

MINUTES OF THE
THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Little Brown's Creek
Association
OF
Freemill Baptists

HELD WITH
ANTIOCH CHURCH
Tishomingo, Miss.

Friday Before the First Lord's Day in September
1929

REV. A. F. HAINC. Moderator
CHAS. L. LAMBERT, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE BROWN'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to adjournment of 1928.

We, of the Little Brown's Creek Association of Free-will Baptists convened our Thirty-Eighth Annual Session with Antioch Church, Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on Friday, August 31st, 1929.

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. The Association proceeded to elect Rev. G. P. Mayo as Moderator for the ensuing year.
3. Geo. W. Denson was elected Clerk pro. tem.
4. Called for church letters. Letters from the following churches were received:

Burcham Chapel: Jim Thompson, Felix Lambert and Jesse Jones, Sister Rebecca Jones.

Little Brown: Geo. W. Denson, W. H. Heathcock, J. I. Moreland, John Inman. Contribution \$3.00.

Martin Hill: Bertha Hare, Bonna Martin, Fannie Dodd, Bud Dodd.

New Lebanon: Elder Benton Moss, Luther Slack. Contribution \$3.50.

Antioch: Jack Barnes and Sister Lizzie Lambert. Contribution \$2.00.

Macedonia: W. T. Ables and wife, J. J. Whitemore. Contribution \$2.00

5. Inviting visiting brethren to a seat with us.

The introduction sermon was preached by Rev. G. P. Mayo from the first article of faith, Isa. 45:22.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Moderator appointed the following committees on arrangement: Brothers Joe. Lambert, J. B. Moss, and P. T. Keeton.

On Devotion: Jack Lambert, L. E. Dodd and Felix Lambert.

On Obituaries: J. J. Whitemore, Tom Ables.

On Finance: W. H. Heathcock and J. H. Keeton.

On Sabbath Schools: Sisters M. H. Lambert, Lula Ables, and Lizzie Lambert.

The stand was filled Friday night by J. B. Moss, followed by P. T. Keeton.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After song by the choir and prayer by P. T. Keeton, the stand was filled by Rev. John Beasley, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

1. Resolved, that the Association have printed, a pledge, that shall be used by the deacons of each church, and the deacons shall present one to each member of his church, and each member will sign the amount he or she is willing to give for the support of the ministry.

2. Resolved, that any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to destroy said ministers influence or impair the influence of the Freewill Baptist faith in order shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense and after discipline has been used if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association.

3. Resolved, that we will not accept the baptism of any minister who is not ordained.

4. Resolved, that our church Clerks, Deacons and Lay members communicate with other associations of the Freewill Baptist faith and order and invite their ministers to come to our churches and preach.

Resolved, that we call for a report of the committees.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: That death has taken three of our beloved ones to-wit: Sister Elizabeth England, of Little Brown Church; Sister Dora Lambert of Antioch Church and Brother R. P. Eversen of Macedonia Church.

We, your committee on Finance, find we have \$13.78 for minute funds.

Committee on Devotion: Jack Lambert, Felix Lambert and T. B. Dodd, committee.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows: We find that three churches have Sunday Schools, Macedonia, Burcham and Antioch Churches.

We, your committee on arrangements, beg leave to report the following: We have carefully drafted all

business which has come before us and ask to be discharged. Joe Lambert, J. B. Moss, and P. T. Keeton.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Brethren and Sisters and the community around Antioch Church, for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Resolved, that we hold our next Association with Martin Hill Church, 5 miles east of Booneville, Miss., Prentiss County.

We, your committees, beg to be discharged.

FORM 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 Letter to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown's Creek Association of the Freewill Baptist when convened with _____ Christ, 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 brethren, to-wit: _____ . If 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	dis-
continued by letter	expelled	dead
. Total membership	contributions \$	
. We have elected Elder	to the pastoral	
care of our church for the ensuing year. No. of Dea-		
cons	. No. of ministers	. Clerks ad-
dress	. Moderator's address	.

CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at _____
 send greetings to the ministers and messengers com-
 posing the Little Brown's Creek Association of Free-
 will Baptist when convened with _____ Church.

We send our beloved brothers, to-wit:
 to sit with you in your deliberations, and help to trans-
 act any business that may come before your honorable
 body. The statistics of our church are as follows: Re-
 ceived by experience _____ by letter _____ by rec-
 ommendation _____ by resolution _____ Dismissed
 by letter _____ expelled _____ dead _____ . Total
 membership _____ . Contribution \$ _____ . We
 have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our
 church for the ensuing year. No. of Deacons _____ .
 No. of ministers _____ . Clerks address _____ .
 Moderator's address _____ .

CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order. 2. Invite visiting
 brethren and sisters of the same faith and order to
 seat in council. 3. Is there any reference? 4. Is the
 church in peace? 5. Give an opportunity for members.
 6. Are there any quires? 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 cor-
 responding letters. 5. Invite visiting brethren to seats
 in council. 6. Appoint committees on arrangement of
 business. 7. Appoint devotional committee. 8. Ap-
 point committee on finance. 9. Committee on obitu-
 aries. 10. Committee on resolutions. 11. Call for re-
 port of committee on devotion. 12. Call for report of
 committee on finance. 13. Call for report of commit-
 tee on obituaries. 14. Call for report of committee on
 arrangement of business. 15. Call for report of com-
 mittee on resolutions. 16. Any unfinished business?

CONSTITUTION

Be it known, that we, The Freewill Baptist Church
 of Christ, being in the States of Tennessee, Alabama
 and Miss., do believe in the doctrine of General atone-

ment. We have been baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ; we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocal union. 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 independent 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 Christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principles with regard to the duty of the Association.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing letter 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 members in fellowship, the members received, expelled 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 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 cannot be removed to withdraw from the churches which they look upon as unsound 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 and orthodox such a reception shall be manifested by giving the 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 the ends of the earth for I am God and there is no one 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 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 3:26. "He that believeth in 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 believeth repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which constitutes Godly sorrow and repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. 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."

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 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 of 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 one another's feet. St. John 13:14. "If I then, your Lord and

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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 the wicked, when the resurrection shall take place the soul and body shall reunite and form an immortal being; that 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 the Son and 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—Delia Mayo, New Site, Miss.
New Lebanon—A. G. Lambert, Holcut, Miss.
Macedonia—Mrs. Lonie Powsy, Rienzi, Miss., Route 4.
Antioch—Robert Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.
Mt. Zion—Ida Lambert, Booneville, Miss., R. 9, Box 3.
Mt. Pisgah—Flora Champion, Booneville, Miss. Star R.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.
M. T. Vanzant, Lynn, Ala.
J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Route 8.
D. W. Jones, Glens, Miss.
G. H. Harber, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH DEACONS

Burcham Chapel—Sherman Jones, Glens, Miss.
Little Brown—J. B. Mayo, New Site, Miss.
Antioch—Joe Lambert, Burnsville, Miss.
Macedonia—T. A. Flanagan, Rienzi, Miss., Route 4.
Mt. Pisgah—E. E. Champion, Burnsville, Miss. Route 6.
Mt. Zion—John Lambert, Booneville, Miss., Route 9.
New Lebanon—J. A. Lambert, Faden, Miss.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meetings	Received by Recommendation	Received by Letter	Received by Reference and Rpt.	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Decreased	Total Membership	Contributions
Antioch	Jack Barnes and Lizzie Lambert,	2	0	1	1200000	0	0	0	0	0	176	2200
Little Brown	George Denson, John Inman, W. H. Heathcock	3	0	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	174	2200
Macedonia	Tom Ables and wife	2	0	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	24	2200
Mt. Pisgah	Archie McCarter, Flora and Emmet Champion	1	0	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	29	2200
Burcham Chapel	Jim Thompson and Jessie Jones	1	0	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	170	2200
New Lebanon	J. B. Moss and Luther Slack	3	1	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	133	2200
Martin Hill	Bertha Hare and Bud Dodd and wife	0	1	1	00000	0	0	0	0	0	12	2200