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Second Annual Session

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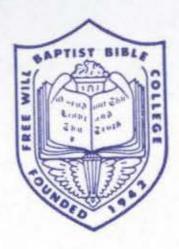
Freewill Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH

Mount Pleasant Church, Marion County, Ala.,

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PROCEEDINGS.

The 2nd annual sesion, of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, convened with Mount Pleasant church, Marion county, Alabama, October 6th, 1888. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. R. Hulsey, from Hebrews 8th chapter and 8th verse.

After recess and refreshments, the Association met and engaged in singing, after which Rev. W. A. Nelson, the former Moderator, offered prayer. Brother Nelson then called the body to order and business was transacted as follows, viz:

1st. Letters from the Churches are called for handed in and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as per statistical table.

2nd. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk: Whereupon Rev. T. R. Hulsey was elected Moderator; and brother Robert Franks, Clerk.

3rd. Opened the door for the reception of new churches, and petitionary letters were presented from two churches, to wit: Friendship and Poplar Springs. The letters were adopted, and the Moderator received the delegates by extending the right hand of fellowship.

4th. Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Rev. Thomas Taylor, of the Tupelo Baptist Association, presented a letter; and also, requested that his name be enrolled as a corresponding delegate. Brother Taylor was cordially received by the body.

5th. Visiting ministers of other denominations were invited to take seats with us. None present.

6th. On motion, it was agreed that the Moderator appoint all the committees. Appointments are made as follows:

7th. On preaching.—Brethren Jere F. Files, John Cummings, H. W. King, with the deacons of this church.

8th. On FINANCE.—Brethren P. C. Pike and J. W. Smith.

9th. On DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.—Revs. J. J. Wesley, G. C. Elliott and W. A. Nelson, with the Moderator and Clerk.

10th, On Sabbath Schools.—Brethren L. W. Williams and Robert Cartret.

11th. ON LITERATURE.—Rev. G. C. Elliott, and brethren G. W. Moore and Peter Cartret.

12th. Committee on preaching report that Rev. W. A. Nelson preach to-night, Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. J. Wesley, Rev. Thos. Taylor, of the Tupelo Association, preach at 11 o'clock a m; Rev. T. J. Springfield at 3 o'clock p. m. and Rev. T. R. Hulsey at night.

13th. On motion, Rev. G. C. Elliott was elected a delegate to the Vernon Association.

14th. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. J. Springfield.

15th. Rev. W. A. Nelson preached a soul stiring sermon Saturday night from Matthew 1st chapter and 21st verse.

SERVICES ON SABBATH.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock prayer meeting was conducted by Rev. J. J. Wesley. At 11 o'clock, Rev. Thomas Taylor preached to a large and attentive congregation. His text was Gal. 6c.; 6, 7 and 8 verses. At the close of the sermon, the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants, and a glorious-time was enjoyed. Rev. T. J. Springfield preached at 3 o'clock p. m. Text, Revelations last chapter, 9th verse. A glorious time was enjoyed and many souls were made happy. Rev. T. R. Hulsey preached at night to a large and attentive congregation. Text 1st Peter, 4c., and 18 verse.

Monday Morning October 8th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Opening service conducted by the Moderator. He also calls the body to order. The roll is called and delegates answer

to their names. The proceedings of Saturday are read and approved.

- 1. On motion, the reading of the Constitution, was omit ted.
- 2. On motion, visiting ministers were invited to take seats with us. Old father Warren, of the Missionary Baptist church, was present and accepted a seat.
- 3. Reports of committees are called for, and presented as follows, viz:

ON DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We recommend that Blue Springs be the place to hold the next session of the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association. We also recommend that District meetings be dispensed with; and in lieu there of hold a Ministers and Deacons annual meeting, where select subjects pertaining to the fundamental interest of the cause be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

On motion, the report is received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

ON LITERATURE.

We find great efforts being made in lierary attainments. God grant that our ministers may take hold upon the means in use for a still greater degree of the same; and remeber not to fail to study the Bible, and we recommend all other good religious literature. Also, that our minutes be printed at Jasper, Walker county, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. ELLIOTT, Chairman.
On motion, the report is received and adopted, and the committee discharged.
ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We are glasto report that the Sunday School cause is increasing some. We therefore urge it upon our brethren to look after this all important interest as we believe it to be an auxilary power in the hands of Providence in leading souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. CANTRELL, Chairman
On motion the report is received and adopted, and the committee discharged.
ON FINANCE.

We find the total amount of cash on hand to be sixteen dollars. (\$16 00.)

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. PIKE, Chairman.

On motion, the report is received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED 1. That the Ministers and Deacons annual meeting be held with Friendship Church, Marion county, Ala., two miles West of Pikeville; and that it convene on Saturday before the first Sabbath in August, 1889. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. J. Wesley.

On motion, the resolution is received, and adopted.

Rest LVED 1. That this Association ordain all ministers bearing a good recommendation from their respective churches at our annual sessions.

On motion, the resolution is received and adopted.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

Rev. W. A. Nelson reports as follows, viz: Sermons 151, prayers 151, funerals 3, Baptized 22, received members by letter 24. Total 46. Total number of sermons 154, Respectfully submmitted, W. A. Nelson.

Rev. T. R. Hulsey reports as follows, viz: Sermons preached 121, prayers 160, Baptized 13, received by letter 11. Total 24. Funerals 2, marriages 2, traveled 1300 miles, served 4 churches. Respectfully submitted, T. R. Hulsey.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion, it was agreed to hold the next session of this Association with Blue Springs church, Franklin county, Ala., nine miles North-East of Allen's Factory; and that it convene on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1889. The introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. A. Nelson; Rev. G. C. Elliott, alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that Rev. W. A. Nelson write a circular letter to be appended to our next minutes. Choosing his own sebject.

On motion, it is agreed that the Rules of Decorum, Constitution and Articles of Faith be appended to the minutes.

On motion, the Clerk, assisted by brother R. H. Tomlin, was requested to superintend the printing of the minutes. To have as many printed as the funds in hand will pay for, and that the printer send the minutes to the clerks of the churches according to the contribution of each church.

On motion, brother J. W. Smith was elected Treasurer; and was instructed to pay over the associational funds in his hands to the secretary, to pay for printing minutes.

On motion, our thanks are due and are hereby given to Mount Pleasant church and the citizens of this community for kindness and hospitality to members and vistors of the Association, during its session.

On motion, a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the officers of this Association, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their official duties during the session.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place previously named. The Moderator makes some appropriate remarks, and then offers prayer. After which a hymn is sung and the parting hand is taken amid tears and shouts of joy.

T. R. Hulsey, Moderator.

ROBERT FRANKS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Rev. W. A. NELSON, Stinson, Marion county, Ala.

- " G. C. ELLIOTT, Stinson, Marion county, Ala.
- " J. J. WESLEY, Stinson, Marion county, Ala.
- " R. H. TOMLIN, Carbon Hill, Walker county, Ala.
- " T. J. SPRINGFIELD, Townby, Walker county, Ala.
- " T. R. HULSEY, Spruce Pine, Franklin county, Ala.
- " T. P. SWINDLE, Beech-Grove, Walker county, Ala.

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

OF GOD.—ARTICLE 1. We believe there is one, and but one living and true God: Who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Equal and harmonious in every Divine perfection,

OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES—ART. 2. We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Blole; and that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of His Church.

OF ORIGINAL APOSTASY-ART. 3. We believe that Adam was created holy; but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin

OF FREE AGENCY—ART. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings. That the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation. That the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sin, ners are converted and made wise unto Salvation.

OF CHRISTIAN FAITH—ART. 5. We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and the divinity of the Holy Scriptures That "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

OF REPENTANCE-ART. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin; and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance, must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin,

OF FREE AGENCY—ART. 7. We believe that the human will is free. And that men have ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

OF PERSEVERANCE—ART. 8. We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation, that any soul is elected to eternal life, unconditionally. But that those who by Faith persevere to the end will be saved. That it is possible for men who have been converted, to "Make shipwreck of the Faith." turn again to sin and be finally lost.

OF GOOD WORKS—ART. 9. We believe that good work is the result of Faith, and not of necessity. That those who have Faith will do works of righteousness; while those who have no Faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable unto God.

OF CHRISTIAN BAPFISM.—ART. IO. We believe that Christian Baptism is the fmmersion in water of a believer in the names of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. That Baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without Faith in the subject who receives it.

OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.—ART. 11. We believe the Supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance. That the bread and wine represent His body and blood. That it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in observing that sacred service, regardless of names or denominational distinctions.

OF THE SOUL—ART. 12. We believe that man is a living soul. That the body will die, but that the soul is immortal. That death is the separation of the mortal and immortal parts of human beings.

OF THE RESURRECTION.—ART. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal belig. That the righteous will be received into a state of ever lasting happiness, to reign with God forever. But the wicked will be bound hand and foot, and cast into outer darkness "The wicked are drizen away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1 This Association shall be known as the Jasper Freewill Baptist Association, of Ala., and being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory council, but having no authority over the affairs of the churches.

3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, &c. It may however, in extreme cases call aid from sister churches.

4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of the Associatioion shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

6. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all the business is transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association, must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree as churches composing this Association, to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the Temperance Cause Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, &c.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session. Former Clerk shall also officiate until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the members present

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be en-

5. A majority of the delegates present shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches into our body; then it must be unanimous.

6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to yote, except in case of a tie; and then he shall give the deciding yote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, providing he appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the sametime, who shall arise and address the Moderator.

8 No brother shall be interrupted while speaking; unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

10. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debates are going on.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE JASPER FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR 1888.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Bactized Keccived by letter Dis by Letter	No. Members Paid for Minutes
Beech Grove, Walker county J. Blue Springs, Franklin county. I. Bethlehem, Marion county. N. Mount Pleasant, Marion county V. Cedar Creek Franklin county V. Pleasant Hill, Walker county J. Mount Joy, Marion county J. Bethel, Marion county J. Friendship, Marion county J. Friendship, Marion county C.	J. A. Burlson, A. J. Westbrook L. Wiliams F. Files and P. C. Pike	R. H. Tomlin. T. R Hulsey G. C. Elliott F. R. Hulsey G. P. Baughn W. A. Nelson T. R. Hulsey W. A. Nelson J. Jeffreys	J. F. Files, Beech Grove, Ala P. Duboys, Eaton, Ala T. W. Hawkins. Stinson, Ala J. Hyde, Spruce Pine, Ala J. W. Smith, Beech Grove Ala W. A. Warters, Pearces Mill, Ala. B. F Tidwell Pearces Mill, Ala. Charley Pyron, Pikeville, Ala	13 6 2	. 144 4 30 4 37 1 75 . 29 1 00 1 22 1 00 . 64 1 59 4 71 1 62 . 14 1 05 . 16 1 00 . 24 75