

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

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Constituted 1868



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FOREWORD

The first book of Church Minutes is the only book the writer used in this history. That first book of minutes commenced in September, 1904, and ended in 1920. Additional documents were furnished by Pastor Chester Carlisle which shed light on the names of the charter members, the original Rules of Decorum, the original Articles of Faith, and the Church Covenant which are included in this history.

The writer went to the old minutes of the Liberty Baptist Association where the Mt. Zion Church was reflected as a member of that Association in 1870 and traces forward to the year of 1876.

From the Buckatunna Baptist Church minutes the writer learned the names of those individuals who joined the Buckatunna Baptist Church when Sugarloaf School house was an arm of the Buckatunna Baptist Church in 1868. This just prior to the constitution of Mt. Zion.

Some of those, namely the R. W. Robinson family, were members of Bethany Baptist Church, leaving Mt. Zion at or shortly after Mt. Zion became a church in its own right.

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CHARTER MEMBERS

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH (SUGARLOAF)

Names of Members in the Constitution (No Date)

MALE

Harrison Griffis
Daniel Reynolds
L. J. Mooney

Husband of Frances Reynolds
Second husband of Mary Ann Robinson Williams. She was the daughter of William H. and Francis Henley Robinson and married first John Washington Williams who was the son of Joseph and Sarah Williams. His parents not known. Both later Primitive. Buried at Antioch.

William Gough
James B. Tims
M. Street Smith
James Knight
Henry Boswell
J. L. Jay
Mirlock McCaskill
William Tims
R. Y. Neal
Lewis C. Boutwell
Caswell Fetters (Felts)
J. B. Reynolds

Thought to be grandfather of John W. Gough

Grandfather to J. W. Reynolds. He came to Whynot area from Clarke Co., MS., around the turn of the century. Some of his children were Sue, Tabitha, John and Jesse Waldo who married Edna Goodman, daughter of Ed and Katie Shirley. They were parents of J. W. Reynolds.

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FEMALES

Ann C. Gough	Thought to be grandmother to John W. Gough.
Marthy (Martha) M. Smith	
Vashti C. Tims	
Echitta Tims	
Sarah Coker	
Jane Tims	
Isabella Knight	
Nancy Neal	
Nancy Griffis	
Mury Haney	
Frances Reynolds	Wife of Daniel Reynolds
Mary Ann McCaskill	
Selalin Tims	
Caroline Jay	
Mary M. Gardner	Daughter of Isiah & Beady Robinson Gardner
Frances M. Gardner	Daughter of Isiah & Beady Robinson Gardner
M. E. Livingston	
Susan Tims	
Parlee Tims??	

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After the organization was complete in November, 1868, the Church met in conference and called on Elder J. (John) F. Johnson to act as Moderator and requested Elder B. F. Seale to act as Clerk. The doors of the church were opened - none received. On motion and second the church agreed to take the name of Mt. Zion. Thus the church which had been an arm of the Buckatunna Baptist Church was now its own church and would govern itself. The Church then proceeded to elect their regular officers. When the vote was taken Elder J. F. Johnson was chosen Pastor and Brother L. J. Mooney was chosen Clerk.

Brethren Harrison Griffin and Daniel Reynolds being regularly ordained deacons (no doubt ordained by the Buckatunna Baptist Church) were on motion and second called into service of the Church; created the treasury of the Church. No further business appearing, the conference then adjourned.

J. F. Johnson, Moderator.

The Church later worked out and approved the Rules of Decorum for the Church on Saturday before the second Lord's Day in May, 1870.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, CLARKE COUNTY

The members of the Baptist Church living in the vicinity of the school house at Sugarloaf mountain in a covenant meeting agreed to come together and organize into a regular Baptist Church and having invited and requested Elders J. F. Johnson and B. F. Seale, regularly ordained ministers of the gospel and the members of the regular Baptist Churches (in the area) to meet with them and act a Presbytery to assist them in their organization.

In pursuance of the agreement of the members of the Baptist Churches a (and) have (having) referred to they (their) having first obtained letters of dismissal from their several churches and obtained fellowship with each other, we, J. F. Johnson and B. F. Seale, ordained ministers of the gospel of the regular Baptist faith and order, met with the Brethren and Sisters at the School House near Sugar Loaf Mountain on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in November, AD 1868, and after examining their (the) letters of dismissal and the Articles of Faith adopted by the said brethren and sisters and finding them to be in order and in fellowship with each other and of the regular Baptist faith and order we proceed with (the) church and appropriate services to organize the said brothers and sisters whose names are hereunto attached into a regular Baptist Church and do hereby declare them to be duly constituted according to the teachings of the gospel as set fourth (forth) in the stew Testament scriptures with all the powers and privileges of an independent Church of Christ to execute the laws and ordinances of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Signed by J. F. Johnson and B. F. Seale.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1st The meeting shall be opened by prayer, praise and in the absence of the pastor Church shall call some suitable person to the Moderators seat.

2nd Visiting Brethren and Sisters shall be invited to seats with us.

3rd The door of the church shall be opened for the reception of members.

4th The minuit (minutes) of the preceding conference shall be read.
~~ry - acknowledgement ...~~(MARKED THROUGH)

5th Refferances (references) shal (shall) be taken up.

6th Voluntary acknowledgements (acknowledgments) shall be called.

7th Peace and fellowship of the Church shal (shall) be called for.

8th Miselaneous (miscellaneous) business shal (shall) be called for.

9th All business shal (business shall) be presented by motion second and distinctly stated by the Moderator before debate.

10th All persons shal (shall) arise from their seits (seats) and address the Moderator and Church before speaking on any subject.

11th No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on any one subject with-out permission from the body.

12th Two or more persons rising at the same time to speak prefarance- shal (preference shall) be given the one fotherest (furtherest) from the moderator.

13th No male member shall be allowed to absent himself from the house without permission.

14th The moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.

15th No person shall be allowed membership without a unanimous consent of the Church but in all other matters of dealings a majority shall rule.

16th The Moderator shall have the right of speaking on any subject ?befitting same? person in the chair.

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This Decorum may be altered or amended by two third majority of the Church but no motion for amendment shall be entertained without notice being (being) given at the preceeding (preceding) conference which notice shall be entered on the minuit (minutes).

Addition to the above decorum by order of the church Saturday befour the second Lords day in May 1870.

Committee appointed to draw rules of decorum

Harison Griffis
Daniel Reynolds
L. J. Mooney

THE CHURCH COVENANT CHURCH COVANENT

Having been as we trust brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and to give ourselves wholly to him we do now solemnly and joyfully Covenant with each other to walk together with him in Brotherly love to his glory as our Common Lord. We do therefore in his strength engage that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn exort and admonish each other as occasions may require. That we will not for sake the assembling of ourselves together, but will uphold the public Worship of God and the ordinance of his house. That we will not omit Church and family religion at home nor neglect the great duty of religously training our children and those under our care, for the services of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven that as we are the light of the world and salt of the earth, we will seek divine and, to enable us to deny ungodliness and every worldly lust and to walk circumspectly in the world that we may win the sould of men.

That we will cherfully contribute of our property according as God has prospered us for the maintainens of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us for the support of the poor and to spread the Gospel over the earth. That we will in all conditions even till death strive to live to the glory of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

1st We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction.

2nd We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent spirit whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of Heaven and earth.

3rd We believe the Scriptures teach that man was created in holiness under the law of his maker but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners.

4th. We believe the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the ? methodical ? office of the Son of God.

5th We believe the Scriptures teach that the blessing of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own ? determined ? depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel.

6th We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties and all so inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the reproofing influence of the Holy Spirit and the power of the gospel.

7th We believe the Scriptures teach that election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates and saves sinners.

Art. 8th We believe that the enjoyment of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

Art. 9th We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; that it is prerequisite to the privilege of a Church relation and to the Lord's Supper.

Art. 10th We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution.

COMMITTEE

W. W. Shirley

J.L. Tims

W. E. Goodman

C. B. Shirley

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TAKEN FROM THE BUCKATUNNA BAPTIST CHURCH MINUTES

This is a list of members who joined at Sugarloaf (now Mt. Zion) an arm of the Buckatunna Church in a Meeting of Days (protracted meeting) Commencing on Saturday Before the 5th Sunday, in August 1868.

It is not known how long Sugarloaf was an arm of the Buckatunna Church, perhaps for only a short time. The members of this arm met in the Sugarloaf School house and Mt. Zion itself as a church came into existence at this school house on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1868.

Since there is only this one mention of Sugarloaf being an arm it stands to reason that the arm was extended for the purpose of the establishment of a church in the area and that the protracted meeting was held for that purpose since it was held in August and the Church Mt. Zion constituted in November.

MALES

J. B. Tims	Charter member 11/1867. James B. Tims
P. A. Davidson	
J. K. Knight	Charter member. James K. Knight
R. A. Strickland	
R. V. Suthern (Southern)	
M. S. Smith	Charter member. M. Street Smith
W. G. Gough	Charter member. William G. Gough, grandfather to John W. Gough
R. W. Robinson	Father of Sebe Robinson. Had moved to Whynot before constitution of the church.

FEMALES

Jane Robinson	Wife of R. W. Robinson and mother of Sebe Robinson
Jane Tims	
Isabella Jones	
Sarah A. Coker	
Martha M. Smith	Wife of M. S. Smith
E. Tims (spelled Timms) Echitta.	Charter member.
V. C. Timms	
(Tims) Vashti.	Charter member
E. B. Gough	
Ann C. Gough	Wife of William G. Gough
Mable Knight	
Caroline Wright	

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Nancy Williams

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church is first picked up in the Liberty Baptist Association Meeting Minutes on October 1, 1870. This meeting held at the Buckatunna Baptist Church. The Clerk for the Association was B. F. Seale, who had helped to constitute the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. In the Association Minutes it was reported that Clerk B. F. Seale had departed this life and a resolution of sympathy was sent to his widow, Martha Seale, and family. J. F. Seale was elected Clerk. B. F. Seale, prior to his death, was the pastor of the Providence Baptist Church in Choctaw County, Alabama.

The Association Minutes for 1869 are missing. It is this year that Mt. Zion apparently, was accepted into the association.

The first pastor of Mt. Zion was John F. Johnson. He was also the first pastor of Bethany. At this same time he was pastor of Buckatunna.

In 1870 the pastor for Mt. Zion was Hardy Yarborough, son of Ambrose Yarborough, an early Baptist minister in the area who constituted the Liberty Baptist Church, the Ebenezer Baptist Church and is thought to have constituted the Salem Baptist Church.

The delegates from Mt. Zion to the Association Meeting were H. (Harrison) Griffis and H. (Henry) Boswell.

At the 1872 Association Meeting held at the Bogueloosa Church in Choctaw County, Ala., Hardy Yarborough was pastor of Mt. Zion. The delegates were J. C. Williams and Henry Boswell. NOTE: The J. C. Williams probably Joel C. Williams, son of Joseph & Sarah Williams, who married first Esther Powell and second Margaret Griffin. In his later years he became a Primitive Baptist minister. He is buried at Antioch (WhyNot).

At the Association Meeting held in the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Choctaw County, Ala., commencing on October 3, 1874, the pastor for Mt. Zion was J.E. Scott and the delegates were J. C. Williams and G. W. Hargen (Henegah).

The Association Meeting held at the Bladon Springs Baptist Church in Choctaw County, Ala., commencing on October 2, 1875; the pastor for Mt. Zion was J.E. Scott and the delegates were W. C. Tims and D. Smith. The post office address was Pushmataha, Ala.

In 1876 when the Association met at Liberty Baptist Church commencing September 30, the pastor was J.E. Scott, with delegates J. C. Williams and L. J. Mooney. The post office address was Hurricane.

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The Liberty Baptist Association met at the Mont (Mt.) Rose Church in Clarke County, MS., commencing on October 5, 1877. The pastor for Mt. Zion was A. H. Owens and the delegates were L. J. Mooney and G. L. Murray.

While it is not recorded in the minutes of the Mt. Zion Church it appears that Mt. Zion was a member of the Liberty Baptist Association during its early period of operation.

SEPTEMBER TERM 1904

Services by B.S. Gay. No business.
B. S. Gay, Moderator; G. L. Tims, Church Clerk

OCTOBER TERM 1904

The State of Mississippi - Clarke County - the Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Zion met on Saturday before the 4th Lords Day in October and after divine services by the pastor, Elder B. S. Gay, the Church met in conference. Under general business on motion and second there was a committee appointed to look after the Vitation (Visitation) Program of the Church which resulted in the appointment of J. L. Tims and C. B. Shirley (NOTE: C. B. Shirley is the father of Lamar Shirley and grandfather of Odis Shirley.) On motion and second a committee was appointed to aid the Clerk in straightening (out) the Church (minute) Book. Bros. W. W. Shirley (great grandfather to Rex Shirley), J. L. Tims and W. E. Goodman accepted assignment. *NOTE: This would imply to some degree that the Church Minute Book was in some sort of disorder. This record could have been loose sheets. There are no minutes from 1868 until 1904 but there are some loose sheets that give the charter members and the Constitution of the Church, which to a historian are valuable items.*

SATURDAY BEFORE THE 4TH LORDS DAY IN NOVEMBER 1904

After services by Elder B. S. Gay the Church went into conference. The Committee assigned to see after the interests of the Church asked for more time which was granted and the Clerk in starting the Church Book made report, the report received and the Committee was discharged (The report was entered in the Church Book). EDITORS NOTE: This may have been the time the Church commenced to actually record its minutes.

The Church on motion and second preferred charges against all that had denied the faith and on another motion and second the Church withdrew fellowship from Bros. J. D. Reynolds, James Dunham, Louis Knight, and Sister Betty Knight. C. B. Shirley served as Church Clerk.

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MAY TERM 1905

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted. Elder B. S. Gay, Moderator; W. H. Shirley Church Clerk.

JULY TERM 1905

J. L. Tims was appointed Church Clerk Pro-tem. Services by Elder B. S. Gay. No business.
1905 J. L. Tims, Moderator

Inquired into the peace and fellowship of the Church. Church at peace.

The Church elected W. H. Shirley as Church Clerk and J. L. Tims and W. E. Goodman as delegates (to association meeting - name not given).

Elder B. S. Gay was re-elected pastor. Bro. C. B. Shirley and Sister N. T. Nix were granted letters of dismission.

OCTOBER TERM 1905

The Church Clerk being absent, J. L. Tims served in that capacity. Church to assist the Clerk in the writing of a letter of dismission for Sister Elizabeth Belchers which was called for on the 2nd Lords Day in October 1887 and was never written.

DECEMBER TERM 1906

The Church elected Bro. A.J. Horn pastor. Elder J. S. Chatham served as Moderator and W. E. Still as Church Clerk.

JANUARY TERM 1907

The Church approved the paying of \$60.00 to the pastor, Elder A.J. Horn.

OCTOBER TERM 1907

After services by Bro. A.J. Horn the Church went into conference. Church elected Bro. Cary Dearman as pastor for the year 1908. Bro. J. B. Shirley was appointed to notify Bro. Dearman. Moderator, A. J. Horn; Church Clerk W. E. Still.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1908

After services by Bro. C. E. Dearman the Church went into conference. On motion of M. T. Shirley the Church selected W. E. Still and S. M. Shirley as delegates to the Association meeting

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with E. C. Shirley and E. E. Shirley as alternate delegates.
Rev. C. E. Dearman, Pastor; S. M. Shirley, Church Clerk.
SEPTEMBER 11, 1909

The Pastor was absent. Bro. J.B. Reynolds acted as Moderator Pro-tem. Bro. J. B. Reynolds and W. E. Still were elected delegates to the Association meeting with W. E. Goodman as alternate.

APRIL 1910

Rev. D. A. Covington was pastor and brought the sermon. A collection for foreign missions resulted in \$2.60.
C. L. Tims, Church Clerk

MAY 1910

The Church discussed getting a preacher to help in the Protracted meeting (forthcoming protracted meeting).

JULY 1910

Rev. D. A. Covington brought the sermon.

EDITORS NOTE: C. L. Tims, Church Clerk, wrote the minutes in a flowing hand but the problem is his hand and ink pen flow all over the page. It is for sure he left his mark.

AUGUST 3, 1910

Services by D. A. Covington. Sister Vivian Shirley granted a letter of dismissal. C. L. Tims still Church Clerk but the writing is clear and readable.

EDITORS NOTE: Perhaps his wife was writing the minutes.

SEPTEMBER 1910 No business.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1910

M. T. Shirley acted as Moderator Pro-tem. The Association letter was read and adopted.
NOTE: It is not known whether the Church remained in the Liberty Baptist Association as the Association not named in the minutes.
C. L. Tims, Church Clerk.

FIRST SATURDAY IN OCTOBER 1910

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After services by Bro. D. A. Covington the Church went into conference. Church called for a committee from Buckatunna and Bethany to labor with a committee from Mt. Zion. The minutes did not state the reason for this labor.

FIRST SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1910

Services by Bro. D. A. Covington. Received one member (not named). Bro. D. A. Covington elected pastor and C. L. Tims, church clerk. Sister Anna Reynolds granted a letter of dismission.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER 1910

After services by Bro. D. A. Covington the church went into conference. The committee (that was appointed in October) made their report and were discharged.

SATURDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY, MARCH 1911

The Church went into conference after service by Bro. D. A. Covington. No business.

SATURDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY, APRIL 1911

W. H. Shirley elected Church Clerk; W. C. Davidson and W. C. Ward elected delegates to the Association meeting, with C. B. Shirley alternate.

NOVEMBER 4, 1911

Services only by the Pastor. No business.

SATURDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1911

Church at peace.No business.

FEBRUARY 3, 1912

No business.

MARCH 2, 1912

Sermon by Bro. Jesse Hays on Saturday. Sister Ila Shirley received by letter. Sister Vivian Shirley returned her letter. Bro. Jesse Hays, Moderator Pro-tem; W. H. Shirley, Church Clk.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1913

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Bro. C. B. Shirley and Walter Still were elected delegates to the Association meeting. J. T. Cooper, Moderator; W. C. Ward, Church Clk.

FOURTH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1913

Services by Pastor (not named). Sister Savannah Crawford excluded, having joined the Methodist Church.

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, JANUARY 1914

Sister Davidson came forward under the watch care of the Church until she could secure her letter (from her previous church).

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, APRIL 1914

A proposal was made by Bro. C. B. Shirley that we (the Church) do something for our (the) Pastor, next preaching day for last year (the previous year).

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, JULY 1914?

No business. John T. Cooper, Moderator; William Ward, Church Clerk.

NOTE: APPARENTLY MINUTES WERE NOT MAINTAINED FOR EVERY CONFERENCE.

PERIOD 7/1914 -- 6/1915

Bro. C. B. Shirley was liberated to preach the Gospel on a Sunday. John T. Cooper, Moderator; W. H. Shirley Church Clerk. (This could have been June 1915)

JULY 1915 Church at peace.

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 1915

After services by Rev. J. T. Cooper the Church went into conference. At the close of the meeting twenty (20) came forward for baptism: Corbett Moffett, Callie Goodman, Cleve Davidson, Ed Shirley, Judie Morgan, Dudley? Smith, Stevie Tims, Parker Tims, Elmer Goodman, Sam Goodman, Nolen Davidson, Obie Godwin, Herman Stewart, Sister Myrtis Shirley, Nannie Smith, Ottie? _ , Audie Davidson, Maggie Goodman, Kattie Morgan and Lucille Shirley. Rev. J. T. Cooper re-elected Pastor; W. H. Shirley as Church Clerk; delegates elected to attend the Association meeting were W. C. Ward, W. C. Davidson, W. E. Still and C. C. Tims.

The Church on motion and second directed the Church Book to be brought to the next conference for the reading of the Church Covenant, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1915

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W. C. Ward was elected Clerk Pro-tem. Bro. H. B. Scot (Scott) was requested in sit with us (the Church) at the next conference. Bros. L. H. Nix, W. C. Davidson and W. C. Ward were appointed to a committee to see Bro. C. B. Shirley.

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, MAY 1916

Bro. Henry Scott was appointed Moderator and W. C. Ward, Clerk Pro-tem. Bros. W. C. Davidson, L. H. Nix and W. C. Ward were appointed as a committee to investigate the trouble between C. B. Shirley and W. C. Shirley.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY, JUNE 1916

Bro. H. J. Scot (Scott), Moderator-Pastor. Part of the previously assigned committee were present and they had nothing to report. A motion and second made to seek help with the problem from three (3) other churches. The Church to ask Buckatunna Church, Antioch Church and Bethany Church to send two brothers from each church to the church and to meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in July, 1916, at 9:A. M. The Clerk directed to send letter to each church in regard to the matter.

JULY 1916

Conference called to investigate the matter between Bros. C. B. Shirley and E. C. Shirley. W. C. Ward served as Moderator. There is no record of the proceedings in the minutes.

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, JULY 1916

The committee from the previous conference gave its report. "We your Committee after investigation (of) the matter finds this to be no church matter and recommend to throw it out of the Church and that Bro. C. B. Shirley make acknowledgment for disturbing the Church. Names of the Committee were: Bros. Jim Griffin, Will Merrell, Elech (Aleck) Miller, Jesse Dearman, L. H. Nix. Bro. Will Merrill, Chairman. Bro. C. B. Shirley would not accept the report and was given thirty days by the Church to decide on the matter.

SECOND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1917

The Church seated Bro. W. H. Shirley as Moderator. Bro. H.B. Scott elected as Pastor. Delegates to attend the Association meeting were J. B. Reynolds and W. E. Still.

FIRST SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 1918

Bro. W. H. Shirley appointed Moderator. Sister Minnie Reynolds and Bro. Albert Railey were granted letters of dismissal. Bros. J. B. Reynolds, W. H. Shirley, W. E. Still and Rolie Shirley were elected delegates to the Association meeting.

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SATURDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1919

Bro. H. Sollie appointed Moderator Pro-Tem, and then elected Pastor and Ed Shirley was elected Church Clerk. Elected delegates to the Association meeting were: Bros. Robbie Shirley, Ed Shirley and C. L. Tims; Bro. W. H. Shirley elected alternate.

MEETING THAT ENDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1920

Rev. H. V. Sollie, Moderator; W. H. Shirley, Church Clerk. Baptism (no names recorded) and preaching by Bro. J. T. Cooper.

Corbin Moffett was granted a letter of dismissal. Bro. Hermon Slevin and Sister Ela (Ella) Tims also granted letters of dismissal. The Clerk ordered to write the letters. Bro. H. V. Sollie elected Pastor; W. H. Shirley elected Church Clerk. Elected delegates to the Association were: Bros. W. C. Davidson, J. B. Shirley and C. C. Shirley; W. E. Still and Clifton Tims were elected alternates. Baptised 13 individuals.

FEBRUARY 26, 1921

Met on Saturday before the fourth Sunday and after sermon by the Pastor the Church went into conference. It was reported that Sister Audie Davidson and Bro. S. M. Shannon were departing from the faith. The Church appointed J. W. Reynolds and W. E. Still to see them and report at the next meeting.

Pastor H. V. Sollie; Church Clerk W. H. Shirley

MARCH TERM 1921

Bro. S. V. Robinson joined the Church. It was reported that Sister Davidson had joined the Methodist Church. She was excluded from the fellowship of the Church. Bro. Shannon made satisfactory report.

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY., APRIL 1921

No business.

JUNE TERM 1921

Bro. Reynal Smith and wife joined the Church by letter. Rev. H. V. Sollie, Pastor; W. H. Shirley, Church Clerk.

JULY TERM 1921

Bro. James Tims, Curbin Moffett, Sister Callie? Tims ,Parker and Steve Tims were granted

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letters of dismissal.

AUGUST TERM 1921

Bro. Warren Tims came forth and offered himself to be restored back to the Church. He made his statement acknowledging he was wrong and asked the Church to forgive him. The Church forgave him and he was liberated to preach.

Bros. W. E. Still, C. L. Tims and W. W. Shirley and Warren Tims were elected delegates to the Association meeting, with W. H. Shirley as alternate. Rev. H. V. Sollie, Moderator; W. H. Shirley, Church Clerk. Ellis Moffett requested a letter of dismissal but the Church thought some acknowledgment due from him. Bros. M. T. Shirley and W. E. Still appointed to see him.

SATURDAY BEFORE FOURTH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1922

The Church voted to allow the Moderator to appoint delegates to the Association meeting.

THIS COMPLETES THE FIRST BOOK OF CHURCH MINUTES.

The following are undated membership lists:

MALES

J. L. Jay	Holding (his) letter. Dead
W. W. Shirley	Dead
J. R. Reynolds	Dead
M. T. Shirley	
W. E. Goodman	
M. B. Feltse (Felts)	Died 9/14/1920
S.M. Tims	Dead
C. B. Shirley	Dismissed by letter. Grandfather to Odis Shirley
J. L. Tims	Dead
W. F. Shirley	
J. B. Tims	Dead
W1 E. C. Shirley	Dismissed by letter
John Ward	
G. T. Tims	
W. H. Shirley	Dismissed by letter
J. W. Reynolds	Jesse Waldo Reynolds, father of J. W. Reynolds
S.M. Shirley	Dismissed by letter
L. M. Goodman	
E. E. Shirley	
Warren Tims	Excluded; Restored

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J. D. Reynolds	Excluded
Daniel Ward	Dead
Alfred Tims	Dead
W.A. Tims	Dead
Lewis Knight	Excluded
W. E. Still	
L. M. Satcher	Dismissed by letter
R. G. Shirley	
C. C. Shirley	
L .H. Nix	Dismissed by letter
Clifton Tims	
J. D. Shirley	
Steve Shirley	
Harmon Shirley	
W. C. Davidson	
Cecil Shirley	
Steve Jellenc	
Albert Railey	Dismissed by letter
Jos. McRae	Dead
W. C. Ward	
M. M. Shirley	Dismissed by letter

SECOND LIST MALES

L. M. Goodman	Dead
E. E. Shirley	Dead
R. G. Shirley	Dead
J. D. Shirley, Sr.	Died 3/20/1976
Nola Davidson	
Elmer Goodman	
Obie Godwin	
Jessie Felts	Dead
Bryant Shirley	
Franklin Shirley	
D. L. Reynolds	Dead
W. L. Cooper	Dead
Leon Jellenc	
Oscar Reynolds	
Herman Jay	Dead
Ernest Shirley	
C. L. Tims, Jr.	Dismissed by letter
Walter Ellis	
Elliott Cooper	

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Everett Cooper	Dead
Willard Felts	
Edward Goodman	Dismissed by letter
Pat Cooper	
Houston Shirley	Dismissed by letter 5/2/1986
Leo Shirley	
Marcus Satcher	
George Tims	Dead
Eugene Reynolds	
Albert Southern	Dismissed by letter
Eugene Cooper	Dismissed by letter
Rex Shirley	
J. C. Shirley, Jr.	
James Goodman	Excluded
H. L. Butler	
Jack Shirley	
Billie Gene Jay	
Lawrence Shirley	
Rex Harrison	Dead
Reed Shirley	Dead
Rev. A. H. McMullen	Dismissed by letter
James Long	
Stnaley Ray Shirley	
Wayne Shirley	
Randy Shirley	
Jerald Reynolds	Dismissed by letter
Rev. Darnell Archie	Dismissed by letter
Grover Garrett	
Jerry Reynolds	
Billy Jean (Gene) Jay, Jr.	Dismissed by letter
Gary Boles	
Crit Long	Dead
Rev. Benton Bayler	Dismissed by letter
Rev. Roland Robon	Dismissed by letter
Rev. Kent Turner	Dismissed by letter
Nelson Felts	
Henry Felts	
Lionel Stewart	
parker Shannon	
Rev. Ron Stuckey	Dismissed by letter
Stephen Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Kevin Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Rev. George Anderson	Dismissed by letter

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Rev. Fearell Morris	Dismissed by letter
Erie? James	
Billy Gene Jay, Jr.	
Jeffery Jay	
Billy R. Reynolds	
David Reynolds	
Rev. Mike Moss	
Dan Moss	
Joseph Nicholson	
Bobby? Pearson	
Jasen Shannon	
Billy Joe Jay	
Steve Shirley	

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NEXT LIST - MALES

J. W. Reynolds	Dead
L. M. Goodman	
E. E. Shirley	
R. G. Shirley	
C. C. Shirley, Sr.	Dead
Clifton Tims	Dismissed by letter
J. D. Shirley	
Cecil Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Clevie Davidson	
Dudley Smith	Dismissed
Nolan Davidson	
Elmer Goodman	
Sam Goodman	
Obie Godwin	
John Stewart	Dead
Jeffie Felts	
Bryant Shirley	
D. L. Reynolds	
W. L. Cooper	
Leon Jellenc	
M. W. Still, Sr.	Dismissed by letter
Oscar Reynolds	
Otto Reynolds	
Herman Jay	
Wander Satcher	Dead
Colie Long	Dismissed by letter
Earnest Shirley	
C. L. Tims, Jr.	
Walter Ellis	
Eliot Cooper	
Everett Cooper	
Willard Felts	
C. C. Shirley, Jr.	Dismissed by letter
Nelson Felts	Dismissed by letter
Edward Goodman	
Pat Cooper	
Horatio Shirley	
Leo Shirley	
Claude Cooper	Dismissed by letter
Marcus Satcher	
Jack Shirley	

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Horace Jellenc	Dismissed - departed from faith
Billie Gene Jay	
Olin Tims	Dismissed by letter
Laverne Long	
Laverne Shirley	
Rex Harrison	
Reed Shirley	
Freddie Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Bobbie Cooper	
Hollie Shirley	
Don Harrison	
Junior Powell	
Otis Tims	Dead
R. C. Davidson	
W. L. Chatham	Dismissed by letter
David Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Ervin Shirley	
Rev. C. B. Blackwell	Dismissed by letter
James Long	Dismissed by letter
Stanley Ray Shirley	

FEMAL MEMBERS - NO DATE

M. J. Smith	
M. C. Davidson	Dead
S. C. Williams	
C. G. Shirley	Dead
E. L. Allen	Dead
Mary Still	Dead
Edna Reynolds	(Married Jesse Waldo Reynolds)
Annie Still	Dismissed by letter
Bessie Reynolds	
Alvie (Olvie) Mahelic	Dead
Mary Weekly	Dismissed by letter
Kattie Shirley	Dead
Nancy Davidson	
Ila Shirley	
Gusie Reynolds	
Virgie Shirley	
Myrtie Shirley	
Nannie Shirley	
Kattie Morgan	
Lillie Cooper	

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Julia Pierce	
Mattie Stewart	
Lula Long	Dead
Maggie Felts	Dismissed by letter
Ethel Day	
Minnie Shelton	
Ruby Martin	
Martie Bonner	Dead
Fannie Green	
Nannie Mae Melton	Dead
Effie Whittington	
Caroline Belvin?	
Kattie Davidson	Dead
Velma Langston	Dismissed by letter
Thelma Harrison	
Sarah Shirley	
Madge Jay	
Eva Long	
Neppie Smith	
Nodie Still	Death 1/24/1985
Rudie Shirley	
Lula B. Southern	
Ethel Long	
Ruth Reynolds	
Margaret Hedley	
Lucille Davidson	
Minnie Davidson	
Velma Hord	Dismissed by letter
Annie Laura Sims	
Annie May Geeter	
Alberta Southern	
Edith Shirley	
Annie May Jellenc	
Hazel Scarnorough	
Glades (Gladys) Davidson	Dismissed
Louise Davidson	
Alene Darnell	
Nannie May Reynolds	
Malba Fay Gressett	
Georgia Cooper	
Vernice Wilson	Dismissed by letter
Louise Culpepper	
Mildred Cooper	Dismissed by letter

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Ann Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Yvonne Lockridge	Dismissed by letter
Fredna Powell	
Grace Jackson	
Tomy Joice Davidson	
Winford Jay	
Irma Clara Shirley	
Lucy Southern	
Gladis (Gladys) Southern	
Sarah Neal Shirley - McKinnon - Yates	Dismissed by letter
Mylte Green	Dismissed by letter
Ethel Boles Shirley	Dismissed from church
Maida? May Shirley - Haguewood	Dismissed by letter
Mary Alice Shirley	
Mary Ruth Whittington - Graham	
Annie Meril Reynolds - Jacobs	
Ernestine Shirley	
Glenda Shirley Smith	
Gwendlyn Southern	Dismissed by letter
Wilbadean Tims	Dismissed by letter
Kay Frances Shirley	
Janie Gibson	Dead
Mrs. W. L. Chatham	Dismissed by letter
Virginia Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. C. B. Blackwell	Dismissed by letter
Beverly Ann Mosby-Hill	
Mrs. Jarrell McMullen	Dismissed by letter
Ruby Long	

NEXT LIST - FEMALES

Georgia Cooper	
Louise Culpepper	Dismissed by letter
Fredna Powell	
Gracie Jackson	Dismissed by letter
Tommie Joice Davidson	
Winford Hay	
Irma Clara Shirley	
Lucy Southern	Dead
Sarah Neal Shirley	
Mary Alice Shirley	
Mary Ruth Graham	Dismissed by letter
Annie Meril Jacobs	Departed from the faith

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Ernestine Shirley-Stanley	
Glenda Smith	Departed from the faith
Kay Frances Shirley	
Janie Gibson	Dead
Irene Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Beverly Ann Hill	Dismissed by letter
Janell McMullen	Dismissed by letter
Ruby Long	Dismissed by letter
Peggy Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Annie Still	Dead
Helen Reynolds	Dismissed by letter
Rebecca Shirley-Shannon	
Kay Shirley	Dismissed
Sylvia Dale Reynolds Goodman	Dismissed by letter
Dot Reynolds	Dismissed by letter
Mary Jane Shirley-Lovelady	
Gloria McMullen	Dismissed by letter
Charlotte Long	Dismissed by letter
Teresa Jay	(Married James Broadhead-Reynolds) Dismissed by letter
Cathy Shirley-Luke	
Janice Reynolds	Dismissed by letter
Gale Powell-Dearman	
Joyce Boles-Baskin	
Joyce Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Sherry Harrison	
Sherry Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Idella Boles	Dismissed; re-baptised at another church
Tommie Lou Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Jarene Boyles	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Roland Rabon	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Kent Turner	Dismissed by letter
Wanda Kay Shirley	Dismissed
Ruth Felts	
Darlene Felts	Dismissed by letter
Vickie Felts	
Janet Boles-Baskin	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Steve Miller	
Debbie Turner	8/20/1972 Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Hanen Stucky	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Carolyn Smith	Dismissed by letter
Susan Smith	Dismissed by letter
Gene. . . ? Smith	Dismissed by letter

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Mrs. Donna Shirley	
Mrs. Emma Anderson	Dismissed by letter
Mrs. Opal Buck	Dismissed by letter
Miss Ashley Shirley	Dismissed by letter
Miss Lesandra Anderson	Dismissed by letter
Miss Tracy Williamson	
Mrs. Sharon Ferrell Morris	
Mrs. Voncille Shirley	12/11/1982
Mrs. Shirley F. Jay	12/15/?
Mrs. Teresa Reynolds	
Mrs. Elizabeth Tims	
Mrs. Ida Shirley	
Mrs. Kelly Turner	
Claudia Shannon	
Jeny (Jerry?) Reynolds	
Clairies Edna Reynolds	
Thelma Harrison	
Eraia? Harmon	

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Teresea Luke
Dianne Pearson
Felisa Pearcon
Melissa Pearson
Angela Haguewood

Note:

In 1868 the Concord Baptist Church at Yantley voted to extend an arm of the church to the Shugarloaf Schoolhouse. Then in September of 1868 the church voted to receive the 2_2 persons that were baptised as a result of a meeting at Shugarloaf into the Concord Baptist Church.

Then in October 1868 there was a mass withdrawal of 19 members from the church,. This could have been for the purpose of constituting the Mt, Zion Baptist Church.

The above was found by the writer after the Mt. Zion History was written. This additional information proves that the Concord Baptist Church at Yantley was involved in the constitution of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in November of 1868. Please note the spelling of Sugarloaf as Shugarloaf.