



MINUTES
OF THE
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH NEW LEBANON CHURCH

On Thursday and Friday before the First Lord's Day
in September, 1957.

REV. J. W. PRINCE, Moderator

MRS. ALEENE SHARP, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

The 67th Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with New Lebanon Church on August 29, 1957, transacted the following church matters.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The association was opened by the choir singing "Love Lifted Me," directed by D. W. Jones; pianist, Bro. Joe Moss; Prayer by Bro. C. H. Sharp.

Choir singing, "I Live On," directed by D. W. Jones; second song, "I Love My Savior Too," directed by J. J. Whittemore; Bro. J. W. Prince sang, "It Want Be Very Long."

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. C. McCoy of Corinth, Miss., read Isiah 35 chapter, 1-10 verses, prayer by Bro. J. W. Prince. Text, "The Way Lord Jesus Christ," a wonderful message.

Song, "Who Is That?" directed by D. W. Jones. Invitation given to lost people to accept the Lord as their personal Savior.

Dismissal prayer for lunch hour by Bro. J. B. Whitehead.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association re-assembled by singing "Anywhere Is Home," directed by D. W. Jones; pianist, Bro. Joe Moss; prayer by Bro. M. L. Hollis; song, "Some Glad Day"; union hand shake; moderator declared the association ready for business. Letter from any other association. Bro. M. L. Hollis recognized from Northeast Mississippi Association.

First reading clerks were appointed as follows: William Walden and sister Cerez Allen. Second in response to a call for letters the following were received by letter and delegation: 1. Antioch — Bro. Richard Lambert, Bro. Oscar Blakeney, Bro. Gus Brown, Kenneth Conaway. 2. Macedonia — Bro. Burdine Killough, Sister Cordie Whittemore, Sister Maggie Killough, Sister Cerez Allen. 3. Little Brown — Sister Mary White, Sister Lula Stricklen, Bro. Estes Stricklen.

4. New Lebanon — Sister Grace McCoy, Sister Ora Williams, Bro. Horace Wright. 5. Jones Chapel — Sister Emma Jones, Sister Elzie Jones, Bro. Guy Jones, Bro. Earl Jones. 6. Burgess Creek — Sister Rosie Lambert, Sister Mattie Bell Strickland, Brother Curtis

Wright, Brother Lonnie Johnson. 7. Mt. Pisgah — Brother Austin Huddleston, Brother Ralph Williams, Brother George Murphy, Brother Arthur Ashby. 8. Martin Hill — Brother Tom McCoy, Sister Helen Shackelford, Sister Leona Lester, Sister Artie Martin.

Next the Moderator appointed the following committees: 1. On Arrangement of Business—Bros. G. W. Martin, D. C. Lambert, Curtis Wright. 2. On Devotion—Bros. J. J. Whittemore, Joe J. McCoy, Leamon Brown. 3. On Obituary—Sis. Mary White, Cordia Whittemore, Leona Lester. 4. On Finance—Bros. Jessie L. Gentle, Tom McCoy, Mr. Flanagan. 5. On Sunday School—Artie Martin, Emma Jones, C. B. Killough. 6. Resolution—C. H. Sharp, D. W. Jones, Groves Lambert.

Song, "Sometimes," directed by D. W. Jones. Prayer by William Walden. Song, "There Is A Fountain."

Two o'clock message by Bro. M. L. Hollis of Amory, Miss., reading James second chapter, 14th verse. Prayer by Bro. M. L. Hollis, text Living and Dead Faith.

Homes were declared available to any one delegates or ministers who were not returning home for the night.

Song, "Blessed Assurance," directed by D. W. Jones, Joe Moss, pianist. Adjourned to resemble at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. R. C. McCoy.

The stand filled Thursday night by Bro. J. W. Prince and D. W. Jones.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, "When We All Get to Heaven," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore, pianist Kenneth Conway. Prayer by J. B. Whitehead. All churches were represented by delegates but one church. Song, "Some Glad Day," directed by D. W. Jones, pianist, Kenneth Conway. Assistant Moderator explained all committee clerks read each committee. Arrangement of business resolution came under it.

10:45 a. m. by J. W. Prince, most destructed thing in the world, "Sin". Romans 5th chapter. Song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," Prayer, Bro. R. C. McCoy. Message 11 o'clock by Bro. J. B. Whitehead. He told Birmingham National Association, text Faithful Service, wonderful spiritual message. Sister Whitehead, written in her own words, told about the Birmingham Association. Bro. and Sister Brokehaw, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, gave testimony about foreign mission, and what their church was doing for foreign missions.

Song, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching," directed by D. W. Jones,

pianist, Kenneth Conway. Dismissal prayer for lunch hour by Bro. Reynolds.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Oh Happy Day," directed by Bro. Joe Moss, pianist Eunell Lambert. Moderator then called for reports from the various committees, one from each committee read reports.

1. Devotion — We, your committee on Devotion, beg leave to report as follows. The stand was filled Thursday morning by Rev. R. C. McCoy. Thursday night, Rev. Jackson and D. W. Jones. Friday morning, J. W. Prince and Rev Sidney Whitehead. Committee, J. J. Whittemore, Joe J. McCoy, Leamon Brown. 2. 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 have taken thirteen (13) of your beloved members: New Lebanon—Bro. Harley Moss, Sister Tilda Hester. Macedonia—Bro. Tom Able. Martin Hill—Brother Ward Hill, Bro. Leonard King, Bro. Eliza Ward. Antioch—Sister Minnie Lambert, Bro. Mose Johnson, Sister Bill Turville, Sister Lula Gann, Bro. Joe Osbirn, Bro. Frank Walker. Committee, Mary White, Cordia Whittemore, Leona Lester.

3. On Finance—We, your committee on Finance, beg leave report as follows: We have on hand, \$50.16 for minutes fund and clerk expenses. We ask to be released. Committee, Bro. Jessie L. Gentle, Tom McCoy. 4. On Sunday School — We, your committee on Sunday School, rejoice to report we still have Sunday School in all eight churches of our association. We thank the Lord for an excellent report and trust that it will be His will for 100 per cent committee, Artie Martin, Emma Jones, C. B. Killough. 5. On Resolution — We, your committee on Resolution, we have drafted all business that comes before us and ask to be discharged. Committee, G. W. Martin, D. C. Lambert, Curtis Wright.

Dismissed all committee \$7.69 left over from minutes fund last year in treasury. The association voted to raise the clerk association salary \$5.00 more which is \$15.00.

Song, "Some Glad After While". Moderator discusses continues the 5th Sunday meeting Association then entered into election of its officers for another year. Moderator 5th Sunday meeting, Bro. J. B. Whitehead. Meeting will be held as follows: (1) September 29, 1957, New Lebanon; (2) December 29, 1957, Antioch; (3) March 30, 1958, Mt. Pisgah; (4) June 29, 1958, Little Brown. Moderator for Association: Bro. J. W. Prince; Assistant Moderator, Bro. D. W. Jones; retained Aleene Sharp for Clerk.

The introductory sermon by H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Alabama.

It was asked for request delegates to attend National Association at St. Louis, Missouri July 12-15, 1958. Delegates, Sister Olene Whitehead, Sister Jewel Nixon and Aleene Sharp. Write letter association and send fee \$5.00 for minutes.

Free Will donation for minutes fund which was \$9.48. After announcement the choir sang "God Be With You Til We Meet Again." All took the parting handshake and was dismissed by D. W. Jones.

If it the Lord's will we hope to meet with Burgess Creek Church on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1958.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

MARTIN HILL: Amount given pastor, \$1,087.96, amount Free Will Baptist College, \$15.00, amount given evangelist, \$54.73, amount given charity, \$27.50, for flowers, \$66.10, for radio broadcast \$43.20, church \$304.51 expenses, amount in treasury, \$67.37, value of church property, \$6,000.

MT. PISGAH: Amount given pastor, \$759.75, amount given assistant on visiting minister, \$12.00, amount given evangelist, none, amount give charity, \$58.55, amount in treasury, \$123.20, given radio broadcast, \$102.00, church expenses, \$287.09, value of church property, \$3,000.00.

MACEDONIA: Amount given to pastor \$130.75, amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister, \$56.20, amount given evangelist, none, amount given to charity, none, amount given broadcast, \$30.00, value of church property, \$4,000.

NEW LEBANON: Amount given pastor, \$593.00, amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers, none, amount given evangelist \$175.00, amount given charity, \$50.45, amount given radio broadcast, 29.14, church expense, \$892.98, in Sunday School treasury, \$36.14, in church treasury, \$112.00, on building fund, \$33.40, value of church property, \$6,000.

JONES CHAPEL: Amount given pastor, \$245.75, amount given to charity, \$95.00, flowers, \$22.00, amount given radio program, \$68.55, amount in treasury, \$35.45, value of church property, \$4,000.

LITTLE BROWN: Amount given pastor, \$100.50, amount given evangelist, \$92.00, amount given to charity, \$44.82, amount in treasury, \$46.90, value of church property \$4,000.

ANTIOCH: Amount given pastor, \$332.86, amount given assistant pastor or visiting ministers, \$34.65, amount given evangelist,

\$240.00, amount given to charity \$109.10, amount given to radio broadcast, \$51.42, church expense, \$400.88, amount in church treasury, \$210.85, Sunday School expense, \$58.04, amount in Sunday School treasury, \$133.87, value of church property, \$3,000.

BURGESS CREEK: Amount given pastor, \$219.36, amount given visiting ministers, \$25.00, amount given evangelist, \$59.63, amount for flowers, \$15.00, value of church property, \$3,500.00.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch — Mrs. Reba Wood, Route 4, Iuka, Miss.
Macedonia — Mrs. Cerez Allen, Glen, Miss.
Little Brown — Mrs. Mauveline Moss, Route 5, Booneville, Miss.
New Lebanon — Mrs. Artie Lambert, Route 5, Iuka, Miss.
Jones Chapel — Mrs. Earl Jones, Route 6, Booneville, Miss.
Mt. Pisgah — Mrs. Grace Ashby, Booneville, Miss.
Burgess Creek — Mrs. Marie Wright, Route 1, Paden, Miss.
Martin Hill — Mrs. William Walden, Route 5, Booneville, Miss.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

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

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Member's Transfer Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at hereby certify that Brother (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 of 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, 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; died 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 Baptist 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 to charity \$.; 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 brethern.
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 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, infintely 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 glorified. 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 Sancifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providance over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and law 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 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 be 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 soul 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 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 preserverance 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 Savior and having obtained justi-

fication 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 others 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 prayer, 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 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 of 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 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.

CHURCHES	NAME OF DELEGATES	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Days of Meeting	Rec. by Rec'm	Rec. by Letter	Rev. by Exp. & Bapt.	Expelled	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total Membership	Contributions
Martin Hill	Bro. Tom McCoy, Sis. Helen Shackelford, Sis. Artie Martin, Sis. Leona Lester	7	1	4	1	1	5	0	8	3	132	126	258	\$ 4.10
Macedonia	Sis. Cordie Whittemore, Sis. Maggie Killough, Bro. Berdine Killough, Sis. Leona Lester ...	3	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	29	20	49	10.00
New Lebanon	Sis. Grace McCoy, Sis. Ora Williams, Bro. Horace Wright ...	5	2	2	0	0	11	0	1	2	89	148	237	8.51
Jones Chapel	Sis. Elzie Jones, Sis. Emma Jones, Bro. Guy Jones, Bro. Earl Jones	3		2	0	1	2	0	0	1	20	25	45	5.00
Little Brown	Sis. Lula Stricklen, Sis. Mary White, Bro. Estes Stricklen ...	5	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	0			91	4.00
Antioch	Bro. Oscar Blakney, Bro. Richard Lambert, Bro. Gus Brown, Bro. Kenneth Conaway	4	2	2	0	2	14	0	0	6			254	6.70
Burgess Creek	Sis. Rosie Lambert, Sis. Mattie Bell Strickland, Bro. Curtis Wright, Sis. Lonnie Johnson ...	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	20	35	3.00
Mt Pisgah	Bro. Austin Huddleston, Bro. Ralph Williams, Bro. George Murphy, Bro. Arthur Ashby ...	6	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0			85	8.85
		37	10	18	3	5	40	0	9	13	285	339	1054	\$50.16

