

MINUTES

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Forty-Fifth Annual Session

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ZION REST FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONVENING WITH
PINE GROVE CHURCH, WAYNE COUNTY

Buckatunna, Mississippi

September 26, 1952

Next Session to Convene with Lee's Chapel Church, Jones County,
Mississippi, on Friday and Saturday Before the
Fourth Sunday in September, 1953

W. A. MASON, Buckatunna, Miss.	Moderator
LONNIE WALLEY, Richton	Asst. Moderator
WILLIAM M. BREWER, Richton, Rt. 1	Clerk
MRS. WILLIAM M. BREWER	Finance Treasurer
LONNIE WALLEY	Finance Secretary

REPORT OF FINANCE FOR YEAR 1952

Churches—	Value	Expenses	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Association
Corinth	\$1500.00	\$293.00	154.00	\$ 72.26	\$ 5.00
Pine Grove	1500.00	18.36	179.56	67.27	10.00
Lee's Chapel	2000.00	12.00	234.22	127.49	10.00
New Love Well....	1800.00	30.63	528.25	185.55	10.00
Brought forward from last year.....					\$ 31.19
Paid in this year					35.00
Total					\$ 66.19

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Body called 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 Ministry Reports.
14. Appointing Preaching Committees.
15. Renewing Petitionary Letters.
16. Receiving Committee Reports.
17. Closing.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, SEPT. 26, 1952

Convening with Pine Grove Church.

Song by the Choir: "I'll Meet You in the Morning."

The Moderator called the body to order, and read from the 5th chapter of Ephesians, and delivered a soul-stirring devotional message.

Prayer by Rev. J. T. Quick.

Song by the Choir: "There Will Be Shouting on Hills of Glory."

Introductory sermon by Rev. O. L. Fields. First, Bro. Fields gave way for a short testimony meeting. There were several good testimonies. Next prayer by Sister William M. Brewer.

Announcing his text I. Timothy, 4th chapter; Proverbs first chapter, beginning with the 24th verse, a great soul-stirring message was enjoyed by all.

Next he gave an alter call.

Song by the Choir. Prayer by Bro. Lonnie Walley.

The appointing of Reading Clerks was next, and Bro. Wyatt Dunnam and Sister Rivers Palmer were appointed.

Enrolling of church delegates.

Corinth—Tom Walley, Dave Palmer.

Pine Grove—Sister Wilbert Hudson, Sister Rivers Palmer.

Lee's Chapel—Bro. and Sister H. M. Richardson.

New Lovewell—Wyatt Dunnam, Sister Margie Brewer.

Enrolling ministers:

Rev. J. T. Quick, Rev. O. L. Fields.

Enrolling deacons:

Pine Grove—none.

Corinth—C. H. Henderson.

Lee's Chapel—A. W. Stevens, Lonnie Walley.

New Lovewell—William M. Brewer, Tillis Walley.

Appointing Finance Treasurer—Sister William M. Brewer.

Appointing Finance Secretary—Bro. Lonnie Walley.

Moved and seconded to adjourn for lunch.

Song by the Choir: "I'll Make It My Home Someday."

Dismissed by Rev. O. L. Fields.

A nice lunch was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by the Choir: "I'll Fly Away," followed by prayer by Bro. Tillis Walley.

Next receiving of finance from each church—Corinth, \$5.00; New Lovewell, \$10.00; Pine Grove, \$10.00; Lee's Chapel, \$10.00.

Full report on page 1.

Bro. W. A. Mason was elected Moderator.

Bro. Lonnie Walley, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. William M. Brewer, Clerk.

Moved and seconded that we try to get through today.

The following committees were appointed:

Suggestions—Bro. Tom Walley, Bro. Dave Palmer, Bro. Wyatt Dunnam, chairman.

Temperance—Bro. Lonnie Walley, Sister Wilbert Hudson, Rev. J. T. Quick, chairman.

Sabbath Schools—Bro. C. H. Henderson, Bro. A. W. Stevens, Bro. H. M. Richardson.

Obituary—Sister H. M. Richardson, Bro. Dave Palmer, Sister William M. Brewer, chairman.

Finance Committee—Bro. Richardson, Sister Rivers Palmer, Bro. Tillis Walley, chairman.

Congratulations—Bro. C. H. Henderson, Bro. Wyatt Dunnam, Sister William M. Mrewer, chairman.

Home Mission Board—Pine Grove, Sister Louis Ezell; Corinth, Bro. C. H. Henderson; Lee's Chapel, Bro. H. M. Richardson; New Lovewell, William M. Brewer, Treasurer; Bro. Lonnie Walley, Secretary.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. O. L. Fields. Traveled 26,000 miles, sermons preached, 225; Conversions, 53; Baptized, 9; Funerals preached, 2.

Rev. J. T. Quick. The following is my report: No. of miles traveled, 5,000; number of Churches pastored, 2; No. of sermons preached, 150; Amount received from Churches, \$300.00; No. of Revivals, 7; Amount received from evangelistic work, \$500.00. Humbly submitted. Rev. J. T. Quick.

Appointing Preaching Committee—None.

Renewing Petitionary Letters—None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your Committee on Suggestions, make our report as follows:

1. We suggest that each church present a Sunday School program at each 5th Sunday meeting for the benefit of our young people.

2. We also suggest that feet washing be carried on at each Association, and that each deacon present participate in this service.

3. We also suggest that the next Association convene with Lee's Chapel church in Jones County on Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1953.

4. We also suggest that the word "debate" in rules of Decorum, Article 9, be changed to the word "discussion."

5. We suggest that Rev. J. T. Quick preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association.

6. We further suggest that the first 5th Sunday meeting be at New Lovewell, the fifth Sunday in November, 1952. The second 5th Sunday be at Lee's Chapel church; the third 5th Sunday to be at Corinth church; the fourth 5th Sunday to be at Pine Grove church.

Committee—Dave Palmer, Tom Walley, Wyatt Dunnam.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that our church members be temperate in all Christian obligations, and that we conduct ourselves in our daily lives as becometh Christians.

Committee—Bro. Lonnie Waliley, Sister Wilbert Hutson, Rev. J. T. Quick, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools find that all of our Churches have Sunday Schools, for which we are thankful, but we feel there could be some improvement made and we pray that the next Association will find this improvement.

Committee—C. H. Henderson, A. W. Stevens, H. M. Richardson, chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that God has not called any of our members away this year, for which we are mighty thankful.

Committee—Wyatt Dunnam, C. H. Henderson, Sister William M. Brewer.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Brought forward from last year.....	\$ 31.19
Paid in this year.....	35.00
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TOTAL.....	\$ 66.19

Report of Home Mission Board

Amount in Treasury:

Home Mission Funds	\$178.25
Tent Funds	25.00
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TOTAL.....\$203.25

COMMITTEE ON CONGRATULATIONS

We, the assembly, have certainly enjoyed being with Pine Grove Church and community. We are grateful for the fellowship, kindness and good food given us while in their midst. We pray God's richest blessings upon them.

Committee — Sister William M. Brewer, Bro. Dave Palmer, Sister H. M. Richardson.

CLOSING

Motion by the body to adjourn until Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1953, with Lee's Chapel Church, Jones county.

Song by Choir: "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus."

Dismissed by Bro. Tillis Walley.

CONSTITUTION

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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.

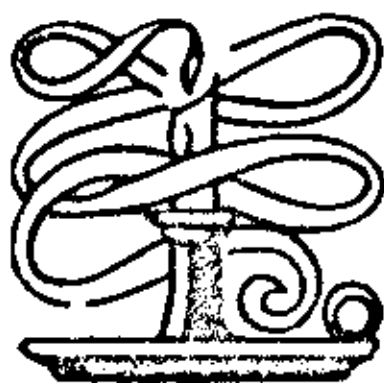
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STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Days of service	Membership	Received	Dismissed	No. of Deacons	Deceased
Corinth.....	Rev. J. T. Quick	Dave Palmer, Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Miss.....	1	56	0	1	2	0
Pine Grove.....	Rev. J. T. Quick	Muriel Palmer, Rt. 2, Buckatunna, Miss.....	3	18	0	4	0	0
Lee's Chapel.....	Rev. O. L. Field	Mrs. Claiborn Holifield.....	2-4	47	6	3	3	0
New Love Well..	Rev. J. T. Quick	William M. Brewer, Rt. 1, Richton, Miss...	2-4	63	3	0	2	0

Constitution, Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith and Church Covenant of United Free Will Baptist Ass'n.

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