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of the  
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
*Little Brown Creek*  
*Association*  
of the  
FREEWILL BAPTIST

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HELD WITH  
BURGESS CREEK CHURCH  
On Friday Before the First Lord's Day in  
SEPTEMBER, 1948

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L. M. WIGGINTON, Moderator  
MAUDIE MAE EPPERSON, Clerk

Next meeting will be held with New Lebanon Church on  
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Pursuant to adjournment, 1948, the Association opened with a song, directed by Bert Smith and Rev. Benton Moss. Prayer by Bro. Pitt Reynolds and the Introductory Sermon by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Association was called to order by Moderator.

Reading Clerks were appointed as follows: Sidney Whitehead and Joe McCoy.

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

1. Martin Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Penna, Albert Turner and Talmadge McCoy.
2. Mt. Pisgah—Lola Stacy, Dollie Murphy and Mrs. Albert Taylor.
3. Macedonia—Opal Nash, Audie Rowsey, Louise Whittemore and Annie Bell Childers.
4. New Lebanon—Leamon Brown, Wadney McCoy and Eval Wright.
5. Jones Chapel—Cephas Jones, Guy Jones and Elzie Jones.
6. Little Brown—Martha Pierce, Humbert Rhoades and Dillard Fay Pierce.
7. Antioch—Jim Lambert, Buster Honeycutt, Lona Honeycutt and Maudie Mae Epperson.
8. Burgess Creek—Emma Nichols, George Lambert and Hazel Gentle.

Letters were received and delegation seated. Called for letters from Sister Association and received none.

Invited visiting brethren and received two: Rev. M. L. Hollis and Bro. Pitt Reynolds.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements of Business—J. J. Whittemore, Humbert Rhoades and Bro. McCoy.

On Devotion—J. R. Issabol and Fate Lambert.

On Obituary—Mrs. Lola Stacy and Mrs. Elzie Jones.

On Finance—George Lambert and Leamon Brown.

On Resolutions—Mrs. Hazel Gentle and Mrs. Zula Lambert.

On Sabbath Schools—Mrs. C. C. Carpenter and Mrs. Dollie Murphy.

After a brief Devotional exercise song directed by Rev. Benton Moss, followed by prayer by Mrs. Lona Honeycutt Rev. M. L. Hollis, with the assistance of Rev. G. P. Mayo and Rev. L. M. Wigginton, performed the ordination of six Deacons. They were as follows: D. C. Lambert, Sidney Whitehead, Joe McCoy, Wadney McCoy and Gobern Lambert of New Lebanon Church; and Buster Honeycutt of Antioch church.

Following this impressive ordination, Rev. W. E. Armstrong and Rev. Henry Stacy delivered brief, but interesting Bible talks.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

After a song and prayer, the Union was perpetuated and found to be unexcelled.

Visiting brethren were invited. Received two: Rev. Whitfield Phillips and Rev. R. A. Johnson.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business. The Committee on Arrangements assembled to draft resolutions of business, while the congregation listened to gospel messages by Rev. L. M. Wigginton and Rev. R. A. Johnson.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Mt. Pisgah—October 31, 1948.

Jones Chapel—January 30, 1949.

Antioch—May 29, 1949.

Martin Hill—July 31, 1949.

And that H. C. Stacy shall be the Moderator.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Martin Hill—Paid pastor \$274.95; visiting preacher \$68.80.

Mt. Pisgah—Paid pastor \$75.00; helper Rev. Price, \$25.00.

Macedonia—Paid pastor \$113.15; helper, \$15.00.

New Lebanon—Paid pastor \$325.00.

Jones Chapel—Paid pastor \$110.37; helper, \$23.65.

Value of church property, \$2500.00.

Little Brown—Paid pastor \$27.75.

Antioch—Paid pastor \$100.65; helpers, \$65.50. Improvement on church \$213.13. Value of church property, \$2500.00.

Burgess Creek—Paid pastor \$38.00; helpers \$42.80.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. M. L. Hollis. Friday night by Rev. Henry Stacy, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo. Saturday morning by Rev. L. M. Wigginton, followed by Rev. R. A. Johnson.

Committee:

J. R. ISSABOL

FATE LAMBERT

We, your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report as follows:  
We find that death has visited our body and taken three of our beloved brethern and one sister in Christ: Bro. Carol Davis, New Lebanon; Bro. Onnie George and Bro. Cullen Honeycutt of Antioch and Sister Hester Jones of Jones Chapel church.

Committee:

MRS. ELZIE JONES  
MRS. LOLA STACY

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:  
We have on hand \$41.30 for minute funds.

Committee:

LEAMON BROWN  
GEORGE LAMBERT

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

We find that we have in our association four Sabbath School, Martin Hill, Burgess Creek, Antioch and New Lebanon. We prayerfully insist that other churches will organize schools in the very near future. New Lebanon is to be congratulated for an average of 51 pupils every Sunday during the year.

Committee:

MRS. DOLLIE MURPHY  
MRS. C. C. CARPENTER

We, your committee on Arrangements of Business, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully drafted all business that came before us and ask to be discharged.

Committee:

J. J. WHITEMORE  
JOE McCOY  
BRO. RHOADES

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

Resolved that we hold our next meeting of the Association with New Lebanon church, two miles west of Holcut, and that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach the Introductory Sermon, and further be it resolved that we tender our thanks to the people of Burgess Creek church and community for their friendship and the nice way in which they cared for everyone.

Committee:

MRS. HAZEL GENTLE  
MRS. GEORGE LAMBERT

The Association then entered into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of Rev. G. P. Mayo, Moderator; Maudie Mae Epperson, Clerk. The Association then took the parting hand to meet with New Lebanon church on Friday before the First Sunday in September, 1949.



## ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.  
Little Brown—Mrs. Myrtis Mayo, Marietta, Miss.  
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Guy Jones, Booneville, Miss.  
New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.  
Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss.  
Mr. Pisgah—Mamie Livingston, Booneville, Miss.  
Martin Hill—Gordon Carpenter, Booneville, Miss.  
Burgess Creek—Mrs. Olen Nichols, Paden, Miss.

## ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

G. P. Mayo—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.  
J. B. Moss—Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6—Inactive.  
D. W. Jones—Corinth, Miss., Rt. 1.  
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 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 Baptist, 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 brethern, 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.....

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## PROGRAM FOR HOLDING ASSOCIATION

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

## 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  
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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 member-  
ship.....; contributions \$..... We have elected Elder  
.....to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year.  
No. of deacons.....; No. of ministers.....; Clerk's ad-  
dress.....; Moderator's address.....

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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 be-  
lieve in the doctrines of the General Atonement. We have been bap-  
tized 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 government should be invar-  
iably 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 letters from  
their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be en-  
titled 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 con-  
sent 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 the right hand of fellowship.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **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 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 JUDGEMENT 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."



## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	Rec'd by Recommendation	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Exp. and Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill.....	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Penna, Albert Turner and Talmadge McCoy.....	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	272	\$6.60
Mt. Pisgah.....	Lola Stacy, Dollie Murphy and Mrs. Albert Taylor.....	4	1	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	51	7.40
Macedonia.....	Opal Nash, Louise Whittemore, Annie Bell Childers and Audie Rowsey.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	3.00
New Lebanon.....	Leamon Brown, Wadney McCoy and Eval Wriight.....	6	3	4	0	20	62	0	0	1	239	5.50
Jones Chapel.....	Cephas Jones, Mrs. Elzie Jones and Guy Jones.....	2	0	4	0	1	13	0	0	1	37	7.60
Little Brown.....	Void Holley, Humbert Rhoades, Martha Pierce and Dillard Fay Pierce..	3	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	83	5.00
Antioch.....	Jim Lambert, Mrs. Lona Honeycutt and Buster Honeycutt.....	3	0	2	0	0	9	0	6	2	193	3.20
Burgess Creek.....	Emma Nichols, George Lambert and Hazel Gentle.....	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	17	3.00

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