### Minutes

of the

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

# LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

of the

FREEWILL BAPTIST

# HELD WITH MACEDONIA CHURCH

on Friday, before the First Lord's Day in SEPTEMBER, 1952

REV. H. C. STACEY, Moderator MRS. JACK LAMBERT, Clerk

Next meeting will be held with Antioch Church on Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1953.

#### **MINUTES**

of the

## Little Brown Creek Association

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#### PROCEEDINGS:

The 62nd Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Freewill Baptist Association Convened with Macedonia Church on September 5-6, 1952, and transacted the following church matters:

The Association was opened by the choir singing, "Kneel At The Cross", directed by J. J. Whittemore. Pianist, Mrs. Hattie Honeycutt. Prayer was offered by Rev. Grover Price.

Rev. H. C. Stacey was chosen to fill the vacancy of the moderator, Rev. C. P. Bray, who was absent due to serious illness.

Association was called to order by Moderator, H. C. Stacey.

Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Clint Wigginton.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Grady Hudson, pastor of the Freewill Baptist Church of Red Bay, Ala. The text for his inspiring message was taken from Phillipians 1st Chapter and 21st Verse, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Song—"When The Saints Go Marching In", directed by Rev. D. W. Jones—Pianist, Bro. Gordon Carpenter. In connection with this song was a Christian handshake.

Dismissal Prayer for lunch hour by Rev. L. M. Wigginton.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled by singing, "Love Lifted Me." Moderator declared Association ready for business.

First—Reading clerks were appointed as follows: Mrs. Hazel Gentles and Mrs. Zula Lambert.

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

- 1. Martin Hill—Robert Dodds, Gordon Walden, and Carl Martin.
- 2. Mt. Pisgah—Azel Nix, Gertest Walker and Velma Garvin.
- 3. Macedonia—Curdia Whittemore, Leathie Nash, and Audie Rowsey.
- 4. New Lebanon—Ervin Searcy, Leamon Brown, Wallace Belue and Zula Lambert.
- 5. Jones Chapel—Earl Jones, Guy Jones, and A. Z. Carpenter.
- 6. Little Brown—Minerva Mayo, George B. Denson, Myrtis Mayo, W. J. Rhoades and Peggy Rhoades.
- 7. Antioch—Alfred Johnson, John Henry Lambert and Jack Lambert.

8. Burgess Creek—Jessie Gentles, Curtis Wright, Hazel Gentles and Lola Stacey.

Letters were read and accepted with amendments and delegation seated.

Third-Called for letters from Sister Ass'n. and received none.

Fourth—Invited visiting brethren to sit with us and received two— Rev. Grady Hudson from Jasper Ass'n. and Rev. Grover Price from North East Miss. Ass'n.

Fifth—The Moderator appointed the following committees:

- 1. On Arrangement of Business—Travis McCarter, Homer Lambert, and J. J. Whittemore.
- 2. On Devotion—W. J. Rhoads, Leamon Brown, and Jeff Walker.
- 3. On Obituary-Elzie Jones, Audie Rowsey and B. F. Lambert.
- 4. On Finance—Jessie B. Jones, D. C. Lambert and Grady Lambert.
- 5. On Resolutions—Jack Lambert, Alfred Johnson and Gorden Carpenter.
- 6. On Sunday Schools—Lola Stacey, Hazel Gentles, and Opal Nash.

  Open discussion on previous resolutions concerning communion and feet washing.

Business adjournment for a brief recess.

After re-assembling the choir sang "I'll Be Satisfied."

Homes were declared available to any delegates who were not returning to their own homes for the night.

The Choir sang "Amazing Grace."

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

Dismissal prayer was affered by Bro. McCoy.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song—"Anywhere Is Home", directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore. Pianists, Mrs. Leitha Nash. Excellent song service conducted by Bro. Bert Smith and Bro. Joe Moss. Prayer was offered by Rev. Sidney Whitehead.

Association declared open and ready for business.

Roll Call by Moderator—All Churches were represented by delegates at the time of roll call, except one.

Prayer offered by Reverend H. C. Stacey.. .

Song and Christian handshake. Pianist—Evnell Lambert.

Rev. M. L. Newcomb delivered an inspiring message which seemed to be enjoyed by everyone present.

Moderator called for a report from the Committee on Arrangements of Business. The following resolutions were read and accepted:

- (1) Resolved that the Church Covenant be printed in the minutes, and read at each meeting of the Association by the Ass'n. Moderator.
- (2) Resolved that we change the annual meeting of the Association from Friday and Saturday to Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day in September.
- (3) Resolved that we elect an Ordaining Council of three members to hold office 1, 2 and 3 years, making one member to be elected at each meeting of the Association.

The following Ordaining Council was chosen for the ensuing year: Rev. Sidney Whitehead, chairman; Rev. Dwight Jones, and Rev. Wesley Prince.

Candidates for ordination preferred to be ordained in their home churches, therefore, the anticipated ordination service was omitted.

Examination of Rev. M. L. Newcomb to be granted a Free Will Baptist Minister's license was made and License granted by the Ordaining Council. Rev. M. L. Hollis assisted the council, due to the absence of Rev. Wesley Prince.

Business session adjourned until after lunch.

Prayer offered by Rev. G. P. Mayo, followed by an inspiring message by Bro. Clint Wigginton.

Dismissal prayer until after lunch by Rev. L. M. Wigginton.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSSION

After re-assembling a brief song service was directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore and Bro. Bert Smith—Pianist Laverne Dowd.

Rev. M. L. Hollis made request for delegates to be sent to the North East Miss. Ass'n. on Thursday and Friday before the 1st. Sunday in Oct.

The following delegates were appointed: D. C. Lambert, Joe Moss, Rev. D. W. Jones and Leamon Brown.

Request was made for delegates to be sent to Tennessee River Ass'n. The following delegates were chosen: D. C. Lambert, E. J. Searcy, Rev. D. W. Jones and Joe McCoy.

The Moderator called for reports from the various committees. The following reports were read and the committees discharged:

#### (1) On Arrangements of Business-

We, your Committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand drafted all the business that has come before us, and beg leave to be discharged.

Committee: J. J. Whittemore, C. H. Lambert, Travis McCarter.

#### (2) On Devotion—

We, your Committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows: Stand was filled Friday morning by Rev. Grady Hudson, Red Bay, Ala. Friday night by Rev. M. L. Hollis, Amory, Miss. Saturday morning by Rev. Clini Wigginton, Iuka, Miss.

Committee: W. J. Rhoades, J. L. Brown, Jeff Walker.

#### (3) On Obituary—

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that death has visited our body of Christian believers in Christ, and taken 5 of our beloved members.

They are as follows:

Martin Hill-Bro. Mark Lambert

Mt. Pisgah—Bro. Willie Livingston

Macedonia-Sister Nora Richardson

New Lebanon-Rev. Benton Moss

Little Brown—Sister Luna Strickland

We count our loss as Heaven's gain.

Committee: Audie Rowsey, Elzie Jones, B. F. Lambert

(4) On Finance—

We your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$51.19 for minute funds, plus \$9.00 Ass'n. Funds.

Committee: D. C. Lambert, J. D. Jones, A. G. Lambert

(5) On Resolutions-

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

Resolve that we hold our next meeting of the Ass'n. with Antioch 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 Macedonia Community for their friendship and hospitality, and may God's choicest blessings ever rest upon them is our prayer.

Committee: Jack Lambert, Alfred Johnson, Gordon Carpenter

(6) On Sabbath Schools-

We, your committee on Sunday Schools rejoice to submit the following report:

We now have active Sunday Schools in all eight churches of our Association.

Committee-Lola Stacey, Opal Nash, Hazel Gentles

The Association resolved to continue the 5th Sunday Meeting Program, and elected Rev.. Sidney Whitehead as moderator of the 5th Sunday meetings for the ensuing year.

The 5th Sunday Meetings are to be held in the following order:

Antioch—November 30, 1952

Mt. Pisgah—March 29, 1953

Little Brown-May 31, 1953

Macedonia-Aug. 30, 1953

The Association entered into the election of its officers, which resulted in the election of Rev. J. W. Prince, Moderator; Retained Mrs. Jack Lambert, Clerk.

After Announcements, the choir and congregation sang, "God Be With You," and took the parting hand, as a symbol of love.

Dismissal prayer was offered by Rev. Grover Prince.

If it be the Lord's will, we hope to meet with Antioch Church on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Lord's Day in September 1953.

#### ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.
Little Brown—Lula Denson, New Site, Miss.
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Earl Jones, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 6.
New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.
Macedonia—Mrs. Audie Rowsey, Rienzi, Miss., Rt. 4
Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Arbie Livingston, Booneville, Miss., Star Rt.
Martin Hill—Mrs. Lola Mae Walden, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5
Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Holcut, Miss.

#### ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

- 1. Rev. G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 5
- 2. Rev. D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 1
- 3. Rev. L. M. Wigginton, Paden, Miss., Rt. 1
- 4. Rev. W. E. Armstrong, Booneville, Miss.
- 5. Rev. Calvin Bray, Russellville, Ala.
- 6. Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Burnsville, Miss., Rt. 1
- 7. Rev. H. C. Stacey, Booneville, Miss., Rt. 4

- 8. Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Paden, Miss.
- 9. Rev. M. Luther Newcomb, 10. Rev. Gorden Carpenter, Boonevile, Miss., Rt. 5

#### DECEASED MINISTER

Rev. J. B. Moss, 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 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.
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 the ensuing year. No. of deacons , No. of ministers; Clerk's address,;  Madaratar'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
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; contribution \$ 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
S; Amt. in treasury \$  We petition for the Association to meet with us at Church.  This, done by order of the Church in conference (Date)
Clerks address Moderator's address

#### 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 Saviour 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 commital of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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. PERSERVERENCE. All believers in Christ, who, through grace perserverance 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 teaches 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."

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

MARTIN HILL—Amt. given pastor \$426.26; Amt. given assistant pastor or visiting ministers, \$258.80; Amt. given charity, \$19.75; church expenses, \$441.63; Amt. in treasury, \$60.10; Value of church property, \$5,000.

MT. PISGAH—Amt. given pastor, \$200.31; Assistant pastor or visiting minister, \$85.50; Amt. given charity, \$29.95; Church expenses, \$77.95; Amt. in church treasury, \$18.75; Amt. in Sunday School treasury, \$23.09; Value of church property, \$3.000.

MACEDONIA—Amt. paid pastor, \$285.88; Amt. given assistant pastor, \$29.21
Amt. given charity, \$8.00; Church expenses, \$30.00; Sunday School expenses, \$67.51; Sunday School Treasury, \$23.04; Sunday School enrollment, 55; Value of Church property, \$1500.

NEW LEBANON—Amt. given pastor, \$480.00; Amt. given assistant pastor, \$130.00; Amt. given Evangelist, \$107.00; Amt. given charity, \$50.25; Church expenses, \$69.89; Amt. in treasury, \$183.80; Value of Church property, \$4,000.

JONES CHAPEL—Amt. given pastor, \$34.00; Amt. given assistant pastor, \$43.00; Church expenses, \$30.00; Amt. in treasury \$5.35; Value of Church property, \$2,500.

LITTLE BROWN—Amt. given pastor, \$35.34; Amt. given visiting ministers, \$57.65.

ANTIOCH—Amt. given pastor, \$111.16; Amt. given assistant pastors, \$133.51; Amt. given Evangelist, \$101.91; Church exp. \$165.25; Amt. in Church treasury \$77.22; Sunday School expenses, \$79.95; Amt. in Sunday School Treasury, \$79.34; Sunday School enrollment, 79; Value of Church property, \$3.000.

BURGESS CREEK—Amt. given pastor, \$88.00; Amt. given visiting ministers, \$13.20; Amt. given Evangelist, \$62.20; Church expenses, \$33.20; Value of Church property, \$3,500.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in His Name, as members of the Free Will Baptist Church at \_\_\_\_\_\_agree:

1. To watch over each other in love, and to pray for each other as members of a common faith ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of another nor will we prosecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instructions to Timothy: "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood."

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding that we become as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend that stated meetings of our church unless we are providentially hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the services of our church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the Word to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of our Lord by accepting seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the

pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise His Holy Name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those

who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is double sin against the law of God, for in so doing we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the laws of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the words of the inspired Apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayers, and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the Covenant of Joshua, the servant of the Lord, and say: "But as for me and my

house, we will serve the Lord."

#### 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 Christs, we are desirous of bringing about a reciprocai 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 church 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.

#### STATISTICAL TABLE—LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

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CHURCHES	NAMES OF DELEGATES	Deacons Ordained Ministers Days of Meeting Rec. by Rec'm. Rec. by Letter Rec. by Exp. & Bap. Expelled Dismissed by Letter Deceased Total Membership Contributions
, Martin Hill	Robert Dodds, Gorden Walden and Carl Martin	8 2 2 0 2 13 0 2 1 277 \$ 5.00
Mt. Pisgah	Azel Nix, Gertest Walker and Velma Garvin	4 0 2 0 1 3 0 1 82 5.11
Macedonia	Curdia Whittemore, Leathie Nash and Audie Rowsey	3 1 2 1 1 1 0 0 1 36 3.50
New Lebanon	Ervin Searcy, Leamon Brown, Wallace Belue and Zula Lambert	5 5 2 0 0 5 0 4 1 295 7.00
Jones Chapel	Earl Jones, Guy Jones and A. Z. Carpenter	2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 39 4.45
Little Brown	Minerva Mayo, George Denson, Myrtis Mayo, Peggy Rhoades and W. J. Rhoades	5 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 70 5.00
Antioch	Alfred Johnson, John H. Lambert and Jack Lambert	3 2 4 0 5 12 0 0 0 238 5.50
Burgess Creek	Jessie Gentles, Curtis Wright, Hazel Gentles and Lola Stacey	3 3 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 35 3.00
	TOTAL	33 15 3 9 34 0 6 5 1072 \$38.56