

MINUTES
OF THE
Fortieth Annual Session
OF THE
Little Brown's Creek
Association

OF THE
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
Little Brown's Creek Church

ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST LORD'S DAY
IN SEPTEMBER, 1931

E. E. CHAMPION, Moderator
G. P. MAYO, Assistant Moderator
M. B. PARSONS, Clerk

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Pursuant to adjournment 1931, opened with song by choir and prayer by Bro. H. H. McCoy.

Introductory sermon by Rev. G. P. Mayo. Text from First and Third Articles of Faith.

Friday Evening Session

(1) Called to order by Moderator pro-tem. G. P. Mayo.

Song by choir. Prayer led by Bro. H. H. McCoy. Perpetuated the union with much feeling.

Reading Clerks appointed by Moderator as follows: Bros. T. C. Denson and G. W. Denson.

Call for letters from various churches.
Received by letter and delegation as follows:

Macedonia—J. O. Whitemore, W. T. Azles, Buddy Howell.

Martin Hill—George Martin, W. M. Penna, Banner Martin.
Martha Ashcraft, Artie Martin.

Little Brown—W. W. White, W. A. Heathcock, Leona Boggs, Lula Stricklin, Flossie Holley.

New Lebanon—H. H. McCoy, C. H. Lambert, D. C. Lambert.

Antioch—Nellie Reynolds, Thelmo Honeycutt, Dorothy Lambert.

Pisgah—E. E. Champion, Flora Champion.

(2) Called for letters from sister Associations. Received none.

(3) Invited visiting brothers to sit with us. Seated J. E. Hewitt from Tennessee River Association.

(4) Moderator appointed following Committees:

Committee on Arrangements—Joe Lambert, G. W. Denson, W. W. White.

Committee on Devotion—H. H. McCoy, D. C. Lambert, John Moreland.

Committee on Finance—J. A. Lambert, J. O. Whitemore, G. H. Harber.

Committee on Obituaries—Sister White, Sister Lula Stricklin and Sister Lebro Howell.

Committee on Resolutions—Roy Nicholson, Tom Ables, W. M. Penna.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Bros. Heathcock, C. H. Lambert, Vaudie Mayo.

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Friday Night Session

Stand filled by H. H. McCoy, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

Saturday Morning Session

Called to order by Moderator. Song by choir, and prayer by Rev. G. H. Harber.

Stand filled by Rev. G. H. Harber. Text from 13th and 14th Chapters of John; followed by Rev. G. H. Mayo from Isaiah 49-14.

2. Resolved, That ministers and delegates comprising this Association remain at place convened until after 11 o'clock service on Sunday unless otherwise ordered by Moderator or Associational body.

3. Resolved, That the Clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each Association and that he (the Clerk) call the roll each session.

4. Resolved, That any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct that are liable to destroy said minister's influence or impair the influence of the Freewill Baptist faith in any order shall be deemed guilty of a discipline-shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association.

5. Resolved, That we will not accept the baptism of any minister who is not ordained.

6. 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.

Saturday Evening Session

Moderator called for reports of various committees:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: That the Death Angel has visited our body and taken five of our beloved members, to-wit: Sister Sallie Flekes, Sister Ida Turberville, Sister Gracie Skelton, Sister Sella Choate, and Brother J. D. A. Turberville. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mary White, Lula Stricklin, Annie Fay Howell.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report as follows: We find three Sabbath Schools in the Association: Macedonia, Antioch, Martin Hill.

W. A. Heathcock, V. S. Mayo, C. H. Lambert.

We, your Committee on Finance, find we have \$15.37 for Minute funds.

J. J. Whittemore, J. A. Lambert, G. W. Harber.

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We, your committee on Arrangements, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully drafted and presented all business brought before us and ask to be discharged.

Geo. M. Denson, W. W. White, Joe Lambert.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters around Little Brown's Creek Church for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

Resolved, That we hold our next Association with Macedonia Church, ten miles south of Corinth, Alcorn County, Mississippi, to convene on Friday before the first Lord's day in September, 1932, and that Rev. G. P. Mayo preach the introductory sermon and that he shall choose his alternate.

Roy Nicholson, W. I. Abel, W. M. Penna.

E. E. CHAMPION, Moderator.

M. B. PARSONS, Clerk.

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 Freewill Baptists, when convened withChurch, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized by Rev. Bro.....andon....., 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 follow: Received by experience,.....; 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's address.....; Moderator's address.....

Church Letter to Association

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at....., send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown's Creek Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with.....Church. We send our beloved

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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 inquiries? 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 on 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 report of committee 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 Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the General Atonement. 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.

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members

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

2. The letter 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 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 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 ye 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. I. 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. II. Tim. 3:16. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for

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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 tree 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 unto Him."

7. We believe that Christian faith is 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. II. 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 untimate 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

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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 denominational districts. I 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 13:14-15. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." "For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have

Address of Church Clerks

Antioch—Dorothy Garrett, Burnsville, Miss.

Little Brown—Della Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 7.

Mt. Pisgah—Flora Champion, Booneville, Miss, Star Route.

Burcham Chapel—J. D. James, Booneville, Miss.

New Lebanon—A. G. Lambert, Holcut, Miss.

Martin Hill—Jessie Penna, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.

Address of Ministers

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

M. T. Vazant, Lynn, Ala.

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

D. W. Jones, Glens, Miss.

G. H. Harber, Booneville, Miss.

J. C. Beasley, Booneville, Miss.

Address of Church Deacons

Antioch—Joe Lambert, Burnsville, Miss.

Little Brown—Webb Whie, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.

Mt. Pisgah—E. E. Champion, Booneville, Miss., Star Route.

Burcham Chapel—Sherman Jones, Booneville, Miss.

New Lebanon—J. A. Lambert, Paden, Miss., Route 1.

Martin Hill—Roy Nicholson, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.

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