



MINUTES
OF THE
**Little Brown Creek
Association**

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH BURGESS CREEK CHURCH

On Thursday and Friday before the First
Lord's Day in September, 1958.

REV. J. W. PRINCE, Moderator

MRS. ALEENE SHARP, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

The 68th Annual Session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with Burgess Creek Church on September 4, 1958, transacted the following church matters.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was opened by the Choir singing "Some Day" Prayer by Bro. Calven Bray.

directed by Bro. Sidney Whitehead, pianist, Barbara Lambert, Choir singing "Ill Live in Glory", directed by Bro. Whitehead.

Song, "Kneel At The Cross" by Bro. Luther Gibson, also Sing, "Hallelujah We Shall Rise".

Devotional and Testimony service conducted by Bro. R. C. McCoy. Read Acts 1st Chapter, 8 verse. Prayer Bro. McCoy.

Choir sing, "Be a Light for Jesus", directed Bro. J. J. Whittmore.

The introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Winfield, Ala. Read 1st Thessaloians 3rd Chapter. Text "Paul Preacheth at Thessalonica," a wonderful message.

Prayer by Bro. H. A. Pitts.

Song Choir singing, "The Cross of Calvary", directed by Bro. J. J. Whittmore.

Dismissed Prayer for the lunch hour by Bro. Luther Gibson. xx

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled by Choir singing "I Live On," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittmore; union handshake: prayer Bro. Woods; moderator declared the Association ready for business. Letters from any other Association. Bro. Wilburn Beasley, Bro. Paul Kittleman, Bro. Luther Gibson recognized from Northeast Mississippi Association.

Bro. Wood recognized from Tennessee River Association.

First reading clerks were appointed as follows: Sister Alma Martin, Sister Reba Wood. Second in response to a call for letters the following were received by letters and deligation: 1. Antioch—Bro. Willard Wood, Sister Reba Wood, Bro. Gus Brown Sister Grace Brown. 2. Jones Chapel—Bro. Cephas Jones, Sister Elzie Jones, Bro Fate Lambert, Sister Kate Lambert, Chambers Laster. 3. New Lebanon Church—Bro. Boyd Hall, Bro. Noel Lambert, Sister Zula Lambert. 4. Martin Hill Church—Sister Hattie Pecks, Sis-

ter Artie Martin, Sister Fay Pierce, Sister Estell Dodds, Sister Willa Mae. Walden, Sister Mildred Walden. 5. Burgess Creek—Sister Oneida McCoy, Sister Lonnie Johnson, Sister Ada Alred Bro. Jessie Gentle. 6. Little Brown Church—Bro Estes Strickland, Sister Lula Strickland, Sister Mary White. 7. Macadonia Church—Sister Cordia Whittmore, Sister Maxine Kilbrough, Sister Maggie Killough. 8. Mt. Pisgah—Bro. Ralph Williams, Bro. Leander Livingston, Sister Alma Martin, Sister Judy Martin. 9. Smith Chapel—Bro. Milton Cole, Bro. Trice Stevens, Sister Annie Stevens Sister Sister Kate McCoy.

Next the moderator appointed the following committees: 1.—On arrangement of Business and Resolution—Bro. G. W. Martin, Willard Wood, Fate Lambert. 2. Devotion—Roland McCoy, Ervin Searcy, Milton Cole. 3. On Obituary—Sister Lula Strickland, Roberta Hall, Sister Eliza Jones. 4. Finance—Bro Hmer Lambert, Cephus Jones, Bro. J. J. Whittmore. 5. On Sunday School—Sister Mildred Walden, Hattie Peek, Gladys Prince.

Bro. McCoy told about Smith Chapel, a new Church organized, wants to join the association. It was granted into the Association.

Song, "Elizah God," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittmore, prayer, Bro. Whitehead.

Two o'clock message by Bro. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss., reading James 5th chapter, 2nd verse and Daniel 12 the chapter, 3rd verse.

Text, Power of Personel Touch Winning Souls To Christ," wonderful message.

Bro. Beasley read, John, Chapter 3, verses 14-15, ttext "Plan Salvation," song, "A Soul Winner For Jesus," directed by Bro. J. J. Whittmroe, pianest, Barbara Lambert.

Bro Paul Kittleman explained paper on State Association.

Bro. Paul Kittleman, Columbus, Miss. read Joshea, chapter 24 verses 19-27, text, "Stream Line Salvation."

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

Song, "Blessed Assurance," directed by Sidney Whitehead, adjourned to reassemble at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. Dismissed prayer by Bro. R. C. McCoy.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening song, "Hallelugah We Shall Rise," directed by Bro. Luther Gibson, choir singing, "Some Glad Day," directed by Bro. Bert Smith, pianest, Eunell Lambert, second soong, "If the light Has Gone Out," directed by Bro. Smith, song, "watching You," was directed by Bro. Duncan. Moderator ask all churches to represent with deligates, except Mt. Pisgah.

Devotional Service by Bro. L. M. Wiggington. Prayer, Bro.

Wiggington. Ordained Deacons—Ordained Council, Bro. J. B. Whitehead, Bro. J. W. Prince, Bro. R. C. McCoy, Bro. Jessie Gentle, Burgess Creek, Bro. Willard Wood from Antioch.

Bro. Luther Gibson read 1st. Timothy chapter 3. Prayer by Bro. Prince. The two deacons and Smith Chapel delegates were extended the right hand of christian fellowship. Song, "Give Me Your Hand," directed by Bro. Bert Smith.

11 o'clock message by Bro. R. C. McCoy reading John 15th chapter; verse 8. Text, "Fruit Bearing Christians," spiritual message. Prayer by Bro. R. C. McCoy. Bro. Duncan discussed the Free Will Baptist Book Store in Tupelo. Song, directed by Bro. Bert Smith, "I'll be Satisfied." Dismissed for lunch hour by C. H. Sharp.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song, "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There," directed by Bro. Bert Smith. Quire singing, "Some Day," directed by Bro. Pierce. Prayer by Bro. C. P. Bray. Song, "An Empty Mansion," directed by Bro. Joe Moss. Choir singing, "He Bore It All, directed by Bro. Smith. Moderator talking on discussion State Association. Bro. Whitehead discusses the State Association.

1. Resolution read: Resolve that we adopt the proposed Constitution and by law of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist and send delegates to the Northeast Mississippi State Association to be held with Pierce Chapel on the 3rd and 4th of October, 1958 for the purpose of organizing the Mississippi State Association Committee, Bro. Willard Wood, Bro. G. W. Martin, Bro. B. F. Lambert. Resolution voted on by the minister and delegates voted it down.

2. Devotion—We, your Committee on devotion, beg leave to report as follows: The stand was illed Thursday morning by Rev. H. A. Pitts of Winfield, Ala. Thursday afternoon by Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. Paul Kittleman. Thursday night: Rev. Wood. Friday Morning: Rev. R. C. McCoy. Committee—Roland McCoy, Milton Cole, Ervin Searcy.

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 taken 10 of our beloved members.

1. Burgess Creek—Sister Alta McAnally.
2. Little Brown—Bro. G. P. Mayo.
3. Jones Chapel—Bro. Jim Thompson.
4. New Lebanon—Bro. D. C. Lambert.
5. Mt. Pisgah—Tom Crabb.
6. Antioch—Bro. Joe Curtiss, Genevie Carroll, Sister Sallie Aday. Bro. E. L. Garrett, Sister Minnie Bray.
7. Martin Hill—Bro. Willie Penna.

We count our loss as Heavens gain. Committee, Sister Lula Strickland, Sister Eliza Jones.

On Sunday School—We, your committee on Sunday School, rejoice to report, we have Sunday School in all nine Churches of our Association. We thank the Lord for an excellent report and pray it will grow and continue in faithful teaching of Gods word. Committee, Sister Hattie Peek, Sister Gladys Prince.

Finance— We, your committee on finance, have on hand a total of \$72.00 to pay for printing of minutes and clerk salary. We, your committee on finance, beg to be released. Committee, D. C. Jones, C. H. Lambert, J. J. Whittmore.

Dismissed all Committees. \$18.00 left over in the treasury from last year.

Moderator—Ask for moderators for 5th Sunday meeting Association entered into election for officers for another year. Moderator for 5th Sunday meeting—Bro. Sidney Whitehead. Meeting as follows: Jones Chapel—Nov. 30, 1958, Martin Hill—Mar. 29, 1959, Smith Chapel—May 31, 1959, Burgess Creek—Aug. 30, 1959.

Clerk retained—Aleen Sharp. Moderator for Association—Bro. R. C. McCoy. Assistant Moderator—Bro. J. W. Prince. It was asked for deligates to attend the Tennessee River Association, Scott Chapel, Wayne Co., Tenn., on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before the 3rd Sunday in October. After announcements, the choir sang: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," all took the parting handshake and was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Wood. If it is the Lord's Will, we hope to meet with Smith Chapel Church on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1959.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Antioch: Amount given pastor— 715.58, amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister—None; amount given evangelist—None; amount given charity—\$94.53: amount in treasury— \$355.80: value of church property—3000.00.

Jone s Chapel—Amount given pastor—\$309.30. amount given visiting minister—\$41.00: amount for flowers—\$49.63: church expense— \$305.77: amount in treasury—\$35.91: value of church property—\$4,500.

New Lebanon—Amount given pastor—\$565.00: amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister—\$5.00: amount given evangelist—\$100.00: church expense—\$61.71: other expense \$38.11: amount in treasury—\$205.00: amount in Sunday School treasury—\$43.43: amount in building fund—\$58.00: amount given charity—\$86.74: amount for Foreign Mission \$52.61: amount for flowers—\$37.00: value of church property—\$6,000.

Martin Hill—Amount given pastor—\$915.91:- amount given evangelist—\$70.01: amount given to charity—\$36.25: amount in

treasury—\$5.00: value of church property—\$6,000.

Macedonia—Amount given pastor—\$224.50: amount given visiting minister—\$5.50: amount given charity—none: amount in treasure—\$13.81: expense of the church—\$37.65: amount in Sunday School treasure—\$44.36: value of church property—\$4,000.

Little Brown—Amount given pastor—\$166.22: amount given evangelist—\$100.02: amount given charity—\$30.25: amount in treasure—\$54.00: value of church property—4,000.

Burgess Creek—Amount given pastor—\$221.44: amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister—\$15.00: amount given evangelist—\$65.00: amount for flowers—\$10.00: church expense—\$25.75: amount in treasure—\$15.00: value of church property—\$3,500.

Mt. Pisgah—Amount given pastor—\$448.13: amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister—\$145.00: amount given evangelist—none: amount given to charity—\$39.25: amount in treasure—\$162.00: church expense—\$46.98: Sunday School expense—\$25.66: amount in Sunday School treasure—\$135.47: amount for flowers—\$20.25: value of church property—\$3,000.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Mrs. Reba Wood, Route 4, Iuka, Miss.

Macedonia—Mrs. Cerez Allen, Glen, Miss.

Little Brown—Mrs. Maveline Moss, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.

New Lebanon—Mrs. Eula Brown, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

Jones Chapel Mrs. Earl Jones, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Grace Ashby, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.

Burgess Creek—Mrs. Oneida McCoy, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

Martin Hill—Mrs. William Walden, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.

Smith Chapel—Mrs. Annie Stevens, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Rev R. C. McCoy, Rt. 6, Corinth, Miss.—Active.

Rev. J. W. Prince, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.—Active.

Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Paden, Miss.—Active.

Rev. L. M. Wiggington, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.—Inactive.

Rev. C. P. Bray, Corinth, Miss.—Inactive.

Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Rt. 1, Burnsville, Miss.—Inactive.

Rev D. W. Jones, Rt. 1, Corinth, Miss.—Inactive.

Rev. Gordon Carpenter, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.—Inactive.

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 stand-

ing and is hereby dismissed from us.

Petitionary Letter--We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God at send this our pPetitionary 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 Bro. and on with members. We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved brethern, towit: If received to sit with you on your deliberations and to help to transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body.

The statistics of your church are as follws: Received by experienced; 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 LETTERS 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 os 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 the 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 \$.....; Amount in Treasury \$..... We petition for the Asociation to meet with us at Church. This done by order of the Church in conference. (Date) 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 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 Schipture 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 dsobedience 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 byfaith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow fo sin and hearty renucation ofit. 2. Faith or the unresreved 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 diminion 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 is 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 ordiance 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 warks and atcivities, and for persona 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 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 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 blinding 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 doing so, 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE—LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

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