

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**Little Brown Creek
Association**
of the
FREEWILL BAPTISTS



Held With
LITTLE BROWN CHURCH
On Friday before the first Lord's Day in
SEPTEMBER, 1941



REV. G. P. MAYO, Moderator
D. C. LAMBERT, Clerk

Next meeting to be held with New Lebanon Church, on Friday
Before the first Lord's Day in September, 1942.

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Pursuant to adjournment, 1941, opened with song by choir and prayer by Bro. L. E. Duncan. Introductory sermon by Rev. R. V. Guyton.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Called to order by G. P. Mayo, Moderator. Song by choir and prayer by J. B. Moss. Reading Clerks appointed as follows: Launer Lambert and Willie Felker.

Called for letters from various churches. Received by letter and delegations as follows: New Lebanon—G. W. Davis, C. H. Lambert and J. W. McCanally; Antioch—Mose Johnson, Mary Smith and Dorothy Garrett; Little Brown—Mrs. Ada Pierce, Mrs. Myrtes Mayo and Mrs. Mary Bell Mayo; Martin Hill—Arthur Dunnahoo, Mrs. Arthur Dunnahoo, Mrs. Ardie Martin, Mrs. Homer Williams; Macedonia—Tom Able and Buddie Howell; Mt. Pisgah—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ashby, and Austin Huddleston.

SECOND

Called for letters from sister associations, and received none.

THIRD

Called for delegates from sister association and received Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Duncan of the Northeast Mississippi Association.

FOURTH

Invited visiting brethren and received none.

FIFTH

Moderator appointed following committees:

Minutes of Little Brown Creek Association

Committee on Arrangement of Business—Homer Lambert, J. J. Whittimore and G. W. Denton.

Committee on Devotion—

Committee on Obituary—Ada Pierce, Mrs. Myrtes Mayo.

Committee on Finance—W. W. White and W. D. Penny.

Committee on Resolution—C. M. Fe'ker and J. B. Mayo.

SIXTH

Called for partial report of Committee on Devotions, received the following: Stand to be filled Friday night by Rev. J. B. Moss, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator G. P. Mayo, song by choir and prayer by Rev. R. V. Guyton.

Then called for second report on Committee on Devotion.

Received the following: Resolved that R. V. Guyton preach at 11:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

FIRST

Resolved that we send D. C. Lambert and W. J. Roades to the Northeast Mississippi Association and empower them to help to form a Mississippi State Association.

SECOND

Called for final report 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. R. V. Guyton, Friday night by Rev. J. B. Moss,, followed by G. P. Mayo. Saturday morning by Rev. R. V. Guyton.

Committee—

G. W. Davis

J. W. McCanally

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our body and

taken two of our beloved sisters: New Lebanon, Mrs. Esther Blue; Macedonia—Lou Smith.

Committee—

Myrtes Mayo
Willie Felker

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$18.50 for Minute Funds.

Committee—

W. W. White
W. D. Penna

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved, that we hold the next Association with New Lebanon Church, and that Rev. J. B. Moss preach the introductory sermon and Rev. R. V. Guyton his alternate. Further, be it resolved, that we tender our thanks to the people of Little Brown Church and community for the fine way in which they have cared for us during our stay with them.

Committee—

J. B. Moss
C. M. Felker

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

Committee—

REV. G. P. MAYO, Moderator.
D. C. LAMBERT, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Jack Lambert, Booneville, Miss.
Little Brown—Mrs. Dello Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5
New Lebanon—Mrs. Fay Nixon, Iuka, Miss., Rt. 3
Martin Hill—Gardner Walden, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5
Mt. Pisgah—Mamie Livingston, Rienzi, Miss.
Macedonia—Emma Childers, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 5

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route 5
J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Route 6
D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Route 3
G. H. Harber, Booneville, Miss.
Ernest G. Woods, Corinth, Miss., Route 3
J. C. Beasley, Booneville, Miss.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH DEACONS

Little Brown—Webb White, Booneville, Miss., Route 6
New Lebanon—M. B. Parsons, Dennis, Miss.
Martin Hill—Roy Nicholson, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6
Macedonia—J. J. Whittemore, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4
Antioch—Frank Lambert, Burnsville, Miss.
Mt. Pisgah—J. A. Ashley, Booneville, Miss.

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 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 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 mebership.....; 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 THE 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 Deacons.....; No. of Ministers.....; Clerk's address.....; Moderator's address.....

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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 Atonement. We have been baptised 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 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, 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 the 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 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.

A R T I C L E S O F F A I T H

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; 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 affected for 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, free 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 freely.

12. PERSEVERENCE. 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".

