in the Clifty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Lutie Graham Jones of the home, four sons, Fred of Huntsville, Harvey of Hindsville, Eugene of Springdale, and William of Lincoln, Neb., five daughters, Mrs. Velma Phillips, Hindsville, Mrs. Marlin Hadley of Springdale, and Mrs. Barbara Shipp of Huntsville, Mrs. Wanetta Puryear of Springdale, and Jaye Carnes of Westboro, Mo.

Also surviving is one sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Bohannan of Huntsville, one brother, Speed Jones of Springdale, 27 grand-children, 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Clifty Free Will Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were grandsons Harold, Howard, Farrell, Bobby and Darell Jones, Loy Phillips, James Shipp and Rickey Puryear. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Bohannan, Floy Crumley, Sammy Lane, Myrl Jones, Hugh Worley and Melvin Graham.

Burial was in the Clifty Cemetery under the direction of Huntsville Funeral Home.

William L. Roark

William L. Roark, 88, of 603 South Second Street, Rogers, died at his home Wednesday night, July 13, 1972. He was born October 31, 1883 near Linn, Missouri.

He was a retired poultry man and a member of the Rogers Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Mae Wright Roark of the home; three sons, Harold of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Donald of Denver City Texas, and Richard of Jefferson City, Missouri; five daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Mueller, and Mrs. Ruby Demo, both of Rogers, Mrs. Clara Shults of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mrs. Mabel Glaeseman, and Mrs. Mattie Cover both of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother, N. D. Roark of Sedalia, Missouri;

Two sisters, Mrs. Rosetta Headman of Provo, Utah, and Mrs. Myrtle Wheeler of Kansas City, Missouri, nineteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 15, at the Callison Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Luther Jones and the Rev. Kenneth Jones officiating. Burial was in the Rogers Cemetery under the direction of the Callison Funeral Home of Rogers.

Loving Memories

Your gentle face and patient smile
With sadness we recall
You had a kindly word for each

You had a kindly word for each And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart That loved us well and true.

Ah, bitter was the trial to part From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one Nor will you ever be.

As long as life and memory last We will remember thee.

We miss you now. Our hearts are sore As time goes by we miss you more

Your loving smile, your gentle face No one can fill your vacant place.

R. A. (Jim) Lasater

R. A. (Jim) Lasater, 80, a lifetime resident of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, died August 27, 1971 in Rogers Memorial Hospital.

He was born Jonuary 3, 1891. He was a retired barber and also bought walnut timber through the years. He was a member of Pea Ridge Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Abbie V. Mount Lasater, to whom he was married December 22, 1915; three sons, Jack and Joe of Pea Ridge, Jene of Blue Springs, Missouri; ten grandchildren and one great grandson; two brothers, Shan Lasater of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Dick Lasater of Pineville, Missouri; two sisters, Kate Rauman of Rifle, Colorado and Artie Deason of Kansas City, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 29, 1971 in Sisco Chapel in Pea Ridge with Rev. Horace Knox, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church and Rev. Jerry Yarbrough, pastor of the Pea Ridge United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Pea Ridge Cemetery under the direction of Sisco Funeral Home of Pea Ridge.

Miss Wilma Florine Norris

Miss Wilma Florine Norris, 67, of 2C Applegate Dr., died Dec. 14 in Madison County Hospital. Born Dec. 1, 1904 at Kingston, the daughter of William and Nancy Thomas Norris, she was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Lovel, Jasper, and Tom Norris, all of Springdale; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Randall and Mrs. Sadie Burk, both of Springdale, and Mrs. Mary Ward of Berryville.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Huntsville Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in Kingston cemetery under the direction of Huntsville Funeral Home.

Lillie May Hammonds

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p.m., for Lillie May Hammonds, 84, daughter of John R. and Susan Standlee Jones, at the Freewill Baptist Church in Oak Grove, with the Rev. Harvey Butler and Rev. Ronnie Reed, officiating.

Interment was in the Hale Cemetery under direction of the Nelson Funeral Home of Berryville.

Mrs. Hammonds was born July 13, 1887, in Carroll County, and died Monday, Jan. 24, at Carroll General Hospital in Berryville.

She was married July 18, 1926 to James F. Hammonds who preceded her in death in June, 1943.

Surviving are one sister-in-law, Mrs. Pearlie Jones of Oak Grove, and several nieces and nephews.

She had professed her hope in Christ when a girl and was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Oak Grove.

Mrs. Dorothy Bowen . . .

Mrs. Derothy Bowen, 54, Route 1, Springdale, died May 11, 4:30 p.m., at the Springdale Memorial Hospital. She was born June 2, 1917 in Newton County, the daughter of Erven W. and Dora Belle Gibbons Eoff. She moved to Springdale in 1957 from Kingston and was a member of the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Truman William Bowen, to whom she was married March 19, 1938, of the home; two sons, Rev. Darriel W. Bowen of Springdale and Jimmy David Bowen of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Chrystene) McKenzie, Mrs. Wayne (Fern) Watson and Mrs. Betty Mason

of Springdale; four brothers, Willie Eoff of Springdale, Hillard Eoff of Sunnyside, Wash., Troy Eoff of Long Beach, Calif., and James C. Eoff of Bremerton, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. John (Pearl) Bowen of Kingston; ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Opal Cross

Mrs. Opal Agnes Cross, 59, of Prairie Grove died in a Fayetteville hospital Sunday. Born May 4, 1912 at Greenwood, the daughter of Van J. and Zella Gilliam Fuller, she was a Baptist.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Druecilla Fiddler of Prairie Grove, Mrs. Joy Carr of Alma and Mrs. Roy Lee Whitehouse of Spring City, Pa.; two sons, Duane of Fremont, Calif. and David of Prairie Grove; one sister, Miss Magdeline Fuller of Indianapolis, Ind.; one brother, Waymond Fuller of Fort Worth, Tex.; her parents of Fort Smith; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the New Sulphur Baptist Church with burial in Prairie Grove Cemetery under direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home.

Laura Jones

Mrs. Laura Temperance Jones, 84, Cain St., Huntsville, died July 15, 1972, 6:15 p.m. in the Madison County Hospital following an extended illness. She was born near Kingston, Aug. 9, 1887, the daughter of John and Gemina Bolinger Stansell. The widow of Wiley Oscar Jones, who preceded her in death in Feb., 1961, she was a lifetime resident of Madison County and a member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Clell, Virgil and Everett Jones, all of Huntsville; three grandchildren, four great grandchildren; one brother, Ashberry Stansell of Nortonville, Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Anna Boatright of Springdale.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Noel Easterling and Rev. Eldon Bagwell officiating.

Pallbearers were Dewell Jones, Roy Jones, Lawrence Jones, Leonard Stansell, Douglas Stansell and Lee Stansell.

Burial was in the Kingston Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Annie Elizabeth Kirk Bennett

Annie Elizabeth Kirk Bennett, daughter of Robert and Lovina Comstock Webb, was born January 28, 1893 in Benton County, Arkansas, and departed this life July 22, 1972 at Rogers Memorial Hospital, Rogers, Arkansas, at the age of 79 years. Her home was Rogers, Ark.

She was united in marriage to Thomas Kirk who preceded her in death in 1957. She was later united in marriage to William James Bennett who also preceded her in death. She was also

preceded in death by one daughter, Lena Mae Allen.

She is survived by four sons, Lawrence G. Kirk of Bell Gardens, California; William F. Kirk and Grover S. Kirk, both of Rogers, Arkansas; and Jack L. Kirk of Bell Gardens, California; two daughters, Daisy Drake of Brea, California and Susan Marie Grigg of Rogers, Arkansas; two brothers, Robert Webb of Orville, California and Thomas Webb of Fortuna, California; three sisters, Minnie Kirk and Alice Morrison, both of Rogers, Arkansas; and Edith Hatfield of Tulsa, Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Sarah "Bessie" Harp . . .

Sarah "Bessie" Harp, daughter of Elige and Jane Smith Foster, was born May 13, 1887 in Carroll County, Arkansas and departed this life January 13, 1972 at Huntsville, Arkansas at the age of 84 years. Her home was Berryville, Arkansas.

She was united in marriage December 25, 1907 to James M. Harp and to this union 9 children were born. Three sons and

two daughters preceded her in death.

Surviving her are her husband, James M. Harp of the home; four sons, Delbert and Elbert Harp, both of Berryville, Arkansas; and Boyd and Loyd Harp, both of Springdale, Arkansas; one brother, Alfred Foster of Huntsville, Arkansas; two sisters, Fannie Miller of Huntsville, Arkansas and Emma Walace of Exeter, Mo.; 23 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She had professed her hope in Christ and was a member of the White Oak Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted by Nelson Funeral Home with burial at Camp Ground Cemetery.

Virgie M. Foster

Mrs. Virgie M. Foster, 49, Midland, Texas, died Dec. 23,

1971. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard R. Foster of the home; two sons, Harold Lee Bagwell of Santa Susana, Calif.; and Clyde Gene Bowlin of Montreal, Canada; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nile Phillips of Springdale; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Sera of Springdale; six brothers, Junior Lee Phillips of Springdale; Cecil F. Phillips of Springdale; Earl Gaylon and Gene Phillips of Rupert, Idaho; and Frank Phillips of Fairbanks, Alaska; eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Sisco Chapel. Burial in Burk Shed Cemetery.

Rachel C. Puryear

Rachel C. Puryear, 98, Route 1, Hindsville, Ark., died June 12, 1972. She was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church. Survivors include two sons, Berry Puryear of Springdale; Robert Puryear of Hindsville; two daughters, Mrs. Velma Archer and Mrs. Nellie Morris, both of Springdale; ane sister, Mrs. Lucy Morris of Vaughn, 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Zion Church with Rev. Cecil Garrison and Rev. Clyde Johnson officiating. Burial in Burk Shed Cemetery.

Frankie Jo Clark

Frankie Jo Clark, daughter of Elmer and Roxie Sisco was born Oct. 9, 1932, at Osage, Ark. She died Dec. 16, 1971, at her home in Gentry, Ark., at the age of 39 years. She was a member of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, George Clark of the home; one son, Michale Gage, also of Gentry, Ark.; her mother, Roxie Abernathy of Berryville, Ark.; one sister, Haleen Haag of Berryville, Ark. She was preceded in death by her father, Elmer Sisco and one brother, John Sisco. She was laid to rest in the Gobbler Cemetery under the direction of the Nelson Funeral Home of Berryville, Ark.

Rest in peace until we can stroll over heaven with you.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Hill, Ernest, age 75 207 Public Sq., Berryville, Ark. 72616
Hobbs, Jack, age 67 Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. 72740
Johnson, Clyde, age 66 Rt. 9, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701
Johnson, Ernest, age 37 Rt. 3, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Jones, Glenn, age 60 Rt. 1, West Fork, Ark. 72774
Jones, Luther, age 65 817 N. 14th, Rogers, Ark. 72756
Kirk, P. G., age 88 Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. 72756
Knox, H. M., age 65 621 No. C, Rogers, Ark. 72756
Lane, Sammie, age 63 Rt. 5, Rogers, Ark. 72756
Lynch, George, age 63 Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738
Lynch, Kenneth, age 32 Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738
McKinney, Elmo, age 65 Rt. 4, Berryville, Ark. 72616
Montgomery, Steve, age 67 Rt. 4, Huntsville, Ark. 72740
Morris, Earl Dean, age 37 Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701
Morris, Jack, age 40 Rt. 1, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701
Newton, Larry Rt. 2, Seymour, Mo. 65746
Phillips, Bruce, age 69 510 N. Water, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Porter, Layton, age 48 _ 1607 Backus, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Rogers, Jimmy 3704 N. Emporia, Wichita, Kansas 67219
Roller, George, age 53 Bentonville, Ark. 72712
Shepherd, Bobby, age 28 Rt. 2, Huntsville, Ark. 72740
Spears, James L., age 32 2600 Tracee Way, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Spurlock, Floyd, age 64 Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark. 72740
Thomas, Leslie, age 49 335 N. Madison, Wichita, Kan. 67204
Thomas, Loyd, age 36 _ 1044 S. Garland, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701
Tice, Clarence, age 65 Rt. 5, Huntsville, Ark. 72740
Todd, David, age 34 Rt. 1, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Watson, David, age 18 Rt. 5, Springdale, Ark. 72764
Williams, Troy J., age 29 Rt. 10, 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 assemblying of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquor as beverage; that we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn covenant, may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the Great Head of the church, which is Jesus Christ the Saviour.

RULES OF ORDER

- 1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.
- 2. Ministers, 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 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 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 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 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.
- 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. 15:51-58.
- 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 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	Experience and Baptism	By Letter	Statement Of Faith	Dismissal By Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	1866	George Lynch	George Lynch	0	0	0		0	3	120
Pilgrims Rest	1911	David Todd	David Todd	0	0	0	0	0	2	106
Christian Home	1892	Steve Montgomery	Steve Montgomery	3	0	0	0	0	1	26
Farmer	1945	Loren Collins	Loren Collins	0	2	0	0	0	0	41
Hope	1945	Clarence Tice	Jack Morris	5	11	6	0	0	0	60
Freedom	1950	Bruce Phillips	Bruce Phillips	0	0	0	1	0	0	125
Hickory Flatt	1951	Norman Cline	Norman Cline	0	0	0	5	0	0	18
Pleasant Valley	1951	Johnny Christman	Johnny Christman	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Huntsville	1952	Eldon Bagwell	Eldon Bagwell	0	0	0	6	0	3	114
Phillips Chapel	1952	Cecil Garrison	Cecil Garrison	6	2	0	7	0	2	340
Rogers	1953	Luther Jones	Luther Jones	6	2	2	2	11	2	195
Oak Grove	1955	Harvey Butler	Dennis Artman	0	2	2	3	0	2	97
Fayetteville 1st FWB	1956	Tommy Day	James Spears	0	9	0	5	2	0	75
Clifty Chapel	1958	Bobby Shepherd	Bobby Shepherd	1	0	4	2	0	2	61
New Sulphur	1958	Glenn Jones	Glenn Jones	1	0	6	5	0	1	72
Liberty (Wichita)	1959	Leslie Thomas	Leslie Thomas	1	4	0	0	7	0	15
Antioch	1910 1961	Dearl Wilson	Dearl Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Eureka Springs	1962	John D. Birchfield	John D. Birchfield	13	0	0	0	0	0	62
Fayetteville 2nd FWB	1965	Lloyd Thomas	Lloyd Thomas	15	0	0	6	3	1	37
Fall Creek	1967	Jack Boyd	Jack Boyd	0	3	0	2	2	0	44
Pea Ridge	1967	Horace M. Knox	Horace M. Knox	0	0	0	1	0	1	43
Victory	1967	Glenn Barnes	Clyde Johnson	0	4	3	2	0	0	47
Hickory Grove	1886 1969	Ernest Johnson	Ernest Johnson	0	0	0	1	0	0	11
Berryville	1970	Gary Terrell	Harvey Butler	0	5	5	3	1	0	37
Calvary	1971	Noel Easterling	Noel Easterling	5	10	0	0	0	0	25