

From Mrs. G. W. Hopper

MINUTES OF THE
Fortieth Annual Session
OF THE
Social Band Baptist
Association

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Held with Old Jackson Church, Imboden, Arkansas, September nineteenth, Twentieth, twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fourteen. Next session will be held with Richwoods Church, Richwoods, Arkansas, September eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth, nineteen hundred and fifteen. . . .

ELD. D. M. HOLDER, Moderator
ELD. G. W. MASON, Clerk

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The Fortieth Annual Session of that part of the Church of God, commonly known as Social Band Association of General Freewill Baptists, convened with Old Jackson church near Imboden, Ark., commencing Sept. 19, 1914.

The annual sermon was preached at 10 o'clock a. m. by Eld. W. T. Sharp from 1 cor. 2; 1-7. The moderator and clerk both being present proceeded to regular business.

1. A roll call of the churches showed nine represented, viz: Clear Lake, Loneoak, Grand View, Stony Point, New Hope, Sugar Tree Grove, Union Ridge, Old Jackson. Letters were received and messengers names enrolled.

2. Called for petitionery letters: recieved three—Richwoods, Elnora and Denman Richwoods was organized by Eld. G. W. Million. Elnora and Denman by Elds. Newberry English and Buckner. Messengers names were enrolled.

3. Called for corresponding letters: received none.
4. Elected a moderator and clerk. Eld. D. M. Holder was chosen moderator, with Eld. W. T. Sharp, assistant. Eld. G. W. Million, clerk, with J. W. Tharp, assistant.
5. Moderator appointed the several committees:
 - On arrangement of business—H. A. Shipman, G. B. Blalock, L. M. Buckner, Warren Hullenger and Sular McNabb.
 - On Finance—Newton Gates, S. A. Niswonger and Frank Brooks.
 - On Literature—Retained old committee
 - On divine services—J. C. Carter, J. P. Kingcade and Dave Lewis.
 - On Obituary—N. Y. Gary, Ben Million and H. F. Newberry.
6. Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Came to gether about 3 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. Kildow.

7. Called for tardy letters: received three, Eureka, Pleasant Valley and New Covenant. Messengers names were enrolled.

8. Called again for petitionery letters: received two, Union church (O'Kean) and Mt. Pleasant. Messengers were enrolled, Union was organized by W. T. Shoffitt and Mt. Pleasant by Eld Kildow.

9. Considered the following question: "Would it be in order for one of our ministers to administer baptism to one who has not previously become identified with one of our congregations?" Decided in the affirmative, i. e., that it would be scriptural.

10. Bro. O. P. Toles was given right to represent Reform church.

11. The matter of having quarterly meetings was taken up. Moved to continue quarterly meetings. The first to be held with Pleasant Valley (Valley Chapel) church near Ravenenden Springs. The second at Grand View, near Supply. The third at Loneoak, near Manson. The fourth at Poynor, Mo.

Moved to meet at 11 o'clock on Friday before each 5th Sunday. That Eld. J. W. Tharp preach the first introductory sermon, Eld. W. T. Sharp the second, Eld. N. Y. Gary, the third, and Eld. H. F. Newberry the fourth.

12. Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Preaching Saturday night by Elds. Ring and Gordon King. Subject, "The Way". Sunday at 11 o'clock by Elds. W. T. Shoffitt and G. W. Million from Prov. 22:28. Sunday evening Elds. Holder and Sharp preached on "The Ordinances, after which the Lord's Supper was served and followed Him in washing saints feet as set forth in Jno. 13.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Met about 8 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Eld English.

13. Held a ministerial examination i. e., into the character and work of each minister. All passed.

Moved to endorse Eld. Ring's credentials, he coming from Polk Bayou Association of Freewill Baptists.

15. Moved to have an evangelist put in the field for next year. Eld G. W. Million was chosen to fill the place, he to withdraw himself from pastoral work and to devote his entire time to the work, and that he be supported by collections taken at the places where he shall preach, and by special contributions taken by the pastors and deacons in the several churches of the association.

16. The several committees were asked to report. All reported and were discharged except committee on literature.

17. Moved to have 400 minutes printed and that the supervision of printing and distribution of same be left to the clerk.

18. Moved that the next annual meeting of the Association be held with Richwoods church, near Richwoods, Ark., two miles west of Lusterville on the Frisco R. R. Elds. G. W. Million and W. T. Shofitt were selected to preach the annual sermon.

19. Minutes were read and received.

20. Moved that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the people of Old Jackson for the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

21. Moved to adjourn to meet at above named place Saturday at 10 oclock a. m. before 3rd Sunday in September, 1915.

ELD. D. M. HOLDER. Moderator,

" W. T. SHARP, Ass't Moderator.

ELD. G. W. MILLION, Clerk,

" J. W. THARP, Ass't Clerk.

OBITUARY

We, your committee on obituary find that our kind and generous Heavenly Father has seen fit in his Divine Wisdom to remove from our midst by death, thirteen of our membership located as follows:

Pleasant Valley, two, Mary Anderson and Ida Tyler.

New Covenant, three, Clara Seats, Thos. Gatlin and Will White.

Eureka, one, A. Haynes.

Sugar Tree Grove, three, Rachel Jones, Eunice Ballard and Hessie Simpson.

Loneoak, one, Nannie Crandall.

Old Jackson, three, Adeline Odell, Minnie Wood and Florence Riddle.

We are glad that our loss is their eternal gain and we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones, and we pray that we may so live in this life as to join these loved ones gone before in eternal bliss.

N. Y. GARY

CHAIRMAN.

LITERATURE

We, the committee on literature, recommend a closer study of the Bible, especially upon the following subjects: The Atonement, Sanctification, Spiritual Gifts, Millinium, The End, Resurrection and Eternal Punishment.

We recommend that our brethren and especially the ministers study the history of our people a little more, that they may be better qualified to tell people who we are.

We further recommend the reading of either or all of the following papers that we may have a better knowledge of the present condition of our movement, viz: "The Messenger," published at Owensville, Ind., "The Free Will Baptist," published at Ayden, N. C., "The Free Baptist News," published at Weatherford, Tex. Especially the last named paper.

COMMITTEE.

MINISTERIAL LIST

D. N. King, Warm Springs, Ark.

D. M. Holder, Maynard, Ark.

W. T. Shoffitt, O'Kean, Ark.

J. F. Gates, O'Kean, Ark.

J. H. Welker, Corning, Ark.

W. T. Sharp, Frisbee, Ark.

G. W. Million, Pocahontas, Ark.

H. F. Newberry, Richwoods, Ark.

— Ring, Portia, Ark.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESS
Sugar Tree Gr	D. M. Holder	Mattie Hopper, Poynor, Mo.
Stony Pt	"	J. F. Pearce, Cavenar, Ark.
Union Ridge	"	Effie Gimlin, Ponder, Mo.
Grandview	"	G. P. Johnson, Supply, Ark.
New Hope	G. W. Million	B. H. Bates, Pocahontas, Ark.
Richwoods	"	J. M. Webb, Walnut Ridge, Ark. R 2, bx 42.
Loneoak	"	Nannie Weeks, Elnora, Ark.
Warm Springs	"	Elbah Bellan, Warm Spr's Ark.
Eureka	W. T. Shoffitt	N. A. Carroll, Sharum, Ark.
New Covenant	"	Zack Minton, Walnut, Ridge.
Union	"	C. W. Cupp, O'Kean, Ark.
Pleasant Val'y	W. T. Sharp	Marcus Anderson, Ravenden spg
Old Jackson	"	Ida Brooks, Imboden, Ark.
Clear Lake	H F Newberry	Cratie Starnes, Portia, Ark.
Elnora	L. M. Buckner	J. A. Buckner, Elnora, Ark.
Denman	J. B. English	A. J. Russell, Sharum, Ark.
Mt Pleasant	C. M. Kildow	Jos. M. Baker, Ravenden Spg's



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting	Contribution for Minutes	INCREASE			DECREASES			Total Membership
			Conversion	Restoration	Recommendation	Death	Withdrawal	Letter	
Sugar Tree Grove.....		2 25	3		2	3			29
Clear Lake.....		75	2		2				17
Loneoak.....		1 13	9	2				1	45
Elnora.....		75							22
New Covenant.....		1 75	11		7	3			87
Mt. Pleasant.....		75							15
Eureka.....		2 25	41	15		1			40
Pleasant Valley.....			11			2		1	52
Denman.....		70							30
Old Jackson.....		1 00			14	3	3		51
Union.....		1 50							31
Richwoods.....									12
New Hope.....		1 03							40
Grandview.....				2					35
Stony Point.....		1 50	2		2		1		55
Union Ridge.....		1 00			8			1	35