



MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

of the

FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH JONES CHAPEL CHURCH

On Thursday and Friday Before the First Lord's Day

In September, 1955

REV. R. C. McCOY, Moderator

MRS. ALEENE SHARP, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

The 65th Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with Jones Chapel on September 1 and 2, 1955 and transacted the following church matters.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened by the choir singing "Give Me Your Hand," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore, pianist, Mrs. Sula Cole. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts. Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. R. C. McCoy. Song "I Be Satisfied," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. C. McCoy, he read Acts 1-8. Dismissed for 10 minute recess by Rev. McCoy. Reassembled by singing "Nothing But The Blood" directed by Bro. Joe Moss.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. H. A. Pitts. Gospel message read, Genesis 4th Chapter 1-16 verses. Text: "The Message of the Blood" Heb. 1-10; Genesis 1-10, Heb. 12-24. Song "Are We Washed In The Blood?" Invitation to lost people to accept Christ. Dismissal prayer for lunch hour by Rev. R. C. McCoy.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was reassembled by singing, "It Won't Be Very Long," prayer by Bro. Travis McCarter, followed with union handshake. Moderator declared association ready for business.

First reading clerks were appointed as follows: Sister R. C. McCoy and Sister Edna Lambert. Second in response to a call for the letters the following were received by letter and delegation.

1. MT. PISGAH—Bro. Jeff Walker, Sister Viola Walker, Sister Lizzie Lytal.

2. BURGESS CREEK—Bro. P. T. Woodruff, Sister Emma Nichols, Sister Lera McAnally, Sister Mattie Bell Strickland.

3. MARTIN HILL—Mr. and Mrs. Quindel Pierce, Mrs. Artie Martin, Earl Whitley and Lee Dodds.

4. JONES CHAPEL—Bro. Earl Jones, Jim Thompson, Sister Elzie Jones.

5. LITTLE BROWN—Sister Lula Strickland, Sister Mary White and Bro. Andrew Horn.

6. NEW LEBANON—Bros. Noel Lambert, Wallace Belue, and Sisters Madrid Richardson and Grace McCoy.

7. MACEDONIA—Sister Cerez Allen, Sister Kate McCoy, Sister Cordia Whittemore.

8. ANTIOCH—Bro. Oscar Blakney, Bro. Shermon Lambert, Bro. Kenneth Conoway, Sister Edna Lambert.

Third. Called for letters from sister associations and received none.

Fourth. Invited visiting Brethren to sit with us and received Rev. H. A. Pitts, Jasper, Ala., Association, Bro. Cowley, Missionary Church, Sandy Springs.

Fifth. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

1. On Arrangement of Business—Bro. J. J. Whittemore, D. C. Lambert and Jim Thompson.
2. On Devotion—Bro. W. Earl Jones, E. J. Searcy, C. H. Sharp.
3. On Obituary—Sisters Mary White, Madrid Richardson, and Artie Martin.
4. Finance—Bro. Fate Lambert, Travis McCarter and Andrew Horn.
5. Resolution—George Martin, Wallace Belue and Joe McCoy.
6. On Sunday Schools—Sisters Elzie Jones, Faye Pierce and Viola Walker.

Song: "I'll Be A Friend To Jesus" directed by Bro. Joe Moss. Devotional committee called on for report.. Rev. J. W. Prince was called to fill the stand Thursday night. Homes were declared available to any delegates or ministers who were not returning to their homes for the night. Adjourned to reassemble at 9:00 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed by Rev. H. A. Pitts.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song "Kneel At The Cross" directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore. Song "Amazing Grace" in connection with this song, Christian handshake. Prayer by Bro. Lee Walker.

Associaton declared opened and ready for business. Roll called by moderator, Rev. R. C. McCoy. All churches were represented by delegates. Song, "Near The Cross" directed by Bro. Joe Moss, pianist Miss Eloise Whitehead. Devotional services conducted by Rev. H. A. Pitts. Song "I'll Make It My Home" directed by Rev. Whitehead.

Rev. R. C. McCoy brought a wonderful message, his scripture reading was Romans 1st Chapter, 1st through the 16th verses. Text Romans 15, 16 verses, "The Gospel". Prayer by Rev. McCoy. Song "Take The Name of Jesus With You." Invitation to lost people to believe and accept Christ. Dismissal prayer for lunch hour by Bro. H. A. Pitts.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing "I Live On" by Rev. Sidney Whitehead. Song "The Glory-Land Way," prayer by Bro. C. H. Sharp.

Little Brown Association declared ready for business by the Moderator who read the church covenant.

It was then asked for request for delegates to attend other as-

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sociations. Rev. H. A. Pitts requested delegates go to Jasper, Ala., Association the last Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1. Free Water Church, Guin, Ala. Volunteered to go to the Alabama Associaton, Bro. Travis McCarter and Bro. C. H. Sharp. The Moderator then called for reports from the various committees, one from each committee read reports:

1. ON ARRANGEMENT OF BUSINESS: We, your Committee on Arrangement of Business have drafted all business that came before your body and asked to be discharged.

Committee, D. C. Lambert, J. J. Whittemore, J. H. Thompson

2. ON DEVOTIONS: We your Committee on Devotions beg leave to report as follows: The stand was filled Thursday morning by Rev. H. A. Pitts of Winfield, Ala., and Thursday night the stand was filled by Rev. J. W. Prince, of Booneville, Route 6. Friday morning the stand was filled by Rev. R. C. McCoy of Corinth, Miss.

Committee, C. H. Sharp, E. J. Searcy, and W. E. Jones

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 and has taken ten of our beloved members: New Lebanon—Sister Maudine Strickland, Brother Lester Nixon, Sister Leona Crane.

Martin Hill: Brother Tarp White, Brother Feb King, Sister Charlene Smith.

Little Brown: Brother Web White, Brother Will Taylor.

Antioch: Brother Tom Bray, Sister Florence Lambert.

We count our loss as Heaven's gain.

Committee, Mary White, Artie Martin, and Madrid Richardson.

4. On Finance: We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We have on hand \$40.08 for minutes fund. We ask to be released.

Committee, Travis McCarter, B. F. Lambert, A. A. Horn.

5. On Sunday Schools: We your Committee on Sunday Schools rejoice to report we still have active Sunday Schools in all eight churches of our association, we thank the Lord for excellent report and trust that it will be His will for continued 100 per cent report.

Committee, Mrs Qundil Pierce, Mrs. Jessie Dee Jones, Mrs. Jeff Walker.

6. On Resolutions: We your Committee on Resolution resolve to continue our 5th Sunday meeting.

Committee, George Martin, Joe McCoy, Wallace Belue.

Dismissed all committees. \$5.01 left over from Minute Fund last year was given to the clerk to be placed in the Minute Fund. The association then entered into the election of its officers for another year.

Moderator for 5th Sunday meeting, Rev. R. C. McCoy. The 5th Sunday meetings will be held as follows:

October 30, 1955 at New Lebanon Church; January 29, 1956 at Antioch; April 29, 1956 at Mt. Pisgah; July 29, 1956, Burgess Creek Church.

Moderator for associaton, Rev. D. W. Jones, Assistant Moderator Rev. R. C. McCoy. Retained Allene Sharp at Clerk.

Free will donations for Minute Fund and Clerk \$10.00, fee \$12.16. After announcements the choir sang "God Be With You" and all took the parting handshade and were dismissed.

If it be the Lord's will, we hope to meet with Martin Hill Church on Thursday and Friday, before the First Sunday in September, 1956.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

MARTIN HILL: Amount given patsor \$213.10, amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$236.85; Amount given evangelist \$94.05; Amount given charity, none; For flowers \$25.00; Free Will Baptist College \$26.00; Amount treasury \$33.54; Church expenses \$641.04; Value of Church property \$6000.00.

MT. PISGAH: Amount given pastor \$138.33; Amount assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$107.60; Amount given evangelist \$32.80; Amount given charity \$71.36; Sunday School treasury \$50.95; Sunday School expenses \$25.97; Church expenses \$15.00; Amount Church treasury \$43.69; Value of church property \$3000.00.

MACEDONIA: Amount given pastor \$150.95; Amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers \$62.25; Amount given evangelist, none; Amount given charity, none; Flowers \$5.00; Church expenses \$96.50; Sunday School expenses \$81.07; Amount Sunday School treasury \$23.63; Value of church property \$4,000.00.

NEW LEBANON: Amount given pastor \$250.00; Given assistant pastor \$64.00; Amount given evangelist \$100.00; Church expenses \$580.00; Amount in treasury \$42.80; For flowers \$30.00; Free Will Baptist College \$210.00; Value of Church property \$4,000.00.

JONES CHAPEL: Amount given pastor \$100.25; Amount given assistant pastor \$39.00; Amount given visiting ministers \$40.00; Amount given evangelist, none; Church expenses \$159.00; Amount in treasury \$17.40; Value of church property \$2,500.00.

LITTLE BROWN: Amount given pastor \$77.08; Amount given evangelist \$141.73; Amount in treasury \$6.83; Church expenses \$50.00; Value of church property \$4,000.00.

ANTIOCH: Amount given pastor \$152.31; Amount given assistant pastor \$125.12; Amount given evangelist \$75.00; Amount given charity \$18.50; Church expenses \$29.65; Sunday School expenses \$44.78; Amount in Sunday School treasury \$33.67; Value of church property \$3,000.00.

BURGESS CREEK: Amount given pastor \$35.00; Amount given assistant pastor \$22.75; Amount given visiting ministers \$10.25; Amount given evangelist \$78.25; Amount in treasury \$6.00; Value of Church property \$3,500.00.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Miss Ruby Blakney, Burnsville, Miss.
Little Brown—Miss Lula Denson, New Site, Miss.
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Earl Jones, Booneville, Miss., Route 6.
New Lebanon—Mrs. Jewel Nixon, Holcut, Miss.
Macedonia—Mrs. Crez Allen, Glen, Miss.
Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Travis McCarter, Booneville, Miss., Route 4
Martin Hill—Mrs. William Walden, Booneville, Miss., Route 5
Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Holcut, Miss.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

1. Rev. G. P. Mayo, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.
2. Rev. D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Route 1.
3. Rev. L. M. Wigginton, Paden, Miss., Route 1.
4. Rev. Calvin Bray
5. Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Burnsville, Miss., Route 1.
6. Rev. H. C. Stacy, Booneville, Miss.
7. Rev. R. C. McCoy, Corinth, Miss.
8. Rev. J. W. Prince, Paden, Miss., Route 1.
9. Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Paden, Miss.
10. Rev. Gorden Carpenter, Booneville, Miss., Route 5.

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 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 brethren, towit: 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. Number of
Deacons.....; Number of Ministers.....; Clerk's address.....
.....; Moderator's address

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.....; Active.....; Inactive;
death.....; total membership.....; contribution
\$..... We have elected Elder..... to the pastoral
care of our church for the ensuing year. Number of Deacons.....;
Number of Ministers.....; Value of Church property \$.....;
Amount given pastor \$.....; Amount given assistant pastor
or visiting ministers \$.....; Amount given evangelist.....;
Amount given charity \$.....; Church expenses \$.....;
Amount 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

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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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scripture 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 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. **PRESERVANCE.** 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 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, JUDGMENT 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."

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 condemn 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, 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 unity 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 died 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 it 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.

**Start
a Good Week
in a
Good Way**



CHURCHES	NAME OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	Rec. by Rec'm.	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Exp. and Bapt.	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Quendell Pierce, Mrs. Artie Martin, Earl Whitley and Lee Dodds.....	8	1	2	3	0	2	0	6	3	100	159	259	\$ 5.00
Macedonia	Sister Cerez Allen, Sister Kate McCoy, Sister Cordia Whittemore	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	19	21	40	5.30
New Lebanon	Bro. Noel Lambert, Wallace Belue, Sister Madrid Richardson, Grace McCoy	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	6	3	197	86	283	8.00
Jones Chapel	Bro. Earl Jones, Bro. Jim Thompson, Sister Elzie Jones	3	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0			42	3.00
Little Brown	Sis. Lula Strickland, Sis. Mary White, Bro. Andrew Horn	4	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	2			91	4.00
Antioch	Oscar Blakney, Bro. Sherman Lambert, Sis. Edna Lambert, Bro. Kenneth Conaway	4	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	2			243	3.50
Burgess Creek	Bro. P. T. Woodruff, Sis. Emma Nichols, Sis. Lera McAnally, Sis. Mattie Bell Strickland	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	19	34	3.00
Mt. Pisgah	Bro. Jeff Walker, Sis. Viola Walker, Sister Lizzie Lytal	5	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	15	71	86	8.28
	TOTAL.....	35	14	17	4	4	11	0	12	10	326	456	1058	\$40.08