

Minutes

OF THE

**Virginia Corresponding
Meeting**

HELD WITH

Mt. Zion Church

OCTOBER 15, 16, and 17,

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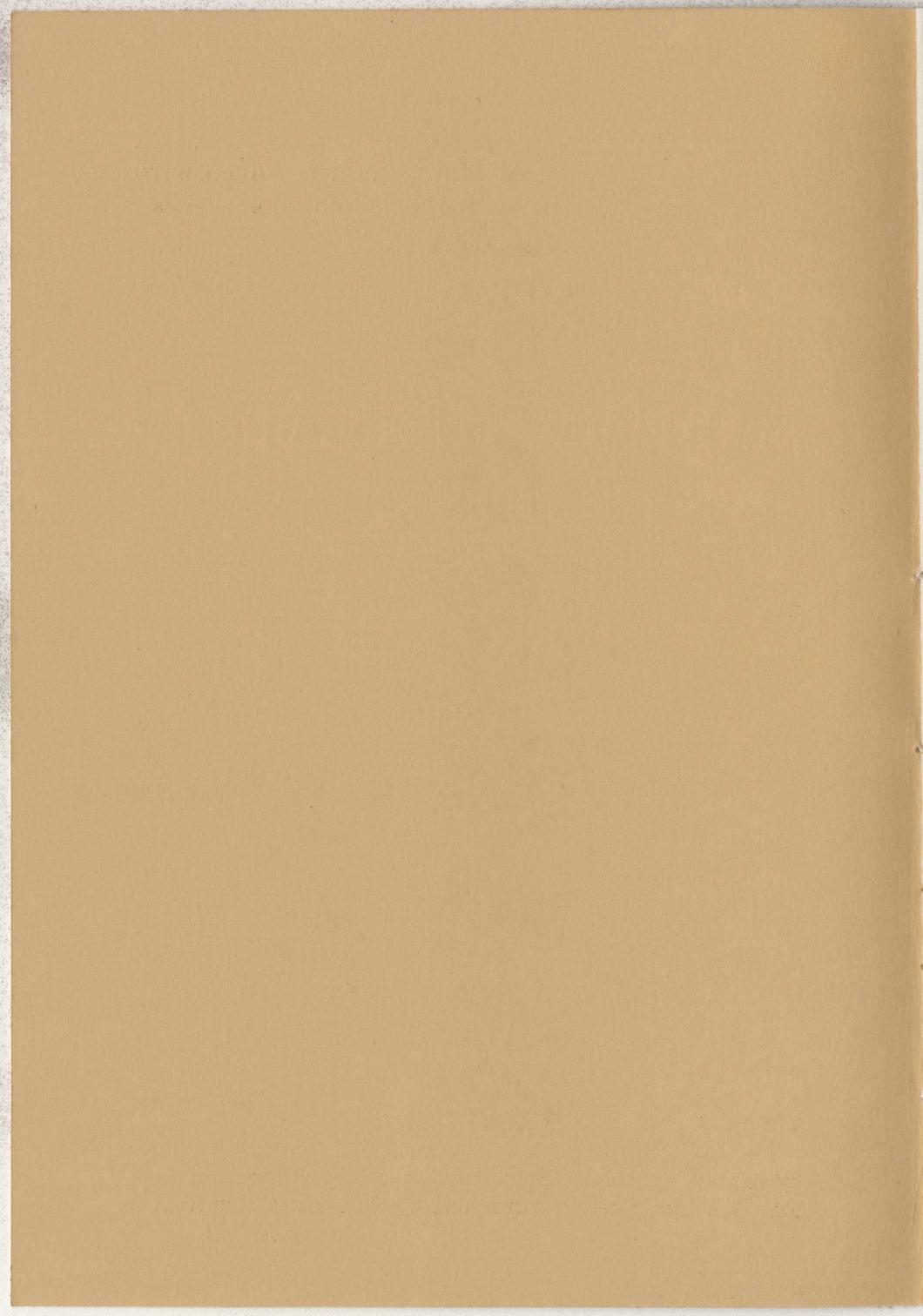
Next session to be held with New Valley Church, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday before the third Sunday in October. Place of meeting to be announced at later date.



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Proceedings

OF THE VIRGINIA CORRESPONDING MEETING, HELD WITH MOUNT ZION CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1958

The Association convened at 11 o'clock a. m. Opened the meeting by singing hymns 180, 367, and 534. Prayer was offered by Elder W. D. Griffin. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. D. Griffin from Song of Solomon 6th verse.

The Association was organized by choosing Elder John D. Wood, Moderator, Deacon Arthur L. Carter, Clerk and Deacon L. D. Duke, Assistant Clerk.

Letters from the several churches were read and a Statistical Table was prepared from their contents to be made a part of these Minutes.

Moved and unanimously carried that we seat our direct correspondents and indirect correspondents of our faith and order whom we consider at peace at home. A list to be recorded on Thursday.

Appointed Deacons Hollandsworth, Norman and Carter a Committee to arrange the order of preaching.

Appointed Brother Hylton, and Deacon Duke a Committee to distribute Minutes of corresponding Associations.

Appointed Deacons Norman, Duke and Carter, committee to handle the finance of the Association.

Moved to adjourn the business of the Association until 10:30 a. m. Thursday.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing hymns 221 and 245, we had preaching by Elder J. P. Helms from the 61st chapter of Isaiah. Sang hymn 375 followed by preaching by Elder Arthur Warren from the first chapter of 2 Timothy, verses 9 and 10. Sang hymn 418. Benediction by Elder J. P. Helms.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 16, 1958

The Association convened according to adjournment. Opened by singing hymn 343. Prayer was offered by Elder R. B. Denison. We then received correspondence and seated Associations

as follows:

Delaware River: No direct communication. Indirect, Elders Warren, Jones, Griffin and Sister Griffin; Brother Handy Truitt and Sister Truitt, Brother Quincy Gladding and Sister Gladding, Sister Evelyn Davis, Charlotte Adkins.

Delaware, Direct: Sisters Ruth Lucht, Jarmon and Stuart. Indirect: Elder and Sister W. D. Griffin, Brother and Sister Handy Truitt, Brother Harry Ward, Sister Annie Fields, Sister Littleton, Agnes Truitt, Maude Laws.

Salisbury, direct: Elder Arthur Warren, Deacons Harry Ward, Handy Truitt, Sisters Maude Laws, Maude Truitt, Beulah Littleton, Evelyn Davis, Charlotte Adkins, Annie Fileds, and Anges Truitt. Indirect: Elder E. C. Jones, Elder R. B. Denson, Elder George Weaver, and Sister Ruth Lucht.

Lexington-Roxbury, direct: No communication. Indirect: Elder Arthur Warren, Elder W. D. Griffin and Sister Griffin, Sister Charlotte Adkins, Brother and Sister Quincy A. Gladding, Sister Susie Carter.

Warwick: No communication.

Maine, direct: Brother and Sister Merrigold, and Brother and Sister Charley Reynolds, Elder Arthur Warren.

Covenanted Church of Canada, direct: No communication. Indirect: Elder J. P. Helms, Brother and Sister Quincy Gladding, Sister Susie Carter.

Associations and churches not in direct correspondence with us seated as follows:

Union Church, direct: Brother Guy Phillips and Willard Cox.

Sidling Hill Church, direct: Brother and Sister Oren Mellott.

Trough Creek, direct: Brother and Sister Walter Wright, Sister Yokum.

Pigg River Association, direct: Elder J. P. Helms, and Sister Helms, Elder E. C. Jones, Sisters Susie Carter, Martha Janney.

Harmony Church, direct: Brother L. M. Johnson, Brother and Sister Lee Johnson, and Elder and Sister J. R. Lane.

Staunton River Association, direct: Brother and Sister R. C. Dalton, and Sister Richardson.

Upper Country Line Association: No communication.

Valley View Church: Brother W. M. Graham Sister Martin.

Baltimore Church, direct: Elder and Sister W. D. Griffin, Brother and Sister Quincy Gladding.

Smith River Association: Sister Beulah Nichols, Patra Conner, Elder and Sister B. O. Thompson.

Kehukee Association: Elder R. B. Denson.

Appointed the next session of this Association to be held with New Valley Church, the Lord willing, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October. Place of meeting to be announced at later date.

Ordered that the printing of the Minutes be left to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this Association.

Ordered that any of our members of the Association who may be present at Associations of our direct correspondence be requested to serve us as messengers to the same.

A committee of all Elders and Deacons present, after being duly organized, was appointed to examine our Corresponding Circular Letter and report the recommendations on Friday to the Association. Adjourned until 10:30 a. m., Friday.

Continued services as follows: Sang hymn 381. Preaching by Elder E. C. Jones from John 1:11. Benediction by Elder E. C. Jones.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Sang hymns 409 and 141. Prayer was offered by Elder R. B. Denson. Preaching by Elder B. O. Thompson from Psalms 103, followed by Elder R. B. Denson from Galatians 6:14, 15. Sang hymn 563. Benediction by Elder George Weaver.

FRIDAY, October 17, 1958.

The Association convened according to adjournment. Opened meeting with singing hymns 275, 169, and 469. Prayer offered by Elder J. R. Lane. The Committee to distribute Minutes reported same had been taken care of. Appointed Elder George Weaver to write Corresponding Circular Letter for the next session. Appointed Deacon L. D. Duke to serve a two-year term on the Old School Baptist Home Fund. Adopted report of Committee's recommendation of acceptance of Corresponding Circular Letter as read, and same to be made a part of our

Minutes. Minutes of this meeting read and approved. Moved to adjourn the Association until the year following.

Continued services as follows: Sang hymn 367. Preaching by Elder J. R. Lane from Hebrews 11:25, followed by Elder George Weaver from Psalms 133. Sang hymn 602. Benediction by Elder W. D. Griffin.

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Virginia Corresponding Meeting in session with the Mount Zion Church, October 15, 16, 17, 1958, sends Christian greetings to Associations and Churches with whom we correspond, and to all of our faith and order.

Dear Kindred in Christ: Once again, in the providence of our Lord, it falls our lot to attempt to address you in this Circular Letter, desiring, the Lord willing, to reaffirm you and us in that most holy faith. And as a basis for the few thoughts we may have, we call your attention to the third and fourth verses of Jude, reading as follows: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and *exhort* you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude here in this general epistle to the saints, exhorts the brethren that they should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. This you will find true of all the writers of the scriptures. There are many kinds of faith in this world in which we live. You hear men everywhere say, "I have faith" but brethren, this is not the faith of God's elect. Every single child of God who was elected in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world is the subject to receive this faith and none other, of which Jesus is both the Author and Finisher. Therefore, brethren, when one comes giving evidence that of himself he can do nothing, but rests the whole matter in the hands of God, then we feel that one has had delivered to him the faith

of God and will find in his very being that none other faith will satisfy.

Brethren, contending for the faith of God is not a smooth nor easy course, but rather is just the opposite and saints have given up their lives rather than deny it. But oftentimes through our weakness in the flesh and our carnality, we will drift into a state of following the things of the world and following the line of least resistance, which is not contending for the faith that Jude here exhorts the brethren that they should do. These things so affect the whole elect family of God, that a little leaven leaventh the whole lump.

Now faith without works is dead. That is just as much a part of the Holy Word of God as any other portion of scripture in the lids of the Bible. Then do we not ask ourselves and search ourselves what are the works of the faith of God. Time and space would not permit our going into this vast subject, but we would exhort our brethren to study the entire eleventh chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

But Jude in furtherance of this subject, as noted in the above scripture, shows what takes place when this holy faith is not contended for, and that is, that certain men crept in. We do not understand that this is any other place than the church of the living God. While these men were of old ordained to this condemnation, yet should it not when these come into the church, try the faith of His elect, which is more precious than gold that is tried in the furnace. Faint not, dear ones, if you have the faith of God, it shall be tried. So in this day of evil and trouble on every hand may we be given to try the spirits and receive only that which is good and well pleasing in His sight and to turn the cursed idols out.

Therefore, brethren, we with Jude would exhort our people everywhere that we should contend earnestly for the faith of God's elect with a single eye only to Him, ever mindful of the pit from which we were digged. Will Jesus find THE FAITH when He comes again?

If perchance that some may find comfort from these few feeble lines, then give all praise to His holy name.

—Arthur L. Carter

STATISTICAL TABLE

MOUNT ZION—Mrs. David Farnie, Leesburg, Va., Clerk; messengers: Elder J. D. Wood, Brethren C. A. Hylton, and Garner, Deacon C. W. Norman, Sister Wood, Friess, Jackson, and Farnie; meets fourth Sunday each month; 11 members; received none, lost none; contribution \$35.00.

NEW VALLEY—Miss Martha Howser, Purcellville, Va., Clerk; messengers: Deacons C. R. Hollandsworth, L. D. Duke, Brother Roger Dade, Sisters Howser, Duke, Craig, and White; meets third Sunday in each month; 12 members; received none; lost none; contribution \$35.00.

FRYING PAN—A. L. Carter, 435 N. Main St., Manassas, Va., Clerk; messengers: Deacons A. L. Carter, G. C. Spindle, Sisters Gheen, Fertney and Thomas; meet second Sunday in each month; 9 members; received none; lost none; contribution \$35.00

Association requesting 30 copies of our Minutes: Delaware, Delaware River, Salisbury, Lexington-Roxbury, Warrick, Maine, and Covenanted Church of Canada.

LIST OF MINISTERS PRESENT

Elder John D. Wood
Elder George L. Weaver
Elder J. R. Lane
Elder J. P. Helms
Elder Arthur Warren
Elder B. O. Thompson
Elder R. B. Denson
Elder W. D. Griffin
Elder E. C. Jones

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