

Minutes  
of the  
SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
LITTLE BROWN CREEK  
ASSOCIATION

of the  
FREEWILL BAPTIST



HELD WITH  
MT. PISGAH CHURCH

On Friday, before the First Lord's Day in  
SEPTEMBER, 1951



C. P. BRAY, Moderator  
MAUDIE MAE EPPERSON, Clerk



Next meeting will be held with Macedonia Church on Friday  
before the First Lord's Day in September, 1952

8. **Burgess Creek**—Wilma Willis, Lola Stacey and Elton Nichols.

Letters were read, accepted and delegation seated.

**Third**—Called for letters from Sister Associations. Received none.

**Fourth**—Invited visiting brethren and happily received two—Rev. Grover Price and Bro. Ted Finley from the Northeast Miss. Association.

**Fifth**—The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. **On Arrangements of Business**—J. J. Whittemore, D. C. Lambert and Elton Nichols.
2. **On Devotion**—Jeff Walker, Guy Jones and G. S. Murphree.
3. **On Obituary**—Elzie Jones, Clydale Epperson and Loweinstein Wright.
4. **On Finance**—Jessie D. Jones, Travis McCarter and C. C. Carpenter.
5. **On Resolutions**—Lee Robinson, Deard Epperson and C. H. Sharp.
6. **Sunday Schools**—Myrtis Mayo and Lola Stacey.

The choir sang a song and a brief recess was given.

After re-assembling an interesting message was delivered by Rev. L. M. Wigginton. Text was "The Gospel of Christ." Rev. Grover Price followed with a continuation of the same text. Both ministers spoke with boldness and preached inspirational messages.

A song was sung and an invitation given for sinners to obey the Gospel of Christ.

Bro. Ted Finley made a helpful talk on the danger of participating in worldly pleasures.

Homes were assigned to delegates who were not returning to their own homes for the night.

Adjournment was made until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Dismissal prayer by Rev. Pitt Reynolds.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

Opening Song—"What A Friend We Have In Jesus," directed by Gerdest Walker. Pianist—Little Laura Ann Robinson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry Stacey.

Association declared open and ready for business by Moderator.

Roll Call by Moderator. All eight Churches were represented by delegates.

Little Brown Creek's letter was read and accepted.

Prayer offered by Rev. C. P. Bray, followed by 11:00 o'clock preaching service, conducted by Rev. L. M. Wigginton—Subject—"The Second Coming of Christ." This wonderful message was followed by another very impressive sermon on "The Great Tribulation" by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

Song and a Christian hand shake and dismissal prayer by Rev. L. M. Wigginton.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

Re-assembled, and song service was rendered by the choir. Prayer—Bro. Lee Robinson.



The Moderator called for reports of the various committees.

The committee on arrangements of Business presented its report:  
(1) 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:

Macedonia — September 30, 1951  
Jones Chapel — December 30, 1951  
Martin Hill — March 30, 1952  
New Lebanon — June 29, 1952

Rev. H. C. Stacey was retained as Moderator of the Fifth Sunday meetings.

(2) Resolve that we have Communion and Feet Washing on Friday night of each Association.  
Discussed and accepted.

(3) Resolve that we have Communion and Feet Washing on Thursday night before Easter Sunday, at one Church in the Association, and pass on as Fifth Sunday meetings to another Church the next year. This resolution was adopted, and New Lebanon Church was chosen as the place of the first meeting—On Thursday Night before Easter Sunday, 1952. All Christians are urged to participate!

The Association asked that the Association Funds Program be continued—

The following committee was appointed to assist Bro. D. C. Lambert, Treasurer of the Association Funds, in making decisions as to how this fund is to be used.

**Committee:** Bro. Lee Robinson and Bro. G. S. Murphree.

A collection of \$7.31 was made to this fund at the Association in 1950, and \$7.90 was contributed by the following Churches this year: Mt. Pisgah, \$2.00; Antioch \$2.40; Burgess Creek, \$1.50; and Jones Chapel \$2.00. The total of \$15.21 to this fund is only a small beginning, but we trust that Christians will become aware of its purpose, and contribute to its cause.

Other committee reports were:

We, your committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. G. P. Mayo; Friday afternoon by Rev. L. M. Wigginton and Rev. Grover Price; Friday night by Rev. C. P. Bray and Rev. H. C. Stacey; Saturday morning by Rev. L. M. Wigginton, followed by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

**Committee:** G. S. Murphree, Jeff Walker, Guy Jones.

We, your committee on Obituary, beg leave to report as follows: We find that death has visited our Christian body of believers in Christ, and taken 5 of our beloved members.

They are as follows:

Mt. Pisgah—Sister Nancy McCarter  
New Lebanon—Sister Mary Davis, and Bro. Wadney McCoy  
Jones Chapel—Bro. Andrew Jones  
Antioch—Bro. Frank Lambert

We count our loss as heaven's gain.

**Committee:** Elzie Jones, Clydale Epperson, and Lowenstein Wright.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$37.76 for minute funds.

**Committee:** Jessie D. Jones, Travis McCarter and C. C. Carpenter

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools rejoice to submit the following report: We now have seven active Sunday Schools in our Association of eight Churches. They are: Martin Hill, New Lebanon, Antioch, Mt. Pisgah, Jones Chapel, Burgess Creek, Little Brown. We trust that before the close of another Association year this other church will organize a Sunday School, and our report can be 100 percent.

**Committee:** Myrtis Mayo and Lola Stacey

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:** J. J. Whittemore, D. C. Lambert and Elton Nichols

We, your committee Resolutions by leave to report as follows: Resolve that we hold our next meeting of the Association with Macedonia Church, and that the Moderator make his own selection as to who preaches the Introductory Sermon, and further be it resolved that we express our thanks to the people of Mt. Pisgah community for their friendship, and the nice way in which they cared for everyone.

**Committee:** Lee Robinson, Deard Epperson and C. H. Sharp.

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

Interesting talks were made by Rev. H. C. Stacey, Bro. Lee Robinson, and Rev. G. P. Mayo.

After announcements, the choir sang "God Be With You," and all took the parting hand, as a symbol of love. Dismissal prayer by Rev. G. P. Mayo.

If it be the Lord's will, we hope to meet with Macedonia Church on Friday and Saturday before the First Sunday in September, 1952.

#### ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.  
Little Brown—Lula Denson, New Site, Miss.  
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Guy Jones, Booneville, Miss. Rt. 6  
New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.  
Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss. Rt. 4  
Mt. Pisgah—Mamie Livingston, Booneville, Miss. Rt. 5  
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. W. E. Armstrong, Booneville, Miss.
5. Calvin Bray, Russellville, Ala.
6. Pitt Reynolds, Burnsville, Miss., Rt. 1.
7. H. C. Stacey, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 4.

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8. Sidney Whitehead, Holcut, 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_; Value of Church property \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Amt. given pastor \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Amt. given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Amt. given evangelist \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Amt. given charity \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Church exp. \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Amt. in treasury \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We petition for the Association to meet with us at \_\_\_\_\_ Church. This, done by order of the Church in conference (Date) \_\_\_\_\_. Clerk's address \_\_\_\_\_. Moderator's address \_\_\_\_\_.



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

MARTIN HILL—Amt. given pastor, \$280.42; Assistant Pastor, \$301.32; Amt given charity, \$42.62; Church Expenses, Sunday School Expenses, \$1,288.94; Now in Sunday School Treasury \$23.19.

MT. PISGAH—Amt. given pastor, \$267.66; Visiting Ministers or Evangelist, \$121.35; Church Expenses, \$92.35; Sunday School Expenses, \$59.99; Now in Sunday School Treasury, \$11.63.

MACEDONIA—Amt. given pastor, \$110.75;.

NEW LEBANON—Amt. given pastor, \$440.00; Visiting Minister or Evangelist, \$185.00; Sunday School Enrollment, 125; Sunday School Expenses, \$180.00.

JONES CHAPEL—Value of Church Property, \$2,500; Amt. given pastor, \$41.54; Assistant pastor, \$98.76.

LITTLE BROWN—Amt. given pastor, \$60.00; Visiting Ministers or Evangelist, \$41.39.

ANTIOCH—Value of Church Property, \$3,000; Amt. given pastor, \$84.70; Assistant pastors and Visiting Ministers or Evangelist, \$100.00; Church Expenses, \$13.00; Now in Treasury, \$80.56; Sunday School Enrollment, 76; Sunday School Expenses \$27.08; Now in Sunday School Treasury, \$109.61.

BURGESS CREEK—Value of Church Property, \$3,500; Amt. given pastor, \$52.00; Assistant pastor, \$62.47; Sunday School Enrollment, 35.





## STATISTICAL TABLE—LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meetings	Rec. by Rec'm.	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Exp. & Baptism	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Minute Contributions	Associational Fund Contribution
Martin Hill	Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Sharp	2	1	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	277	\$ 5.00	\$
Mt. Pisgah	Jeff Walker, Travis McCarter and Leander Livingston	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	78	4.30	2.00
Macedonia	Opal Nash, Cordia Whittemore, Audie Rowsey	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	35	4.80	
New Lebanon	Leamon Brown, Houston McCoy, Minnie Robinson, Artie Lambert and Loweinstein Wright	5	6	2	0	0	6	0	2	2	290	6.00	
Jones Chapel	Elzie Jones, J. D. Jones, Fate Lambert and Guy Jones	2	1	2	0	0	5	0	4	1	40	4.35	2.00
Little Brown	George Z. Denson, W. J. Rhoads, Mary White and Myrtis Mayo	5	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	70	5.31	
Antioch	Clydale Epperson, Sally Robinson, Deard Epperson and Lee Robinson	3	0	4	0	2	7	0	2	1	221	5.00	2.40
Burgess Creek	Wilma Willis, Lola Stacey and Elton Nichols	3	2	3	0	4	9	0	0	0	34	3.00	1.50
	TOTAL	27	13	18	1	8	30	0	14	5	1045	\$37.76	\$7.90
		Freewill Donation for Minute fund and \$10.00 Clerk's fee											12.60
		Total											\$50.36



## 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 principal 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.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scripture 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 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. Continuence 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 perseverance 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 Scripture 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."