

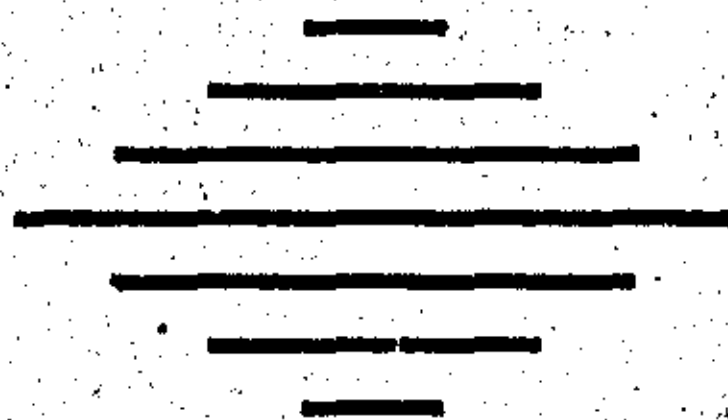
MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Little Brown's Creek
Association

—OF—

Freewill Baptists



HELD WITH

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Alcorn County, Mississippi

Friday Before the First Lord's Day in September

1924

Rev. D. W. Jones,	- - - - -	Moderator
G. P. Mayo,	- - - - -	Assistant Moderator
M. B. Parsons,	- - - - -	Clerk

Pursuant to adjournment of 1923, the Little Brown's Creek Association of Freewill Baptists, convened in her Thirty-Third Annual Session with Macedonia Church, Alcorn County, Mississippi, on Friday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1924. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Mayo, with Rev. R. E. Tooke, Alternate, Fourth Article of Faith, Friday evening session, after song by choir and a fervent prayer by Rev. D. W. Jones. Association called to order by Moderator. Union perpetuated and found to be good. Clerk being absent, Bro. M. B. Parsons was elected Associational Clerk for ensuing year.

1. The Moderator called for church letters and received letters from the following churches, to wit:

Burcham Chapel: Mrs. R. C. Jones, F. F. Lambert, D. Jones.

Little Brown Creek: J. B. Mayo, G. P. Mayo.

New Lebanon: J. T. Claunch, G. A. Lambert, M. B. Parsons, J. A. Lambert.

Antioch: Joe Lambert, Hick Lambert.

Macedonia: Luther Able, Otha Childers, T. A. Flannagin.

Mt. Pisgah: Rev. J. C. Beasley.

Mt. Zion: Leona Jones.

2. 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, Asst. Committee on Arrangements, Brothers Daily Denson, Grady Lambert, Joe Lambert.

Committee on Devotion: Brothers A. D. Jones, Felix Lambert.

Finance: Luther Ables, Jack Lambert.

Sabbath School: Brothers, O. A. Childers, J. M. Mayo.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Two songs by Choir; fervent prayer by Bro. Jim Mayo. The Union was then perpetuated and found good.

1. Called roll of delegates and marked absentees.

2. On motion, received report of committees, as follows:

3. Committee on devotion: Report received and committee discharged.

4. Committee on Arrangements: "We, your committee on arrangements, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully drafted all business presented to us and ask to be discharged."—Daily Denson, Grady Lambert, Joe Lambert.

5. Received report on Committee of Finance, which shows that we have six dollars, Minute Funds, carried over from 1923. Total Minute Funds, \$16.85.

6. "We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report that we find death has visited our body and taken three of our beloved members, to-wit: Sister Viney Carpenter, and Sister Lillie Jones, of

Burcham Chapel, and Sister Rebecca Beasley, of Mt. Pisgah: They died as they lived, trusting in God. Therefore we submit to His Holy Will, knowing that there remaineth a rest for the Children of God."
—Leona Jones, Gertrude Lambert.

7. Sabbath Schools: "We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, have made a careful investigation and find there are only two Sabbath Schools in the Association: Antioch and Burcham Chapel."---O. A. Childers, J. B. Mayo.

8. The stand was filled as follows: Friday night, Rev. D. W. Jones and G. P. Mayo; Saturday, Rev. S. D. Denson and J. C. Beasley.

9. Resolution; "Resolved that we hold our next Annual Association with Antioch Church, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, one mile North of Burnsville, Mississippi, to convene on Friday, before the First Lord's Day in September, 1925."

10. Resolution; "Resolved that we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters, and friends around Macedonia, for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them. May Heaven's choicest blessings ever rest upon them, is our prayer."

11. Reports received and committees discharged on motion, the Association then took the parting hand and journeyed to meet with Antioch Church, on Friday before the First Lord's Day in Sept. 1925.

D. W. JONES, Moderator.

M. B. PARSONS, 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 brethern, 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. of Deacons----- No. Ministers-----, Clerks-----, address-----, Moderator-----, address-----

Form of Church Letter to the Association---We, the Freewill Bap-

tist 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 Atonement; we have been baptised 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 council 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 producing let-

ters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

2. The Letters so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively---that is, the number of members in fellowship, the members received, excluded and dead, since last Association.

3. This body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall only be considered 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 churches, which they may look upon as unsound in principles, disorderly in conduct or practices, until they be reclaimed.

5. To take up no case of any kind in the union without the consent of the 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 to 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 in harmony with the Father and Son and will lead us in the way of 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 voluntary 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 calleth upon Him".

7. We believe that Christian faith in 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 sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes Godly sorrow and repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. Sec. 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 that human will is free and that men have the ability to accept 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 persevere 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 that 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 others feet. St. John 13-14. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

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. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS

Burcham Chapel,	Jim Thompson,	Booneville, Miss.
Little Brown's Creek,	A. C. Mayo,	New Site, Miss.
New Lebanon,	M. B. Parsons,	Holcutt, Miss.
Macedonia,	W. L. Ables,	Rienzi, Miss. Rte. 4.
Antioch,	Robert Blakney,	Burnsville, Miss.
Mt. Zion,	Ida Lambert,	Booneville, Miss R. 9 Bx. 3.
Mt. Pisgah,	Pearl Stevens,	Booneville, Miss. Star Rte.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route, 7.
S. D. Denson, Rienzi, Miss.
M. T. Vanzant, Lynn, Ala.
J. A. Patterson, (address unknown).
J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Route 8.
J. C. Beasley, Booneville, Miss., Star Route.
D. W. Jones, Glens, Miss.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH DEACONS

Burcham Chapel,	D. W. Jones,	Glens, Miss.
Little Brown,	J. B. Mayo,	New Site, Miss.
Antioch,	Joe Lambert,	Burnsville, Miss
Macedonia,	T. A. Flannagin,	Rienzi, Miss., Rte. 4.
Mt. Pisgah,	T. A. McCarter,	Booneville Miss. R. 6.
Mt. Zion,	John Lambert,	Booneville Miss. R. 9.
New Lebanon,	J. A. Lambert,	Paden, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ministers	Days of Meeting	By Recommendation	Rec. by Exp. and Bap.	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Burcham Chapel	Mrs. R. C. Jones, F. F. Lambert, D. Jones	3	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	55	1.40
Little Brown Cr'k	J. B. Mayo.....	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	2	54	1.85
New Lebanon.....	J. T. Claunch, G. A. Lambert, M. B. Parsons	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	24	2.35
Antioch	Joe Lambert, Hick Lambert.....	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	113	2.00
Macedonia.....	Luther Able, Otha Childers, T. A. Flanigan.....	2	-	4	1	5	-	-	-	60	3.25
Mt. Pisgah.....	Rev. J. C. Beasley.....	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	28
Mt. Zion.....	Leona Jones.....	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	19
Taylor's Chapel...	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clear Creek.....	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Old Union.....	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liberty	No intelligence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Minute Funds carried from 1923, \$6.00;

Total \$16.85