

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE 156TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OLD MOUNT ZION ASSOCIATION

### "TIME TO WAKE OUT OF SLEEP"

The 156th annual session of the Old Mount Zion Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Thursday, May 1, 1997. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the moderator, Eldon Bagwell. Bro. Bill Harrison led the congregational singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "He Set Me Free." Opening prayer was by Elder Kenneth Lynch. Elder Bagwell read Romans 13:11-14, stating that indifference is one of the greatest enemies satan is using to defeat the church. He set the theme of this year's meeting as "time to wake out of sleep." Ministers and others were called to an altar of prayer led by Elder Loy Counts. Bro. Bagwell led in singing "Amazing Grace."

The evening's message was delivered by Elder Jim Harris. Using Proverbs 16:25 as his text, he spoke on "There is a Way..." saying that Christians are not doing what they need to be doing. Church going has become habitual, church should be spiritual, not ritual. At the end of the message many gathered at the altar for a time of prayer.

The church letters were read and delegates were seated.

Elder Jim Seisco from the Union Association was welcomed with the right hand of fellowship.

Motion made and passed to dismiss. Prayer was by Elder Isaac Holder.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing was led by Elder Clark Snow with Sharon Bowerman at the piano. Songs were "Victory in Jesus" and "There Is Power In The Blood." The moderator read Ephesians 5:1-21 saying that when we submit to one another and work together we can do great things in the Lord. Opening prayer was by Elder Eddie Davis. New delegates were seated, including Bros. Danny Becker and Roy Self from the Union Association of United Baptists.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

Officers for the coming year were elected.

The Newsletter report was read and accepted. Gayla Haywood was retained as Newsletter editor.

The Association Clerk's report was read and accepted.

The Home Missions report was read and accepted. Elder Jack Morris was elected to a five year term on the board.

The Youth Camp report was read and accepted. Bro. David Cothorn was elected to a five year term.

The report from the Committee on Committees was read and approved.

Roofing fund needs were addressed.

The Executive Board report was read and accepted. Elder Glen Faulkner was elected to a five year term. Elder Burton Perry was accepted into the Association.

Motion made and passed to adjourn business session until 1:00 p.m. Prayer by Elder Brian Bowerman.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

The service opened with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer was by Elder Gordon Bradshaw. Specials were sung by Sharon Bowerman with Vona Campbell at the piano, and quartet.

The message was delivered by Elder Jim Scisco who spoke on the theme of "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Using I Timothy 6:6 as his text he went on to say that our greatest contentment is in God, we can enjoy our salvation. Bro. Scisco warned of the difference between religion and salvation, that church can be more ritual than worship. When we need contentment we must look to the Lord.

The service concluded with the invitation song "Just As I Am" and an altar call.

#### **AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION**

The afternoon session began with Elder Eddie Davis leading the congregation in "That's Why I Love Him So."

Elder Eldon Bagwell read I Peter 5:1 asking the question, "Why must we wake up after sleep?", because the devil is trying to destroy the church. How can we be watchful if we are asleep on the job?

Prayer was led by Bro. Harrell Chancellor.

The 1996 Divine Service Committee was dismissed.

The Obituary Committee report was read and approved.

The Non-represented Churches Committee report was read and approved. The committee was dismissed.

The Radio report was given and approved. Motion made and passed to keep program for another year. Motion made and passed to retain Eldon Bagwell as radio pastor.

Mission Emergency report read and approved. Sister Dorothy Lathrop was retained as fund treasurer.

The Board of Trustees report was read and approved. Eddie Silar was elected to a five year term.

The Resolution Committee presented their report with two resolutions. Motion made and passed to adopt resolutions.

The Divine Service Committee report was made and approved.

The resignation of the Farmer Church from the Association was accepted.

Motion was made and passed to send \$500 to National Home missionary John Smith.

Motion made and passed to dismiss until 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Prayer by Elder Jeremy Howell.

#### **FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE (Communion and Feet Washing)**

The service was opened with prayer by Elder Ernest Johnson.

The singing was led by Elder Eddie Davis, the songs were "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "Victory In Jesus."

Elder Burton Perry introduced Rev. Lilo Gonzales and his wife Elvira. He is Moderator of the Free Will Baptist Association in Mexico.

Specials were sung by Beth Marie Ash, Steve and LaWanda Ash, John Starks and Eddie Davis and Eldon Bagwell.

Prayer was by Burton Perry.

The message was delivered by Elder Paul Payne. Using Mark 6:35-42 as his text, he told how God needs to take us and overhaul our life. We need to know who we are and what we can do in Christ. When Jesus comes into our lives he will bless us, break us, and give us just as He blessed, broke and gave the bread at the first communion before His crucifixion.

Ministers and deacons prepared and served the Lord's Supper. Nineteen women and twenty-five men participated in the feet washing service.

The closing hymn was "Just Over In The Glory Land Way." An offering was received.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

The session opened with Steve Ash leading the song, "I'll Live In Glory."

Scripture reading was John 4:35-38, with the warning that we need to be aware of what is going on. Many souls may perish because we are not about the Father's business.

Prayer was led by Elder Ernie Imler.

The Christain Education report was given and approved. Jeff Reeves was elected to a five year term.

The financial report was given and approved. The committee was discharged.

The Resolution committee was discharged.

The Obituary Committee moves that names submitted by request be accepted. Motion passed. Motion made and passed that obituaries submitted from Farmer Church be included in the minutes.

The Committee on Committees was discharged.

The Quarterly Council report was read and approved.

Delegates for the State Association will be Bill Harrison, Mae Harrison and Judy Payne.

Delegates to the National Association will be Judy Davis and Judy Payne.

Delegates to the Union Association will be Elder Norman Cline, Harrell and Norma Chancellor and Roy Edgemon, alternate.

The Clifty Chapel Church will be in charge of registration and provid-

ing refreshments on Saturday in the 1998 Association.

Unity Church will be in charge of the Communion and Feet Washing service in 1998, Lowell is the alternate.

Motion made and passed to allow Board of Trustees to borrow money from Home Missions Fund to pay for new roof on Association's buildings.

Motion made and passed to adjourn until 7:30 p.m. on May 7, 1998.

#### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The service opened with Eddie Davis leading the song "When We All Get To Heaven."

Prayer was by Eldon Bagwell.

Elder Burton Perry introduced the Muncie family and Lilo Gonzales who were here to raise money and awareness for the Bible College and missions in Mexico. Lilo Gonzales sang "The Old Rugged Cross" in Spanish. Six year old Rachael Muncie sang "I'm Using My Bible For A Road Map." Bro. Lilo gave his testimony and Bro. Muncie translated.

The memorial service began with Elder Bagwell reading the names of the deceased. Prayer was by Elder Cecil Garrison.

Elder Jim Spurlock delivered the message. Citing II Corinthians 5:1-10 he told how God's word deals with death in a special way. Death does not threaten a Christian's interest, especially when we build up our treasures in Heaven, for then they are eternal. Death cannot separate us from the rewards that await.

Elder Cecil sang "There's A Better Home."

Dismissal prayer was led by Elder Ellis Doyle.

#### **SATURDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICE**

A spaghetti supper was prepared and served by the youth camp board at 5 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m. the awards ceremony opened with singing "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes" led by Bro. Steve Ash.

The following awards were presented:

##### **BIBLE MEMORIZATION**

1st grade, Ashley Bradley, Phillips Chapel; 2nd grade, Shannon Pennington, Unity; 3rd grade, Carmen Benrose, Unity.

##### **BIBLE SWORD DRILL**

4th grade, Jason Bradley, Phillips Chapel; 5th grade, Justin Easter, Rogers; 6th grade, Vanessa Holder, Rogers.

##### **BIBLE TIC TAC TOE**

Freedom FWB Church: Justin Hopper, Amanda Grimes, Ellen Snoderly, April Yousey.

##### **BIBLE BOWL**

Freedom FWB Church: Nancee Snoderly, Victor Clements, Jeremy Hopper.

##### **VOCAL SOLO**

Shannon Pennington, Unity; Flint Kesterson, Mt. Zion; LaDawna Bagwell, Phillips Chapel.

#### **VOCAL ENSEMBLE**

Bradley and Morrell, Phillips Chapel; Mt. Zion Trio, Mt. Zion; Bagwell and Wise, Phillips Chapel.

#### **CHOIRS**

Children's Praise Chorus, Phillips Chapel; Freedom Choir, Freedom; Huntsville Youth Chorus - National Winner, Huntsville.

#### **INSTRUMENTAL SOLO**

Jeanette Degroff, Rogers; Karrie Blevins, Durham

#### **KEYBOARD SOLO**

Shannon Pennington, Unity; Shannon Watkins, Victory; Holli Watson, Pea Ridge.

#### **SPEECH**

Holli Watson, Pea Ridge

#### **INDIVIDUAL DRAMA**

Kemily McCann, Rogers

#### **GROUP DRAMA**

New Christain, Rogers; Paradise Prison, Rogers; What's My Witness, Rogers.

#### **PUPPETRY**

Kids Reaching Kids For God, Clifty Chapel; I Just Wanna Be A Sheep, Rogers; Give It Away, Rogers; Chains, Rogers; Blue Skys, Rogers.

#### **CREATIVE ARTS**

Daniel Howell, Freedom; Nancee Snoderly, Freedom; Krista Ball, Phillips Chapel; Amanda Grimes, Freedom; Amber Sullivan, Rogers; Tori Day, Phillips Chapel; Daniel Howell, Freedom; Malia Knox, Rogers; Ellen Snoderly, Freedom.

The youth service was opened by Bro. Mike Gabbard with prayer led by Elder Arthur Lee Galloway. Special music was performed by Ashley Bradley and Bryce Morell, The Huntsville Youth Choir, Shannon Pennington, Melanie Howell, Emily Yousey, The Freedom Youth Choir, Beth Ash and Savannah Gragg.

The message was brought by Elder Jeremy Howell who spoke on the thought "Don't Waste Your Life Before You've Lived It."

An invitation was given followed by an altar of prayer.

#### **DELEGATES BY CHURCHES**

*(Brothers and Sisters)*

MT. ZION: Lena Phillips

HICKORY GROVE: Letter only

CHRISTIAN HOME: Raymond Jordon, Reba Jordon

PILGRIMS REST: Nadine Hamilton, Flora Sizemore

HOPE: Sharon Bowerman, Vona Campbell  
 FREEDOM: Carla Henson, Velma Robinson, Benita Yousey  
 HUNTSVILLE: Harrel Chancellor, Shirley Spurlock, Naomi Spurlock  
 PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Eddie Silar, Cheryl Silar  
 ROGERS: Kay Counts, Madeline Harrell  
 FIRST FAYETTEVILLE: Dixie Easterling, Don Terry, Hayden Stout, Rose Madden, Alt.  
 CLIFTY CHAPEL: Dorothy Comer, Alma Rodden  
 NEW SULPHUR: Jim Crockett, Maxine Crockett, Buddy Burkheart, LaVerne Sargent, alt.  
 FAITH: Betty McKinney, Linda Chamlee, Phyllis Johnson, Imogene Hull, alt.  
 WEST RIDGE: Letter only  
 PEA RIDGE: Letter Only  
 VICTORY: Bill Harrison, Jerry Owens, John Reynolds  
 CALVARY: Joyce Kettner, Tamara Snow, Karen Cooper, Aaron Kettner, alt.  
 GREENLAND: Benny Lewis, June Lewis, Vera Whillock, Mary Ellen Johnson, alt.  
 BENTONVILLE: Donna Doyle  
 DURHAM: Letter only  
 WEST SIDE: Dorothy Bloyd, Bonnie Phillips, Elsie Henshaw, Jean Kilpatrick, alt.  
 EASTGATE: Ford Carlton, Gary Geherke, Judy Davis, John Starks, alt.  
 UNITY: Letter only  
 FIRST LOWELL: Francis Ross, Annabelle Villines, Velma Yeager.

#### ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS

Moderator - Elder Eldon Bagwell  
 Assistant Moderator - Elder Ernest Johnson  
 Clerk - Sister Gayla Haywood  
 Assistant Clerk - Sister Ann Johnson.

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

MEMBERS: Lowell Bradley (Chairman), Lester Harp, Paul Payne, Isaac Holder, Clark Snow.

#### REPORT

We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following report:  
 (Brothers and Sisters)

OBITUARIES: Dixie Easterling, Joyce Kettner, Reba Jorden, Velma Robinson, Bonnie Phillips, Tamara Snow, alt.  
 FINANCE: Phyllis Johnson, Maxine Crockett, Jean Kilpatrick, Carla Henson, Elsie Henshaw.

RESOLUTION: Paul Payne, Lester Harp, Gordon Bradshaw, Roy Edgmon, William Maze, Don Terry, alt.  
 NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES: Carl Johnson, Steve Ash, Harell Chancellor, Haden Stout, Bill Harrison, James Bragg, alt.  
 DIVINE SERVICE: Glen Faulkner, Clark Snow, Bruce Thurman, Jeremy Howell, Eddie Davis, Jim Harris, alt.

#### QUARTERLY COUNCIL REPORT

August 3, 1996

The devotional was brought by Bro. Mike Gabbard who spoke on Christ's love for the church. The message was brought by Elder John Redfearn who spoke of the need of God's people to get busy about the work of the church.

Reports of the boards were read and accepted.

Delegates to the State Association were selected: Melvin Martin, Mary Harris, and Pat Thurman.

Attendance: 8 pastors, 10 ministers, 9 deacons, 49 delegates.

November 2, 1996

The devotional was brought by Bro. David Henderson. The message was delivered by Elder Jeremy Howell.

Missionary Bill Phillips spoke on his work to plant a church in Utah.

Election of officers: Moderator - Elder Ernest Johnson, Assistant Moderator - Elder Randy Burris; Clerk - Sister Gayla Haywood, Assistant Clerk - Sister LaWanda Ash.

Board reports were read and approved. Elder Bruce Thurman was accepted into the Association. Loyd Jones was elected to complete a five year term on the Christian Education Board. Attendance: 11 pastors, 7 ministers, 9 deacons, 37 delegates.

February 1, 1997

The devotional was given by Bro. Melvin Martin. The message was delivered by Elder Bruce Thurman.

Board reports were given and approved. Elder Burton Perry was admitted to the Association pending letter of recommendation. Rick Gragg was elected to a two year term on the Youth Camp Board.

The Board of Trustees reported on bids on new roofs for the Association buildings.

Attendance:

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board met four times in the past year. We recommended Bros. Walter Vanderlip and Aaron Bagwell for ordination. We recommended Bro. Burton Perry, pastor of Phillips Chapel for membership in the Association. We recommend Bro. Glen Faulkner to fill the five year term on the Executive Board.

Submitted by Lowell Bradley, Secretary

# ANNUAL REPORT OF OLD MT. ZION HOME MISSION BOARD 1996-1997

Balance 4/24/96.....	\$8438.84
Deposits 4/25/96 - 4/24/97.....	2204.44
Interest earned 4/25/96 - 4/24/97.....	286.20
Balance 4/24/97.....	\$10929.48

David Watson, Sec. Treas.

## MISSION EMERGENCY FUND

Balance on hand May 3, 1996.....	\$341.90
Income:	
Offerings.....	\$425.00
Interest.....	14.54
Total.....	\$439.54

Grand Total.....\$781.43

### Expenses:

None in the past year.

Balance on hand as of May 1, 1997.....\$781.43

Dorothy Lathrop, Treasurer

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The board has met and discussed borrowing money from the Home Missions Board to put new roofs on the boys dormitory, the girls dormitory, and the Association building. This will be paid back in full as soon as the funding for the roofs has been raised.

Also under discussion are projects that need to be done to improve the grounds for better year around use.

Submitted by William Maze, Chairman

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION TRUSTEE BOARD

1. The maintenance and upkeep of Associational property.
2. Any building additions or expansions.
3. Approval of activities in the building or on the grounds, the scheduling and follow-up of such.

## NEWSLETTER REPORT - MAY 1996-APRIL 1997

Balance May 2, 1996.....	\$357.19
Offerings.....	\$1876.70
Expenses:	
Printing.....	\$994.14
Supplies.....	\$39.42
Postage.....	\$25.57
Total.....	\$1059.13
Balance May 3, 1997.....	\$1174.76

# OLD MT. ZION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of February 1, 1997.....	\$643.64
Receipts	
Quarterly receipts.....	\$268.64
Receipt of State Fees.....	765.00
Total Receipts.....	\$1033.64

### Expenses:

Post Office.....	\$3.78
Food & Drinks.....	57.05
Judges.....	150.00
Randall House (kits).....	30.00
State Fees.....	765.00
Plaques.....	127.80
Total Expenses.....	\$1133.63

Balance as of May 2, 1997.....\$543.65

Invoice has not yet been received for CTS medals. Estimated cost is \$288.00.

## DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Divine Service Committee, make the following selections for speakers in 1998:

Thursday Evening:.....	Greg Madden
	Earl Dean Morris, Alternate
Friday Morning:.....	Loy Counts
	Jerry Henshaw, Alternate
Friday Evening:.....	Eddie Davis
	Jerry Woods, Alternate
Saturday Morning:.....	Ernie Imler
	Eldon Bagwell, Alternate

## COMMITTEE ON NONREPRESENTED CHURCHES REPORT

We, the committee on non represented churches, are pleased to report that all churches which are currently members of the Old Mount Zion Association are represented this year by letter and/or delegates.

"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in you all" Ephesians 4:4-6

Submitted by Carl Johnson, Chairman

## OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP YEARLY REPORT

Brother Greg Maddan, Treasurer

Balance May 1, 1996.....	\$6031.82
General Fund.....	5112.29

Fence Fund .....	919.53
Contributions:	
Annual & Quarterly	
Meetings .....	6264.82
Individual donations .....	660.00
Roof fund .....	1150.00
Ins. refund-roof .....	500.00
Camp fees and Concessions .....	1435.40
Total .....	\$10,010.22
Expenses:	
Electric .....	687.01
Water .....	236.14
Telephone .....	374.88
Insurance .....	627.24
Camp food/supplies .....	1484.69
Maintenance supplies .....	585.22
Mowing-Galloway .....	344.00
Brauns-gift certs. ....	120.00
Vacuum cleaner .....	149.09
Andersons-propane .....	102.70
Mattresses & Covers .....	1009.97
Heating & air unit and labor .....	2993.00
Postage stamps .....	32.00
Toilets and hot water tank .....	645.64
Total .....	\$9,391.58
Balance May 1, 1997 .....	\$6,650.46
General fund .....	4080.93
Fence fund .....	919.53
Roof fund .....	1650.00
We, the Youth Camp Board, nominate David Cothren to fill the five	
(5) year term on our board.	

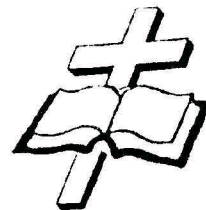
#### RADIO PROGRAM REPORT

Balance 5/2/96 .....	\$1750.11
Gifts and offerings .....	\$3447.67
Expenses (to KURM) .....	\$2705.00
Balance 5/1/97 .....	\$2492.78

Eldon Bagwell, Radio Pastor

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Church	<u>State</u> <u>&amp; National</u>	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Minutes</u>
Mt. Zion	\$55.00	\$10.00	37.50
Hickory Grove	55.00	10.00	9.00
Christian Home	55.00	10.00	75.00
Pilgrim's Rest	55.00	10.00	30.00
Hope	55.00	10.00	30.00
Freedom	55.00	10.00	45.00
Huntsville	55.00	10.00	60.00
Phillips Chapel	55.00	10.00	127.50
Rogers	55.00	10.00	75.00
First Fayetteville	55.00	10.00	37.50
Clifty Chapel	55.00	10.00	45.00
New Sulphur	55.00	10.00	37.50
Faith	55.00	10.00	52.50
West Ridge	55.00	10.00	3.00
Pea Ridge	55.00	10.00	15.00
Victory	55.00	10.00	75.00
Calvary	55.00	10.00	75.00
Greenland	55.00	10.00	30.00
Bentonville	55.00	10.00	30.00
Durham	55.00	10.00	30.00
Westside	55.00	10.00	37.50
Eastgate	55.00	10.00	4.50
Unity	55.00	10.00	7.50
First Lowell	55.00	10.00	22.50
Total	\$1320.00	\$240.00	\$991.50
Grand Total .....			\$2551.50



## **OBITUARIES**

we, your Obituary Committee, find that God has called home 36 of others and sisters. Precious in the sight of God is the death of His  
 Psalms 116:15. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes  
 here shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying neither shall  
 be any more pain for the former things are passed away. Rev. 21:4  
 TION: Cloveda Lawson, Faye Phillips, Hazel Garvin (by request)  
 ORY GROVE: Rev. Sterling Earl Bowlin (by request)  
 STIAN HOME: Betty Morris, Billy Sharp  
 IER: Della Mitchell, Jewel Walden, Vera Boatright (by request)  
 E: Nadine Edmonson  
 TSVILLE: Patricia Lou Sikes, Allie Cain, Floy Ina Perry, (by request)  
 LIPS CHAPEL: Harold Hobbs, Otis Watson Sr.  
 ERS: Sherry Dee Butler, Rev. Claude Hendrix, Mabel Smith (by  
 st)  
 Y CHAPEL: Melvin Graham, Ruth Vaughan  
 SULPHUR: Clyde Day, Ora Mae Long  
 H: Rev. Dean Benson, Pearl Woods, Eric Graham  
 RIDGE: Ruth Mecks  
 ORY: Cecil Potts, George Musteen  
 /ARY: James Earl (Joe) Lynch  
 ENLAND: Homer Whitely, Leroy Baker  
 ONVILLE: Bill Barton, Delmer Elam, Diana Sequechie (by request)  
 TSHIE: Clara Tarkington, Rosalie Carpenter  
 Y: Lois J. Cox

Dixie Easterling, Chairman

### **VEDA LAWSON**

Cloveda Lawson, 72, of Seligman, Mo. died Nov. 16, 1996, at  
 ington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. She was born Feb.  
 1924, at Hannibal, Mo., to Chris and Allie Davis Richardson. She was  
 emaker and a member of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church. She was  
 ded in death by her husband, Kline Lawson, in 1978; one sister, one  
 child; four great-grandchildren  
 survivors include one son, Howard Lawson of Seligman; three  
 sters, Virginia Lawson of Bentonville, Kay Wise of Cave Springs and  
 Lawson of Lowell; one brother, Freeman Richardson of Cave  
 gs; five sisters, Beulah Artman of Springdale, Louann Tunstil and Sue  
 ing, both of Theodosia, Mo., Mary Hartman of Fayetteville and  
 a Doss of Strickler; 23 grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren.  
 Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist  
 ch with the Rev. Rick Whittle officiating. Burial was in the Burkshed  
 tery under the direction of Sisco Chapel of Springdale.

### **FAY G. PHILLIPS**

Fay Gilford Phillips, 81, of Hindsville died July 11, 1996, at Northwest  
 Medical Center in Springdale. He was born Oct. 9, 1914, at Spring Valley  
 to Owen Gilford and Prudy Estes Lawson Phillips. He was a farmer and a  
 member of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church. He was preceded in  
 death by his wife, Merna Kathern Pool Phillips, on July 25, 1990.

Survivors include two sons, Jackie Phillips and Leroy Phillips, both of  
 Hindsville; two daughters, Audry Bagwell and Mary Collins, both of  
 Hindsville; one sister Mabel Roles of Hindsville; nine grandchildren and 10  
 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m., Saturday at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist  
 Church. Burial was in Burkshed Cemetery under the direction of Brashears  
 Funeral Home of Huntsville. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Memorials may be made to Burkshed Cemetery Fund, c/o Eldon  
 Bagwell, 23502 Trails End, Hindsville, 72738.

### **HAZEL GARVIN**

Hazel Garvin, 74, of Springdale died February 12, 1997 at her home.  
 She was born August 13, 1922 at Burkshed Community to William Thomas  
 (Marvin) and Hester Cook Clardy. She was a homemaker. Her church  
 preference was Free Will Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Garvin, of the home; one sister,  
 Maudie Wilson of Nob Hill; one nephew, Thurman Hill, of Nob Hill.

Services were held at Sisco Chapel in Springdale with the Rev. Eldon  
 Bagwell officiating. Burial was in the Burkshed Cemetery.

### **REV. STERLING EARL BOWLIN**

Rev. Sterling Earl Bowlin, 58, of Springdale, died April 1, 1997, at  
 Northwest Medical Center. He was born May 9, 1938, in the Burkshed  
 Community, the son of Mon Zell and Susan Rosetta Davis Bowlin.

He was a minister and cleaning foreman for Seymore Foods. He  
 attended Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He was preceded in  
 death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include: his wife, Jessie Bowlin of the home; two daughters  
 and sons-in-law, Melinda and Larry Ball of Springdale and Cynthia and  
 Robert Arnold of Fayetteville; three brothers, Keith Bowlin and Gordon  
 Bowlin, both of Springdale, and Harold "Doc" Bowlin of Elkins; two sis-  
 ters, Jessie Pitts of Summers, Arkansas and Bonnie Sizemore of Springdale  
 and three grandchildren.

### **BETTY L. MORRIS**

Mrs. Betty L. Morris, 62 of Route 1, Box 8, Hindsville died March 2,  
 1997 at her home. She was born Oct. 6, 1934 at Hindsville, the daughter of

Ernest Farrel and Sarah Ann Wade Knoles. She was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church of Colbaugh.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Earl Dean Morris of the home, to whom she was married on Oct. 8, 1954; her mother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Knoles of the home; two brothers, Ernest F. Knoles Jr. of Anaheim, Calif., and L.C. "Sonny" Knoles of Hindsville; and three sisters, Mrs. Virginia Kirk of Clifty, Mrs. Marie Kirk of Vista, Calif., and Mrs. Marlene Lehman of Orangevale, Calif.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Eldon Bagwell officiating. Interment was in the Colbaugh Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Sharp, Ellis Trolinger, Denzil Ramer, Tommy Hansen, Eric McCoy and Dwight McCoy. Honorary pallbearers were Buck Evans, Earl Davis, Eugene "Windy" Roles, Raymond Jordan, Eugene Jones, Sanford McCoy, P.J. Smith, Johnny Goolsby, A.B. Burton, Lonnie Burton, Clifford Burton, Jim Allen and Gene Gardner.

Memorials may be made to the Colbaugh Cemetery Association, Rt. 1, Box 8, Hindsville, AR. 72738 or to Gideons International.

#### **BILLY EUGENE SHARP**

Billy Eugene Sharp, 64, of Rt. 5, Huntsville, died Feb. 15, 1997 at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born Dec. 14, 1932, at Barnsdall, Okla., the son of Carl Lafayette and Opal Buckles Sharp. He was a farm equipment salesman and a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U. S. Army. He was a member of the Colbaugh Free Will Baptist Church, Huntsville Lodge #364, Free and Accepted Masons and a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Western Arkansas Scottish Rite Bodies. He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Sharp and Carl J. Sharp.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Valarie L. Palikij of Springdale and Miss Cheryl A. Sharp of Dallas, Tex.; four brothers, Jack Sharp, Gerald Sharp and Jess Sharp, all of Huntsville, and Joe Sharp of Springdale; three sisters, Mrs. Lou Lewis and Mrs. Glenda Harriman, both of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Doris Taylor of Springdale; one grandson, Phillip Palikij of Springdale; and one granddaughter, Miss Heather Palikij of Springdale.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Eldon Bagwell officiating. Masonic Rites were by Huntsville Lodge #364, Free and Accepted Masons. Interment was in the Alabam Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were members of the Huntsville Lodge #364, Free and Accepted Masons. Honorary pallbearers were Loren Sharp, Paul Sharp,

David Sharp, Ron Sharp, Jeff Sharp, Steve Taylor, Chuck Taylor, Sam Taylor and Rick Harriman.

Memorials may be made to the Scleroderma Research Foundation, 2320 Bath Street, Suite 307, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 or to Gideons International.

#### **DELLA MAE MITCHELL**

Mrs. Della Mae Mitchell, 89, of Route 2, Box 197, Hindsville died June 19, 1996, at Meadowview Lodge Nursing Home in Huntsville. She was born Dec. 15, 1906, in Crawford County, the daughter of Joseph and Mary Elmira Alverson Cavins. She was a member of the Farmer Free Will Baptist Church, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Farmer Extension Homemakers Club where she was a past president. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Wesley Haywood and Harland R. Mitchell; one son, Joseph Lee Haywood; three brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth Glass of Lubbock, Tex.; one sister, Mrs. Sylvia Zigler of Placerville, Calif.; four grandsons, James Haywood of Jacksonville, Fla., Rick Haywood of Hindsville, Jawn Glass of Las Cruces, N.M., and Brawnley Glass of Louisville, Ky.; three granddaughters, Miss Gayla Haywood of Hindsville, Mrs. Patricia Harden of Tyler, Tex., and Mrs. Jacquelyn Black of DeSoto, Tex.; six great-grandchildren; and eleven step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, June 24, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Earl Dean Morris officiating. Interment was in the Fayetteville National Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rick Haywood, Jawn Glass, Brawnley Glass, Carl Johnson, Clifford Cline and Jimmy Walden.

Memorials may be made to the Old Mount Zion Association Youth Camp, c/o Rev. Eldon Bagwell, 23502 Trails End, Hindsville, AR 72738.

#### **JEWELL VIOLET WALDEN**

Jewell Violet Walden, 84, of Route 1, Huntsville died Jan. 16, 1997 at Meadowview Lodge Nursing Home in Huntsville. She was born April 3, 1912, at Reeds Creek, the daughter of James Marion "Jim" and Josephine Palestine "Josie" Jones Bolinger. She was a homemaker and a member of the Farmer Free Will Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover B. "Joe" Walden, on Aug. 18, 1972, and by one sister, Mrs. Gladys Dailey on March 7, 1990.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Walden of Huntsville; one daughter, Mrs. Barbara Worley of Huntsville; one brother, Lewen Bolinger of Huntsville; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Haffelder and the Rev. Lowell

Bradley officiating. Interment was in the Alabam Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Harold Walden, Kevin Walden, Steve Worley, Tim Worley, James Dailey, and Dwain Bolinger. Honorary pallbearers were Delbert Bolinger and Carl Johnson.

#### **VERA LENA BOATRIGHT**

Miss Vera Lena Boatright, 78, of 508 Hawkins St., Huntsville, Ark., died Dec. 19, 1995 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. She was born Oct. 5, 1917, at Huntsville, the daughter of Marvin and Kate Phillips Boatright. She was a farmer and attended the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Jimmie Boatright of Huntsville and Dow Boatright of Springdale; one sister, Mrs. Erah Cline of Huntsville; one niece, Ms. Betty Boatright of Springdale; two great nieces, Mrs. Marsha Napier of Fayetteville and Mrs. Sherry Tripp of Springdale and one great-niece, Miss Brandi Elsey of Fayetteville.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy I. Cain officiating. Interment was in the Huntsville Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Henry Wall, Fred Trinkle, Charles Gurley, Paul Steele, Wumbert Grigg and Carols Napier.

#### **NADINE EDMONDSON**

Nadine Elizabeth Edmondson, 67, of the Mayfield community, died June 8, 1996, at her home. She was born Sept. 30, 1928, to Bruce and Clem Hash Morris. She was a retired employee of the University of Arkansas and a member of the Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Jimmy Edmondson of Fayetteville; two brothers, Chester Morris and Oscar Morris, both of Fayetteville; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Hope Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Earl Dean Morris officiating. Burial was in Buckeye Cemetery under the direction of Moore's Chapel.

Pallbearers were Kent Rogers, Clint Shepherd, Jimmy Edmondson Jr., Jamie Edmondson, Dwight Morris and Tony Bowerman.

#### **PATRICIA LOU SIKES**

Mrs. Patricia Lou Sikes, 48, of 207 Drake Street, Huntsville, died Nov. 9, 1996, at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville. She was born Oct. 2, 1948, at Berryville, Ark., the daughter of Luther William and Veva Oleta Smith Crossland. She was the granddaughter of Jess A. and Alta Smith. She was a caseworker for the Area Agency on Aging and was a

member of the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Berryville High School.

Survivors include two sons, Lance Sikes of Springdale and Phillip Sikes of Huntsville; one daughter, Miss Leslie Sikes of Huntsville; one brother, James B. Crossland of Rosemead, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Burks of Bella Vista and Mrs. Ima June Braudrick of Berryville; five uncles, A.R. Crossland of Lubbock, Tex., Elmer Crossland of Baird, Tex., Delmer Crossland of Shamrock, Tex., Melvin Crossland of Hobbs, N.M., and James Crossland of Hominy, Okla.; and one aunt, Mrs. Elva Jones of Bella Vista, Ark.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Rusty Blann officiating. Interment was in the Alabam Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Elmer Moore, David Madison, Charles Mannon, Steve Ford, Phil Peters, and Shawn Smith.

#### **ALLIE CAIN**

Allie Cain, 93, of Huntsville, died Wednesday Nov. 13, 1996 at Meadowview Lodge Nursing Home.

Born March 24, 1903, in Lincoln, the daughter of John Carroll and Fitta Myrtle Elms Kirk. She was a homemaker, a member of the Huntsville Freewill Baptist Church and the widow of Lem Cain.

Survivors are three sisters, Fria Grubbs of Berryville, Viva Pelton of Wichita, Kans., and Imogene Chroman of Delano, Calif.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Alabam Cemetery with the Rev. Roy I. Cain officiating. Arrangements are by Brashears Funeral Home.

#### **FLOY INA PERRY**

Mrs. Floy Ina Perry, 83, of Route 5, Huntsville, Ark., died Nov. 9, 1996, at Huntsville. She was born March 22, 1913, at Kingston, Ark., the daughter of Eugene Scott and Josephine Elizabeth Basham Stamps. She retired after 33 years of teaching in the public schools of Madison County. She attended the Huntsville Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence J. Perry of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Stout of Buhl, Idaho, and Mrs. Grace Casteel of Huntsville; and several nephews and nieces.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the chapel of Brashears Funeral Home with the Rev. Glen Faulkner officiating. Interment was in the Huntsville Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jerry Stamps, Elton Sparks, Bob Perry, Jim Perry, Linnie Yingst and Jim Casteel. Honorary pallbearers were Vada Reeves,

Jaunita Bailley, Geraldine Goyne, Reba Logue, Willie Parker, Pauline Allred, Doris Snow and Winona Murr.

#### **HAROLD R. HOBBS**

Harold Raymond Hobbs, 88, of Springdale died May 19, 1996, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was born Dec. 2, 1907, in Scranton, Kan., to Stephen D. and Katherine R. Roth Hobbs. He was an Army Veteran of World War II and was an automobile mechanic and a member of Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. He moved to Springdale in 1979 from Blue Eye, Mo. He was a fishing guide on Beaver Lake until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma Mitchell Hobbs of the home, to whom he was married on Oct. 7, 1979; four stepchildren, Howard Wilson and Lawrence Wilson, both of Eudora, Kan., Joe Stucky and Don Burke, both of Springdale; 12 grandchildren, including Lisa Nalley and Rodney Bruke, both of Springdale; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. at Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Springdale with the Rev. Cecil Garrison and the Rev. Tommy Day officiating. Burial was in Bluff Cemetery under the direction of Backstrom-Pyeatte Funeral Home of Springdale.

#### **ROY O. WATSON SR.**

Roy Otis Watson Sr., 90 of Springdale died Feb. 11, 1997, at Holland Nursing Center in Springdale. He was born Aug. 10, 1906, at Swain to John Tommy and Mary Thomas Watson. He moved to Springdale in 1937 and was a carpenter and a mason. He was a member of Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Springdale. He was preceded in death by two wives; two children, two brothers; two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Gipson Watson of the home, to whom he was married Dec. 18, 1977; five children, Alden Watson of Tillamook, Ore., Lorene Smith of Springdale, Betty Stevens of Caldwell, Idaho, Marie Thomas of Arizona and Roy Otis Watson Jr. of Harrison; two stepsons, Burlin Collins of Concord, Calif., and Coy Collins of Pettigrew; four step-daughters, Faye Sandlin of Quincy, Calif., Allene Johnson of Springdale, Alda Hill of Blue Springs, Mo., and Donna Carole Birchfield of Bentonville; three sisters, Nancy Daniels of Oregon, Vola Edgmon of Springdale and Ella Smith of Bentonville; 33 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Springdale with the Rev. Tommy Day and the Rev. Cecil Garrison officiating. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cain Garrett, Lonnie Watson, Jim Johnson, Clyde Gosvener, Richard Hill and Mike Tipton.

Honorary pallbearers were Frank Thomas, Edward Morris, Roy Edgmon, Elmer Waston, Robert Hatcher and Lester Hatcher.

#### **SHERRY DEE BUTLER**

Sherry Dee Butler, 70, of Rogers died May 11, 1996 at her home. She was born March 8, 1916, at Summeroll, Miss., to Horace and Patricia Avery Garner. She moved to Rogers in 1946 from Mississippi and retired as manager of the Mode-O-Day dress shop. She was active in the Rogers Freewill Baptist Church, was past president of the church Women's auxiliary and was a member of the Rogers Welcome Wagon. She enjoyed gardening and flowers. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989.

Survivors include two sons, David Butler of Apple Valley, Calif., and Danny Byrd of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Virginia Collins of Grove, Okla., and Chris Fowler of Rogers; one brother, Benny Garner of Perkinston, Miss.; three sisters, Jessie Bosarge and Hazel Bosarge, both of Gulfport, Miss., and Eleanor Smith of Lake Village; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Rogers Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Loy Counts officiating. Private family burial was in Oakley Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Callison-Lough Funeral Home of Rogers.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### **CLAUDE J. HENDRIX**

Claude Joseph Hendrix, 75, of Rogers died Dec. 9, 1996, at his home. He was born April 24, 1921, at Avoca to Joe and Mertie Pace Hendrix. He was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II and a member of Rogers Free Will Baptist Church. He was a Baptist minister for 44 years and pastored at several local churches including Bentonville Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Sharon Free Will Baptist at Grassy Knob and at Freedom Free Will Baptist. He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Hendrix of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Barry Hendrix and Randy of Rogers; four daughters and sons-in-law, Bronwyn Jones and Lloyd and Brenda Peel and Terry, all of Rogers, Benita Yousey and James of Garfield and Becky Yost and Mike of Rogers; one sister, Opal Harris of Modesto, Calif.; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Rogers Free Will Baptist Church with Loy Counts and Arthur Lee Galloway officiating. Burial was in Benton County Memorial Park Cemetery at Rogers.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rollins Funeral Home of Rogers.

Memorials to Rogers Free Will Baptist Church were suggested.

#### **MABEL T. SMITH**

Mabel T. Smith, 85, of Pea Ridge died March 27, 1997 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rogers. She was born Feb. 17, 1912 at Mundell to Powell Cornelius and Mary Frances Gaylor David. She was a member of Pleasant Valley Church of Carroll County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval L. Smith; one son.

Survivors include two sons, Elbert L. Smith of Pea Ridge and Jackie Smith of Rogers; three daughters, Dorothy Mae Smith of Pea Ridge, Wanda Faye Jones of Rogers and Sherrill Shannon of Lowell; one sister, Ruby Thomas of Roseburg, Ore.; 17 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Rollins Funeral Home of Rogers with David James officiating. Burial was in Union Chapel Cemetery east of Garfield.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Rollins.

#### **MELVIN BROWN GRAHAM**

Melvin Brown Graham, 87, of Clifty died June 9, 1996 at the Eureka Springs Hospital. He was born Sept. 12, 1908 at Rockhouse, the son of Robert E. Lee "Bob" and Martha Ann Presley Graham. He was a farmer, a member of the Clifty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, and a former Farmers Home Administration Committeeman for Madison County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dena Maude Obenshain Graham, on Feb. 11, 1992, and by one grandson, Jackson Wayne Graham.

Survivors include three sons, Lee Eddie Graham, Dale Graham, and M.B. Graham, all of Huntsville; one daughter, Martha Sisco of Berryville; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Clifty Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Cecil Garrison and the Rev. Dwayne Lane officiating. Interment was in the Clifty Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Dale Graham, Tommy Hawkins, Terry Hawkins, Jim Ed Obenshain, Ralph Allen Obenshain, and Jim Obenshain. Honorary pallbearers were Truman Harrison, Jack Todd, Jimmy D. Evans, Willard Anderson, Bill Lynch, Buck Miller and Charles Presley.

#### **RUTH ANN VAUGHAN**

Ruth Ann Vaughan, 65, of Clifty died Feb. 8, 1997 at the Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. She was born March 19, 1931 at Clifty, the daughter of Clyde Herbert and Margaret Esther (Harrison) Hadley.

She was a member of the Clifty Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and the widow of Everett James "Tator" Vaughan, Jr. whom she married on Jan. 4, 1949 and who preceded her in death on March 28, 1988.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Phillip Ray and Rhonda Vaughan of Clifty, Barry Neal and Brenda Vaughan of Wichita, Kan., and Michael Joe Vaughan of Clifty; three brothers, A.J. "Shade" Hadley of Eureka Springs, Mitchell Hadley of Bentonville, and Earl Hadley of Fort Smith; eight sisters, Lucille Allen of Hindsville, Alma Rodden and Vera Rodden of Clifty, Dorothy Lynch of Berryville, Joan Young, Ona Mullinax, and Jean Moore all of Golden City, Mo., and Zella Vaughan of Las Vegas; three grandsons, Brandon Vaughan and Shawn Vaughan of Clifty and Jason Vaughan of Wichita; three granddaughters, Terina Vaughan of Clifty, and Cristin Keimig and Jessica Vaughan both of Wichita; and nine great-grandchildren.

#### **CLYDE DAY**

Clyde Day, 73, of Prairie Grove died April 29, 1996 at VA Medical Center Hospital in Fayetteville.

He was born Sept. 9, 1922 in Racine, Mo. the son of Thomas Bedford Day and Hattie Scott.

Survivors include two sons, Cecil Day and Mitchell Day, both of Prairie Grove; one brother, Willie Day of Prairie Grove; three sisters, Lillie Yell and Earlene Benton, both of Prairie Grove, and Jewell Davidson of Little Rock; five grandchildren.

Graveside services were Wednesday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at Sharp Cemetery near Prairie Grove under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home.

#### **ORA MAE LONG**

Ora Mae Long, 87, of Prairie Grove died April 6, 1997 at Medi Homes Nursing Home in Prairie Grove. Born Feb. 10, 1909 in West Fork, she was the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Gooding) Frederick.

She was a member of the New Sulphur Freewill Baptist Church and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Prairie Grove. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Long, in 1983; one daughter, Melba West, in 1985, and one son, Loyd Long, in 1991.

Survivors include one son, Larry Long of Prairie Grove; one daughter, Betty Long of Prairie Grove; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was April 9 at 10 a.m. at New Sulphur Baptist Church in Prairie Grove with Rev. Glen Faulkner officiating. Burial followed in Prairie Grove Cemetery in Prairie Grove with arrangements by Luginbuel Funeral Home.

#### **HERMAN DEAN BENSON**

The Rev. Herman Dean Benson, 66, of Springdale died Dec. 23, 1996 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. He was born July 22, 1930 at Springdale to John Calvin and Mary Dema Walden Benson. He was a life

resident of the area, an ordained Freewill Baptist minister, a member of Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Springdale, and was a farm worker for George's, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Marie Smith Benson of Springdale, to whom he was married Nov. 18, 1950; one son, Gary Dean Benson of Springdale; one daughter, Sandra Sue Benson Cole of Springdale; one brother, Harley Benson of Bakersfield, Calif.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Nelson's Funeral Home of Fayetteville with the Rev. Cecil Garrison, the Rev. Randy Burris and the Rev. Jack Morris officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery at Springdale.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pallbearers were Larry Lynch, Leonard Bowen, Russell Johnson, Harold McKinney, Deryl Hull, and Corbett George.

Honorary pallbearers were Walter Willis, Cecil Case, Arthur Cardwell and the Rev. Tommy Days.

#### **ERIC W. GRAHAM**

Eric Wade Graham, 32, of Springdale died March 27, 1997 at Springdale. He was born Nov. 20, 1964 at Wichita, Kan. to Frank and Betsy Wages Graham. He was a painter for Superior Industries and a member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church and the bus ministry.

Survivors include his parents of Springdale; his wife, Michele Chamlee Graham of the home, to whom he was married March 18, 1988; one daughter, Erica Danielle Graham of the home; paternal grandmothers, Elsie Robbins of Sapulpa, Okla., and Thelma Graham of Wichita; maternal grandmother, Ruth Wates of Fayetteville; one brother, James Graham of Rogers; three sisters, Amy Alderson of Tontitown, Jamie Hess of Rogers, and Melissa Bowen of Springdale.

Services were at 10 a.m. at Sisco Chapel of Springdale with the Rev. Randy Burris officiating. Burial was in Silent Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Benson, Steve Benson, Loy Counts, Donnie Robinson, Scott Davis, Dan Sages, and Chuck Stamps.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, 1 St. Jude Place Building, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, Tenn. 38148-0552.

#### **PEARL A. WOOD**

Pearl Adeline Wood, 81, of Fayetteville died March 10, 1997 at her home. She was born Aug. 8, 1915 in Washington County to Albert and Josephine Wilks Gray. She worked in food service for the University of

Arkansas and for other area schools. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Wood, on March 19, 1983; one grandson.

Survivors include two daughters, Katherine Wood Lacy of Fayetteville and Etta Wood Phillips of Jacksonville; one son, Tommy Wood of Springdale; three sisters, Emma Lou Slaughter and Lela Treece, both of Fayetteville, and Grace Langley of Downy, Calif.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday at Nelson's Funeral Home of Fayetteville with the Rev. Randy Burris and the Rev. Jasper Hankins officiating. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery at Crosses.

Visitation was from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

The family requested memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### **RUTH MEEKS**

Ruth Marie Meeks, 86, of Bentonville died April 9, 1997 at Bates Medical Center in Bentonville.

She was born Jan. 18, 1911 at Eureka Springs to John and Bessie Basdon French. She was a homemaker, a member of Freewill Baptist Church in Pea Ridge and was a longtime resident of the area. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hal Meeks Sr., and two sons.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Meeks of Bentonville and Charlie Meeks of Shelbina, Mo.; one daughter, Bonnie White of Pineville, Mo.; two brothers, Pete French of Miami, Okla., and Barnie French of Tulsa, Okla.; one sister, Ann Benler of Windot, Okla.; 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

Service was Saturday at Freewill Baptist Church in Pea Ridge with the Rev. David Watson officiating. Burial was in Pea Ridge Cemetery, Burns Funeral Home of Bentonville directing.

#### **CECIL POTTS**

Cecil Sevier Potts, 70, of Springdale died July 13, 1996 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Fayetteville. He was born Dec. 8, 1925 at Garfield to Robert Sevier and Mabel Sanford Potts. He was a Baptist and a truck mechanic for the Army from 1945 to 1965, was a veteran and a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War and was a member of the POW. He was a former maintenance worker at area plants in Springdale.

Survivors include four sons, Robert Potts, stationed with the Navy in Washington State, Edward Potts of Fort Smith, Tommy Potts and Wayne Potts, both of Springdale; one stepson, Ronnie Hodge of Springdale; two sisters, Geneva Musteen of Springdale and Sylvetta Rainwater of Bixby, Okla.; five grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Thursday at National Cemetery in Fayetteville with the Rev. Loy Counts officiating. Arrangements were by Sisco Chapel of Springdale.

Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

#### **GEORGE H. MUSTEEN**

George Harry musteen, 77, of Fayetteville died Nov. 25, 1996 at Fayetteville City Hospital. He was born April 18, 1919 at Westville, Okla. to Albert King and Nancy Matilda Wilkie Musteen. He lived in Springdale for many years before moving to Fayetteville one year ago, and was a warehouseman for George's live poultry until his retirement, and was a charter member of Victory Free Will Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Marjorie Potts Musteen of the home, to whom he was married Sept. 29, 1942; three sons, Larry Musteen of Lincoln, Dean Musteen of Lowell and Tommy Musteen of Rogers; one stepson, Jesse Donald Anglin of Beaumont, Tex.; one stepdaughter, Loretta Feagin of Springdale; one sister, Mamie Harrelson of Springdale; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sisco Chapel of Springdale with the Rev. Layton Porter officiating. Burial was in Elm Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Michael Musteen, Michael Shawn Musteen, Keith Musteen, Alan Musteen, Dustin Musteen, and Bobby Feagin.

Visitation began at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

#### **JAMES EARL LYNCH**

James Earl "Joe" Lynch, 95, of 782 East Lake Road, Springdale died Oct. 19, 1996 at Meadowview Lodge Nursing Home in Huntsville. He was born Sept. 30, 1901 at Clifty, the son of William Hiran and Emma Colville Lynch. He was a farmer and a member of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Springdale. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eliza Rice Lynch, on Sept. 24, 1975; one son-in-law, George Nodine on Oct. 21 1993; three brothers; and a twin sister.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Hubert and Rose Lynch of Puyallup, Wash.; six daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Namon Littrell of Cave Springs, Mary and Earnest Johnson, Jo Ann and William Maze and Stella and James Acuff, all of Springdale, Bessie and Jimmy Jones of Clifty, and Ina and Finis Watson of Hindsville; two brothers, Riley Lynch of Latham, Ill., and Lester (Lum) Lynch of Pampa, Tex.; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church with Elder Eldon Bagwell officiating. Interment was in the Morris Cemetery under the direction of Brashears Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Robert Littrell, Lester Johnson, Dwayne Maze, Doug Acuff, Ronnie Nodine, and Steven Watson. Honorary pallbearers were Delbert Littrell, Dennis Maze, Danny Acuff, Lonnie Nodine, and Finis Marshall Watson.

#### **HOMER WHITELEY**

Homer Whiteley, 90, of Fayetteville died May 19, 1996 in a Fayetteville hospital. He was born March 13, 1906 at Roswell, N.M. to James and Janie Whiteley. He had been a resident of Northwest Arkansas since 1946, was a businessman in the poultry industry, a Christian, and enjoyed poetry and gardening. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lola May Whiteley, in 1972; two sons.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Ridenoure Whiteley of the home; one son, Earl Ridenoure of Winslow; four daughters, Diane Rickman and Kathy Burnett, both of Winslow; Anita Spencer of Fayetteville and Sharon Luallen of Huntsville; several grandchildren, including Bobby Don Whiteley of Fort Smith; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Greenland Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Bobby Don Whiteley and the Rev. J.W. Depew officiating. Burial was in Baptist Ford Cemetery at Greenland under the direction of Nelson's Funeral Home of Fayetteville.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

#### **LEROY BAKER**

Leroy Baker, 75, of Fayetteville died April 16, 1997 at a Fayetteville nursing home. He was born Feb. 15, 1922 at Hazel Valley to David and Arvana Armon Baker. He was a retired truck driver and an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and Korea. He was a longtime resident of Northwest Arkansas.

Survivors include his wife, Rhoda McGhee Baker of the home; three sons, Roy R. Baker of Rogers, James Edward Baker of the home, and Lesslie Lynn Baker of Benton; four brothers, Robert Baker of Fayetteville, Wayman Baker of West Fork, Ted Baker of Wichita, Kan., and Oval Baker of Elkins; three grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Nelson's Funeral Home of Fayetteville with the Rev. Ernest E. Johnson officiating. Burial was in Buckner Cemetery at Fayetteville.

Visitation was from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

**BILL BARTON** (No obituary available.)

**DELMER ELAM** (No obituary available.)

**DIANA SEQUECHIE** (No obituary available.)

#### CLARA JEWELL TARKINGTON

Clara Jewell Young Tarkington, 83, of Springdale died Nov. 20, 1996 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. She was born Jan. 2, 1913 at Swain to Isaac B. and Julia M. Richardson Young. She was a retired cook for the A.Q. Chicken House, was a member of Westside Free Will Baptist Church and had lived in Springdale for 48 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.B. (Buster) Tarkington; two sisters.

Survivors include two daughters, Laveda Swafford of Evansville and Dorothy Hollowell of Springdale; two brothers, the Rev. Rufus Young of Springdale and Leonard Young of Elkins; one sister, Bertha Hayes of Fayetteville; right grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Westside Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Payne and the Rev. Larry Swafford officiating. Burial was in the Elm Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Junior Swafford, Rick Hammond, the Rev. Walter Vanderlip, James Fennell, the Rev. Larry Lee Swafford and Ricky Hammond, Jr.

The family received friends from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sisco Chapel of Springdale.

#### ROSALIE CARPENTER

Betty Rosalie Carpenter, 62, of Lincoln died Dec. 21, 1996 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale. She was born Nov. 27, 1934 at Red Star to Birch and Florence Smith Hodge. She had worked for Magnetek in Prairie Grove and was a member of the Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Springdale.

Survivors include her husband, Claud Carpenter of the home; one son, Charles Carpenter of Springdale; three daughters, Betty Billingsley of Springdale, Kay Gage of Lowell and Rita Cheatham of Lincoln; four brothers, Ray Hodge of Tontitown, Harold Hodge of Garfield and James Hodge and Herman Hodge, both of Lincoln; six sisters, Dorci Mae Bowen of Tontitown, Annabette Neale of Pateros, Wash., Lorene Cunningham and Shirley England, both of Lincoln, Cathy Spainhower of Southwest City, Mo., and Darlene Crofford of Cave Springs; her parents of Lincoln; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Westside Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Payne officiating. Burial was in White Oak Cemetery at Wheeler under the direction of Moore's Chapel of Fayetteville.

Visitation was at Westside Freewill Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Stephen Moore, Nathan Cheatham, Tommy Dale Gage, Devaughn Cunningham, James Hodge, Michael Spainhower. Honorary pallbearers were Dondi Cunningham, Justin Sage, Birchie Hodge, Josh Hodge and Roger Neale.

Memorials to the Westside Freewill Baptist Church, 1304 Johnson Road, Springdale were suggested.

#### LOIS J. COX

Lois J. Cox, 64, of West Fork died October 17, 1996 at Fayetteville. She was born Nov. 29, 1932 in Scott City, Kan. She was a member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church of West Fork.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 21, at Unity Free Will Baptist Church with the Reverend Randy Burris of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Springdale officiating. Pallbearers were Phillip Bradshaw, David Bemrose, Stan Andrews, Mike Throgmorton, Larry Garrison, and Ronny Paden. Interment was at Zinnamon Cemetery in West Fork.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution Committee, make the following resolutions:

1) The church designated to provide the registration committee will also be responsible for acting as host for the meeting, preparing coffee, arranging the serving table at the Friday noon meal, and bringing refreshments on Saturday.

2) The ladies be given a rising vote of thanks for the food prepared and served on Friday.

Paul Payne, Chairman

#### RESOLUTIONS: (Permanently Printed)

Resolution No. 1: 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 the service.

Resolution No. 2: 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 of recommendation; (3) by restoration; (4) by denominational choice.

Resolution No. 3: 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.

Resolution No. 4: Be it resolved that we give adequate support and approval to Home Mission work in the bounds of the Old Mt. Zion Association such as assisting in organizing and establishing new churches. Said work to be under the supervision of the Home Mission Board

(amended August, 1979) consisting of five ordained ministers or deacons in good standing.

Resolution No. 5: (Amended 1992) Be it resolved that the churches of Old Mt. Zion Association go on record as denouncing the modern day doctrine of speaking in tongues as a part of the doctrine of a second work 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 churches advocating such) to purge out such or stand in risk of losing their place in this Association.

Resolution No. 6: 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."

Resolution No. 7: (amended) In view of the fact that our Youth Camp has become a reality, we recommend that "all churches" support both the Youth Camp and the Home Mission Board.

Resolution No. 8: Be it resolved that the moderator appoint three persons to direct the registration on Thursday night and Friday morning and that they arrive early.

Resolution No. 9: That it be recorded in the minutes which church will be responsible for the Communion Service. They shall be responsible for the juice, bread and cleaning of supplies. If said church cannot serve, they must contact the moderator in time to get another.

Resolution No. 10: (Resolution No. 4 of 1977 Minutes) Be it resolved that the Old Mt. Zion Council Meeting be changed to a quarterly meeting convening on the first Saturday in November, February and May with three (3) elected delegates from each church attending to conduct any business necessary between annual sessions of the Association in August. (Annual Association now meets in May, therefore, quarterly meetings fall on the first Saturday in August, November and February.) Services to begin at 9 a.m.

Resolution No. 11: We believe that Sunday School plays a very important part in the training of our people. Our churches need dedicated teachers who will follow II Timothy 2:15, and we recommend that our churches, who use literature, use Freewill Baptist literature.

Resolution No. 12: Be it resolved that all church letters in the Annual Association be mailed to the Clerk a week prior to the date of the Association, if possible.

Resolution No. 13: Be it resolved that any event, function, or activity to take place on the Association properties be supported by one of our Free Will Baptist Churches, being a member in good standing with our Old Mt. Zion Association, or Associational committees, and be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Resolution No. 14: Be it resolved that the Divine Service Committee be responsible for the Quarterly Council programs—choosing the speaker, his alternate and special singings for each Quarterly Council meeting.

## 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 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. Ordained ministers, deacons, and delegates of Old Mt. Zion Association, 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 voting.

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.

**Article 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.

**Article 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 the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

**Article 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 anyone who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial to our dead.

**Article 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.

**Article 5: Officers**--The Association to have a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and an Assistant 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.

### Amendment No. 1 to Article 5

Be it resolved that we amend Article 5 to read that no person can serve two consecutive terms on any standing board.

### Amendment No. 2 to Article 5

Be it resolved that current Officers of the Association be retained through the present Association and any new Officers assume responsibilities immediately thereafter.

**Article 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.

**Article 7. Questions**--No resolution from any church shall come under consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church and, if possible, a copy be sent to each church before the Association.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 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.

**Article 12. Amendments**--Amendments of this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

**Article 13. Non-Attendance**--The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, shall inquire into the case.

#### **Amendment No.1 to Article 13**

Be it resolved that churches that fail to be represented by delegation, or letter, for two consecutive years, be notified they will be dropped from our Association.

**Article 14. Ordination of Ministers-** Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists accepts the wording of Epistles I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 as authoritative for guidelines to Ordaining Ministers.

#### **Amendment No. 1 to Article 14**

Be it therefore resolved that we amend Article 14 of our Constitution in compliance of our State Constitution. That Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists accept the wording of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus as authoritative, namely the interpretation of the phrase, "the husband of one wife," to mean that divorced personnel should not be ordained. (I Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)

#### **Amendment No. 3 to Article 14**

Be it further resolved that no woman be ordained as minister or a deaconess.

#### **Amendment No. 4 to Article 14**

Be it further resolved that we recommend to the Executive Board of this Association in their examination of candidates for ordination, to observe greater caution, and in agreement with the instructions of the apostles, "To lay hands suddenly on no man." (I Timothy 4:22)

When a Church member acknowledges their call to the Ministry, 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 shall call for his Ordination.

That all Churches of Old Mt. Zion Association, in all Ordinations services of Ministers, comply strictly with the rules and regulations laid down by the Free Will Baptist denominations. Said procedure to be conducted by the Local Church.

#### **Amendment No. 5 to Article 14**

If any ordained minister of the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists at anytime be found guilty of misconduct, or disregard of any rule or ordinance set forth and practiced by the Constitution of the Old Mt. Zion Association, the said party shall be dealt with according to "Article 14" of the Constitution of the Old Mt. Zion Association as follows:

1. After the local church has made a full and complete investigation as to the misconduct or other charges and the evidence proves to be true—he shall surrender his credentials to the local church or association until said misconduct or other charges have been investigated by the local church or Executive Board. (The local church clerk or associational clerk to hold said credentials.)

2. If after the period of not more than one year after the surrender of his credentials, the said party shall be contacted by the local church of which he is a member or by the Executive Board to try and make restitution. If the local church fails to deal with the charges, then the Executive Board will have the authority to deal with the charges. The Executive Board shall make this report to the regular session of the associational body which will vote on the report as whether to revoke or return the credentials to said party.

#### **Amendment No. 6 to Article 14**

Be it resolved that no minister be ordained without written approval of the Executive Board. Be it further resolved that all men who acknowledge their call to preach, upon being licensed, immediately report to the Executive Board. The Executive Board to assign them lessons covering the entire treatise of the Free Will Baptist. We recommend that some of our older ministers be used to administer these lessons. The candidate to meet at least once a month with said minister. Upon completion of lessons, candidate must agree fully with Free Will Baptist doctrine to be ordained.

#### **Amendment No. 7 to Article 14**

Be it resolved that the Association instruct the Executive Board not to approve any minister for ordination who uses tobacco in any form.

#### **Amendment No. 8 to Article 14**

Be it resolved that Free Will Baptist ministers coming from another Free Will Baptist Association present a letter of good standing from the Association from which he is coming to the Executive Board upon examination to be admitted to the full fellowship of the Association.

Ordained ministers coming from another denomination wishing to unite with Free Will Baptists must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church of the Old Mount Zion Association; and will be subject to the same examination by the Executive Board, and if found willing to accept the Free Will Baptist denominations' constitution, will be accepted into full fellowship of the Old Mount Zion Association.

#### **"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 for 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 and inerrant 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 came 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. Condition 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 Savior 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.

**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 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 the knowledge of our Lord.

**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



## STATISTICAL REPORT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Church	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Total Membership
Mt. Zion	0	0	1	86
Hickory Grove	0	0	0	7
Christian Home	0	0	2	54
Pilgrims Rest	0	3	0	28
Hope	0	6	5	85
Freedom	3	8	6	109
Huntsville	1	5	0	176
Phillips Chapel	7	16	8	400
Rogers	20	28	9	136
First Fayetteville	4	8	3	85
Clifty Chapel	0	0	2	75
New Sulphur	7	13	5	209
Faith	7	6	3	70
West Ridge	7	0	4	60
Pea Ridge	1	0	1	22
Victory	3	12	2	170
Calvary	18	31	6	231
Greenland	0	0	2	58
Bentonville	7	9	2	65
Durham	0	1	0	51
Westside	11	8	6	110
Eastgate	4	9	0	42
Unity	7	6	11	43
First Lowell	5	11	4	51



Church	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect
1 Mt. Zion ✓	1866	Ernie Imler	Ernie Imler
2 Hickory Grove ✓	1886 & 1969	Kenneth Lynch	Kenneth Lynch
3 Christian Home ✓	1892	Earl Dean Morris	Earl Dean Morris
4 Pilgrim's Rest ✓	1911	Lowell Bradley	Lester Harp
5 Hope	1945	John Redfearn	Roy Wilson
6 Freedom ✓	1950	Arthur L. Galloway	Arthur L. Galloway
7 Huntsville ✓	1953	Jim Spurlock	Jim Spurlock
8 Phillips Chapel ✓	1952	Rue Dell Smith	Burton Perry
9 Rogers ✓	1953	Loy Counts	Loy Counts
10 Fayetteville First ✓	1956	Jack Morris	Jack Morris
11 Clifty Chapel ✓	1958	Dwayne Lane	Dwayne Lane
12 New Sulphur ✓	1958	Glen Faulkner	Glen Faulkner
13 Faith	1962	Randy Burris	Randy Burris
14 West Ridge ✓	1965	Loyd Thomas	Loyd Thomas
15 Pea Ridge ✓	1967	David Watson	David Watson
16 Victory ✓	1967	Lester Harp	Bruce Thurmon
17 Calvary ✓	1971	Clark Snow	Clark Snow
18 Greenland ✓	1973	Ernest Johnson	Ernest Johnson
19 Bentonville ✓	1978	Anthony Lane	Ellis Doyle
20 Durham Gospel House ✓	1981	Jerry Henshaw	Greg Madden
21 Westside ✓	1985	Paul Payne	Paul Payne
22 Eastgate ✓	1986	Leon Hodge	Eddie Davis
23 Unity	1987	Unknown	Brian Bowerman
24 Lowell First ✓	1991	Jerry Woods	John Redfearn
25 <i>Knicker</i>			

Church	Clerk	Address	Telephone
Mt. Zion	Willie Ann Puryear	21349 Spring Valley, Springdale, AR 72764	789-2413
Hickory Grove	Kendall Bohlen	Route 1, Box 206A, Hindsville, AR 72738	789-5385
Christian Home	Evelyn Harrison	Route 1, Box 252, Hindsville, AR 72738	789-5293
Pilgrim's Rest	Nadine Hamilton	3405 Concord Ave., Springdale, AR 72762	750-4970
Hope	Linda Bragg	22327 Mayfield Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703	789-2540
Freedom	Lora Grimes	Route 1, Box 1429, Pineville, MO 64856	417-435-2053
Huntsville	Norma Chancellor	Route 1, Box 110A, Hindsville, AR 72740	738-2814
Phillips Chapel	J.E. Clark	2004 Pin Oak, Springdale, AR 72762	751-9644
Rogers	Laura Sullivan	14398 Vinda Dr., Rogers, AR 72756	631-7050
First Fayetteville	Betty Sone	2021 Erstan, Fayetteville, AR 72703	442-5245
Clifty Chapel	Wilma Obenshain	Route 5, Box 486, Rogers, AR 72756	789-5411
New Sulphur	LaVerne Sargent	10686 Hank Sargent Road, Prairie Grove, AR 72753	846-2473
Faith	Betty McKinney	12254 Kenneth Price Road, Springdale, AR 72762	248-7451
West Ridge	Mitchell Blackston	106 Cynthia, Fayetteville, AR 72703	267-2483
Pea Ridge	Barbara Casey	118 McCulloch Street, Pea Ridge, AR 72751	451-8261
Victory	Joan Watkins	1357 Amy Circle, Springdale, AR 72762	756-6893
Calvary	Dorothy Penny	1203 Thomas Blvd., Springdale, AR 72762	751-9776
Greenland	Mary Houghland	710 Caudle Ave., Springdale, AR 72764	750-9349
Bentonville	Alta Bernard	11794 Rolling Dr., Rogers, AR 72756	925-2632
Durham Gospel House	Deloris Paschal	P.O. Box 294, Elkins, AR 72727	643-2682
Westside	Garry Rhodes	13134 Goose Creek Rd., Farmington, AR 72730	267-2900
Eastgate	Joann Jones	Route 2, Box 298, Westville, OK 74965	918-723-4474
Unity	Darla Garrison	24 S. Sycamore Lane, West Fork, AR 72774	839-3248
First Lowell	Elewee Taylor	610 N Jackson Place, Lowell, AR 72745	659-0822

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Ordained Ministers	Age
ARTMAN, Dennis	44
BAGWELL, Eldon	59
BARNES, Glen	81
BOYD, Jack	80
BOWERMAN, Brian	61
BRADLEY, Lowell	64
BRADSHAW, Gordon	79
BURRIS, Randy	53
CASE, Cecil	56
CASTEEL, Dave	76
CASWELL, Greig	38
CLINE, Norman	75
COLVILLE, Charles	70
COUNTS, Loy	58
COYLE, Bruce	57
DAVIS, Eddie	51
DOYLE, Ellis	50
EASTERLING, Noel	81
FAULKNER, Glen	52
GALLOWAY, Arthur Lee	63
GARRISON, Cecil O.	87
GRIMES, Jerry	53
HAFFELDER, Roy	53
HARP, Lester	47
HARRIS, James R.	48
HENRY, Loyd Ray	65

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715 Hinshaw, Springdale, AR 72762	756-3159
415 Price Ave., Springdale, AR 72764	
296 S. Center, Elkins, AR 72727	643-3491
1604 S. West End, Springdale, AR 72764	756-3978
2443 Kasey Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764	756-6004
10098 E. Hwy. 156, West Fork, AR 72774	839-2132
600 Shorty Hill Drive, Springdale, AR 72764	751-9701
2005 Emma, Springdale, AR 72764	756-3031
602 Catlett, Prairie Grove, AR 72753	846-3951
1301 S. Dyer, Springdale, AR 72764	751-5407
1706 Horseshoe, Springdale, AR 72764	756-6438
1004 Sherman, Springdale, AR 72764	756-3025
14003 Highland Church Road, Fayetteville, AR 72701	267-2642
1948 N. 48th, Springdale, AR 72762	751-9383
17185 Dennis Mitchell, Garfield, AR 72732	359-3160
2707 Tracee Way, Springdale, AR 72764	751-7696
905 Dogwood, Prairie Grove, AR 72753	846-2978
1600B Kimborough, Springdale, AR 72764	756-3991
606 Curtis, Springdale, AR 72764	751-2003
Route 1, Box 1429, Pineville, MO 64856	417-435-2053
Route 5, Box 822, Huntsville, AR 72740	665-2860
19243 Avila Rd., Springdale, AR	756-5734
P.O. Box 50, Elkins, AR 72727	643-2239
16238 Brannon Mt. Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701	643-3472

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Ordained Ministers	Age
HENSHAW, Jerry	44
HODGE, Leon	57
HOLDER, Isaac	34
HOWELL, Jeremy	22
HUNTON, Raymond	85
IMLER, Ernie	26
JOHNSON, Ernest	61
JONES, Glen	86
LANE, Anthony	59
LANE, Dwayne	46
LYNCH, Kenneth	58
McFERRIN, Vondean	65
MADDEN, Greg	40
MORRIS, Earl Dean	62
MORRIS, Jack	64
MUDD, Terry	43
PASCHAL, Jerry	59
PAYNE, Paul	54
PERRY, Burton	59
PORTER, Layton	72
REDFEARN, John	60
SMITH, William	66
SNODERLY, Henry	45
SNOW, Clark	29
SPURLOCK, Jim	58
THOMAS, Loyd	60

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Address	Telephone
22016 War Eagle Blacktop Rd., Springdale, AR 72764	750-1371
123 N. 40th, Springdale, AR 72764	756-5096
406 McClure Ave., Lowell, AR 72745	750-2441
15707 James Court, Garfield, AR 72732	451-1443
3400 Old Wire Rd., Springdale, AR 72764	751-8269
802 Betty St., Springdale, AR 72762	756-9678
2343 Wagon Wheel Rd., Springdale, AR 72762	751-2570
Medi-Home, Prairie Grove, AR 72753	846-4508
717 N. 28th, Rogers, AR 72756	273-5549
P.O. Box 388, Rogers, AR 72757	789-5149
Route 1, Hindsville, AR 72738	789-5535
P.O. Box 114, Elm Springs, AR 72728	248-1498
11366 Viney Grove Rd., Prairie Grove, AR 72753	846-3845
Route 1, Box 8, Hindsville, AR 72738	789-2701
1307 Mission, Fayetteville, AR 72701	442-2588
1008 N. 9th Street, Rogers, AR 72756	636-6016
P.O. Box 294, Elkins, AR 72727	643-2782
3017 E. Emma, Springdale, AR 72764	751-3047
242 Robin Hood, Springdale, AR 72763	248-2367
HCR 66, Box 60, Witter, AR 72776	232-5768
P.O. Box 92, Centerton, AR 72719	795-4039
Unknown	Unknown
P.O. Box 18, Avoca, AR 72711	451-1939
910 Gutensohn, Springdale, AR 72762	756-5877
Route 6, Huntsville, AR 72740	232-5864
3644 Weir Rd., Fayetteville, AR 72701	521-2679

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THOMPSON, Johnny	40	Route 6, Huntsville, AR 72740	232-5964
THURMAN, Bruce	36	604 Curtis, Springdale, AR 72762	872-9720
VANDERLIP, Walter	42	Route 6, Box 306, Springdale, AR 72764	750-9272
WATSON, David	48	5564 Elm Springs Rd., Springdale, AR 72764	751-3279
WILSON, Roy	48	Route 1, Box 230H, Fayetteville, AR 72703	789-2854
WOODS, Jerry	48	P.O. Box 102, Avoca, AR 72711	451-8920
YATES, Danny	79	Route 1, Box 712, Rogers, AR 72756	631-1747
YOUNG, Rufus		Route 7, Box 312, Springdale, AR 72764	756-3725

Licensed Ministers	Age	Address	Telephone
BAGWELL, Aaron	23	472 Grigg, Springdale, AR 72764	248-7367
CLINE, Robert		KC 30, Box 123, Kingston, AR	420-3632
JAMES, Randy	28	Route 3, Box 4590, Garfield, AR 72732	359-2099
SHACKLEFORD, Phil		9904 Spanker Creek Road, Pea Ridge, AR 72751	451-1377

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