

MINUTES
OF THE
184TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OLD MOUNT ZION
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened at the
Westside Free Will Baptist Church
February 7-8, 2024
with Elder Dwayne Lane presiding.

The 185TH session of the Old Mount Zion Association will convene at the
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church with Brother Adam Ash to give the
introductory message.

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2025-2026

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Lester Harp-4 years	479-263-7438
Russell Payne-5 years	918-639-8862

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Norman Findahl-4 years	479-841-1843
Josh Howell-5 years	479-640-2149

YOUTH BOARD

Chris Kester-1 year	479-903-0897
Cortney Wolf-2 years	479-957-5604
Jason Smith-3 years	479-903-8693
Brent Ferguson -4 years	479-531-3252
Steve Etchison-5 years	479-304-8874

MODERATOR-Dwayne Lane

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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 opening 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. Reading of the Rules of Order by the Moderator or Clerk.
9. Election of permanent officers.
10. Reports of committees appointed last Association and other unfinished business.
11. Report by new committees.
12. New business.
13. Reading and adopting minutes.
14. Adjournment.

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, church clerks, and delegates of Old Mt. Zion Association, when present, are invited to seats, allowed to take part in all 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 rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection 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.

RULES OF ORDER (CONTINUED)

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 ensure 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. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after organization of the Association.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

DELEGATES SEATED TO REPRESENT CHURCHES BROTHERS AND SISTERS

MT ZION Carolyn, James Anderson

PILGRIM'S REST Molly Bradley

FREEDOM Joshua Howell, Donna Howell

CLIFTY Nella Shannon

CALVARY Joann Maze, Laverl Day, Aaron Kettner

GREENLAND Linda Cooksey, Bonita Edens

WESTSIDE Mary Johnson, Joan Watkins, Mary Bromley

HUNTSVILLE, ROGERS, BOULDER RIDGE, LOWELL 1ST, AND LAND OF GOSHEN represented by letter only.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 184TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OLD MT ZION ASSOCIATION

The 184th annual association of the Old Mt Zion Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 7pm. The meeting was opened with an altar of prayer led by Brother Brent Ferguson. The Westside singers led the congregation in singing "When I See The Blood"

"I Shall Not Be Moved" and "There's Power In The Blood". Elder Dwayne Lane gave the Moderator's Message, and singers from the Westside church sang "I Am A Child Of The King". The introductory message was given by Elder Terry Mudd on being happy and being an example from John 13:13-20 and James 5:11-12.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order and standing delegates were seated. Sister April Grimes read the names of the elected delegates from each church, and they were seated as well. Committee on Committees appointments were as follows: Chairman, Elder Paul Payne, Elder Clark Snow, and Elder Leon Hodge. The introductory session ended with prayer led by Elder Lester Harp.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Saturday's worship service was opened with prayer led by Elder Dan Howell. The Westside singers led the congregation in singing, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "He Set Me Free", and "Just Over In The Gloryland". The Westside singers then brought the special music. They sang, "Gettin' Ready To Leave This World". The opening message was given by Elder Phil Shackelford entitled "The Unseen Hand" from 2 Timothy 1:5-18. Elder Dwayne Lane gave the Moderator's Message from Hebrews 12:1. The Committee on Committees appointments were read aloud. Dismissal prayer and blessing were given by Elder Leon Hodge. The Westside church provided breakfast and showed a slideshow of OMZ's very own heroes of the faith.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

The business session was opened with prayer led by Brother Ken Winningham. Standing and elected delegates were recognized and seated. Elder Dwayne Lane read the Rules Of Order.

Business began with Brother William Cooksey giving the Trustee report. He reported that water heaters were replaced at the Associational grounds and electric heaters installed to ensure there were no busted pipes. The Trustee account was \$800 shy of paying the bills for the quarter. The report was accepted.

The Youth report was given by Brother Jason Smith. A motion to receive as read carried.

Sister Mary Johnson gave the Mission Emergency report. The report was received by a vote of the body, and Sister Mary was elected to serve as the Mission Emergency chair for another year.

Sister Mary Johnson also gave the Resolution Committee report. No resolutions were submitted. The committee chose Psalm 46:11 and Philippians 4:13 as their verses for the year.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Elder Eldon Bagwell, and a motion was carried to receive it as read.

Elder Eldon Bagwell gave the radio report. Motion carried to transfer funds left from dissolution of the Radio broadcast to the Trustee account to cover the shortages.

Elder Paul Payne gave the Executive Board report. The board met and approved Brother Steven Etchison into the association pending a letter of good standing. The report was accepted by a vote of the body.

The election of permanent officers followed. Those elections are: Moderator-Elder Dwayne Lane, Assistant Moderator-Elder Clark Snow, Clerk-April Grimes, and Assistant Clerk-Benita Gunter.

Due to the permanent officer elections, motions carried to replace Elder Clark Snow on the Executive board with Elder Paul Payne, and then to replace Elder Paul Payne with Brother Russell Payne for a 5-year term.

Motion was made and accepted to receive Brother Russell Payne into the association pending a letter of good standing from New Life Association in OK.

Brother Steven Etchison was elected to the Youth Board by a vote of the body.

Brother Norman Findahl and Brother Josh Howell were elected to the Trustee Board, and their nominations carried.

Brother David Taylor from the State Association came and reported on upcoming events and news from the state level.

Elder Dan Howell gave the Finance Committee report. It was accepted as read.

Travis Alexander, Arkansas Missions Director, gave updates.

Brother Aaron Kettner gave the Non-Represented Churches report. The report was accepted by a vote of the body.

Elder Ken Winningham with FWB Family Ministries reported on salvations, rededications, and baptisms throughout the ministry.

The 2024 Divine Service and Resolution committees were released, and the 2025 appointments were held.

Sister April Grimes gave the Clerk report. Motion was made to add Sister Benita Gunter to the clerk's bank account and for permission to obtain a debit card. Motion and report carried.

Sister April Grimes gave a report on Restore Family Preservation Center and thanked the association for all the support.

The Divine Service report was given by Elder Terry Mudd, and it was received.

Volunteers for cleaning the Association building are as follows:

May 2025-Westside

August 2025-Clifty

November 2025-Calvary

OMZ will be represented by letter to State Association.

Brother Steven Etchison was nominated to attend as OMZ delegate to the National Association.

Elder Eldon Bagwell was appointed to attend the Old Union Association as a delegate.

Motion was made and carried to give Family Ministries, Bro Travis Alexander-Missions, and Restore each \$500 from the Missions Emergency fund.

A motion carried to add Brother Norman Findahl to the Trustee account and to remove all other signors besides him and Brother William Cooksey.

Brother Brent Ferguson reported on Youth Camp 2025 and passed out information to each church.

Brother Dan Howell made a motion to amend his Finance report. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and a dismissal prayer was led by Elder Eldon Bagwell.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Chair: Paul Payne, Clark Snow, Leon Hodge

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Mary Johnson, Judy Payne, Joan Watkins

DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

Chair: Terry Mudd, Jack Watkins, Russell Payne

NON-REPRESENTED CHURCHES COMMITTEE

Chair: Aaron Kettner, Molly Bradley, William Cooksey

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Dan Howell, Brent Ferguson, Norman Findahl

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Chair: Eldon Bagwell, Joann Maze, Georgia Lane

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Report from November 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025. The balance from the previous report was \$13972.53. The donation for this period was \$1851.10. The expenses for this period were \$2685.22 leaving the account balance as \$13138.41.

-William Cooksey

YOUTH REPORT

Beginning Balance (10/2/24)	\$5063.60
From Churches	\$940.00
Expenses	\$159.60
Ending Balance (2/7/25)	\$5844.00

-Jason Smith

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

See page 8 of the minutes for partial report.

-Paul Payne

RADIO PROGRAM REPORT

Ending Balance \$6162.83
-Eldon Bagwell

MISSION EMERGENCY FUND REPORT

Balance (11/2/24) \$1685.45
Offering from FWB Churches \$235.00
Offering from FWB Churches \$488.58
Balance (2/3/24) \$2409.03
-Mary Johnson

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

No resolutions to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

CHURCH	STATE/NATIONAL	CLERK	MINUTES	# MINUTES
Mt Zion	\$300	\$40	\$20	10
Pilgrim's Rest	\$300	\$25	\$10	5
Freedom	\$300	\$100	\$30	15
Huntsville	\$300	\$20	\$40	20
Rogers	\$300	\$30	\$20	10
Fayetteville 1 st				
Clifty Chapel	\$300	\$50	\$20	10
Calvary	\$300	\$75	\$20	10
Greenland	\$300	\$50	\$40	20
Boulder Ridge	\$300			
Westside	\$300	\$20	\$10	5
Lowell 1 st	\$300	\$10	\$24	12
Land of Goshen	\$300	\$50	\$10	5
TOTAL	\$3600	\$470	\$244	122

CLERK REPORT

Beginning Balance (2/2024)	\$897.93
Deposits	\$4319.00
Expenses	
AR FWB	\$3575.00
Postage	\$75.44
PO Box	\$64.00
Jordan Printing	\$187.03
Clerk Fees	\$520.00
Ending Balance (2/2025)	\$795.46

-April Grimes

REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

May 2024-Brother Josh Howell gave the devotion from Mark 4:1-25, the parable of the soils. Brother Brent Ferguson brought the message from Romans 8:35-39 about being persuaded. Brother Chris Kester was examined by the executive board and approved for ordination.

August 2024-Brother Doug Archer gave the devotional on "Sharing the Bread". His text was taken from John 6:35-40, 63. The message was given by Elder Eldon Bagwell. He took his text from Luke 22:14-20. KURM radio has ended so the radio broadcast ended as well. Discussion on whether to continue in another fashion was tabled until the November meeting. Recommendation was made to send letters to each church to ask for additional funds for the Trustee account to cover the cost of the insurance which will be an added \$600 quarterly.

November 2025-Brother Aaron Kettner brought the devotion from Philippians 4:13 Elder Eldon Bagwell read the names of those who passed during the year for our Memorial Service. Elder Brad Spurlock gave the message from Psalm 84:10-12. Radio broadcast dropped and discussion tabled until annual to decide what to do with the money in the account. Motion carried to move Memorial service to May meeting each year

REPORT OF DIVINE SERVICE COMMITTEE

QUARTERLY MEETING-MAY 2025

Memorial Service

Devotion: Aaron Kettner

Alternate: William Cooksey

Message: Brent Ferguson

Alternate: Russell Payne

Special Music and Donuts: Freedom

QUARTERLY MEETING-AUGUST 2025

Communion and Feet Washing Service

Devotion: Doug Archer

Alternate: Laverl Day

Message: Brad Spurlock

Alternate: Lester Harp

Special Music and Donuts: Lowell

QUARTERLY MEETING-NOVEMBER 2025

Devotion: Norman Findahl

Alternate: Jack Watkins

Message: Casey Kester

Alternate: Chris Kester

Special Music and Donuts: Westside

******2026 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION******

Held at Calvary FWB

Friday Evening Message: Adam Ash

Alternate: Aaron Jones

Friday Evening Music: Calvary

Saturday Morning Worship: Clark Snow

Alternate: Phil Shackelford

Saturday Morning Music: Calvary

2024 OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary committee, found that 22 members and 4 by request were called home in 2024. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:13

MT ZION

Bobby Phillips

HUNTSVILLE

Cecil "Sonny" Moore

ROGERS

Harold Roller

Karen Arnold

Mildred Herron

Jo Ann Wages

Ruth Kinnamen

Madeline Hairell

Gene Weiser

CLIFTY CHAPEL

Dorothy Comer

CALVARY

Herman McGarrah-by request

Carl Kendrick

Robin Maze-by request

Lucille Collins

Dean Hull-by request

Wayne Butts

Dottie Seals-by request

Larry Hale

FIRST LOWELL

Betty Counts

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LAND OF GOSHEN

Alta Madewell

WESTSIDE

Artis Turnbull

Minnie Chaffin

Casey Payne

Matthew Ferguson

Brian Turnbull

Jeff Watson

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, 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 Hand of the church, which is Jesus Christ the Saviour.

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 letter, they shall be entitled to seats. All regularly ordained ministers, deacons, and church clerks 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 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 is 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 report to the Association annually.

AMENDMENT #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, if possible.

AMENDMENT #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.

AMENDMENT #3 TO ARTICLE 5

Be it resolved that we reorganize our leadership structure to elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk who will serve this body by presiding over the associational meetings at the annual session and the three quarterly meetings.

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 and the Association Clerk for the Association.

ARTICLE 8. MOTIONS-Every motion made and seconded shall come under 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. SIGNATURE-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 an regular session.

ARTICLE 13. NON-ATTENDANCE-The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, shall inquire into the case.

AMENDMENT #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 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9 as authoritative for Guidelines to Ordaining Ministers.

AMENDMENT #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. (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6)

AMENDMENT #3 TO ARTICLE 14

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

AMENDMENT #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." (1 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 proved himself, the church shall call for his Ordination. That all Churches of the Old Mt. Zion Association, in all Ordination services of Ministers, comply strictly with the rules and regulations laid down by the Free Will Baptist denomination. Said procedure to be conducted by the Local Church.

AMENDMENT #5 TO ARTICLE 14

If any ordained minister of the Old Mt. Zion Association of Free Will Baptists at any time 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 and Old Mt. Zion minister's card 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 and Old Mt. Zion minister's card.)

If after the period of not more than one year after the surrender of his credentials and Old Mt. Zion minister's card, 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
2. authority to deal with the charges. The Executive Board shall make this report to the regular session of the Association body which will vote on the report as whether to revoke or return the credentials and Old Mt. Zion minister's card to said party.

AMENDMENT #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 the Free Will Baptist doctrine to be ordained.

AMENDMENT #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 #8 TO ARTICLE 14

Be is 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 Mt. 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 Mt. Zion Association.

RESOLUTIONS

(PERMANENTLY PRINTED)

RESOLUTION #1: 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 #2: That Article 1, Membership, be amended to read: All regularly ordained ministers and deacons and church clerks 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 #3: 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 #4: (amended May 2005) "Free Will Baptists understand the Bible teaches the following facts: On the day of Pentecost believers spoke with distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present. Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirm the witness of the gospel to unbelievers.

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues. When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow. The gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification. We believe that speaking in tongues as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches and will not be permitted.

We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be ye filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

RESOLUTION #5: 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 and association clerk of Old Mt. Zion before Association convenes; that is, if possible."

RESOLUTION #6: (amended) In view of the fact that our Youth Camp has become reality, we recommend that "all churches" support both the Youth Camp and Home Mission Board.

RESOLUTION #7: Be it resolved that the Moderator appoint three persons to direct the registration on Thursday night and Friday morning that arrive early. (Amended 2017-annual meeting is Friday night and Saturday morning.)

RESOLUTION #8: 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 #9: (Resolution #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 elected delegates from each church attending to conduct any business necessary between annual sessions of the Association in August. (Annual Association now meets in April, therefore, quarterly meetings fall on the first Saturday in August, November, and February.) Services to begin at 9 am.

RESOLUTION #10: We believe that Sunday School plays a very important part of the training of our people. Our churches need dedicated teachers who will follow 2 Timothy 2:15, and we recommend that our churches, who use literature, use Free Will Baptist literature.

RESOLUTION #11: 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 #12: 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 member in good standing with our Old Mt. Zion Association, or Associational committees, and be approved by the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION #13: 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.

RESOLUTION #14: Be it resolved that the churches of the Old Mt. Zion Association give support and prayer to the work being done in the Hispanic community in Northwest Arkansas.

RESOLUTION #15: Be it resolved that the Authorized King James Version of the Bible be used at all meetings of the Old Mt. Zion Association, including but not limited to, Annual/Quarterly Meetings, Radio broadcasts, Home Mission efforts, Youth Camp, and CTS activities.

RESOLUTION #16: Be it resolved that every board have at least one member present at each quarterly and association meeting.

RESOLUTION #17: The Executive Board strongly recommends that in order to preserve the integrity, doctrine, and unity of the Old Mt. Zion Association only use Authorized King James Version Bibles in their individual churches.

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; 1 Corinthians 8:6; St. John 10:30; 1 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; Matthew 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. (2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matthew 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. (Genesis 1:27; 2:16-17; Romans 11:11-35; Romans 5:18; Psalms 37:23-24.)

- 6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION-** We believe that Jesus Christ, 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. (Hebrews 9:12; Galatians 3:13, 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 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. (St. John 3; Matthew 19:13-22; 2 Corinthians 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. (Revelation 22:17; 1 Peter 1:9-13; 1 Peter 2:9-4; Romans 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. (Matthew 3:14-16, 3:5-6; 1 Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matthew 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; 1 Corinthians 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-18; Matthew 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; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Ezekiel 20:21; Matthew 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; Jeremiah 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matthew 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. (Ephesians 3:16-21; Hebrews 12:22-23; 1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matthew 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. (2 Thessalonian 1:1; Acts 16:5; 3 John 1:10; Matthew 18:17; Acts 20:28; Revelation 1:4, 11, 20.)
15. **PERSEVERANCE-** We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine graces, and in the knowledge of truth 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. (2 Corinthians

9:10; 2 Peter 1:4-8, 12; 1 Peter 2:2; Romans 8:35-39. Apostasy 2 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Hebrews 12:15-17; 1 John 5:16; Hebrews 6:1-6; 1 Timothy 4:1-2; Hebrews 3:12; St. John 15:1-7; Matthew 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. (Colossians 1:18-19; Matthew 16:18; Hebrews 12:23; 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, Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 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. (1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 12:14; Philippians 3:21; St. John 17:17-19; 2 Timothy 2:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-23.)
- 18. THE RESURRECTION-** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both righteous and 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 wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. (Matthew 28:6; St. John 5:28-29; 1 Corinthians 15:51—58.)
- 19. JUDGEMENT-** We believe that there will be a general, universal judgement, 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. (2 Thessalonians 1:4-9; Revelation 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Revelation 21:8; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 12:36-37; Revelation 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.)
- 20. MARRIAGE-** We believe, based on the teaching of the Scriptures in the Old and New Testament, that marriage is an institution ordained by God from the foundation of the world and is intended as a lifelong union of one man and one woman. This understanding is supported by the account of creation in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. Genesis 1:26-27 indicates that God created man in His own image, as male

and female. The passage implies that the unity of man and a woman in marriage is in some way reflective of the image of God in mankind.

Genesis 2:18 provides a more detailed account, relating that God created the first man, Adam, and decided that it was not good for him to be alone. God indicated that He would make "an help meet for him," which means a helper suitable for or matching him. Then God brought all animals to Adam, but none of them was such a suitable helper; so, God created Eve, the first woman, from part of Adam himself. God did not create a second man to be Adam's helper, or an assortment of multiple women, but one woman. Together they were man and wife and had "no shame" or sin in their union. (Genesis 2:18-25)

Jesus Christ reaffirmed the teaching of the Old Testament when He said, as recorded in Matthew 19:4-6: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." The Apostle Paul states in Ephesians 5:22-32 that marriage is not merely a human institution, but is a special, divine metaphor that illustrates the union of Christ and the Church. For this reason, also, only a union between one man and one woman can be a Biblical marriage because no other union-whether of two men, two women, or any other arrangement-could illustrate the relationship between Christ and His church in accord with this Biblical teaching.

- 21. HUMAN SEXUALITY-** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 condemns a variety of lifestyles including those associated with adultery, prostitution, and homosexuality. Indeed, the Bible condemns as sexual immorality-"fornication" in the Authorized King James version of the Bible- all sexual intercourse outside marriage as defined above. It also encourages Christians to flee from sexual immorality because of its destructive effects and because the body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:12-20)
- Romans 1:18-32 makes clear that it is not only sinful to engage in homosexual unions, but also to approve of such sins in others or to encourage their practice. As a result, in order to maintain our consistent Christian witness, we cannot sanction, approve, or

promote in any way adultery or any form of sexual immorality- including, but not limited to, pornography, pedophilia, polygamy, bestiality, or homosexual unions. This is made clear in many passages in the Old and New Testaments. Our church follows what the Bible reveals as the "sure foundation" of the teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles (Matthew 7:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:37). If our church is to bear the name *Christian* authentically, we are called to teach and practice these teachings and are not at liberty to depart from them for a different authority. Though we strive to live peaceably with all people and to obey legitimate government authority, if the two come into conflict about matters as foundational as marriage, we must ultimately obey God rather than man (Acts 4:18-21). Sexual activities outside of marriage, including but not limited to those named above, are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the church. Lewd conduct; transgender behavior; and the creation, distribution, or viewing of pornography are incompatible with God's purpose for human sexuality.

OLD MT. ZION ASSOCIATION BOARD DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Responsibilities and duties are set forth in the Constitution Article 5 and Article 14: (1) examination of candidates for ordination to the ministry, (2) assist the local church in dealing with any ordained minister guilty of misconduct, (3) request credentials and Old Mt. Zion minister's card of any minister not complying.

(as of July 1, 2017, the Old Mt Zion clerks have not received updated versions of the duties and responsibilities of the two new boards-Carla)

2024 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

CHURCH	BAPTISMS	NEW	MEMBERS	MEMBERSHIP
		MEMBERS	LOST	
MT ZION	1	0	1	22
PILGRIM'S REST	0	0	0	20
FREEDOM	5	0	4	113
HUNTSVILLE	2	1	2	49
ROGERS	3	10	7	75
FAYETTEVILLE 1ST				
CLIFTY CHAPEL	0	0	1	50
CALVARY	10	18	13	264
GREENLAND	0	2	0	40
BOULDER RIDGE	0	0	0	29
WESTSIDE	0	3	6	113
FIRST LOWELL	1	4	1	46
LAND OF GOSHEN	0	0	1	11
TOTAL	22	38	36	832

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