

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Forty-Fifth Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Little Brown Creek**  
**Association**  
**OF THE**  
**FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

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**HELD WITH**  
**Antioch Church**  
**ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST LORD'S DAY**  
**IN SEPTEMBER, 1935**

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**J. B. MOSS, Moderator**  
**G. P. MAYO, Assistant Moderator**  
**D. C. LAMBERT, Clerk**

**Next Meeting at Little Brown Church on Friday**  
**before the First Lord's Day in September, 1936**

## MINUTES

### *Of the Little Brown's Creek Association*

Pursuant to adjournment, 1935 opened with song by the Choir and prayer by Brother J. B. Moss.

Introductory sermon by J. B. Moss. Text Romans, 1-16.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

First called to order by Moderator J. B. Moss. Song by Choir. Prayer by C. P. Bray. Perpetuated the union with much feeling.

Reading Clerks as follows: Lula Denson, W. T. Abels.

Call for Letters from various churches. Received by letter and delegation as follows: Macedonia—J. J. Whitemore, Tom and Lula Abel; Martin Hill—Sister Pearl Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols; Little Brown—Sisters Lula Stricklen and Lula Denson; New Lebanon—Brothers G. W. Davis, C. M. Felker, Sister Jewell Nixon; Antioch—Brother Turner Gains, Sisters Emma Garrett, Lona Honicutt.

#### SECOND

Called for Letters from sister associations. Received none.

#### THIRD

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Received none.

#### FOURTH

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on Arrangements of Business—Joe Lambert, C. M. Denson, J. J. Whitemore

Committee on Devotion—G. P. Bray, G. W. Davis, R. M. Nicholson.

Committee on Obituaries—Pearl Lambert, Howard Lambert, Banna Martin.

Committee on Resolutions—Dorthy Garrett, J. M. Bradock.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Lona Honicutt, Jennie Lambert.

Committee on Finance—J. A. Lambert, C. M. Felker, T. G. Bray.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Assistant Moderator G. P. Mayo. Song by Choir. Prayer by Brother G. P. Bray.

#### FIRST

Resolved, That we hold fifth Sunday meetings on each fifth Sunday of this associational year, the first to be at Antioch church, on the fifth Sunday in September, and the place of holding the next to be decided at each meeting.

## SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by Choir. Prayer by Brother C. P. Bray.

## FIRST

Moderator called for report of committees.

Received reports as follows:

"We, your committee on devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Friday morning by Brother J. B. Moss. Friday night by Brother C. P. Bray, followed by Brother G. P. Mayo. Saturday morning by W. P. Reynolds.

"C. P. Bray,  
"G. W. Davis,  
"R. M. Nicholson,  
"Committee"

"We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$15.00 for minute funds.

"J. A. Lambert,  
"C. M. Felker,  
"T. G. Bray,  
"Committee"

"We, your committee on obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our body, and taken five of our beloved members: Sister Gaddis, Brother G. W. Bailey, Sister Elsie Barnes, Brother Harve Thompson, Sister Minnie King, whose loss we deeply mourn. But our loss is Heaven's gain.

"Pearl Lambert,  
"Howard Lambert,  
"Banna Martin,  
"Committee"

"We, your committee on Sabbath schools, beg leave to report as follows: We find only one Sabbath school, which is at Little Brown.

"Dorthy Garrett,  
"Mrs. J. D. Honicutt,  
"Committee"

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

"Joe Lambert,  
"G. M. Denson,  
"J. J. Whitemore,  
"Committee"

Reports received and committees discharged.



"We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved; That we hold our next association with Little Brown Creek church, about twelve miles east of Booneville, Miss., and that Elder J. B. Moss preach the introductory sermon, and that he shall choose his alternate.

"The association then entered into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of D. W. Jones, Moderator, and D. C. Lambert as clerk for the coming associational year.

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of Antioch church for their kindness during our stay with them.

"Dorthy Garrett,

"J. M. Bradock,

"Committee"

### Form of Church Letter

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 with \_\_\_\_\_ Church, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized by Rev. Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_; Clerks address \_\_\_\_\_; Moderator's Address \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

### 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 brothers,  
 to-wit: \_\_\_\_\_ to sit with  
 you in your deliberations, and help to transact any business that may  
 come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church are  
 as follows: Received by experience \_\_\_\_\_; by letter \_\_\_\_\_; by recom-  
 mendation \_\_\_\_\_; dismissed by letter \_\_\_\_\_; expelled \_\_\_\_\_; death  
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 care of our Church for the ensuing year. No. of deacons \_\_\_\_\_;  
 No. of ministers \_\_\_\_\_; Clerk's Address \_\_\_\_\_;  
 Moderator's Address \_\_\_\_\_.

### CONSTITUTION

Be it known, that we, The Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, be-  
 ing in Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties, in Mississippi, do  
 believe in the doctrines of the General Atonment. 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 chosen  
 by the different churches in our union, who on producing letter from  
 their respective church 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 re-  
 moved 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 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 Jesus Christ."

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 the church. II Tim. 3:16-17. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

"That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

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 callesth unto Him."

7. We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ by the Word of God. St. John 3:25. "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 believe 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. Rev. 22:17. "And the Spirit and the bride say, come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

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. Heb. 6:4-6. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost."

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come.

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

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 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 done to you."

### Address of Church Clerks

Antioch—Dorothy Garrett, Burnsville, Miss.  
 Little Brown—Della Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.  
 Burcham Chapel—J. D. James, Booneville, Miss.  
 New Lebanon—Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.  
 Martin Hill—Banner Martin, Burnsville, Miss., Route 5.

### Address of Ministers

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.  
 J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Route 8.  
 D. W. Jones, Holcutt, Miss.  
 G. H. Harber, Booneville, Miss.  
 J. C. Beasley, Booneville, Miss.

### Address of Church Deacons

Antioch—Joe Lambert, Burnsville, Miss.  
 Little Brown—Webb White, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.  
 New Lebanon—J. A. Lambert, Paden, Miss., Route 1.  
 Martin Hill—Roy Nicholson, Booneville, Miss., Route 7.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

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