

Minutes
of the
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
**LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION**

of the
FREEWILL BAPTIST



**HELD WITH
LITTLE BROWN CREEK CHURCH**

**On Friday Before the First Lord's Day in
SEPTEMBER, 1950**



**D. W. JONES, Moderator
MAUDIE MAE EPPERSON, Clerk**

**Next meeting will be held with Mt. Pisgah Church on Friday
before the First Lord's Day in September, 1951**

MINUTES
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We, the ministers and messengers composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Freewill Baptist convened with Little Brown Church on September 1-2, 1950, and transacted the following church matters:

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song—"Promised Land" directed by Rev. D. W. Jones, Pianist, Elizabeth Green. Prayer: Rev. G. P. Mayo.

The association was called to order by Moderator, D. W. Jones.

Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Bro. George Denson and Bro. Jack Hill.

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

1. **Martin Hill**—Carl Huddleston, Robert Dodds, Earl Adams, Lee Chase.
2. **Mt. Pisgah**—Gene Garvin, Rubel Garvin, Gerdest Walker.
3. **Macedonia**—Opal Nash, Louise Whittemore, Audie Rowsey.
4. **New Lebanon**—Jack Hill, Charles McCoy, James Sparks.
5. **Jones Chapel**—Elsie Jones, Bro. A. Z. Carpenter, Bro. Barney Davis.
6. **Little Brown**—W. J. Rhoads, Voyd Holley, Ada Pierce, Lula Strickland, Eva Beard, Humbert Rhoads.
7. **Antioch**—Arlie Cummings, Dave Woods, Jim Lambert, Lonnie Powers, Lee Robinson, Alma Lambert.
8. **Burgess Creek**—Hazel Gentles, Ada Alread, Lera McAnally.

Letters were received and delegation seated. Called for letters from Sister Association. Received, and happy to accept, a letter from the Northeast Mississippi Freewill Association. The letter was presented to the association by W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan, Clerk.

Invited visiting brethren and received four—Bro. J. E. Martin, Hornersville, Mo.; Rev. Whitfield Phillips, from Tennessee River Association; Rev. Keaton, Red Bay, Ala.; Rev. Ralph Staten, Red Bay, Ala.

Later two more were received—Bro. W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan of Northeast Mississippi Association.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. On Arrangements of Business—Bro. J. D. Jones, Bro. Carpenter, Bro. Lonnie Powers.
2. On Devotion—Bro. D. C. Lambert, Bro. W. J. Rhoads.
3. On Obituary—Mary White, Lula Strickland, Ada Pierce.
4. On Finance—Bro. J. J. Whittemore, Bro. V. D. Holley.
5. On Resolutions—Opal Nash, Sister George Lambert, Hazel Gentles.
6. On Sabbath Schools—Mary White, Elzie Jones.

Adjournment was made until 1:30 o'clock, to give time for the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Ralph Staten from Red Bay, Ala., delivered the inspiring message. His text was taken from Ephesians 6th chapter and 6th verse, and the subject used was "Great Powers for Our Spiritual Life."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with song service conducted by the following directors: Rev. D. W. Jones, Bro. W. G. Prude, Bro. Prince, Rev. Ralph Staten, Brother Gordon Carpenter, Bro. Lonnie Powers, and Rev. Benton Moss.

Moderator called for a report from Devotional Committee: The report was a request for Rev. Keaton to deliver the 2:00 o'clock message and that Rev. H. C. Stacey be followed by Rev. C. P. Bray in the evening service.

After Rev. Keaton's inspiring message, the Association adjourned to meet Saturday 10:00 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song—directed by D. W. Jones. Pianist—Gordon Carpenter. Prayer Rev. L. M. Wigginton.

Roll call by Moderator—Several delegates were absent on account of bad weather. It was deemed necessary by those present, that we postpone the business affairs of the Association until more delegates arrived. This space of time was well filled by Rev. Whitfield Phillips, who delivered a wonderful message on "The Open Door."

After the message, the Association was declared ready for business. The committee on Arrangements of Business presented its report: Resolve that we continue our Fifth Sunday meetings. This resolution was re-accepted, and the Association resolved that we hold Fifth Sunday meetings in the following order:

Mt. Pisgah—October 29, 1950.

Burgess Creek—December 31, 1950.

Little Brown—April 29, 1951.

Antioch—July 29, 1951.

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

This committee also asked that the minister of each church in the Association collect not only minute funds, but additional funds to be set aside as **Associational Funds**, to be used to finance the needs of the Association.

This resolution passed. A collection of \$7.31 was made to this fund. It was decided that the clerk of the Association act also as Treasurer of the Association.

Other committee reports were:

We, your committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. Ralph Staten; Friday afternoon by Rev. Keaton; Friday night by Rev. H. C. Stacey, followed by Rev. C. P. Bray; and Saturday morning by Rev. Whitfield Phillips.

Committee: Bro. D. C. Lambert, Bro. W. J. Rhoads.

We, your committee on Obituary beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our body and taken fourteen of our beloved ones as follows:

Little Brown—Bro. Bill McCoy, Sister Mandy Holley.

New Lebanon—Bro. Willie Sappington, Bro. Cody Linton, Bro. Dewey Wright, Bro. Alek Boley.

Antioch—Bro. Crystal Gaines, Sister Virgie Gaines, Sister Lillie Wigginton, Sister Onie Blakney, Bro. Bill Walker, Bro. Charley Lambert, Bro. Lee Lambert.

Mt. Pisgah—Sister Lillie Johnson.

Committee: Ada Pierce, Lula Strickland.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$51.15 for minute funds.

Committee: V. D. Holley, J. J. Whittemore.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools present the following report: We find that we have five Sabbath Schools in our Association. They are: Burgess Creek, New Lebanon, Antioch, Martin Hill, and Mt. Pisgah. Our sincere desire is that ever church in the Association will organize Sunday Schools in the very near future.

Committee: Sister Mary White, Sister Elzie Jones.

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

Committee: Bro. Lonnie Powers, Bro. J. D. Jones, Bro. Carpenter.

We your committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows: Resolve that we continue to pay the clerk of our Association \$10.00 each year for the writing of the minutes.

Resolve that we hold our next meeting of the Association with Mt. Pisgah Church, and that Rev. C. P. Bray preach the Introductory Sermon, and further be it resolved that we tender our thanks to the people of Little Brown Church and community for their friendship, and the nice way in which they cared for everyone.

Committee: Opal Nash, Sister George Lambert, Hazel Gentles.

The Association then entered into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of Rev. C. P. Bray, Moderator; Retained, Maudie Mae Epperson, Clerk.

Just before dismissal Rev. L. M. Wigginton prayed a most impressive prayer in behalf of our Nation.

The Association then took the parting hand to meet with Mt. Pisgah Church on Friday before the First Sunday in September, 1951.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

MARTIN HILL—Paid pastor, \$274.95; pair Helper, \$336.76; Visiting Preacher, \$124.19; 1 load of gravel, \$10.00; Song books, \$38.50; Singing expense, \$10.00; Sunday School and bus expenses \$171.49; Minute money, \$6.62; Total Expenses \$972.51. In church treasury \$85.42.

MT. PISGAH—Paid pastor, \$65.30; Helper, \$59.80; Sunday School enrollment, 67; \$15.45 in Sunday School treasury.

MACEDONIA—Paid pastor, \$24.89; Paid helper \$50.35.

NEW LEBANON—Paid pastor, \$537.00; Paid helper, \$81.50; In church treasury, \$212.27; Sunday School enrollment, 125; Sunday School collection, \$205.72; Sunday School expenses, \$169.77; Sunday School Treasury, \$35.95.

JONES CHAPEL—Paid pastor, \$78.97; Paid helper, \$40.00; Value of church property, \$2500.

LITTLE BROWN—Paid pastor, \$47.50; Paid helper, \$29.86.

ANTIOCH—Paid pastor, \$175.10; Paid helpers approximately \$50.00; Sunday School Enrollment; Sunday School collection, \$90.21; Sunday School expenses \$21.47; In Sunday School Treasury \$68.74.

BURGESS CREEK—Paid pastor, \$19.00; Paid helper, \$44.20; Value of church property \$3500.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.

Little Brown—Lula Denson, New Site, Miss.

Jones Chapel—Mrs. Guy Jones, Booneville, Miss.

New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.

Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss.

Mt. Pisgah—Mamie Livingston, Booneville, Miss.

Martin Hill—Mrs. Lola Mae Walden, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5

Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Holcut, Miss.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

1. G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5.

2. J. B. Moss, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6—Inactive.
D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 1.

3. L. M. Wigginton, Paden, Miss., Rt. 1.

4. Ernest Wood, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 3.

5. W. E. Armstrong, Booneville, Miss.

6. Calvin Bray, Russellville, Ala.

7. Pitt Reynolds, Burnsville, Miss., Rt. 1.

8. H. C. Stacey, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 4.

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 God 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 CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Reading of minutes of preceeding meeting.
3. Is the church at peace?
4. Inviting visiting brethren.
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 _____ 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 _____. Clerk's 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 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 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 letters 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 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 infallable 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 Scripture 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 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 communications 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—LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	Rec. by Rec'm.	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill	Carl Huddleston, Robert Dodds, Earl Adams and Lee Chase	2	1	2	0	2	9	0	2	0	286	\$ 6.62
Mt. Pisgah	Gene Garvin, Rubel Garvin and Gerdest Walker	4	1	2	0	9	16	0	2	1	81	9.82
Macedonia	Opal Nash, Louise Whittemore, and Audie Rowsey	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	4.00
New Lebanon	Jack Hill, Charles McCoy and James Sparks	6	8	4	0	8	24	0	0	4	288	6.95
Jones Chapel	Elzie Jones, A. Z. Carpenter and Barney Davis	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	7.00
Little Brown	W. J. Rhoads, Voyd Holley, Ada Pierce, Lula Strickland, Eva Beard and Humbert Rhoads	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	82	5.66
Antioch	Arlie Cummings, Dave Woods, Jim Lambert, Lonnie Powers, Lee Robinson and Alma Lambert	3	1	4	0	2	20	0	3	7	216	8.60
Burgess Creek	Hazel Gentles, Ada Alread, Lera McAnally	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	21	2.50
	TOTAL	27	15		0	21	71	0	7	14	1047	\$51.15