

OF THE
36th Annual Session
OF THE
Little Brown's Creek
~~AND~~ Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Convened With

Burcham Chapel Church

PRENTISS COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

Friday Before the First Lord's Day in September 1927

Rev. G. P. MAYO, Moderator

GRADY LAMBERT, Clerk

MINUTES

Minutes of the Little Browns Creek Association

Pursuant to adjournment of 1926.

We the Little Brown's Creek Association of Free Will Baptist convened in our Thirty Sixth Annual Session with Burcham Chapel, Prairie County Miss. on Friday before the first Lord's Day in September 1927.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Mayo from the first Article of Faith Isa. 45: 22.

After song by the choir and prayer by Bro. Edd Knight, the Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

1. Perpetuated the Union which was found good.
2. The Association proceeded to elect a moderator for the ensuing year which resulted in the election of Rev. G. P. Mayo.

3. A. G. Lambert, was elected clerk.

4. Called for church letters, letters from the following churches were recieved.

Mount Pisgah; Bro. Errit Boven, Sisters Kate Boven and Mayme Livingston.

Antioch; Brothers Edd Knight, and Jim Powers.

Macidonia; Brothers Jonas Whitemore and Price Duncan

New Lebenon; Bro. George Lambert, Sisters Howard Lambert and Esther Lambert.

Little Brown; Brothers W. A. Heathcock, Jess Heathcock, Jim Childers, W. W. White and Sister Bealuah Childers.

Burcham Chapel, Brothers Lafeyette and Felix Lambert, and Sister Rebacah Jones.

5. Inviting visiting brethern to a seat in the association.

6. The Moderator appointed the following committees on arrangment, Brothers George Lambert, Jim Powers and J. H. Thompson.

On Dovotion; Felix, John and George Lambert.

On Obituaries; Jack Lambert, Edd Knight and Jess Jones.

On Sabath Schools: Brothers Will Heathcock, J. J. Whittemore, and Sherman Jones.

On Finance; Brothers Hewuit Walter Carpenter and Jess Heathcock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After song by the choir and prayer by Rev D. W Jones the Moderator declared the association ready for business.

1. Perpetuated the Union which was found good.

2. Resolve that any minister of this association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to distroy said ministers influence or impair the influence of the Free Will Baptist faith in order shall be deemed guilty of a Deciplinary offence aud after decipline has been used if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the association.

3. Resolve that each church donate their pastor \$25.00 or more to enable him to devote more of his time to the studies of the scriptures.

4. Resolve that we will not accept the baptism of any minister who is not ordained.

5. Resolve that our church Clerks, Deacons and Laymembers communicate with other associations of the Free Will Baptist faith and order and invite their minist-

ers to come to our churches and preach.

6. Resolve that we require each church in the association to take up a free will offering at each monthly service, said offering to be kept in the respective church and to be expended by the deacons of said church for the purpose of paying ministers and repairing respective churches and to help destitute members as the deacons see fit.

7. Resolve that we hold our next association with New Lebenon Church one and one half miles west of Holcut in Tishomingo County Miss. to convene on Friday before the first Lord's Day in September 1928 and Rev. G. P. Mayo preach the introductory sermon and Rev. D. W. Jones his alternate.

8. Resolve that we call for a report of our committees, committees received as follows:

We your committee on devotion beg leave to be discharged. Felix, George and John Lambert.

We your committe on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows; we find that death has visited our body and took three brothers and sisters, to-wit: Bro. Ersking Burchem, Ecer McAnally and Sister, whose loss we sadly morn, but our loss is Heavens gain. J. A. Lambert, Edd Knight and Jess Jones.

We your committee on arrangements beg leave to submit the following report: we have carefully drafted all business presented to us and asked to be discharged. Joe Lambert, Jim Powers and J H. Thompson.

We your committee on Devotion beg leave to be discharged. Felix, John and George Lambert.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We find that we have on hand \$17.10 for

minute funds J. J. Hewitt, Walter Carpenter and Jess Heathcock.

We your committee on Sabath School beg leave to report as follows, we find there is not any Sunday School in our association, Will Heathcock, J. J. Whittemore and Jess Jones.

The stand was filled Friday Morning by Rev. G. P. Mayo preaching from the first Article of Faith. Friday night by Bro. Edd Knight, Rev. G. P. Mayo his Alternate 2 Tim. 3 chapter. Saturday morning the stand was filled by Bro. J. H. Barber, Rev. G. P. Mayo his alternate from 10 chapter 35 verse Acts.

Resolve that we tender our thanks to the Brethren and Sisters and Friends around Burcham Chapel for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

G. P. Mayo, Moderator.

Grady Lambert, Clerk.

Holcut, Miss.

FORMS OF CHURCH LETTERS

Member's Transfer Letter—We, the Free Will 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 Baptist when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized by Rev. Bro. _____ and _____ on

19 _____, with _____ members. We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved breth-

ren, to-wit: It received 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, total membership
 contributions \$ We have elected Elder
 to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year.
 No of Deacons. No of ministers. Clerk ad-
 dress Moderators address.

CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We the Free Will Baptis Church of Christ, at
 send greetings to the ministers and messengers compos-
 ing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Bap-
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CHURCH CONFERENCE

1 Call the church to order. 2 Invite visiting breth-
 ren and sisters of the same faith and order to seat in coun-
 cil. 3 Is there any reference. 4 Is the church in peace?
 5 Give an opportunity for members. 6 Are there any

queries? 7 Read minutes. 8 Motion to adjourn.

PROGRAM FOR HOLDING ASSOCIATION

1 Singing and prayer. 2 Call the Association to order
3 Reading of church letters. 4 Call for corresponding
letters. 5 Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
6 Appoint committees on arrangement of business.
7 Appoint devotional committee. 8 Appoint committee
on finance. 9 Committee obituaries. 10 Committee on
resolutions. 11 Call for report of committee on devotion.
12 Call for report of committee on finance. 13 Call for
report of committee on obituaries. 14 Call for report of
committee on arrangement of business. 15 Call for re-
port of committee on resolutions. 16 Any unfinished
business.

Constitution

Be it known that we The Free Will Baptist Church of
Christ, being in the states of Tennessee, Alabama and
Miss. do believe in the doctrine of General atonement
We have been baptized upon a profession of faith in
Christ; we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal un-
ion. We propose therefore to maintain the order and
rule of our Association according to the following plan.

We believe the Churches of Christ are mutually inde-
pendent of each other, that congregational form of church
government should be invariably preserved: yet we being
convinced of the utility of friendly intercourse, and pious
council on the principle of union advantages and Christain
love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to
these principles with regard to the duty of the Associa-
tion.

Art. 1 The Association shall be composed of mem-

bers chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letter from their respective churches verifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

2 The letters so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively; that is the members in fellowship, the members received, expelled, and debarred from the 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 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 it 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 endeavors to remove the difficulty; if the breach can not be removed to withdraw from the churches which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly in conduct or practice, 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 orderly orthodox such a reception shall be manifested by giving right hand of fellowship.

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 all ye 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 is 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 in the trinity, 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 reprove 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 be

lieveth 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 repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes Godly sorrow and repentance must be preceded by a feeling of sinfulness. 2nd 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 doeth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." (also Rev. 22: 17)

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 has 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 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 of denominational districts. 1 Cor. 11: 23-29. "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 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 the 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 in 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 to 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, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Matt. 28: 19. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

Address Of Church Clerks

Burcham Chapel,	Jim Thompson,	Booneville, Miss.
Little Brown's Creek,	John Mayo,	New Site, Miss.
New Lebanon,	M. B. Harpers,	Helcut, Miss.
Macedonia,	Mrs. Louis Parker,	Rienzi, Miss. Rte. 4.
Antioch,	Robert Dickson,	Burnsville, Miss.
Mt. Zion,	Ida Parke,	Booneville, Miss. R. 9 Box 2.
Mt. Pisgah,	Elmer Church,	Booneville Miss. Rte. 7

Address Of Ministers

C. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss. Route 7.
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 D. W. Jones, Glens, Miss.
 G. H. Harber, Booneville, Miss. Route 5.

Address Of Church Deacons

Burcham Chapel,	Shermon Jones	Glens, Miss.
Little Brown,	J. B. Mayo,	New Site, Miss.
Antioch,	Joe Lambert,	Burnsville, Miss.
Macedonia,	T. A. Flanagan,	Rienzi, Miss. R. 4.
Mt. Pisgah,	E. E. Champaion	Booneville, Miss. R. 6.
Mt. Zion,	John Lambert,	Booneville, Miss. R. 9
New Lebanon,	J. A. Lambert,	Paden, Miss.