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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calling body to order by Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Enrolling churches and delegates.
4. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointing Reading Clerks.
7. Enrolling ministers and deacons.
8. Receiving messages from Sister Associations.
9. Calling for church letters and finance.
10. Appointing committees.
11. Reports of ministers.
12. Reports of committees.

Closing.

Proceedings

The Moderator called the Body to order at 10:00 o'clock a. m.
Due to absence of Clerk Bro. L. D. Walley was appointed Clerk pro tem.

Song by Choir, "I Am Resolved."

Prayer by Rev. C. M. Jenkins.

Scripture reading, 116th Psalm, by Rev. G. M. Pearson, Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. George Douglas.

The Choir sang, "Take It to the Lord in Prayer," directed by Rev. G. M. Pearson.

Rev. J. K. Walley was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

He read from the 6th chapter of Gallatians, and used as his text, "For in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not." The sermon was enjoyed by all.

Enrolling churches and delegates:

Thompson Creek Church—Delegates, Olraye Mills, Fred Baynes; Alternate, Elmo Baynes.

Lovewell Church—Delegates, Elbert Walley, Mrs. J. K. Walley; Alternate Lee Walley.

Lovewell Ladies' Aid Society—Delegate, Mrs. Clarcie Walley.

Call for Petitionary Letters—None.

Election of Officers—Rev. C. M. Jenkins, Moderator; Rev. J. K. Walley, Asst. Moderator; L. D. Walley, Clerk; Rev. C. C. Brewer, Asst. Clerk.

Appointed Reading Clerks—Rev. G. M. Pearson, Mrs. Elmer Baynes.

Enrolling deacons:

Thompson Creek Church—Rev. Parron Mills, absent.

Lovewell Church—Bro. A. L. Burgess, present; Bro. L. D. Walley, present.

Enrolling ministers:—Rev. George Douglas, present; Rev. Arthur Brewer, present; Rev. G. M. Pearson, present; Rev. C. M. Jenkins, present; Rev. J. R. Walley, present; Rev. C. C. Brewer,

present; Rev. Truman R. Freeman, present; Rev. M. E. Walley, present.

Appointing committees:

Finance—Bro. Lee Walley, Mrs. J. K. Walley.

Preaching—Bro. L. D. Walley, Bro. Olraye Mills, Mrs. Elmer Baynes.

Suggestions—Mrs. Clarcie Walley, Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. C. C. Brewer.

Temperance—Rev. G. M. Pearson, Rev. C. M. Jenkins, Bro. Lee Walley.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. Arthur Brewer, Rev. George Douglas, Bro. A. L. Burgess.

Obituary—Rev. George Douglas, Rev. M. E. Walley, Mrs. Clarcie Walley.

Congratulations—Rev. George Douglas, Bro. Olraye Mills, Mrs. Elmer Baynes.

Adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Body called to order by the Moderator.

Choir sang, "I Am Coming to the Cross," directed by Rev. C. C. Brewer.

Prayer by Rev. Truman R. Freeman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PREACHING

Saturday Night—Rev. Truman R. Freeman open services; Rev. C. C. Brewer preach.

Sunday—11:00 o'clock services, Rev. J. K. Walley opens; Rev. C. M. Jenkins, preach. Sunday Afternoon Rev. G. M. Pearson conduct Memorial Services for Sister Miranda Douglas; Rev. Arthur Brewer opens, Rev. Truman R. Freeman preach. Sunday Night, Rev. M. E. Walley open, Rev. George Douglas preach.

FINANCE

Bal. from last year..... \$ 17.00

Thompson Creek Church	7.00
Love Well Church	15.26
Free Will Offering at Association.....	2.80

Total..... \$ 42.06

LEE WALLEY, Chairman.

SUGGESTIONS

No. 1. We suggest that the next session of this Association meet with Thompson Creek Church. Passed.

No. 2. We suggest that each church of this Association enter conference once each month. Passed.

No. 3. We suggest that each church in this Association have communion and feet washing three times each year. Passed.

No. 4. We suggest that this clause be added to Article 2 of our Constitution: "So long as it preaches and practices the Doctrines as laid down in our Articles of Faith." Passed.

No. 5. We suggest that No. 4 in our order of business be in No. 3 place and No. 3 be in No. 4 place. Passed.

REV. C. C. BREWER, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit this our report:

Alcohol being a poison, and the greatest ever known to the human race, it's the duty of each Christian to fight all forms of liquor with all their might. We should abstain from the use of booze ourselves and use our influence and our energy and all means against.

Our boys are making extreme sacrifices to defeat the enemy in foreign fields, we should make some sacrifice to defeat enemy No. 1 at home.—Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee, make our report as follows:

We find that each church has a Sabbath School. Thompson Creek has 3 teachers and 43 students; Lovewell 4 teachers and 75 students. We urge that each church support this work to the fullest.

A. L. BURGESS, Chairman.

REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS,

REV. ARTHUR PALMER.

OBITUARY

We find that God has called Sister Marinda Douglas from this world and her home here, but according to the Holy Scripture, the Holy Word of God, we find that our loss is Heaven's gain.

REV. GEORGE DOUGLAS, Chairman.
REV. M. E. WALLEY,
MRS. CLARCIE WALLEY.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

REV. TRUMAN R. FREEMAN—Pastored 1 church; sermons preached, 55; Baptized, 6; Money received, \$250.00; Donated to charity, \$150.00; Miles traveled approximately 500.

Rev. Truman R. Freeman.

REV. C. M. JENKINS—Miles traveled, 600; Money received, \$100.00; Donated to charity, \$25.00; Sermons preached, 50; Funerals conducted, 2. Hope to do more next year.

Rev. C. M. Jenkins.

REV. J. K. WALLEY—Sermons preached, 6; Money received, \$1.00. I pray to do more next year.

Rev. J. K. Walley.

REV. M. E. WALLEY—Miles traveled, 10; sermons preached, 4. By the aid of the Holy Spirit I hope to do more in the future.

Rev. M. E. Walley.

Rev. G. M. Pearson, no report; Rev. C. C. Brewer, no report; Rev. George Douglas, retired, report received as oral; Rev. Arthur Brewer, retired, report received as oral.

REPORT FOR LOVEWELL CHURCH LADIES' AUXILIARY

President, Mrs. Dicie Burgess; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lee Walley.

No. on roll, 15; Meetings for year, 11; Visits to the sick, 140; Prayers for sick, 12; Funeral wreaths, \$15.00; Gifts to the needy, 7 quilts; Gifts from the club, \$25.44; Repair on church, \$39.61.

Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1950.....	\$25.29
Collected for year	58.00
Love offering	8.71

Total.....	\$92.00
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Expense for last year..... 78.01

Balance in Treasury\$13.99

Delegate to Association: Mrs. Clarcie Walley.

CONSTITUTION

Article 2. This body shall be considered an advisory council, 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 the local affairs of the church, so long as it preaches and practices the doctrine as laid down in our Articles of Faith.

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. The 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 the church and they wish to have him ordained to the ministry, his church shall send a letter to this Association to appoint 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 must 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 arise and address the Moderator.

Article 7. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses 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 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 God.

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 4:16.
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 15:15. 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 men therefore judge you.—Collossians 2:16.

13. As to the 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.

OUR CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, 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.

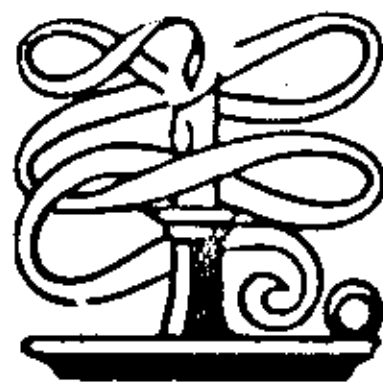
We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrines, to contribute cheerfully and 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 acquaintances; 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, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a bev-

erage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

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 Savior, to secure it without delay.

And we moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as 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

Church	Pastor and Time of Meeting	Clerk	No. Minutes	Members Rec.	Paid Pastor	Dismissed	Paid Evangelist	Value Property	Paid Association	Deceased	S. S. Pupils	Ord. Ministers
Lovewell.....	J. K. Walley—2nd and 4th Sun...	Mrs. Lee Walley	50	1	\$180.00	1	\$43.55	\$5,000	\$18.25	1	75	7
Thompson's Creek...	G. M. Pearson—1st and 3rd Sun..	Elmer Baynes.....	42	3	125.00	44.00	2,000	7.00	43	1