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



HELD WITH
MT. PISGAH CHURCH
On Friday Before the First Lord's Day in
SEPTEMBER, 1945



G. P. MAYO, Moderator
D. W. JONES, Clerk

Next meeting will be held with Jones Chapel Church, on Friday before
the First Lord's Day in September, 1946

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Pursuant to adjournment, 1945, the Association opened with a song by the choir and prayer and the introductory sermon by Rev. L. M. Wigginton.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator. The Association then entered into the election of a Clerk which resulted in the election of D. W. Jones. Reading Clerks appointed as follows: Gordon Carpenter, Enice Searcy.

In response to a call for letters the following were received by letter and delegation. Antioch—Tom Bray, Lonnie Powers and Oscar Jones; New Lebanon—W. M. McCoy, Joe McCoy, Homer Lambert and Mrs. Robert Greer and Grace Ashby; Jones Chapel—J. D. Jones, B. F. Lambert and Guy Jones; Macedonia—Millard Childers, Annie Bell Childers and Audie Rowsey; Martin Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, Lee Dobbs and Cole Carpenter; Little Brown—W. J. Rhoads, Jess Hatcock and Lula Stricklin.

Letters received and Delegation seated.

Called for letters from sister Associations and received none.

Invited visiting bretheren and received one, Brother Bert Smith.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Committee on arrangement of business—Gordon Waldron, J. J. Whittemore and Joe McCoy.

Committee on Devotion—Gordon Carpenter and Albert Tollar.

Committee on Obituary—George Martin and Dewey Wright.

Committee on Finance—Cole Carpenter and J. H. Jones.

Committee on Resolutions—Erwin Searcy and Lafayette Lambert.

Committee on Sabbath School—Grace Ashby and Rosie Livingston.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called to order by Moderator, Song by choir, prayer by W. M. McCoy. Propetuated the Union which was found good.

A petitionary letter was presented by Jones Chapel Church which was accepted by vote of the delegated body and extending the right hand of fellowship to its representatives. The following Resolutions were then adopted:

Resolve that we require each church to make an annual financial report to the Association including pastor salary and all funds collected for religious work including value of church property.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Song by choir and prayer by J. J. Whittemore.

Resolve that we hold 5th Sunday meetings in the incoming Association year at the various churches as follows:

Macedonia—September 30, 1945

New Lebanon—December 30, 1945

Antioch—March 31, 1946

Little Brown—June 30, 1946.

and that we elect a Moderator to arrange the programs and to preside over these meetings, which election resulted in the election of Rev. D. W. Jones.

Resolved that we appoint Rev. L. M. Wigginton and Rev. D. W. Jones as home missionaries for the Little Brown Creek Association and that they shall have a right and it shall be their duty at their convenience to visit any and all churches in the Association making special appointments and shall assist the local pastor at his request and be it further resolved that they visit other churches and Associations and solicit ministerial aid for our Association and that they shall keep a record of their work and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Resolved that we have printed in our Minutes a table showing statistics of our Sunday School work, the number enrolled, our attendance, number conversions from the Sunday School classes.

Call for final reports on all committees and received reports as follows:

We, your Committee on Devotion beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. L. M. Wigginton followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo, Friday evening by Rev. D. W. Jones followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo Saturday morning by Rev. L. M. Wigginton followed by Rev. D. W. Jones.

Committee,
A. Z. Tollar
Gordon Carpenter

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our body and taken four of our beloved members: Little Brown, Brother Bill Bailey and Sister Maudie Bailey; Mt. Pisgah, Rev. G. W. Harber; Antioch, Sister Almeda Skelton.

Committee,
G. W. Martin
Dewey Wright

We, your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows: We have on hand \$31.70 for Minute funds.

Committee,
Cole Carpenter
J. D. Jones

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: We find we have in our Association four Sabbath Schools: Martin Hill, New Lebanon, Antioch and Little Brown. We prayerfully hope that other churches will arrange and establish Sunday Schools at an early date.

Committee,
Grace Ashby
Rosie Livingston

We, your Committee on Arrangements of Business, beg leave to report as follows: We have carefully drafted all Business that came before us and beg to be discharged.

Committee,
J. J. Whittemore
Gordon Waldron
Joe McCoy

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolved that we hold the next Association with Jones Chapel Church and that G. P. Mayo preach the introductory sermon. Further be it resolved that we render our thanks to the people of Mt. Pisgah Church and Community for the fine way in which they cared for us during our stay with them.

Committee
Erwin Searcy
B. F. Lambert

The Association then entered into the election of a Moderator which resulted in the election of Rev. G. P. Mayo. The Association then took the parting hand to meet at the time and place at the above mentioned.

MARTIN HILL — STATISTICAL REPORT

Paid pastor, \$298.40; Improvement on church building, \$600.00; Labor donated, 60 days; Balance in treasury, \$9.75; Charity funds collected, \$38.94; Spent, \$30.00; Balance in treasury, \$8.94; Sunday School enrollment, 51; Our attendance, 40; Collection, \$61.79.

NEW LEBANON — STATISTICAL REPORT

Paid pastor, \$165.37; Paid helper, \$72.50; Average Sunday School attendance, 49; In the Sunday School Treasure \$37.00.

ANTIOCH — STATISTICAL REPORT

Paid pastor, \$82.00; Paid helper, \$32.00; Sunday School enrollment, 61; Average attendance, 35; Collection, \$22.10.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Mrs. Alma Lambert, Burnsville, Miss.
Little Brown—Mrs. Myrtle Mayo, Marietta, Miss.
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Guy Jones, Booneville, Miss.
New Lebanon—Roland McCoy, Holcut, Miss.
Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4.
Mt. Pisgah—Mamie Livingston, Booneville, Miss.
Martin Hill—Gordon Carpenter, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.
J. B. Moss—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6.
D. W. Jones—Corinth, Miss., Rt. 4.
J. C. Beasley—Booneville, Miss.
L. M. Wigginton—Paden, Miss., Rt. 1.

EARNEST WOOD—CORINTH MISS., RT. 3.

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 pastoral 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 seat in council. 6—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 obituaries. 14—Call for report of committee on arrangement of business. 15—Call for report of committee on resolutions. 17—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 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; Clerks address; Moderator's address

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 Atonement. We have been baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, we are desirous of being 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 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 the fellowship, the members received, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The body shall have no conceived power to lord it over God's heritage, or intringe 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 concern of the churches.

4. The Association is to give the best advice it can on all matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between any of the churches, the Association shall inquire into the cause of the 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament 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 Scripture 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 manifested in 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 effected 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 in 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 communication 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 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."

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meetings	Rec. by Recommendation	Rec. By Letter	Rec. By Exp. and Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill	Walter Penna, Cole Carpenter	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	2	0	252	\$ 6.55
Mt. Pisgah	Willie Livingston, Grace Ashby	4	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	1	40	3.00
Macedonia	Andie Rowsey, Millard Childers	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	4.00
New Lebanon	Wadney McCoy, Homer Lambert	1	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	120	4.60
Jones Chapel	Guy Jones, B. F. Lambert	2	0	4	12	0	1	0	0	0	13	3.00
Little Brown	W. J. Rhodes, Lula Strickland	3	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	2	82	4.15
Anitoch	Lonnie Powers, Oscar Jones	1	1	2	0	3	11	0	0	1	174	6.15