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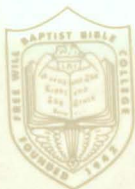
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THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST AT
PLEASANT HILL, SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 1913.

The fourteenth annual session of the Free Will Baptist Church met pursuant to adjournment with Pleasant Hill Church, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1913

The session was called to order by Rev. L. W. Hensley at 4 o'clock p. m. September 3rd.

Song services were led by J. D. Jones.

Opening prayer led by Rev. D. H. Long.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. L. W. Hensley using for his lesson the second chapter of the Book of Acts of Apostles after which prayer was led by Rev. L. W. Hensley.

The body proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Moderator, Rev. J. T. Holcomb, Marshfield, Mo.

Assistant Moderator, D. H. Long, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Treasurer, J. D. Jones, Rembert, Mo

The body being duly organized, the Moderator appointed the various committees as follows:

Divine Services:—Brothers Samuel Young and Reuben Young of Rembert, Mo., and D. C. Claxton of Hartville, Mo.

Business:—Rev L. W. Hensley, Hartville, Mo., Rev. W. N. Zuvers, Norwood, Mo. and Rev. E. Carpenter, Teague, Mo.

Obituaries:—Rev. Z. Williams, Cabool, Mo and Brothers J. D. Jones, Rembert, Mo. and A. M. Halford, Brushyknob, Mo.

Credentials:—Rev. J. T. McCall, Cold Springs, Mo., and Rev. J. H. Claxton, Competition, Mo., Rev. John Long, Mtn. Grove, Mo

The body being duly organized and ready for business by motion and vote of the body took recess until 8 o'clock p. m. Thursday evening

Stand filled at early candle light by Rev. W. N. Zuvers and Rev. J. T. Holcomb.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Thursday morning session was opened by Moderator using 19th chapter of Psalms

Song services led by Brother J. D. Jones.

Prayer led by Brother J. D. Jones

The first order of business was a call for enrollment of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Church Clerk with the Clerk of this body which enrollment is shown as follows:

Ordained Ministers.

Name—	Church—	Post Office Address
J. H. Claxton,	New Home, No. 1,	Competition, Mo.
Z. Williams	Rock Springs,	Cabool, Mo
J. T. McCall,	Clever Creek Union,	Cold Spring, Mo.
J. T. Holcomb,	Niangua.	Marshfield, Mo.
D. H. Long,	Mt Valley,	R. 5., Mtn. Grove, Mo.
T. B. Odom,	Eldridge,	Eldridge, Mo.
J. W. Love,	Mt. Valley,	R. 5 , Mt Grove, Mo.
C S. Long,	Wolf Creek,	Norwood, Mo.
L. W. Hensley,	Mt. Zion, No. 2,	Hartville, Mo.
W. N. Zuvers,	Pleasant Grove,	Norwood, Mo.
W. S. Gaskill,		Mansfield, Mo.
M. B. Clift,	Black Oak,	R. 2., Niangua, Mo.
E. N. Delcour,	Pleasant Grove,	St. George, Mo.
L. M. Marler,		

Licentiates.

A. M. Halford,	Clever Creek Union,	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Ora Keller,	Clever Creek Union,	Brushy Knob, Mo.
E. Carpenter,	Liberty,	Teague, Mo.

Visiting Bretheren from other churches, Rev. W. R. Baker, Rev.

A. Browitt, Rev. J. E. Seals.

Ordained Deacons.

Names—	Church—	Post office Address
P. T. Lowe,	Liberty,	Marshfield, Mo.
E. Carpenter,	Liberty,	Marshfield, Mo.
J. M. Murrell,	Hargus Chapel,	Seymour, Mo.
T. Morgan,	Hargus Chapel,	Seymour, Mo.
A. C. Curtis,	Pleasant Grove,	St. George, Mo.
J. W. Rooks,	Pleasant Grove,	St. George, Mo.
J. P. Dennis,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
F. M. Peryman,	Little Vine.	
N. Workman,	Dawson.	
James Letterman,	Niangua.	
A. V. Walton,	Niangua.	
S. S. Walton,	Niangua.	
A. W. Belt,		Grimes, Mo.
S. Stigall,	Mt. Zion No. 2.	Grimes, Mo.
T. J. Corbin.	Mt. Zion No. 2.	Grove Spring, Mo.
Chas. Edwards,	New Home No. 1.	
James Lawler,	New Home No. 1.	
Sam Young,		Rembert, Mo.
Reuben Young,	Pleasant Hill,	Rembert, Mo.
D. C. Claxton,		Hartville, Mo.
J. D. Chandler,	Macedonia,	
J. A. Wantland,	Black Oak,	Niangua, Mo.
W. L. Chandler,	Black Oak,	Niangua, Mo.
S. A. Dodson,	Black Oak,	Niangua Mo.
A. H. Johnston,	New Home No. 2,	
J. D. Mackie,	Union Chapel No. 2	
John Moxley,	Union Chapel No. 2	
Jim Wadyman,	Oak Grove,	Norwood, Mo.
J. D. Fletcher,	Mt. Valley,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
J. M. Long,	Mt. Valley,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
T. M. Peryman,	Little Vine,	Grove Spring, Mo.
J. P. Dennis,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
Harrison Coday,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.

Calvin Ryan,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
Alfred Curtis,	Pleasant Grove,	St. George, Mo.
J. W. Rooks,		
John Moxley,	Union Chapel.	
Jim Wadyman,		
James Letterman,	Niangua.	
A. V. Walton,	Niangua.	
S. S. Walton,	Niangua.	
J. D. Chandler,	Macedonia,	
J. A. Wantland,		Niangua, Mo

Delegates.

Name—	Church—	Post office Address
Mrs. Phillip Love,	Liberty,	Seymour, Mo.
Minnie Alexander,	Liberty,	R. 1., Seymour, Mo
J. T. Cole,	Mount Haven,	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Cora Foster,	Mount Haven,	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Selph Jones,	Pleasant Hill,	Rembert, Mo.
S. H. Hickman,	Pleasant Hill,	Rembert, Mo.
Thomas Gawler,	New Home No. 1,	Competition, Mo.
Curtis Wimberly,	New Home No. 1,	Competition, Mo.
John Blackwell,	New Home No. 2,	Niangua, Mo
J. A. McKell,	New Home No. 2,	Niangua, Mo.
Frankie Murrell,	Knob Chapel, .	New Grove, Mo.
Gertie Hamilton,	Knob Chapel,	New Grove, Mo.
Hosea Moody,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
F. M. Moreland	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
Anderson Jones,	Little Vine,	Grove Spring, Mo.
J. L. Reed.		
Johnny Belt,	Pleasant Home,	St. George, Mo.
Oma Curtis.		
Alfred Haynes,	Black Oak Flat.	
Alice Haynes		
H. M. Vestal,	Mt. Zion, No. 3,	
Ben Douglas.		
Ada Long,	Mt. Valley,	Mt. Grove, Mo.

Emma Long.		
Abel Pruitt,	Happy Home,	Ava, Mo.
H. W. Johnston,	Happy Home,	Ava, Mo.
E. H. Smo'hers,	Happy Home,	Ava, Mo.
S. S. Privett,	Happy Home,	Ava, Mo.
Neal Gray,	Pleasant Ridge,	Macomb, Mo.
Charley Findley.		
George Scott,	Union Chapel,	Graff, Mo.
James Hutsell,	Union Chapel,	Graff, Mo.
John Austin,	Mt. Zion No. 2.	
Sarah Barnes.		
Marion Sturdeafant,	Union Chapel No. 2.	
Mintie Sturdeafant.		
Ella Fletcher,	Oak Grove.	
May Owens,	Oak Grove.	
John A. Barnett,	Oak Grove.	
Elmer Workman,	Dawson,	Dawson, Mo.
Belle Workman,	Dawson,	Dawson, Mo.
Wm. Wood,	Clever Creek Union,	Cold Spring, Mo.
Jewel Wood,	Clever Creek Union,	Cold Spring, Mo.
F. H. Casey,	Niangua,	Niangua, Mo.
Brody Petit,	Niangua,	Niangua, Mo.

Church Clerks.

Name—	Church—	Post Office Address.
Rosa Hargus,	Liberty,	R. 1, Seymour, Mo.
Nora Morgan,	Mt. Haven,	Brushy Knob, Mo.
Wm. Draper,	Pleasant Hill,	R. 1, Hartville, Mo.
W. L. Chandler,	Black Oak,	Niangua, Mo.
Bulah Edwards,	New Home No. 1,	Competition, Mo.
John Blackwell,	New Home No. 2,	Niangua, Mo.
Gertie Hamilton,	Knob Chapel,	New Grove, Mo.
Marion Shelton,	Wolf Creek,	Mansfield, Mo.
Tilda Climer,	Little Vine,	Grove Spring, Mo.
Hattie Turler,	Black Oak Flat,	Vera Cruz, Mo.
J. S. Odell,	Mt. Zion No. 3,	Peas Mill, Mo.
J. W. Love,	M. Valley,	Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Lizzie Bostick,	Happy Home,	Ava, Mo.
James Findley,	Pleasant Ridge,	Macomb, Mo.
J. R. Hutsell,	Union Chapel,	Graff, Mo.
A. W. Belt,	Mt. Zion No. 2,	Grimes, Mo.
John Moxley,	Union Chapel,	Johns Mill, Mo.
Grace Preston,	Oak Grove,	R. 2, Norwood, Mo.
G. W. Scott,	Dawson,	Dawson, Mo.
Ettie C. McCall,	Clever Creek Union,	Cold Spring, Mo.
A. V. Walton,	Niangua,	Niangua, Mo.
J. A. Wantland,	Macedonia,	R. 1, Niangua, Mo

THURSDAY MORNING.

Divine Services led by Rev. J. T. McCall and Rev. D. H. Long, using as a text 13 verse, 13 chapter of Pauls letter to the Corinthians.

Prayer led by Rev. A. Browitt.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Session was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Moderator by reading first chapter of Psalms. Opening prayer led by Rev. J. H. Claxton.

Query: Has a church the right to call one of its deacons, who desire to preach the Gospel, to pastor a church led by J. H. Claxton.

Answer: No.

Resolution: Resolved, that we as Free Will Baptists adopt the treatise on faith and practice of Free Will Baptist. Led by Rev. J. H. Claxton.

Question taken up and disposed of and passed in favor of affirmative

Question: How long shall we as Free Will Baptists retain members in our church without water baptism? Led by Rev. J. H. Claxton

Answer: The Church is to be its own judge in the case

Question: How many members does it take to organize a Free Will Baptist Church? Led by Rev. Archie Halford.

Answer: It takes 7 members to organize a Free Will Baptist Church

FRIDAY MORNING.

The session was opened by the Moderator from the 15th chapter of St. John.

Prayer led by Rev. Cal Young.

1 Roll Call.

2 A call was made for all letters from the different churches to be handed in and read by the Clerk. Letters handed in and read and received by the body.

3 On motion and second, the business continued in the letters taken up and disposed of.

Question: Can a Free Will baptist Church employ an unlicensed man for a pastor?

Answer: No, it cannot and stay in this Union Association.

Resolved, that the 3rd resolution of the 13 annual session of the Union Association be changed to read; Each minister shall make a written report of his years work and failing shall have 30 days to make report to the clerk and failing to do so will be dropped from the roll of the ministry of the Union Association

FRIDAY EVENING.

The session was opened with prayer, led by Rev. T. B. Odom.

Resolved, that we revise our By Laws and Constitution to correspond with Treatise of Free Will Baptist Church and that we vote on the adoption of the Treatise at our next Association 12 months hence.

A call was made for the report of the committee, whether there was an organization in existence known as the General Conference of Free Will Baptists. Committee reported, that there was such an organization.

By vote of the Body after due consideration and discussion it was decided to hold the 15th annual session of the Union Association with Oak Grove Church Wednesday evening 4 o'clock p. m. before the first Sabbath in September, 1914

By resolution the report of the Ministers was made the next order of business and the following reports were passed to the Clerk and read to the Association.

Report of Rev. E. N. Delcour:

Pastored New Home Church and received \$17.40; Union Chapel Church and received \$50.00; Mt Zion Church No. 2 and received \$22.40. Sermons preached, 125; exhortations, 40; received into the church, 45; professions witnessed, 40; compensation received, \$90.80.

Report of Rev. M. B. Clift:

Pastored Black Oak Church, made 12 trips, received one into the church, compensation from this church, \$18.95.

Pastored New Home No. 2, Made 12 trips, held one 13 days Revival Meeting, had 8 conversions, received one into the church, baptized 12, compensation received from this church, \$102.15.

Pastored Niangua Church, made 10 trips, conducted a 13 days' Revival Meeting, had 2 conversions, received one into the Church, baptised one, compensation received from this church \$54.80.

Pastored Macedonia Church, made 11 trips, held a 10 day Revival Meeting, no conversions, received one into the Church, baptised one, compensation received from this church \$41.40.

Compensation received for local work, \$34.10. Total compensation, \$251.40.

Report of Rev. Ora Keller:

Preached 27 sermons, witnessed 31 conversions, traveled 195 miles.

Report of Rev. W. N. Zuvers:

Preached 37 sermons, received four into the church, received three by letter, spiritual condition good, traveled 300 miles, compensation received, \$30.00.

Report of Rev. D. H. Long:

Held one Revival, witnessed 19 conversions, baptized one, received 23 into the Church, preached three sermons.

Report of Rev. C. S. Long:

Preached 12 sermons, witnessed 12 professions, baptized two.

Report of Rev. E. Carpenter:

Traveled 564 miles, witnessed 11 conversions, baptized 4, preached 3 funerals, concluded 23 times.

Report of Rev. J. T. Holcomb:

Had no care of any church this year, held no revival meetings, preached 12 sermons, several funerals, baptized one, traveled 100 miles, compensation received \$10.00.

Report of J. W. Love:

Baptized one Preacher, preached one funeral, witnessed 19 conversions talked on 15 Bible subjects.

Report of Rev. A. M. Halford:

Traveled 1054 miles, preached 131 sermons, one funeral, witnessed 60 conversions, pastored Black Oak Church, made 7 trips, received 9 members into the church, pastored New Haven Church, made 10 trips, received into the Church 18 members, compensation received for the years work, \$26.28.

Report of Rev. J. H. Claxton:

Pastored Rock Springs Church, made 10 trips, compensation received from this church, \$40.00. Local work; Held 6 Revivals, witnessed 56 conversions, received into the different churches 30 members, baptized 30, compensation received for local work, \$41.50. Total compensation, \$81.50.

Report of Rev. W. S. Gaskill:

Pastored no church, preached 12 sermons, delivered a number of exhortations witnessed 5 conversions, baptized one, traveled 100 miles, received from Amity Church, \$4.00

Report of Rev. Z. Williams:

Local work, preached 41 sermons.

By resolution the report of Evangelist was called for which report was made as follows:

Days in actual labor, 64; compensation, \$27.86; sermons preached, 121; conversions witnessed, 39; received into the Church, 35; baptized, 29; miles traveled, 662.

By vote of the Association, recess was taken until Saturday morning 8 o'clock a. m.

Saturday Morning.

Prayer led by Rev. Z. Williams. Lesson read by Moderator, 4th Chapter of Timothy.

Query: Have our Ministers and Deacons the right to license a man at a Minister and Deacon meeting? If not, Why not?

Answer: No, they have no right to do it at all for this is a business that belongs to the Union Association and must be attended to only at the Association.

The reading of the report from Harmony Church gave information that they desired assistance from the Association. The Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee which committee was instructed to visit that Church as soon as convenient and reinstate them and assist in again placing the church in working condition. The Moderator appointed the following committee: Rev. E. Carpenter, Rev. M. B. Clift, Rev. L. M. Marler.

By resolution, the Clerk was instructed to have printed 400 copies of the Minutes of this Association and to distribute them among the various churches for circulation among the members.

The Moderator called for the report of the Committee on Examination and Ordination which committee submitted its report as follows:

We your committee find Brothers E. Carpenter and A. M. Halford worthy of Ordination to preach the Gospel. We further report that we renew Brother Ora Keller's license.

By vote of the body the report of the committee was approved and Rev. J. F. McCall, Rev. L. W. Hensley and Rev. J. H. Claxton selected as Committee on Ordination.

The question as to whether or not the Association should appoint an Evangelist was answered by a negative vote of the Association.

By vote of the body recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m. at which time the stand was filled by Rev. J. H. Claxton using the 5th verse of the 2nd chapter of Cor. as his text. This discourse was followed by Rev. E. N. Delcour

Saturday Afternoon.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Gaskill.

By resolution the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Clerk money sufficient for the printing of the Minutes.

By resolution Rev. M. B. Clift was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1914 session and Rev. E. Carpenter chosen as his alternate.

Committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

We your committee on obituaries submit our report as follows. Whereas, the dark Messenger of Death has visited our churches and homes and taken from them loved ones with whom we loved to associate

it causes us to realize that we have no abiding place here and since Jesus has promised to go through the Valley and Shadow of Death with his loved ones we are consoled with the thought that death is only the gate between mortality and immortality and these have only entered that rest that for the final and faithful, namely Sister Sarah A. Holcomb, Sister Louiza Hargus, Brother W. C. Clift, Brother N. B. Jones, Brother Charley McIntosh, Rev. Thos. Coner, Sister Dorah Mallett, Sister Ellen Kesterson, Mother Hargus, Brother James Ussery, Sister Rebekah Smalley, Sister Mary Fritz, Mrs. Elizabeth Latimer, Sister Amanda Owens, Sister Rebekah Housley, Brother Lukey Marler, Sister Ma y Pett, Brother James Parker, Sister Levea Parker.

Committee { J. D. Jones,
Z. Williams,
A. M. Halford.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee released.

Closing remarks by Rev. J. F. McCall:

"We tender our most sincere thanks to our beloved Moderator, Rev. J. T. Holcomb for the kind, impartial and able manner in which he has presided over our Conference and pray God to bless and give him success in all the walks of life, especially as a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"With much more than ordinary feeling of gratitude we extend our thanks to the Church and the good people of Pleasant Hill for the exceedingly kind reception and bountiful entertainment of the delegates and visitors to this our 14th annual session of the Union Association.

Rev. J. T. Holcomb, Moderator

Rev. D. H. Long, Assistant Moderator

Wm Draper, Clerk.

John Hickman, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Total Membership	Non Resident Members	Rec'd by Experience & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Died	Excluded	Resident Members	Dismissed by Letter	Contributions
Mt Zion, No. 2	27					2		45		\$1.00
Mt. Valley	130	30				2		100	4	1.05
Black Oak	24	7				3		17		.50
Black Oak Flat	19				9					1.25
Langua	52	15						37		1.00
Dawson	7			1						.50
Pleasant Ridge	79	20				1	1			1.00
Union Chapel	79	35	2					44		1.00
Union Chapel, No. 2	34	3				2		29	1	
Pleasant Hill	141	34				1		107		1.00
Mt. Zion No. 3	122	15				3		107	3	1.00
Wolf Creek	58									1.00
Liberty Church					4		1	16	3	1.35
Happy Home	54	4	22			1	1		1	
New Home No. 2	105	5						105		1.00
Mt. Haven	25		21	3		1				1.00
Oak Grove	100	11	3				7	89	2	1.00
Pleasant Grove		15	3		3		3	23	5	.75
Clever Creek Union	73	13	22	8		1		60	1	1.00
Macedonia	33	11				2		22		1.25
Little Vine										
Harmony Church										
New Home No. 1	35							35		1.00
Hargus Chapel	20	3						18		.40



