

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MOUNTAIN SPRINGS INDEPENDENT CHURCH

The following persons assembled together at Mountain Springs Independent Church on June 17, 1984 for the purpose of forming an association to establish the Mountain Springs Independent Church, (1) to provide a place of worship of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ [the Triune God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]; (2) to secure and hold in perpetuity the lands, cemetery and structures thereon previously held by Mountain Springs Methodist Church; (3) to establish: (a) a name for the new church; (b) a constitution and bylaws for the new church; (4) to elect officers provided for by the constitution and bylaws, and other purposes:

Irene Beard	Buck Price
Melvin Beard	Herman Richey
Leonard Boswell	Mabel B. Riddle
Flora T. Chasteen	Ruby Robertson
David Clay	William Robertson
Marvin S. Clay	Connie Teat
Ruth Clay	Clyde Terrell
Sarah Sybilla Clay	Irene Terrell
Stephen Fred Clay	Paul S. H. Terrell
Myrtle Ingram	Helen Terrell
Mary Lou Lloyd	Vaughn Terrell
Wallace Lloyd	Wesley Terrell
Berta Mitchell	William H. Wiley
Lynne Mitchell	Mrs. William H. Wiley
N. E. Peddycoart	Judy M. Williams
Rachel Peddycoart	

At 11:00 A. M., Rev. Roy Freeman brought a most inspiring message. Following the service, the group enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch on the picnic grounds.

The group reassembled at 2:30 P. M. Marvin S. Clay led the congregation in some singing and, following prayer by David Clay, turned the services over to Leonard Boswell, who asked for and received a motion to declare a business meeting in session.

Upon a motion by David Clay, seconded by Flora Chasteen, and unanimously carried, Vaughn Terrell was named temporary moderator and Helen Terrell was named temporary secretary for the organizational meeting.

The following resolution was made by Paul Terrell and seconded by Sybilla Clay:

BE IT RESOLVED by those assembled, that:

(1) A non-profit association be formed for the purpose of purchasing the lands, buildings and facilities, including the church building, cemetery and all other properties located on Redmond Gap Road (old Texas Valley Road) in Floyd County, Georgia, and previously held by Mountain Springs Methodist Church, for the sum of \$1,750.00, to be paid from the Mountain Springs Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, as agreed to by Leonard Boswell and Vaughn Terrell, joint trustees of said fund.

(2) The name of the new church shall be Mountain Springs Independent Church.

(3) A constitution and by-laws shall be adopted for the governing of said church.

(4) Pursuant to the by-laws, five trustees shall be elected to hold said property in trust for the Mountain Springs Independent Church.

(5) No less than 5, and no more than 25 stewards shall be elected to govern and operate said church and preserve and maintain the properties for worship services and burial grounds.

After due discussion, a vote on the resolution was called for and it was unanimously adopted.

After discussion, Vaughn and Helen Terrell were directed to draft the constitution and bylaws in their final form.

Upon motion of Sybilla Clay, seconded by David Clay, the following were elected Trustees of the church: Melvin Beard, Leonard Boswell, Fred Clay, Paul Terrell and Vaughn Terrell. Melvin Beard was selected by the Trustees to act as chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A nominating committee composed of Marvin S. Clay, Leonard Boswell and Melvin Beard was appointed by Moderator Vaughn Terrell to nominate the five stewards. This committee nominated the following: Mabel B. Riddle, William Robertson, Wesley Terrell, Buck Price and Wallace Loyd. Upon a motion by Paul Terrell, seconded by Fred Clay, the said five persons were unanimously elected as stewards of Mountain Springs Independent Church.

In discussion concerning other persons to serve as additional stewards, Sybilla Clay suggested that we get every young person who will do so to serve in this capacity for the purpose of generating more interest in the affairs of Mountain Springs Independent Church.

Upon motion of Helen Terrell, seconded by Flora Chasteen, and unanimously carried, Marvin S. Clay was elected Church Superintendent.

Upon motion of Lynn Mitchell, seconded by William Roberson, and unanimously carried, Mabel B. Riddle was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Upon motion of David Clay, seconded by Sybilla Clay, and unanimously carried, Melvin Beard was elected Clerk.

It was unanimously carried that said officers should serve for a one-year period, with election of officers being on date of annual business meeting.

Upon motion by Leonard Boswell, seconded by Marvin S. Clay, it was unanimously voted that there be an annual business meeting for the purpose of transacting business of Mountain Springs Independent Church, including the election of new officers, on the third Sunday in June each year, the next annual business meeting being on the third Sunday in June, 1985.

It was decided that the Church Superintendent would consult with other officers of Mountain Springs Independent Church for the purpose of setting meeting dates, selecting a song leader, pianist, and such other matters as should be decided upon.

A motion was made by David Clay, seconded by Sybilla Clay, and unanimously carried, that the Trustees be authorized to work with other officers in attempting to secure help for repairs and in finding a family to move onto the premises to oversee said property, to arrange for protection and road repairs, etc.

It was suggested by Moderator Vaughn Terrell that as many as possible make pledges of \$5.00 / \$10.00 per month to provide additional funds for the upkeep of the property of Mountain Springs Independent Church. Several made these pledges and were instructed to send them to Treasurer Mrs. Mabel B. Riddle, 23 Wingfield Street, Rome, Georgia 30161.

It was mentioned that the insurance premium is approximately \$245.00 per year and will be coming up in February, 1985.

The offering at this organizational meeting was \$199.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P. M. with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," followed by a closing prayer by Leonard Boswell.