

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION
OF THE
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
New Lebanon Church
ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST LORD'S DAY
IN SEPTEMBER, 1937

D. W. JONES, Moderator
G. P. MAYO, Assistant Moderator
D. C. LAMBERT, Clerk

Next meeting to be held with Antioch Church, one-half mile
north of Burnsville, Miss., on Friday before the first Lord's
Day in September, 1938

MINUTES

Of the Little Brown Creek Association

Pursuant to adjournment, 1937, opened with song by choir and prayer by Rev. D. W. Jones.

Inductory sermon by Rev. G. P. Mayo, followed by Rev. R. A. Johnson.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

FIRST

Called to order by Moderator, D. W. Jones, song by choir and prayer by Rev. Whitfield Phillips. Reading clerks appointed as follows: Sisters Maudie Helton and Maudie Epperson.

Called for letters from various churches. Received by letter and delegation as follows: Little Brown, W. J. Rhoads, W. W. White and Lula Strickland; New Lebanon, G. W. Davis, D. P. Rickard, C. H. Lambert and Fay Nixon; Antioch, Frank Lambert, Sherman Lambert, Minnie Lambert and Maudie Epperson; Macedonia, Tom Abel, J. J. Whittemore, and Lona Rowsey; Martin Hill, W. D. Penna.

SECOND

Called for letters from sister associations. Received none.

THIRD

Called for delegates from sister associations. Received none.

FOURTH

Invited visiting brethren. Received Rev. R. A. Johnson, Rev. Whitfield Phillips, from the Tennessee River Association and Bro. J. B. Rowsey of the Missionary Baptist Church.

FIFTH

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on arrangements of business: W. W. White, W. J. Rhoads and Fay Nixon.

Committee on Devotion: J. J. Whittemore, W. D. Penna and J. F. Lambert.

Committee on Obituaries: Lona Rowsey and Maudie Epperson.

Committee on Resolutions: Tom Abel and Sherman Lambert.

Committee on Temperance: W. J. Rhoads, C. H. Lambert, and D. P. Rickard.

Committee on finance: Maude Helton, Lula Strickland and Mamie Lambert.

SIXTH

Called for partial report of committee on devotions, received the following stand to be filled Friday night by J. W. Phillips, followed by D. W. Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by moderator, D. W. Jones, song by choir and prayer by D. W. Jones.

Then called for second report of committee on devotion. Received the following: resolved that Rev. R. A. Johnson preach Saturday at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Song by choir and prayer by Moderator, D. W. Jones.

FIRST

Resolved that we adopt the articles of faith as approved by the National Association of Freewill Baptists at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 7th, 1935, and that the same be printed in our minutes.

The above resolution was adopted.

SECOND

Resolved that we send Rev. D. W. Jones and Rev. G. P. Mayo as visiting delegates to the Northeast Miss. Association.

The above resolution was adopted.

THIRD

Called for final reports of all committees, received reports as follows.

We, your committee on devotion, beg leave to report as follows: stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. G. P. Mayo, followed by Rev. R. A. Johnson.

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Saturday morning by Rev. R. A. Johnson, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

W. D. Penna,
J. J. Whittemore,
C. H. Lambert.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows: we have on hand \$17.20 for minute funds.

Lula Strickland,
Maudie Helton,
Minnie Lambert.

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: Bros. Joseph Lambert, Jackson Lambert and Sister Martha Maddox and Sister Ashcraft, whose loss we deeply mourn, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Lona Rowsey.

Maudie Epperson.

We, your committee on sabbath schools, beg leave to report as follows: We find only one Sunday school which is at Antioch church.

Lula Stricklin,

Lona Rowsey.

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

W. J. Rhoads,

Fay Nixon,

W. W. White.

We, your committee on resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved that we hold our next association with Antioch church and that Rev. D. W. Jones preach the introductory sermon and that he shall choose his alternate. Further be it resolved that we tender our thanks to the people of New Lebanon church and community for the fine way in which they have cared for us during our stay with them.

Sherman Lambert,

W. T. Abel.

Reports received and committees discharged. The association then entered into the election of its officers which resulted in the election of Rev. G. P. Mayo, Moderator and D. C. Lambert, Clerk, for the associational year. The association then took the parting hand to meet at the time and place above mentioned.

D. W. Jones, Moderator,

D. C. Lambert, Clerk.

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.

Petitionary Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at send this, our Petitionary

Letter, to the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown 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 personal care of our Church for the ensuing year. No. of deacons.....; No. of ministers.....; Clerk's 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 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 recommendation.....; dismissed by letter.....; expelled.....; death..... Total membership.....; contributions \$ We have elected Elder to the pastoral care of our Church for the ensuing year. No. of dea-

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CONSTITUTION

Be it known, that we, The Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, being in Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties, in Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the 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 independ-ent of each other; that congregational form of church govern-ment 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 produc-ing letter, from their respective churches certifying their ap-pointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The letter so produced shall express the condition of these churches respectively; that is, the members in fellow-ship, the members received, 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 church which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly in con-duct 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 re-spective churches if found orderly and orthodox; such a recep-tion shall be manifested by giving the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. *Baptism*, or the immersion of believers in water, and the *Lord's Supper*, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; *Feet Washing*, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. RESURRECTION JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Address of Church Clerks

Antioch—Dorothy Garrett, Burnsville, Miss.
Little Brown—Della Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.
New Lebanon—Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.
Martin Hill—Banner Martin, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.
Macedonia, Lona Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4.

Address of Ministers

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.
J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6.
D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 3.
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., Rt. 6.
New Lebanon—M. B. Parsons, Dennis, Miss.
Martin Hill—Roy Nicholson, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6.
Macedonia—J. J. Whittemore, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTIONS										
		Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	Received by Recommendation	Received by Letters	Received by Exp. and Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Macedonia -----	Lona Rowsey, Tom Abel -----	2	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	31	\$ 1.75
Antioch -----	Frank Lambert, Maudie Epperson -----	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	145	3.00
Little Brown -----	W. W. White, W. J. Rhoads -----	2	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	77	3.25
New Lebanon -----	G. W. Davis, D. P. Rickard -----	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	79	5.20
Martin Hill -----	W. D. Penna -----	3	0	2	0	1	14	0	6	2	229	4.00
Total Contributions												\$17.20