

MINUTES
OF THE
Alabama and Mississippi State
Association
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
Macedonia Church
October 26 to 29, 1936

Officers

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator Tupelo, Miss.
Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Vice-Moderator Fernbank, Ala.
Bro. L. E. Parker, Secretary-Treas. Millport, Ala.
Sister Nellie Dupree, Field Secretary Guin, Ala.

The next Session of this Association will be held with
Bethel Church, 7 miles west of Montevallo, Shelby
County, Ala. beginning Monday night after the 4th
Sunday in October, 1937, at 7 O'clock P. M.

The Alabama-East Mississippi State Association of the original Free Will Baptist met with Macedonia church Monday evening, October the 26th, 1936.

7:00 o'clock after song and devotional service Rev. G. O. Parker brought the message subject: A prepared people for a prepared place. Followed by Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00. Song service by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Devotional service by Rev. L. L. Davis. Scripture reading 133 Psalms. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Tilley. Song by the congregation.

9:30. Moved in order to organize this body carried, called for letters and delegates from the different Associations and churches of same, received and delegates seated as per list. (See list of churches and delegates.)

Called for membership of Associations in the Alabama Association. Bear Creek ask for membership, report made by Rev. W. O. McDonald, moved, carried to except this Association and delegates seated with minutes funds to be sent in.

10:00. The Flint River Association ask for membership, report made by Rev. J. T. Quick, move carried in order to except this report and seated delegates, minutes funds to be sent in.

Moved and in order to seat Rev. D. W. Jones, as delegate from the Bear Creek Association carried.

10:30. The welcome address was given by Rev. J. D. Byars, everyone was hearty welcomed to Macedonia community.

10:45. The response was ably given by Rev. T. J. Adair, (Recess 15 minutes.)

11:00. Song service by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Prayer by L. L. Davis.

11:15. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Conner, reading the 12th chapter Hebrews. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Text, and I saw a new Heaven and new Earth. He measured the wall and it was the measure of a man.

12:00. Recess one hour for lunch.

1:00. Song service by congregation, led by Bro. R. N. Yerby

1:15. Very much interesting and inspiring message from Rev. B. B. Burks from the Missionary Baptist church.

1:30. Business session. Called for delegates that have come in from the different Associations, reported and seated as per list.

2:00. Talk by moderator Rev. M. L. Hollis on the progress and building of God's Kingdom.

Contribution offered and taken by Rev. B. B. Burks from the Baptist church for the purpose of continuation of the building of the Free Will Baptist church at Columbus, Mississippi, the offering amounting to \$25.00 dollars.

2:30. Song by congregation after prayer by J. L. Conner, Rev. J. T. Quick brought the message reading from the 19 Psalms

Text, Revelation 20th chapter, 11th verse. Heaven, a wonderful place.

3:30. The moderator read out the assignment of homes for delegates after a song the body was dismissed until 6:30 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING

After song Rev. J. A. Lavender taken charge of the devotional service. Rev. M. E. Carpenter rendered a solo, after which Rev. T. J. Adair brought the message, subject take yea away the stone.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

9:00. Song and devotional service conducted by Rev. D. W. Jones, reading the 5th chapter of Romans, commented on the subject, Faith in God.

9:30. Business session, the moderator appointed the different committees as follows:

Sunday School—M. E. Carpenter, chairman, J. T. Taylor, M. J. Dupree.

Temperance—J. L. Conner, chairman, J. D. Byars, R. N. Yerby.

Querries—T. J. Adair, chairman, J. M. Haas, J. T. Quick.

Resolution—M. B. Fields, J. L. Lavender, B. L. Yancey.

10:00. Round table talks and duscussion, opened by Rev. J. M. Haas.

Discussed the organizing of a ministerial conference which was organized at a recess period, which by laws and constitution will be found in back of minute.

10:30. Recess 15 minutes.

10:45. Song service by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Rev. Joe S. Frederick reading 133 Psalms after prayer special quartet. Rev. Frederick brought the message, text, 1st verse of 133 Psalms. Subject: A great feast of the Spirit.

12:00. Dismissed one hour for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:00. Song service directed by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Harlim.

1:30. Business session called for report of committees.

Sunday School report called for and read:

Sunday School Report

We, your committee on Sunday School submit the following:

1. Some Associations have improvements over last year.
2. Some have showed a sharp decrease in Sunday Schools in many respects.

3. We earnestly solicit the various pastors and superintendents to use every possible and available effort to organize more and better Sunday Schools, and that each Sunday School in the several Associations of the State of Alabama Rally to support our State Sunday School Convention which meets at Mt. Harmony, 5th Sunday in May.

4. We urge that each Sunday School use our own literature for Sunday Schools printed at Ayden, N. C., as far as possible.

M. E. Carpenter, J. L. Taylor, M. J. Dupree.

Moved and carried to adopt the report as read and discharged the committee.

Called for report on Temperance, the report read as follows:

We, your committee on Temperance report as follows:

Whereas the even moderate use of intoxicating liquors are so debasing and habit forming.

And whereas our young people are being influenced both by word and deed.

And whereas they are going astray to the detriment of the church of the Living God.

And whereas we as christians and patrons of the church of Jesus Christ are being shamed. There fore be it resolved that we, the Alabama State Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist memorialize the law making bodies of our State and Nation to do all in their power to free the country from this awful curse—Strong drink.

J. L. Conner, chairman, J. D. Byars, R. N. Yerby.

Moved and carried to adopt the report as read and discharge the committee.

Call for report on Querries, report read as follows:

We, your committee on querries report as follows:

1st. Harmonize 1st John 3-9 and 6th chapter of Hebrews.

2nd. Does God send cyclones?

3rd. Explain the 24th verse of the 9th chapter of Daniel.

Rev. T. J. Adair, J. M. Haas, Rev. J. T. Quick, committee.

Moved, carried to adopt Querries as read and to be explained and discussed at the next session of the Association October 1937.

Called for report on Resolutions read as follows:

We, your committee on Resolutions wish to submit the following rept:

We offer for adoption the old, we also recommend the orgnization of the ministers fund. We recommed that each minister recommend the building program treasury to its churches and Associations. We ask that each pastor write in the Free Will Baptist Paper and take it to their church, the importance of cooperation in the State Conference.

We, the committee on Resolutions report as follows:

We wish to extend to the people of Macedonia and vicinity our heartfelt thanks for their gracious hospitality, their open doors of reception, their bountiful and genorous spreads of the very best of their temperate blessings and also their spiritual co-operation and fellowship.

Also we extend to the officers and delegates our heartfelt appreciation for the able and efficient manner in which they have rendered their services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Conner, chairman.

Moved, carried to adopt the report as read.

Called for the report of the Field Secretary, report as follows:

	1935	1936
I. Mt. Mariah Association Churches	15	15
Number of Ministers	15	16
Number of Members	1940	
Number of Deceased		12
Number of Sunday Schools	4	6
Number of Ladies' Aid		1
Number of F. W. B. Leagues	2	3
Value Church Propetry	\$10,500.00	\$12,000.00
	1935	1936
II. Vernon Association Churches	13	11
Number of Ministers	8	8
Number of Members	1623	1273
Number of Deceased		9
Number of Sunday Schools	7	5
Number of Ladies' Aid	3	1
Number of F. W. B. Leagues	2	
Value Church Property	\$11,500.00	\$8,000.00
	1935	1936
III. Jasper Association Churches	23	22
Number of Ministers	28	25
Number of Members	2244	1873
Number of Deceased	9	17
Number of Sunday Schools	17	7
Number of Ladies' Aid	4	3
Number of F. W. B. Leagues	4	1
Value Church Property	\$15,150.00	\$16,500.00
	1935	1936
IV. North East Miss. Association Churches	12	15
Number of Ministers	7	9
Number of Members	719	963
Number of Deceased	8	5
Number of Sunday Schools	4	7
Number of Ladies' Aid		1
Number of F. W. B. Leagues	1	3
Value Church Property	\$16,325.00	\$18,800.00
	1935	1936
V. Bear Creek Association Churches	10	8
Number of Ministers	11	
Number of Members	317	327
Number of Deceased		2
Number of Sunday Schools		
Number of Ladies' Aid		
Number of F. W. Leagues		
Value Church Property		

Nellie Dupree.

Moved, carried to adopt the report of Field Secretary as made.

Called for report of treasurer, made as follows:

Balance in treasure from 1935.....	.69
Collected at this session	23.50
Total on hand	\$24.19

Paid out:

Rev. M. L. Hollis for programs	1.50
To Moderator for service	5.00
To Clerk for service	5.00
Total paid out	\$11.50

Leaving a balance in the treasure of \$12.69

—L. E. PARKER, Treasurer.

Moved in order to except report as made, carried.

NO. I. Querries from 1935 session discussed. Who are the Spirits in prison spoke of in the Third Chapter of First Peter and the 19th verse. Discussion opened by Rev. J. L. Conner, followed by Rev. J. D. Byars, agreed according to the Scripture in 1st Peter third chapter, 19th verse, 4 chapter, 6th verse.

NO. II. Will there be final judgement day after death or is the judgement spoken of in the Bible taken place in this present life? Agreed there be final judgement after death and closed the discussion.

Called for an offering to be taken to help on the building of two new churches in the Mt. Moriah Association.

No 1. Name of Church—New Hope—Offering was \$19.50.

No. 2. Name of Church—Glenocho—Church offering \$11.50.

No. 3. Offering taken to help Rev. J. E. Mathis. Offering was \$10.10.

2 O'clock. Called for report of pastors from the different associations. Reports read and handed in as per list in latter part of minute.

2:30. After song and prayer, Rev. T. L. Walker, brought the message, reading part of the 4th Chapter of St. John: Text 4th verse of the 4th chapter of St. John.

3:00. After song and prayer, the body was dismissed until 6:30 o'clock p. m.

6:30 O'clock. Song and devotional services by Rev. M. E. Carpenter, reading the Third Chapter of Genesis. Discussion, Be Not Deceived By The Devil. Sermon by Rev. J. M. Haas.

THURSDAY MORNING

9:00 O'clock. Song service by L. E. Parker. Devotional service by Rev. W. O. McDonald.

9:30 O'clock. Business session moved in order to nominate and vote for officers of the association by standing, carried. Nominated Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Nomination

closed. Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator. Rev. M. E. Carpenter, vice moderator. L. E. Parker nominated and elected secretary and treasurer. Sister Nellie Dupree elected field secretary.

Called for nomination of the place for the 1937 session of the association.

From Vernon, Springfield Church, Friendship, Bear Creek, New Prospect, Cahaba River, Bethel. Moved in order to withdraw all nominations except from Cahaba River Association. Bethel Church unanimously carried to go to Bethel Church. Move carried to adopt the treaties adopted by the National Association carrier.

Moved in order to change the word conference to Association and in the word Mississippi, carried.

Move carried, to elect delegates to the general association. Elected as follows: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. G. O. Parker. Moved in order to pay Rev. M. L. Hollis \$1.50 for having programs printed, carried. Moved in order that this Association ask each Sunday School Ladies Aid and Leagues, to send in a report to the clerk so as to be printed in the minutes of the State Association, carried. Moved to empower the Moderator to print blanks for each pastor to make his report to the State Association, carried. Moved for the Moderator Rev. M. L. Hollis to act as chairman of the Program Committee, carried. Moved in order for each church to collect 25 cents a year from each member and send to the next session of the State Association, 1937 to be used for Evangelistic work as home mission, carried. Moved in order that the Resolutions of Thanks as read, be accepted, carried. Moved in order to close the business of this association to meet with Bethel Church, seven miles west of Montevallo, Shelby Co., Ala., Monday night after the Fourth Sunday in Oct. 1937, at 7:00 p. m.—Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator. L. E. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

The closing sermon by Rev. W. A. Green, Columbus, Miss., after which the parting hand was taken which closed the 1936 session of the Alabama State Association.

MINISTERS AND ADDRESS

Rev. D. W. Jones, Paden, Miss., Rt. 1; Rev. W. O. McDonald, Manchester, Ala.; Rev. G. O. Parker, Fulton, Miss., Rt. 4; Rev. Arlie L. Berry, Fayette, Ala.; Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Fayette, Ala.; Rev. H. E. Cobb, Bankston, Ala., Rt. 2; Rev. W. J. Harlim, Reform, Ala. Rt. 2; Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala., Rt. 2; Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Millport, Ala., Rt. 2; Rev. J. E. Tiley, Ethelville, Ala.; Rev. J. L. Lavender, Steens, Miss.; Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. J. T. Quick, Cullman, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.; Rev. J. L. Conner, Winfield, Ala., Rt. 3; Rev. L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Ala.; Rev. T. J. Adair, Chelsea, Ala.; Rev. L. A. Williamson, Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.; Rev. W. A. Green, Columbus, Miss.; Visiting Ministers—Rev. B. B. Burks, from the Missionary Baptist Church, Gordo, Ala.

Mt. Moriah—J. G. Byars, J. E. Tilly, A. L. Berry, H. E. Cobb, W. J. Harrison, T. J. Walker. Vernon—J. S. Fredrick, J. L. Lavender. Jasper—J. L. Conner, G. O. Parker. N. E. Mississippi—J. M. Haas, M. E. Carpenter, M. L. Hollis, W. A. Green. Flint River—Rev. J. T. Quick. Bear Creek—Rev. W. O. McDaniel. Little Brow Creek—Rev. D. W. Jones. Cahaba River—Rev. J. T. Adair, G. O. Parker.

MONEY FROM CHURCHES

Union Chapel, \$1.00 paid; Belk, \$1.00 paid; Friendship, \$1.00 paid; Spring Field, \$1.00 paid; East Tupelo, \$1.00 paid; Forid Grove, \$1.00 paid; New Hope, \$1.00 paid; Rev. D. W. Jones, 50 cents paid; Macedonia, \$1.00 paid; Mt. Harmony, \$1.00 paid; Union Church, \$1.00 paid; Shiloh Church, \$1.00 paid; New Macedonia, \$1.00 paid; Bethel Church \$1.00 paid; Mt. Moriah Association, \$5.00 paid; Vernon Association, \$5.00 paid.

DELEGATES

Mt. Moriah—Brother R. H. Yerby, J. T. Taylor, R. D. Belk, M. B. Fields, J. M. Stokes, Miss Veria Parker, W. G. Harris, W. E. Dean, George Ruffin, T. A. Williamson, J. L. Williams.

Vernon—D. C. Hall, J. A. Robertson, L. E. Parker.

Jasper—M. J. Dupree, sister Nellie Dupree.

Cahaba River Association—P. L. Yancey.

Ministerial Report of Rev. D. W. Jones for the Year 1935-1936 Ending on Friday, Before the First Sunday in September, 1936.

Greetings, to the Ministers and Messengers of the Alabama and Mississippi State Conference of Freewill Baptist. When convened with Macedonia Church at Millport, Alabama on Monday night after the Fourth Sunday in October, 1936. Bretheren, I have tried in my humble way to pastor three churches in the Little Brown Creek Association and give an estimated report. I have preached 66 sermons, traveled 1028 miles conducted 10 funerals, married one couple, received into the church 10, collection \$74.00.

Respectfully submitted, REV. D. W. JONES.

Report for 1935 and 1936 Ending October 1st.

Pastored one church, held six revivals, travelled 700 miles, received into church 7, held five funerals, married one couple, received total money \$25.00. Yours in Christ,—J. T. Quick, Cullman.

Report of Rev. G. O. Parker

To the State Conference of the Free Will Baptist, while convened with Macedonia church. I have for the past Associational year served one church as pastor; Preached about 75 sermons received 66 members into the church. I have conducted about 9 Funerals; Married 2 couples.

Your Bro. in Christ,—G. O. Parker, Fulton, Miss.

Report of J. L. Conner—Minister Gospel

I have pastored 3 churches during 1936, composed of 375 members; I have traveled nearly 4000 miles; I have preached 150 sermons; I have not baptized any persons, but the other brethern

have baptized the new converts for me; I have received for my services \$150.00 from my association, (the Jasper); I have held 10 funerals; married 5 couples.—Rev. J. L. Conner.

Cahaba River Association—L. L. Davis, Chelsea, Ala

Pastored two churches; traveled 1600 miles; preached 59 sermons; received \$37.75; expenses \$80.00.—L. L. Davis.

My report for the years' work are as following: I have preached four hundred and fifteen times; have prayed eight hundred times; have baptized 223; held 15 funeral services; married 8 couples; traveled 15000 miles; received P 7 C, \$750.00 and have visited the sick a great deal. Yours in Christ.—Joe S. Frederick, Fayette, Ala.

Ministers Report

Licensed May 20th, 1936, Wednesday evening; Ordained July 26th, 1936; preached 53 sermons; new members 14; Married 1; baptized 28; funeral 1; collection \$155.00.—M. E. Carpenter.

**Ministerial Report of Rev. D. W. Jones for the Year 1935-1936
Ending on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1936**

Greetings to the ministers and messengers of the Alabama and Mississippi State Conference of Free Will Baptist when convened with Masedonia church at Millport, Ala., on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in October. Brethern I have tried in my humble way to pastor three churches in the Little Brown Creek Association and give an estimated report; I have preached 66 sermons; traveled 1028 miles; conducted 10 funerals; married 1 couple; received into the church 14; collection \$75.00. Respectfully submitted, Rev. D. W. Jones.

Ministerail Report of Rev. J. E. Tilley

I have had the pastoral care of four churches; traveled 4000 miles; preached 69 sermons; received 17 into the church; held 11 funerals; received total money \$377.72. Yours for Christ—J. E. Tilley.

In humble thanks to my loving Heavenly Father, who has given me health, strength and spiritual power to go preach in His Son's name. I present the following report: To the honorable conference all to the glory of God, who is due all honor and praise. I have tried to pastor ten churches one half time, or two Sundays in the month, (Red Bay), I have received to these churches or pastor 220 sermons. Have held five months and two weeks revivals during the year; preaching 308 revival sermons making a total of 528 sermons; have conducted 103 funerals. Preached one commencement sermon; married five couples; traveled 20000 miles. Helped to ordain four deacons and two ministers; received from churches pastored \$1,470.00; received for revivals \$392.00. Total received \$1,862.00; organized one new church; received 314 members into the churches; baptized 219 souls. Yours in Jesus name.—M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

Report of L. A. Williamson

I have made no record of my work or collections and haven't

preached but a few times on account of bad health for the past year. Yours in Christ.—L. A. Williamson.

I have this associational year to the best of my knowledge tried to preach the gospel of Christ. I have in my humble way tried to preached about 35 times; have married 5 couples, have traveled about 800 miles; received some amount of \$50.00. Yours for the furtherance of the Gospel.—J. L. Lavender, Steens, Miss.

Report of my work from October 1935 until October 1936

To the best of my memory I have traveled about 554 miles; tried in my weak way to preach 40 times and pastored 1 church; conducted 1 funeral; received 2 new members; organized 1 new Sunday school; received for my work \$22.50; please pray that I will do more next year. Yours in Christ.—W. O. McDonald, Manchester, Ala.

Report of the work of J. D. Byars for the year ending Oct. 1, 1936

I have traveled about 500 miles; preached about 15 sermons; held two burials; married one couple. Your brother in Christ.—J. D. Byars.

Minister's Annual Report of the Association

No. churches pastored 4; No. sermons preached 77; No. baptized 5; No. funerals conducted 1; No. marriages performed 2; No. revivals assisted in 4; Amount of offerings received \$278.98; Expense of ministerial work \$31.03.—T. J. Adair, Chelsea, Ala. R. 1

Dear Bretheren

I have by the help of God did what I could for the advance of His cause and Kingdom here. Realizing the time is short that the laborers are few. I have preached around one hundred sermons; organized 1 Sunday school; and one church baptized 2; traveled several miles; have received some money. I find there is a great need for the gospel being carried to secluded communities; I have been sacrificing to reach some of these. I pray God that the day may speedily come when we get to where that these places will not be overlooked that we can join hand in hand and carry the gospel to EVERY DARK CORNER. Your Bro. in Christ.—(Rev.) H. E. Cobb, Bankston, Ala., Route 2.

AGREEMENT

This agreement this day entered into by and between the parties signing same, witnesseth:-

That in order to provide funds for the support of ministers of the Free-Will Baptist Church belonging to the Ministers Union, each party to this agreement, agrees to pay to the Ministers Union the sum of \$1.00 per year, as membership dues in said Ministers Union.

That the said Minister's Union shall consist of a membership of all ministers of said Church who sign this agreement and keep such yearly dues paid. Failure to pay yearly dues, shall amount to withdrawal from said Ministers Union.

It is further agreed that assessment may be made on said

members, not exceeding one dollar per month, as necessity requires.

Said Ministers Union shall appoint a committee of three members to have charge of the affairs of such union, and a treasurer shall be selected by said Union to collect and pay out the funds of same.

The said Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be selected by said Union.

It is agreed that all applications for membership in said Ministers Union shall be passed upon by said Committee before such application is accepted or said agreement is signed by such applicant.

Yearly meetings shall be held by such Union for the selection of Chairman; Secretary and Treasurer.

Benefits shall be paid by said Union to members when in need, occasioned by sickness or otherwise. The amount of such benefit in each case to be approved and allowed by said Committee, before payment. Receipts shall be issued by the Treasurer for all payments of dues or assessments as same are paid.

Checks or vouchers for payment of benefits shall be issued by the Treasurer, after the approval of said Committee, and same shall be countersigned by the Chairman of said Union.

Each member signing this agreement agrees to keep the yearly dues paid and all assessments paid for the mutual protection of the members of this Union.

Witness our signatures: