

MINUTES
of the
Forty-third Annual Session
of the
**Zion Rest Free Will Baptist
Association**

Convening with
Corinth Church, Wayne County
Waynesboro, Miss.

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 1950



**Next Session to Convene with New Love Well Church, Greene Co.,
Richton, Miss., Route 1, on Saturday before the First Sunday
in October, 1951, continuing through Monday.**

W. A. MASON, Bucatunna, Miss.....	Moderator
EDWARD J. WALLEY, Rt. 1, Richton, Miss.....	Asst. Moderator
WILLIAM M. BREWER, Rt. 1, Richton, Miss.....	Clerk
MRS. AUDREY McCOY.....	Finance Treasurer
MRS. PEARL RIGNEY.....	Finance Secretary

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 1950

Churches	Value	Expenses	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Association
Corinth	\$1500.00	\$173.13	\$254.57	\$13.65	\$ 6.75
New Lovewell .. .	1800.00	84.00	419.56	78.66	10.00
Pine Grove .. .	1500.00	105.35	322.67	.....	8.00
Lee's Chapel .. .	2000.00	20.00	383.39	30.00	8.00
Brought forward from last year.....					\$39.44
Paid in this year					32.75
Amount in treasury					\$72.19

Mrs. Audry McCoy
Mrs. Pearl Rigney

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calling body to order by Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Appointing Reading Clerks.
4. Enrolling churches.
5. Enrolling delegates.
6. Enrolling ministers.
7. Enrolling deacons.
8. Appointing Finance Treasurer.
9. Appointing Finance Secretary.
10. Receiving finance.
11. Election of officers.
12. Appointing of various committees.
13. Receiving ministers' reports.
14. Appointing preaching committees.
15. Renewing petitionary letters.
16. Receiving committee reports.
17. Closing.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 22, 1950, SESSION—10 a. m.

Place—Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, Waynesboro, Mississippi.

Song by Choir—"Promised Land."

Bro. W. A. Mason read from Solomon 6th chapter and 10th verse, and brought comments and devotionals.

Welcome Address by C. H. Henderson.

Song by Choir.

Reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum by Miss Sallie Patrick.

Introductory Sermon by G. C. Price; text St. Luke, 15th chapter and 12th verse. Subject: "Seek ye the lost." A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for lunch. A nice dinner was enjoyed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Service.

Prayer by Rev. Wiley Dunnam.

Lecture by Edward J. Walley.

The Moderator called the body to order.

Enrolling churches and delegates:

Corinth—Dave Palmer, Thomas Walley.

New Love Well—Van Walley, B. O. McLain.

Pine Grove—W. S. Palmer, N. G. Ezell.

Lee's Chapel—Mrs. Audrey McCoy, Mrs. Nannie Smith.

Appointing Finance Committee—Mrs. Audrey McCoy, Mrs. Pearl Rigney.

Enrolling Ministers—Rev. J. H. Palmer, Waynesboro, Miss.; Rev. L. E. Winter, Calhoun City, Miss., Rt. 1; Rev. G. C. Price, Pontotoc, Miss., Star Route; Rev. Edward J. Walley, Richton, Miss., Route 1.

Enrolling Deacons:

Corinth—Paron Brewer, Chapman Henderson, Buddy Nowell.

Lee's Chapel—A. W. Stevens.

Pine Grove—J. L. Rigney, Levi Smith.

New Love Well—William M. Brewer, Tillis Walley.

Election of Officers:

Bro. W. A. Mason, Moderator; Rev. Edward Walley, Assistant Moderator; William M. Brewer, Clerk.

Appointing Committees:

Suggestion—Bro. Dave Palmer, Bro. Louis Ezell, Bro. Levi Smith.

Temperance—Bro. J. L. Rigney, Bro. Thomas Walley, Rev. G. C. Price, Chairman.

Sabbath School—Bro. Chapman Henderson, Bro. A. W. Stevens, Rev. L. E. Winter, Chairman.

Obituary—Bro. W. S. Palmer, Sister Audrey McCoy, Rev. Joe Palmer, Chairman.

Order of Business—Bro. B. O. McLain, Bro. Van Walley, Bro. Tillis Walley, Chairman.

Motioned and carried that the Moderator appoint a Home Mission Board. The following were appointed: Miss Sallie Patrick, Pine Grove; Chapman Henderson, Corinth; O. W. Stevens, Lee's Chapel; William M. Brewer, New Love Well; Tillis Walley, Chairman.

Finance Committee—Sister Pearl Rigney, Sister Nannie Smith, Sister Audrey McCoy, Chairman.

Next offering taken at this time to pay Bro. Van Walley for carrying the minutes to the press last year.

Motioned and carried that we turn in to the Treasury \$39.44, brought forward by Bro. Lonnie Walley from last year.

Ordination—We had a letter of Recommendation to this Association from Pine Grove Church to ordain Bro. J. L. Rigney for deacon. Moderator appointed Rev. L. E. Winter, Rev. G. C. Price, Rev. Edward J. Walley as a Presbytery to ordain Bro. Rigney.

Preaching Committee—Bro. Lonnie Walley, Bro. Chapman Henderson, Bro. Buddie Nowell, Bro. Parron Brewer.

Congratulations Committee—Bro. Brooks Little, Bro. J. L. Rigney, Bro. Van Walley.

The entire body gave Bro. Lonnie Walley a hearty handshake as he was leaving at this time to be inducted into the Armed forces of our Country. We pray God's blessings and protection upon him. And we will surely miss him in our Christian work.

REPORT OF PREACHING COMMITTEE

Rev. Edward J. Walley. Open at 7:30 tonight. Rev. L. E. Winter preach Communion Service at 8:00 o'clock tonight.

Rev. Edward J. Walley asked to be excused, as he could not be here tonight. The body excused him.

Rev. W. D. Dunnam. Open service Saturday morning.

Signed Committee.

Motioned and carried to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Choir sang, "Standing on the Promises."

Dismissed by Rev. L. E. Winter.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Song Service.

Devotional service by Bro. Tillis Walley.

Preaching service by Rev. L. E. Winter. A wonderful message was brought on Communion and feet-washing. Most everybody present took part in the ordinance.

Dismissed by Rev. J. H. Palmer.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:00 A. M.

Song Service by Choir.

Devotional Service by Rev. W. D. Dunnam.

Bro. Dunnam read from Matthew 16th Chapter, then led in prayer. Then brought a soul-stirring message.

Business session begins.

Roll call of delegates.

Call for Report on Suggestions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, report as follows:

1. We suggest that the Association be changed to Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1951, and continue through Monday.

2. We suggest that a Fifth Sunday Meeting be established in each church.

First to be at Pine Grove church in Wayne County.

Second to be at New Love Well church in Greene County.

Third to be at Lee's Chapel church in Jones County.

Fourth to be at Corinth Church in Wayne County.

3. We, the Zion's Rest Free Will Baptist Association suggest that we dismiss Rev. G. M. Pearson, Rev. C. C. Brewer, Rev. Arthur Brewer, Rev. Truman Freeman, Rev. Kyrless Walley, Rev. Mandrick Walley, Rev. C. M. Jenkins, from this body, as they have withdrawn from this Association.

4. We suggest that the next Association meet with New Love Well church, Greene County, on the first Saturday in October, 1951.

5. We suggest that any change in previous suggestions included in minutes be considered before the body by vote, by majority vote, before it can officially be disposed of.

Adopted.

DAVE PALMER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We urge that our people be temperate in all things; not only be temperate in the use of strong drink, but wholly and completely abstain from it. We should be temperate in our speech, not to say anything that God wouldn't receive honor and glory. Let us be temperate in eating, and in our dealing with our fellow man.

We, as Christian people, must abstain from those things which would not honor God.

G. C. PRICE, Chairman.

We further suggest that any minister who is pastoring churches in this Associational body, have a voice in this body, or may sit as a delegate.

Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, find that each of our churches have a good Sunday School, for which we are thankful. We feel that the Sunday School is a wonderful teaching for our young people, as well as the old. And we recommend that each church strive to advance this work.

We also recommend that no church use superintendent or teacher who will attend picture shows. First of all be Christians.

Adopted.

L. E. WINTER, Chairman.

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that God has wonderfully blessed us in all of our churches. We find that God did not call away any of our members into His Kingdom this year, for which we are grateful and thankful.

Adopted.

W. S. PALMER, Chairman.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The report on Order of Business was read and adopted, and will be found on Page 2 of this minute.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Full report on Page 1 of this minute. We ask that the different churches be more liberal in defraying the expenses of this Association.

MRS. J. L. RIGNEY,
MRS. AUDREY McCOY,
MRS. NANNIE SMITH.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

As your Committee, let us remember that we are greatly in need of this work. There is great work to be accomplished through the Home Mission work.

So far, we have not cooperated in this cause, but with the zeal in our hearts now, we intend to do our best this year. We invite all the churches to cooperate with us in this great cause.

Report adopted.

TILLIS WALLEY, Chairman.

At this time collection was taken by the Home Mission Board. The amount received was \$6.15.

It was motioned by the body that Rev. L. E. Winter bring a message from the stand at this time.

Song by the choir.

Bro. L. E. Winter read from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, and Revelations 21st chapter. After leading in prayer, Bro. Winter delivered a soul-stirring message which was enjoyed by all.

REPORT ON CONGRATULATIONS

We, the Assembly, have certainly enjoyed being with the Corinth church and community. We are grateful for the fellowship and kindness shown us while in their midst. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Report adopted.

J. L. RIGNEY,
VAN WALLEY,
BROOKS LITTLE.

At this time the Moderator called to the attention of the body suggesting that we give Bro. Edward J. Walley a hearty handshake of welcome and appreciation of this Association.

The choir sang a song and everybody responded joyfully.

Closing—Motion by the body to adjourn until Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1951, with New Love Well church, Greene County, Richton, Mississippi.

Song by choir.

Dismissal by Rev. Edward J. Walley.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Zion Rest Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi and be composed of delegates from churches composing same. Each church shall be entitled

to two delegates to represent her at each session.

Article 2. This body shall be considered an advisory council, but having no authority over local affairs of the church.

Article 3. Each church of this body shall be considered an independent body, and shall control her own affairs in matters of discipline, etc. She may, however, in extreme cases, call in aid from sister churches.

Article 4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by two-thirds vote of the Association, and this vote shall be final.

Article 5. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by a majority vote annually.

Article 6. This Association shall meet at such time and place as shall be most convenient and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

Article 7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt the Articles of Faith and conform to its usage. We agree as churches composing this Association, to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance Cause, Sunday Schools, Missions, and so on.

Article 8. Any person who feels that he is called to preach, shall first ask the church to which he belongs to license him. Then if his life and conduct proves to be satisfactory to his church and they wish to have him ordained to the ministry, his church shall send a letter to this Association to appoint him a presbytery of three ministers of this Association to ordain him.

Article 9. This Constitution shall be amended at any regular session by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing on the day before the vote is to be taken.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be called to order by the former moderator, who presided at the last session; the former clerk also officiates until the body is fully organized.

Article 2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session; a majority of members present elect.

Article 3. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

Article 4. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except in reception of churches into our body, which shall be unanimous.

Article 5. The moderator shall vote in case only when the Association is equally divided, but shall have equal right to speak on any question, provided he puts the assistant in the chair while he is speaking.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the moderator.

Article 7. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or used words of personal reflection.

Article 8. No person shall be allowed to speak more than fifteen minutes at a time, nor more than twice without the consent of the body.

Article 9. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debate is going on.

Article 10. No member shall absent himself from the Association while in session without the leave of the moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

General principles taught by the Zion Rest Free Will Baptist Church of Christ.

1. As to God—One God and Father of all.—Ephesians 4:6.

2. As to Scripture—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.—II Timothy 3:16.

3. As to Freedom of the Will—Ye will not come unto me.—John 5:40. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—Revelations 22:17.

4. As to the Conditions of Salvation—He (Christ) died for all.—II. Corinthians 5:15. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.—Romans 10:13. For in due season we shall reap if we faint not.—Gallatians 6:9. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.—Revelations 2:10.

5. As to Election—God is no respecter of persons but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him.—Acts 10:34-35.

6. As to Grace—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation appeared unto all men.—Titus 2:11. For by grace are ye saved through faith.—Ephesians 2:8.

7. As to Faith—Justified by Faith.—Romans 5:1. This is the victory which overcometh the world even our faith.—I. John 5:4.

8. As to Works—Faith without works is dead.—James 2:26. God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.—Ephesians 2:10.

9. As to Baptism—And, they went down both into the water.—Acts 8:39. We are buried with Him by baptism unto death.—Romans 6:4.

10. As to the Subject of Baptism—If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God.—Romans 14:12.

11. As to the Oneness of the Christian Church—Is God divided —I. Corinthians 1:13. I am the vine, ye are the branches.—John 15:5. That they may be one as we are.—John 17:11-21. There is one body and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling.—Ephesians 4:4.

12. As to Communion—This do in remembrance of me.—Luke 22:19. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.—I. Corinthians 11:28. Let no man therefore judge you.—Collossians 2:16.

13. As to Resurrection—For the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth.—John 5:28. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.—I. Corinthians 15:52.

14. As to the Judgment, Reward and Punishment—For we shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ.—Romans 14:10. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.—Matthew 25:46.

15. As to Feet Washing—Ye also ought to wash one another's feet.—John 13:14. For I have given you an example.—John 13:15. Verily, verily I say unto you the servant is not greater than his Lord.—John 13:17. Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example.—I. Peter 2:21.

16. We believe that baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ and are to be continued in His church until His second coming.

OUR CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God,

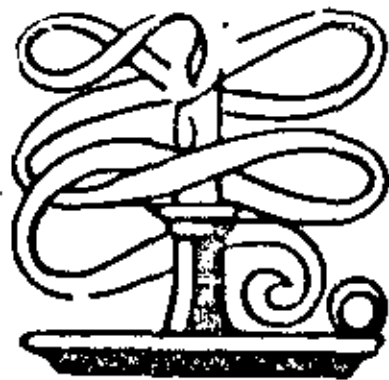
Angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Ghost, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrines, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, and relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling, courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay.

And we moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word.



STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Day for Service	Membership	Received	Dismissed	No. of Deacons	Deceased
Corinth.....	G. C. Price.....	Dave Palmer, Waynesboro, Miss.....	1	64	.....	1	3	.....
Pine Grove.....	G. C. Price.....	Miss Sallie Patrick, Bucatunna, Miss.....	2	41	7	.....	2	.....
Lee's Chapel, J. Co.....	L. E. Winter.....	Audrey McCoy, Laurel, Miss.....	4	52	2	3	4	.....
New Love Well.....	L. E. Winter.....	William M. Brewer, Rt. 1, Richton, Miss...	2	55	4	.....	2	.....