

MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Little Brown's Creek
Association
—OF—
Freewill Baptists



HELD WITH
LITTLE BROWN'S CREEK CHURCH
Prentiss County, Mississippi.
Friday Before the First Lord's Day in September
1923.

Rev. D. W. Jones,	- - - - -	Moderator
G. P. Mayo,	- - - - -	Assistant Moderator
W. Curtis,	- - - - -	Clerk

MINUTES OF THE
LITTLE BROWN'S CREEK ASSOCIATION
OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Pursuant to adjournment of 1922, we, the Little Brown's Creek Association of Freewill Baptists, convened in her Thirty-Second Annual Session with Little Brown Creek Church, Prentiss county, Mississippi, on Friday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1923. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Mayo from the 3d Article of Faith in our minutes, and the 26th verse, 14th chapter St. John.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

After song by choir and a fervent prayer by Rev. D. W. Jones, the Association was called to order by the Moderator and perpetuated the Union, which was found good.

1. Reading Clerks appointed, to-wit : Tom Ables, Grady Lambert.

2. Called for church letters and received letters as follows, to-wit :

Macedonia—Tom Ables, Lula Ables, Allen Flannagin.
Little Brown—Mary White, Marion McCreary, John Moreland, George Denson.

Mt. Pisgah—Pearl Stevenson.

Antioch—Lonnie Powers, Thomas Blakney.

Burcham's Chapel—Felix Lambert.

Mt. Zion—Leona Jones,

New Lebanon—M. B. Parsons, Grady Lambert, Joe Moss, Jim Claunch.

3. Letters received and read and delegates seated.

3. On motion, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator, which resulted in the election of D. W. Jones, Moderator, G. P. Mayo, Assistant.

Committee on Arrangements—Bro. Joe Lambert, James Claunch, M. B. Parsons.

On Devotion—Jack Lambert, Sherman Jones, Tom Ables.

Finance—Luther Ables, Allen Flannagin.

Obituaries—Pearl Stevenson, Leona Jones, Nettie Champion.

Sabbath Schools—Marion McCreary, Grady Lam-

bert J. B. Mayo.

4. Resolved, That we retain our same Clerk, to-wit: W. Curtis.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

After song by the choir and a fervent prayer by Bro. J. C. Leasley, the Association proceeded to business :

1. Perpetuated the Union which was found good.
2. Called roll of Delegates and marked absentees.
3. Resolved, That we add one article of faith to our Articles of Faith, to-wit : "We believe that Immersion is the correct mode of Baptism, and that applicants should be baptised in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.
4. Resolved, That we require our Deacons to investigate the financial standing of our Ministers and that they (the Deacons) make known their condition to their churches and that the churches assist their Ministers in such things as they stand in need of.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

After song by choir and a fervent prayer by Bro. Jim Mayo, the Association proceeded to business.

1. Resolved, That we hold our next Association with Macedonia Church in Alcorn county, Miss., three miles west of Jacinto, to convene on Friday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1924, and that Bro. D. W. Jones preach the introductory sermon with Bro G. P. Mayo as his alternate.

2. Resolved, That we send Bro. J. C. Beasley to the pasorial care of Mt. Zion Church for the ensuing year.

3. Resolved, That we send Bro. J. C. Beasley to the pastoral care of Burcham's Chapel church.

4. Resolved, That we call for Report of Committees. Received reports as follows :

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows : After careful investigation we find there is only one Sabbath School being conducted, this one being at Antioch church, and ask that we be discharged.

J. B. Mayo.

Marion McCreary.

A. G. Lambert.

We, your Committee on Arrangements, beg leave to report as follows : We have carefully drafted all business that has come before us, and ask that we be discharged.

M. B. Parsons.

Joseph Lambert.

Jim Claunch.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that the funeral services were held on Sunday and taken away from our beloved members, to-wit: Bro. J. W. Maddox, of Macedonia Church, Bro. Carl Carpenter and Luther Barden, of Burcham's Chapel, and Sister Ethel Dodd, of Mt. Zion. We miss them in the church, in our homes and in the Association, but we grieve not as those that have no hope, for we know that by the Grace of God, we shall see them again, where death cannot enter nor sorrow is known.

Leona Jones.

Pearl Stevenson.

Nettie Champion.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find on hand twenty dollars and twenty cents for minute funds.

Luther Able.

T. A. Flanagan.

The stand was filled as follows: Friday morning by Bro. G. P. Mayo, from the 3d article of faith and 14th chapter and 26th verse. Friday night by Bro. D. W. Jones from Prov. 19th chapter, 17th verse. Saturday morning by Bros. D. W. Jones and G. P. Mayo. Romans 5th chapter, 6th verse.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends around Little Brown church for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May Heaven's choicest blessings ever rest upon them is our prayer.

Reports received and committees discharged.

On motion, the Association then took the parting hand and adjourned to meet with Macedonia Church on Friday before the first Lord's day in Sept., 1924.

D. W. JONES, Moderator.

W. CURTIS, Clerk.

FORMS OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Member's Transfer Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at _____ hereby certify that Bro. (or Sister) _____ is a member with us in full fellowship and good standing and is hereby dismissed from us _____ Moderator _____ Clerk.

Petitionary Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at _____ send this, our Petitionary Letters to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown's Creek Association of the Freewill Baptists when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized by Rev. Bro. _____ and _____ on _____ 19____, with _____ members. We send this, our Petitionary Letter, by the hands of our beloved brethren, to-wit: _____ If received sit with you in your deliberations and to help to transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience _____ by letter _____ by recommendation _____ by resolution _____ discontinued by letter _____ expelled _____ dead _____ total membership _____ contributions \$ _____ We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. No. Deacons _____ No. Ministers _____ Clerk _____ address _____ Moderator _____ address _____

Form of Church Letter to the Association—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at _____ send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with _____ Church. We send our beloved brothers, to-wit: _____ to sit with you in your deliberations and to help to transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience _____ by letter _____ by recommendation _____ by resolution _____ discontinued by letter _____ expelled _____ dead _____ names _____ total membership _____ contributions \$ _____ We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church the ensuing year. No. Deacons _____ No. Ministers _____ Clerk _____ Address _____ Moderator _____ Address _____

Program for Holding Church Conference—1. Call the church to order 2. Invite visiting brethren of same faith and order to seats in the council. 3. Is there any reference? 4. Is the church at peace? 5. Give an opportunity for the reception of members. 6. Are there any queries? 7. Read the minutes. 8. Motion to adjourn.

Program of business for the Association—1. Singing and prayer. 2. Call the Association to order. 3. Reading of church letters. 4. Election of assistant moderator. 5. Call for petitionary letters. 6. Call for corresponding letters. 7. Invite visiting brethren to seats in the council. 8. Appoint committees on arrangement of business. 9. Appoint devotional committee. 10. Appoint committee on finance. 11. Appoint committee on obituaries. 12. Appoint committee on resolutions. 13. Call for report of committee on devotion. 14. Call for report of committee on finance. 15. Call for report of committee on obituaries. 16. Call for financial report of committee on arrangements of business. 17. Call for report of committee on resolutions. 18. Any unfinished business?

CONSTITUTION.

BE IT KNOWN that we, The Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, being in the States of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, do believe in the doctrine of General Attonement; we have been baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, and we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. We propose, therefore, to maintain the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan:

We believe the churches of Christ are mutually independent of each other, that a congregational form of church government should be invariably preserved—yet, we being convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse, and pious counsel on the principles of union advantages and Christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on produc-

...from the churches entering their ap-
pointment to the office of the Association.
The letters received shall express the condition of
these churches respectively, stating the number of members in
fellowship, the members received, excluded and dead since last
Association.

3. This body shall have no concerned power to lord it over
God's heritage, or enfringe on any of the internal privileges or
rights of the churches in our union, but shall only be consid-
ered an advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal
concerns of the churches.

4. The Association is to give the best advice she can in all
matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between
any of the churches said Association shall inquire into cause of
breach and use its best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but
if the preacher cannot be removed to withdraw from the church-
es which they may look upon as unsound in principles, disord-
erly in conduct or practice, until they be reclaimed.

5. To take up no case of any kind in the union without the
consent of a majority of the churches, and then only to give
advice.

6. All newly constituted churches may be received into the
union by their representatives presenting a letter from their
respective churches. If found to be orderly and orthodox such
a reception shall be manifested by giving the right hand.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe there is one and but one living and
true God. Isa. 45:22. Look unto me and be ye saved the ends
of the earth for I am God and there is none else.

2. We believe that Christ is the Son of God and is equal and
in harmony with God in every divine perfection. 1 Tim. 2:5.
For there is one God and one mediator between God and man,
the man Christ Jesus.

3. We believe that the Holy Ghost is the third person, equal
in every divine perfection and harmony with the Father and Son
and will lead us in the way of all truth. St. John 14:26. But
the comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will
send in my name he shall teach you all things and bring all
things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

4. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible and
that its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the
government of His church. 2 Tim 3:16. All scripture is given
by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof
for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

5. We believe that Adam was created holy but by volun-
tary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved
his posterity in sin. Gen. 3:16. And when the woman saw that
the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye
and a tree to be desired to make one wise she took of the fruit
thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her
and he did eat.

6. We believe the grace of God appears unto all men that
the gospel is the power of God in revealing the grace of God
so that it may result in the salvation of men that the Holy
Ghost through the word reproves the world of sin and is the
means by which sinners are regenerated and made wise unto

Salvation. Rom. 10:12. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.

7. We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ by the word of God. St. John 3:36. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

8. We believe that repentance is turning away from sin and humbleness before God and calling on the Lord. 2 Cor. 7:10.

For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

9. We believe the human will is free and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the scriptures of Micah 6:8. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

10. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but those who by faith preserve to the end will be saved; that it is possible for those who have been regenerated to make shipwreck of their faith, to turn again to sin and finally be lost. St. Luke 9:62. And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

11. We believe that good works is the result of faith and is necessary to an ultimate salvation, and that the works of the laws of Moses being dead could not save us: grace saved us from the law, creating us into good works which God hath ordained that we might walk in them. Phil. 2:12. Wherefore my beloved as ye have always obeyed not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

12. We believe the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior 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 districts. 1 Cor. 11:28-29. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

13. We believe the saints ought to wash each other's feet in commemoration of the love that was shown to us by our

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both righteous and wicked, when the resurrection shall take place the soul and body shall reunite and form an immortal being that the righteous shall be received into a state of everlasting happiness and reign with God forever, but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment. St. John 5:28-29. Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth they that have done good to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

15. We believe Immersion to be the correct mode of baptism and that applicants should be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Mat. 28:19.

Savior and our love toward each other. St. John 13:14. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.

M. T. Vanzant, Lynn, Ala.

as the son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity
of the Holy Scriptures that faith comes by hearing and hearing

G. W. Harber, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.

S. D. Denson, Hickory Flat, Miss.

J. A. Patterson, Corinth, Miss., Route 8.

J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Route 8.

J. C. Beasley, Booneville, Miss., Star Route.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH DEACONS.

Antioch—Joe Lambert, Burnsville, Miss., Route 1.

Little Brown—J. B. Mayo, New Site, Miss., Route 1 ; W. A.
Heathcock, New Site, Miss., Route 1.

Macedonia—T. A. Flanigan, Rienzi, Miss., Route 4 ; Mark
Glen, Rienzi, Miss., Route 1.

Mt. Zion—John Lambert, Burley Stevens, Booneville, Miss.,
Route 9.

Mt. Pisgah—T. J. McCarter, Booneville, Miss., Route 6.

Taylor's Chapel—G. W. Bridges, Burnsville, Miss.

Burcham's Chapel—D. W. Jones, Booneville, Miss., Route 9.

Clear Creek—J. R. Hignite, Corinth, Miss., Route 8.

Old Union—M. S. Nurley, Iuka, Miss., Route 5 ; W. H. Wil-
liams, Iuka, Miss., Route 5.

Liberty—J. B. Nicholson, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Antioch—Robert Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.

Little Brown—A. C. Mayo, New Site, Miss., Route 1.

Macedonia—Tom Able, Rienzi, Miss.

Mt. Zion—Ida Lambert, Booneville, Miss., Route 9, Box 63.

Mt. Pisgah—Pearl Stevenson, Booneville, Miss., Star Route.

Burcham's Chapel—J. H. Thompson, Booneville, Miss., R. 9.

New Lebanon—Hester Claunch, Holcutt, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES										
		Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	By Recommendation	Rec. by Ex. and Bap.	Excluded	Dismissed by Trial	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Antioch	Lonnie Powers, Thos. Blakney	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	113	\$ 00
Little Browns	Jno. Moreland, Geo. Denson, Mary White, W. McCreary	2	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	7	\$ 70
Macedonia	Tom. Luther, Usley and Lula Able, and Allen Flanagan	2	-	4	-	-	5	-	-	5	\$ 00
Mt. Zion	Leona Jones	1	-	2	3	4	-	-	1	19	\$ 00
Mt. Pisgah	Pearl Stephenson	-	-	2	-	-	8	-	1	20	\$ 00
Taylor's Chapel	No intelligence	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burchams Chapel	Felix Lambert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clear Creek	No intelligence	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	16	1.45
Old Union	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Lebanon	M. B. Parsons, Grady Lambert, Joe Moss	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	24	3.05

Minute funds carried from 1922 \$2.00, Total \$20.20