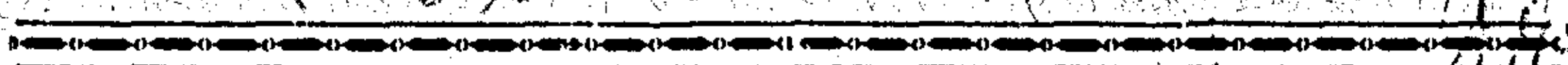


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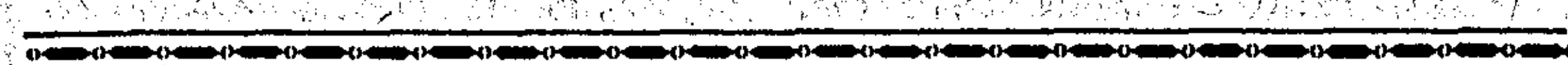
HELD WITH
JONES CHAPEL CHURCH

On Friday Before the First Lord's Day in
SEPTEMBER, 1946

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REV. L. M. WIGGINTON, Moderator
D. W. JONES, Clerk

Next meeting will be held with Martin Hill Church, on Friday
before the First Lord's Day in September, 1947



MINUTES
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FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Pursuant to adjournment, 1946, the Association opened with song, directed by D. W. Jones and Joe Moss. Prayer by Rev. Tobe Barnett, and the introductory sermon by Rev. R. A. Johnson.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association was called to order by D. W. Jones, who acted as chairman for the election of a moderator, which resulted in the election of Rev. L. M. Wigginton, in place of Rev. G. P. Mayo who asked to be released.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Joe Moss and Wadney McCoy.

In response to a call for letters, the following were received by letter and delegation:

1. Jones Chapel—Guy Jones, Alma Jackson and Mrs. Vada King.
2. New Lebanon—Man McAnally, Joe McCoy, Wadney McCoy and Sidney Whitehead.
3. Martin Hill—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Walden.
4. Little Brown—Mrs. Martha Pierce, W. J. Rhoads, Milton Rhoads, and George M. Denson.
5. Antioch—Mrs. Earnest Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lambert, and Dorothy Garrett.
6. Mt. Pisgah—Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stacy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Livingston.
7. Macedonia—Audie Rowsey, Louise Whittemore and Anna Bell Childers.

Letters received and delegation seated.

Called for letters from Sister Associations and received none.

Invited visiting brethren, and received two: Rev. R. A. Johnson, from the Tennessee River Association, and Rev. Tobe Barnett of the Missionary Baptist.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

- On Arrangements of Business—W. J. Rhoads, J. J. Whittemore, Joe McCoy.
- On Devotion—Gordon Carpenter and Wadney McCoy.
- On Obituary—C. C. Carpenter and Sidney Whitehead.
- On Finance—Man McAnally and Lafayette Lambert.
- On Resolutions—Mrs. C. C. Carpenter and Mrs. George Murphy.
- On Sabbath Day Schools—Mrs. Willie Livingston and Lola Stacy.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After song and prayer, perpetuated the union which was found good. The Moderator declared the association ready for business. The committee on Arrangements assembled to draft resolutions of business while the congregation listened to Bible talks by Rev. W. E. Armstrong and Rev. Earnest Wood.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Resolved that we have the following program of holding church conference printed in our minutes.

1. Call the church to order.
2. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Is the church at peace?
4. Invite visiting brethren.
5. Any unfinished business?
6. Any new business?
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Motion to adjourn.

Resolved that we purchase land and build a home. Said home to be the property of the Little Brown Creek Association and to be used for a dwelling place for a minister or ministers whose pastoral work shall be in the said association, the purchasing of building and managing of this home is to be transacted by a board of seven members, one chosen from each church in the association, the term of office shall be from one to seven years, in order as they are chosen, the association to fill the vacancy at its annual meeting.

Names of present members of this board: G. S. Murphy, D. C. Lambert, Gordon Walden, Oscar Jones, J. J. Whittemore, W. J. Rhoads and J. D. Jones.

Resolved that we hold Fifth Sunday meetings in the following order:

Mt. Pisgah—September 29, 1946.

Martin Hill—December 29, 1946.

Jones Chapel—March 30, 1947.

Macedonia—June 29, 1947.

And that D. W. Jones shall be the moderator.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Martin Hill—Paid pastor \$258.63; visiting preachers \$143.18; Improvements on church \$43.50; Pianist \$20.00—Total paid out \$465.31. Balance in treasury \$16.95; Value of church property \$2500.00.

Mt. Pisgah—Paid pastor \$113.03; paid helper \$33.18; paid organist \$17.00; repair on building \$281.75; total paid out \$445.96; Value of church property \$2500.00.

Jones Chapel—Paid pastor \$74.38; paid helper \$13.90; total \$98.28; Value of church property \$2500.00.

Little Brown—Paid pastor \$50.95.

Macedonia—Paid pastor \$70.46; paid helper \$13.10; total \$83.56.

New Lebanon—Paid pastor \$127.48; paid helper \$64.08; total \$191.56.

Antioch—Paid pastor \$44.99; paid helper \$26.50; total \$71.49.

Called for reports of all committees and secured reports as follows:

X We, your committee on Devotion beg leave to report as follows:
Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. R. A. Johnson, followed
by Rev. Tobe Barnett. Friday afternoon by Rev. W. E. Armstrong,
followed by Rev. Tobe Barnett; Friday night by Rev. Earnest Wood,
followed by Rev. Tobe Barnett; Saturday morning by Rev. W. E.
Armstrong, followed by Rev. Earnest Wood.

Committee:

WADNEY McCOY
GORDON CARPENTER.

We your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows:
We find that death has visited our body and taken one of our be-
loved members from Martin Hill church, Bro. Eob Lambert.

Committee:

SIDNEY WHITEHEAD,
C. C. CARPENTER.

We, your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We
have on hand \$42.44 for minute funds.

Committee:

B. F. LAMBERT,
J. W. McANALLY.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as
follows:

We find that we have in our Association, four Sabbath Schools:
Martin Hill, New Lebanon, Antioch and Little Brown. We prayer-
fully insist that other churches will establish schools at an early date.

Committee:

MRS. LOLA STACY,
MRS. WILLIE 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 asked to be discharged.

Committee:

JOE McCOY,
W. J. RHOADS.
J. J. WHITEMORE.

We, your committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:
Resolved that we hold our next meeting of the Association with
Martin Hill Church, four miles east of Booneville, Miss., and that
Rev. D. W. Jones preach the introductory sermon; and further be it
resolved that we tender our thanks to the people of Jones Chapel
church and community for the fine way in which they have cared
for us.

Committee:

MRS. SALLIE CARPENTER,
MRS. GEORGE MURPHY.

X The Association then entered into the election of its officers, which
resulted in the election of D. W. Jones, Moderator; D. C. Lambert,
Clerk. The Association then took the parting hand to meet with
Martin Hill church on Friday before the first Sunday in September,
1947.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

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

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.
J. B. Moss—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6—Inactive.
D. W. Jones—Corinth, Miss., Rt. 4.
L. M. Wigginton—Paden, Miss., Rt. 1.
Earnest Wood—Corinth, Miss., Rt. 3.
W. E. Armstrong, 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 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....., withmembers. 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. 7—Appoint committee on Finance. 8—Committee on obituaries. 9—Committee on resolutions. 10—Call for report of committee on devotion. 11—Call for report of committee on obituaries. 12—Call for report of committee on arrangements of business. 13—Call for report of committee on resolutions. 14—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

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 No. of deacons.....; No. of ministers.....; Clerk's ad-
 dress.....; 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 are 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 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 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 representative presenting a letter from their respective churches if found orderly and orthodox; such a reception shall be manifested by 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 invariable 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 affected 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, 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. 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 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 Meeting	Received by Recommendation	Received by Letter	Rec'd. by Exp. and Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill	Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, Gordon Walden	4	1	1	0	4	21	0	0	1	268	\$10.30
Mt. Pisgah	G. S. Murphy, Henry Stacy	4	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	44	5.00
Macedonia	Louise Whittemore, Audie Rowsey	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	3.50
New Lebanon	Man McAnally, Joe McCoy	1	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	7.15
Jones Chapel	Guy Jones, Alma Jackson	2	0	4	0	3	4	0	0	0	20	4.65
Little Brown	Martha Pierce, J. W. Rhoads	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	5.72
Antioch	Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Wood	1	1	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	186	5.40

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