

MINUTES
OF THE
Alabama and Mississippi State
Association

OF THE
Original Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH
Springfield Church

OCTOBER 25 TO 26, 1938

OFFICERS

Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Moderator	Fernbank, Ala.
Rev. M. L. Hollis, Assistant Moderator	Tupelo, Miss.
Bro. Dewey Jordan, Clerk	Vernon, Ala.
Bro. L. E. Duncan, Treasurer	Tupelo, Miss.
Rev. W. H. Ryland, Field Secretary	Cordova, Ala.

The next Session of this Association will be held with
Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, beginning on
Thursday Night after the 4th Sunday in October, 1939
at 7 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY NIGHT

Minutes of the Alabama and Mississippi State Association of the Original Free Will Baptist held with Springfield Church, west of Vernon, Lamar County, Alabama, October the 25th and 26th, 1938.

7:30 Song service conducted by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryland. Devotion conducted by Rev. J. L. Lavender. Reading the 23rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. I. D. Garrison. Subject Divine Leadership.

7:45 Sermon by Rev. M. L. Hollis, reading the 7th chapter of Matthews and the 14th chapter and 15th verse of Exodus. Subject go Forward.

TUESDAY MORNING

9:00 Song service by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Haas.

There being a qorum present the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis.

Called for letters from the different Association handed in read and some reported in person and delegates seated as per list.

Welcome address by the Pastor of Springfield Church Rev. Joe S. Frederick. After which the Association was called in business session. Discussed how to finance our Associon.

Moved carried for the delegates present to see that each church collect one cent per member from each Association and send to the Treasurer of the State Association for State funds.

Moved carried for the Moderator to appoint all committees. Appointments made as follows:

Finance committee: Rev. G. W. Hollis. Bro. A. F. Barnes, Bro. J. M. Stokes.

General Business Committee: Rev. M. C. Carpenter. Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. I. D. Garrison, Bro. W. G. Prude, Sister Nellie Dupree.

Querries and Resolution Committee: Bro. L. E. Duncan, Bro. R. T. Mixon, Bro. J. M. Stokes, Sister Nellie Dupree, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. I. D. Garrison.

Nomination Committee: Bro. M. J. Dupree. Bro. J. T. Johnson. Bro. J. M. Stokes, Bro. L. A. Crowder, Rev. I. D. Garrison, Rev. I. K. Boyette.

Moved carried for the Moderator to appoint a man from each Association to act as Field Secretary of said Association for the purpose of raising the funds adovted by the State Association, one cent per member. Appointed as follows:

Bro. J. M. Dupree, Jasper Association; Bro. J. M. Stokes, Mt. Mariah Association; Bro. Cullin Collins Vernon Association; Rev. W. H. Ryland, Progressive Association; Rev. I. D. Garrison, Bear Creek Association; Rev. I. K. Boyette, State Line Association; Bro. L. E. Duncan, North Mississippi Association.

Moved carried to have a General Business Committe appointed as per list.

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Querries Committee as per list.

10:45 Moved carried to recess for preaching.

11:00 House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis. Song service led by Bro. W. G. Prude. Prayer by L. E. Duncan. Message by Rev. W. H. Ryland, reading 2nd John 3rd chapter. Text the main entrance by Jesus Christ.

12:00 Recess for lunch.

1:00 Song service by Bro. W. G. Prude.

1:15 Devotion by Rev. E. W. Graves. Prayer by Rev. I. K. Boyette. Subject Love and Power of God by his son, Jesus Christ, after which had a song help somebody today.

2:00 Called in Bussiness session by Moderator. Reb. I. K. Boyette was welcomed from the State Line Association.

Called for a parcial report of Finance Committee. Made and received as made.

Moved carried for a committee to be appointed to see Rev. Cobb of the Mt. Mariah Association concerning money made up by the State Association for the purpose of building a new church as the church has not been erected. said money is to be returned to State Treasurer. Committee appointed Rev. Joe S. Frederick.

Called for report of Field Secretary, Sister Nellie Dupree, report is as per list.

Moved to receive report of Field Secretary carried. report as per list.

MESSENGER'S CREDENTIALS

To The Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Original Free Will Baptists

We, the Vernon Association of Free Will Baptist in annual session with Mt. Harmony Church on October 15th, 1938 have selected Bros. F. F. Hollis, Edgar Randolph, W. N. Collins, Garvin Chaffin, Addie Barnes, Onnie Hall, Covin Finch, Carlos Barnes, Mike Vails, Sister B. Fuller, Sister Annie Graham, as Messengers to represent us in you honorable body, which convenes with Springfield Church, Lamar County, Alabama, Monday night after fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Bidding you God's speed in all you deliberations for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. Our association is composed of 11 Churches, 8 Ordained Ministers. Total Membership 1436; Received since last association 43; Dismissed by letter 7; Excluded 0; Died 13; Paid for State Funds \$5.00; For Home Mission 0; For other purposes \$1500.00; Total \$1505.00. Sunday School enrollment 420; League enrollment 400; No. Sunday Schools 8; No. Leagues 6; No. Ladies Aids 3. Moderator C. A. Chaffin, Winfield, Ala., Clerk R. T. Mixon, Vernon, Ala., Rt. 2; Ministers in attendance 8; Deacons in attendance 20; Delegates in attendance 27.

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STATISTICAL REPORT BLANK To Be Filled Out By All Free Will Baptist Associations For Year Ending October 1, 1938

The statistics of the Cahaba River Association for 1938 are as follows:

Number of Chuches 21; Number of Ministers 24; Number of Members 1107; Received by Baptism 71; by letter, by restoration, or otherwise 59; Number of Deceased 6; Number of Sunday Schools 16; Number of F. W. Leagues 1; Number of Ladies' Aid 4; Value of Church property \$11,900; Name and address of the newly elected officers: Elder H. M. Black, Moderator, Adamsville, Ala.; Mrs. A. R. Harper, Associational Clerk, Boothton, Alabama.

MESSENGER'S CREDENTIALS

To The Alabama-Mississippi State Association of Original Free Will Baptists

We, the North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist in annual session with Beech Springs Church on September 23-25, 1938 have selected J. T. Alexander, Bill Stubblefield, J. F. Parker, Ed Smith, Theo Roberts, Ervin Long, M. J. Hill, J. N. Strube, Preston Wall, N. W. Prude, Mattie Hollis, Ada Ford, James Irmon, Pauline Murphree, Johnie Johnson, as Messengers to represent us in your honorable body, which convenes with Springfield Church, Lamar County, Alabama, Vernon, Monday night after fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Bidding you God's speed in all your deliberations for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. Our association is composed of 16 Churches; 10 Ordained Ministers. Total Membership 1526; Received since last association 28; Dismissed by letter 19; Excluded 0; Died 10; Paid for State funds \$5.00; For Home Mission \$77.29; For other purposes \$3012.97; Total \$3090.26. Sunday School enrollment 526; League enrollment 244; Ladies Aid enrollment. No. Sunday Schools 12; No. Leagues 4; No. Ladies Aids 2. Moderator Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.; Clerk Rev. George C. Lee, Calhoun City, Miss.

STATISTICAL REPORT For Year Ending October 1, 1938.

The statistics of the Progressive Association for 1938 are as follows: No. Churches 7; No. Ministers 10; No. Members 712; No. Sunday Schools 7; No. Leagues 1; No. Ladies Aid 4; Value of Church property \$11,125.00; Represented by Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. W. H. Ryland; Officers Rev. J. B. Bloss, Moderator, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Clerk.

We the Bear Creek Association of the Free Will Baptist, October 1938, are represented by Rev. I. D. Garrison to your honorable body of the State Association which convenes with Spring-

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field Church, Lamar County, Alabama, Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Our Association is composed of: No. Churches 8; No. Ministers 13; No. Membership 427; by Rev. I. D. Garrison, Delma, Ala.

We the Mt. Mariah Association of the Free Will Baptist of October, 1938, are represented by Bro. J. M. Stokes, to your honorable body of the State Association which convenes with Springfield Church, Lamar County, Alabama, Monday night after the fourth Sunday in October, 1938.

Our Association is composed of: No. Churches 14; No. Ministers 17; Total Membership 1808; by J. M. Stokes, Millport, Ala.

Pell City, Ala.
Dec. 4, 1938.

Rev. M. E. Carpenter,
Dear Sir:

I noticed you made a statement in the Free Will Baptist Paper printed at Ayden, N. C. concerning some Associations that was not represented in the State Association. There is a Liberty Association with only 5 Churches belonging to it. These Churches is located in St. Clair, Etowah and Bibb Counties. We tried to make our arrangements to report for membership with the State Association. It was impossible for us to report this year. We hope to join the State Association in the near future. I will send you the Moderators and the Clerks name: Rev. R. P. Ritch, Moderator, Charles L. Carlisle, Clerk, Pell City, Ala., Route Two.

Moved in order to adjourn the business session of this conference until 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Carried.

2:30 Song by Rev. E. W. Graves, after which the Rev. A. J. Lambert delivered the message, reading the 26th verse of the 18th chapter of Ezekiel. Subject the Bible and Apostasy ably delivered to a large congregation. Adjourn until 7:30 Tuesday evening.

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 Song by Rev. M. E. Carpenter. Special song by the Mt. Harmony quartet. Devotion by Rev. J. M. Haas, reading 116 Psalm. Message by Rev. M. L. Hollis, reading 6th verse of the 3rd chapter of Malachi. Subject Tithing. Song by Rev. M. E. Carpenter Tithing, after which a public collection was taken, received \$7.36. Dismissed by Rev. I. K. Boyette.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

8:30 Song service by Bro. W. G. Prude. Devotion by Rev. W. H. Ryland, reading the 8th chapter of Romans and commenting on same after which the Moderator called the house to order for the business session omitting the reading of minute of Tuesday. The Moderator appointed the same program committee as last year, to-wit: Bro. L. E. Duncan, Rev. Joe S. Frederick and Sister Nellie Dupree.

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Called for report of the General committee, report read and moved to adopt report by sections as follows:

We the General business committee beg leave to report the following:

1. We recommend that each Association adopt the same Articles of Faith that the General Conference approves and has in the treaties.

2. That we appoint a statistician of our work in this conference for the two States.

3. That we appoint a nominating committee.

4. That we have 500 minutes printed and some be sent to every Association Clerk and they be requested to send some to each Church Clerk.

5. That our Field Secretary get in touch with each Church and urge their Associations to represent them in this Association and they have programs of the same.

6. That all preachers give their report in their local Association and not in this Association.

7. That a general report of each Association be printed in this conference minutes in table form.

8. That we appoint a Program Committee.

9. That this Association meet Thursday night after fourth Sunday in October, 1939, said session extend through Friday and Saturday, and that 9 o'clock be time for opening session each day.

10. We recommend that a home mission board be created. Efficient to reach each local church. Embraced in various Associations included in this Association, in order that a program on mission be inaugurated within our limits.

11. We your committee on Business recommend that the Moderator and Clerk be paid \$5.00 each for their services, also that the \$3.50 be paid for programs and postage.

12. We recommend that this body elect a Treasurer.

13. We recommend that this body set aside one holy day for queries. We further recommend that two (2) able ministers be selected for said discussion of queries and after discussion any delegate may be privileged to ask questions on queries under discussion.

14. We recommend that this Church be given a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way and manner that they have cared for this Association the kind hospitality that they have shown during this session.

Signed: General Business Com. M. E. CARPENTER, Chairman.
Section 1 read and adopted.
Section 2 read and adopted.

- Section 3 read and adopted.
- Section 4 read and adopted.
- Section 5 read and adopted.
- Section 6 read and adopted.
- Section 7 read and adopted.
- Section 8 read and excluded by conference.
- Section 9 read and adopted.
- Section 10 read and excluded by conference.
- Section 11 read and adopted.
- Section 12 read and adopted.
- Section 13 read and adopted.
- Section 14 read and adopted.

10:00 Discussion of the Falling Querries 1 Cor. 15:28-29. Rev. Haas opened the discussion. Rev. W. H. Ryland, A. J. Lambert, Joe S. Frederick, E. W. Graves, M. E. Carpenter, J. D. Byars taken part in this discussion closed by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

Next Querries, Daniel 12:7 opened by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. M. E. Carpenter and Rev. M. L. Hollis taken part. We your committee on Querries and resolutions beg to report the following:

- We wish to extend to the people of Springfield Church our sincere thanks for their friendship and courtesy to us while in their midst and pray that God's richest blessings rest upon them.
- 2nd. That the following Querries be discussed:
1. Will Christ reign here on earth a thousand years?
 2. What is the one Baptism mentioned in Ephesians 4:5?
 3. What does water Baptism have to do with eternal Salvation?
 4. Discuss 1st Cor. 3:15.

Committee.

Next Querrie. Who is the women in the 17th chapter of Revelation. Opened by Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. M. L. Hollis taken part in the discussion, making the women the Roman Catholic Church.

Next Querrie. What did Adam fall from omitted. Moved carried to recess for 10 minutes to reassemble for preaching.

11:00 Song by Bro. J. T. Johnson. Message by Rev. I. K. Boyette, reading the 15th chapter of St. John. Subject, the Greatness of God's Love had a great service.

12:00 (Lunch).

1:00 Song by Rev. A. J. Lambert. Prayer by Bro. Dewey Jordan.

1:15 Business session called for further report of Business committee made and adopted as made.

Resolution report made and received as made.

2:00 Moved carried to elect delegates to the Eastern General Association. Elected as follows: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. A. J. Lambert and Rev. Joe S. Frederick.

Nominated and elected to lead the discussion on Querries, elected as follows: Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

Elected Treasurer, Bro. L. E. Duncan; Field Secretary, Rev. W. H. Ryland.

Place for the next session of the State Association selected East Tupelo Church, Tupelo, Miss.

Elected Clerk, Bro. Dewey Jordan.

Elected Moderator, Rev. M. E. Carpenter; Assistant Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis. Move carried to adjourn to meet with East Tupelo Church on Thursday night after the 4th Sunday in Oct. 1938.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

L. E. Parker, Clerk.

2:45 Song by J. T. Johnson. Message by Rev. I. D. Garrison reading the 25th chapter and 33rd verse of Matthews and 7th verse and 20th chapter of Revelation. Text, 44th verse of the 24th chapter of Matthews. Subject the Final Judgement, after which the parting hand was taken.

FINANCE REPORT

Cahaba River Association	\$ 5.00
Vernon Association	5.00
Bear Creek Association	5.00
North East Miss. Association	5.00
Vernon Back Funds Association	3.97
Macedonia Church	1.00
Mt. Harmony Church	1.00
Beaverton Church	1.00
New Maceonia Church	1.00
Springfield Church	1.00
Union Chapel Church	1.00
Mt. Olive Church	1.00
Liberty Church	1.00
Public collection	8.03

At this session total \$40.00

Paid Moderator	\$ 5.00
Paid Clerk	5.00
Paid for Programs	3.50
Back Minute Funds	8.50
Total paid out	\$22.00

Balance in Treasury \$18.00

Rev. W. H. Hollis, Chairman.

VERNON—Bro. F. F. Harris, Edgar Rardolph, W. N. Collins, Garvin Chaffin, Addie Barnes. Onie Hall, Covin Finch, Carlos Barnes, Mike Vails, Sister B. Fuller, Sister Annie Graham, R. T. Mixon, Dempsey Langley, L. A. Crowder, L. E. Parker and Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

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STATE LINE—Rev. I. K. Boyette.

NORTH EAST MISS.—J. T. Alexander, Bill Stubblefield, J. F. Parker, Edd Smith, Theo Roberts, Ervin Long, M. J. Hill, J. N. Strube, Preston Wall, W. G. Prude, Mattie Hollis, Ada Ford, James Irmon, Pauline Murphree, Jannie Johnson, Rev. M. L. Hollis, and L. E. Duncan.

PROGRESSIVE—Rev. A. J. Lambert, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Rev. E. W. Graves, J. T. Johnson and wife.

BEAR CREEK—Rev. I. D. Garrison.

MT. MARIAH—Rev. J. D. Byars, Bro. J. M. Stokes, Rev. J. L. Lavender.

JASPER—Bro. J. M. Dupree, Nellie Dupree.

CAHABA RIVER—Rev. G. W. Hollis.

MINISTERS ADDRESSES

Rev. A. J. Lambert, Townley, Ala.

Rev. W. H. Ryland, Cordova, Ala.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.

Rev. E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala., Route Two.

Rev. I. D. Garrison, Delmar, Ala.

Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Gordo, Ala., Route One.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.

Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Fernbank, Ala.

Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Covin, Ala.

Rev. I. K. Boyette, Hamilton, Ala., Route Four.

Rev. G. W. Hollis, Pell City, Ala., Box 11.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Rev. G. W. Hollis, Bro. Addie Barnes, Bro. J. M. Stokes.

GENERAL BUSINESS COMMITTEES—Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. A. J. Lambert, I. D. Garrison, W. G. Prude, Nellie Dupree.

QUERRIE AND RESOLUTION—Bro. L. E. Duncan, R. T. Mixon, W. H. Ryland, I. D. Garrison, Nellie Dupree, J. M. Stokes.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE—M. J. Dupree, I. D. Garrison, I. K. Boyette, J. T. Johnson, W. G. Prude, J. M. Stokes, L. A. Crowder.

PRORAM COMMITTEE—Bro. L. E. Duncan, Tupelo, Miss.; Nellie Dupree, Guin, Ala.; Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Covin, Ala.

WHEN FREE WILL'S ALL LEARN HOW TO TITHE
("Since Jesus Came into my Heart")

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What a wonderful change in the world will be wrought
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe;
We will then reach the goal for which long we have sought,
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe!

CHOROUS
When Free Wills all learn how to tithe,
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe;
Oh, the dollars will roll,
Bringing joy to each soul,
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe!

2
By our schools and our Press then we will stand
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe;
We will build them and make them the best in the land
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe!

3
Not a child will be homeless or wanting a friend
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe;
And the Old Preacher's sorrows will then have an end
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe!

4
Not a soul will be left to its darkness and woe
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe;
But of God and His love ev'ry creature shall know
When Free Will's all learn how to tithe!