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# PROCEEDINGS

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## MOUNT MORIAH CONFERENCE.

The fifth seventh annual session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, was held at Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa county, Ala., October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1907.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Byars.—Text: I. Cor. 13: 1.

After preaching, an intermission of one and one half hours was taken for recreation and refreshments.

In due time the ministers and messengers repaired to the house, and after prayer and song service the association was called to order by Rev. Woods Springfield. The former moderator and the former clerk officiated until the body was organized.

Letters from the various churches were called for, handed in and read and names of delegates enrolled as per statistical table.

Then proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk, where upon Rev. J. D. Byars was elected moderator and J. A. Boswell clerk.

Opened the door for the reception of new churches. None received.

Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Whereupon Bros. T. B. Jackson and J. L. Staff from Vernon Association, were received.

Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

On order of Business—Woods Springfield, W. B. Montgomery, J. M. Pinkerton with moderator and clerk.

Devotional Service—Tom Bailey with the deacons of Phillips Chapel.

Temperance—A. J. Taylor and O. B. Hardin.

Finance—J. T. Cunningham and Jimmie Stokes.

Sabbath Schools—J. S. Hinton and E. S. Tees.

Deceased Members—J. H. Zeanah, A. O. Blake.

Resolutions and Queries—W. J. Clayton, J. A. Hickman and W. J. McAdams.

Education—T. A. Springfield—J. W. Shelby and J. P. Montgomery.

Missions—J. E. Woods, R. D. Belk, M. St. Johns, T. C. Harless, J. L. Cabaniss.

#### Devotional Service.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit a partial report that Rev. J. M. Pinkerton preach Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m., Rev. Woods Springfield at 11 o'clock, a. m.

On motion, the association adjourned until Monday morning at 8 o'clock a. m.

#### Sunday Services.

Rev. J. M. Pinkerton preached at 9 o'clock, a. m. Text: Phil. 1: 21. Rev. Woods Springfield preached at 11 o'clock, a. m. Text: 1st Cor. 10: 15. The midday service was commemorated by taking of the Lord's Supper. All christians of other churches who were in good standing in their churches, were invited to participate with no restriction, save that of the Scripture. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup, for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

#### Monday Morning Session.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. After song and prayer service, the moderator called the body to order.

Roll called and the delegates answered to their names.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved. Reports of committees were called for and presented as follows:

### Reports of Committees.

We, your committee on documents and order of business, beg leave to report:

1. That we proceed after the usual order of business.
2. That the next association be held with Shiloh church, Pickens county, Ala., and that Rev. W. B. Montgomery preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. M. Pinkerton be his alternate.
3. That the secretary be elected treasurer and that he superintend the printing of the minutes, that we have 500 copies printed, that he have it done at Ayden, N. C., and he be allowed \$5.00 for his services.
4. That our members take and read our denominational paper the FREE WILL BAPTIST, published at Ayden, N. C.
5. That our churches organize Advocates of Christian Fidelity Societies for the purpose of aiding the poor, encouraging the disconsolate, strengthening the weak, etc.
6. That we appoint corresponding messengers to other associations as may be determined by this body.

Respectfully Submitted,

WOODS SPRINGFIELD, Chairman.

On motion, report received and committee discharged.

After considering it by sections it was adopted as a whole. The moderator appointed Revs. Woods Springfield, J. D. Byars, W. B. Montgomery and Bro. J. E. Woods as corresponding messengers to Vernon Association.

TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that the suppression of the liquor traffic is the greatest question now before the American people and the only successful method of suppressing this evil is by means and organized effort. Therefore, Let us organize temperance societies in all our churches and co-operate with each other in putting down this demon to



both body and soul. Let us pray and use our influence in every way for total abstinence throughout our entire membership.

A. J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we are cheered to know that the people of our association are becoming more interested in Sabbath Schools, and we urge our brethren and sisters to pray and labor to create a deeper interest in the work, and we urge that all the churches use the Free Will Baptist literature.

J. S. HINTON, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

DECEASED MEMBERS.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find that eleven of our devoted members have fallen asleep in Jesus since our last annual meeting as follows: Mt. Moriah—Bro. Wm. E. Hardin, sister Mollie Coward, Bro. John Perigin. Union—Bro. John Bailey, sister Stella Powel. Macedonia—Sister Beliah Bradley, sister Emma Dawkins. Phillips Chapel—Bro. Dolphus Sanford, sister Rhodia Hallman, Bro. S. C. Owens. Antioch—Bro. John Wallis.

While we are thus compelled to miss them,  
And we linger by the way,  
We will pray to God to bless those  
Who mourn them every day.

Oh, may he teach their saddened hearts,  
In this world of toil and care,  
Through this grief and sad affliction,  
Carry all to Him in prayer.

May their faith in Him be strengthened,  
And their joy made more sublime,  
Till they're called to that reunion,  
Which will come in God's due time.

A. O. BLAKE, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

FINANCE REPORT.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of \$21.25.

J. T. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES.—Mt. Moriah—church property \$1000.00, for pastor, \$120.00, expenses, \$32.85, minutes, \$2.50, total, \$1155.30. Hatties Chapel—paid to pastor, \$51.50, pecuniary expenses \$71.95, for minutes, \$2.00, total, \$125.40. Tabernacle church property, \$800.00, for pastors, \$13.30, for minutes, \$2.25, total, \$815.55. No report from the other churches.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES.—We, your committee, beg leave to report the following resolution: Be it

RESOLVED, 1. That each church in our association make an earnest effort to raise means to support our pastors and aid in the mission work and that we cooperate with our ministers, by attending our conferences, prayer meetings, Sunday Schools and etc.

2. That we urge upon our ministers to devote all the time they can to the work of the ministry and that they travel as extensively as possible and spread the good tidings of salvation.

3. That we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Phillips Chapel and vicinity and especially to the good sisters who have so nobly borne the heat and burden of the day for kindness and hospitality shown us during this session.

W. J. CLAYTON, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

EDUCATION.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that we make greater efforts to educate our children that they may be better prepared for usefulness in this life.

T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

MISSIONS.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that each church in the association appoint one brother to act with the state chairman, J. E. Woods, on home mission and that they constitute a home mission board, and that board collect at once the amount each church will pay for the present, and forward the same to the State Treasurer, Wm. T. Kendrick, chairman of State Executive committee, McCalla, Ala., R. F. D. 1, Box 1.

J. E. Woods, Chairman.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.



Each church agrees to pay at once the amounts as follows: Mt. Moriah, \$25.00; Macedonia, \$20.00; Tabernacle, \$10.00; Shiloh, \$15.00; Antioch, \$10.00; Union, \$10.00; Phillips Chapel, \$10.00; Hatties Chapel, \$10.00; Mt. Zion, \$10.00. Total \$120.00.

The home mission board as appointed by moderator to act with the state chairman is Mt. Moriah, J. E. Woods; Macedonia, James Stokes; Shiloh, W. H. Koon. Tabernacle, J. T. Cunningham; Antioch, R. D. Belk; Union, E. S. Tees; Phillips Chapel, W. A. Sanford; Hatties Chapel, L. F. Pridmore; Mt. Zion, J. A. Boswell.

Motion made to call, \$5.00 for General Conference expenses. Mt. Moriah paid 70cts, Macedonia 50cts, Shiloh, 75cts, Tabernacle 65cts, Antioch 50cts, Union 50cts, Phillips Chapel 50cts, Hatties Chapel 50cts, Mt. Zion 50cts. Total \$5.10.

The associational labors now being ended the association adjourned to meet at Shiloh church, Pickens county, Ala., on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1908.

REV. J. D. BYARS, Moderator.  
J. A. BOSWELL, Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES.

W. R. Latham.....	Gordo .....	Pickens Co., .....	Ala.
J. S. Hinton.....	McConnells...	Tuscaloosa Co., .....	Ala.
Woods Springfield...	McShan .....	Pickens Co., .....	Ala.
J. D. Byars.....	Millport.....	Lamar Co., .....	Ala.
J. E. Mathis.....	Millport.....	Lamar Co., .....	Ala.
W. J. Harben.....	Kuykendall...	Tuscaloosa Co., .....	Ala.
J. M. Pinkerton.....	McConnells...	Tuscaloosa Co., .....	Ala.
W. B. Montgomery..	McConnells...	Tuscaloosa Co., .....	Ala.

### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Ala. and shall be composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each church being entitled to three delegates.

2. This body shall be considered an advisory council, but having no authority over the affairs of other

churches, unless they depart from the articles of faith of this Association. In case any church departs from the articles of faith and support doctrines of heresy, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping with our articles of faith, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline etc., though the church may in extreme cases call in aid from sister churches, but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine and general interest.

4. All questions of doctrine and matter of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

6. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all the business is transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its articles of faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree, as churches of this Association, to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, missionary work; etc.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM.**

Rule 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator, who presided at the last session. The former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

3. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes by the delegates present elects.

4. The names of delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

5. A majority of delegates present shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of new churches then it shall be unanimous.

6. The moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in case of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question after others have spoken, provided, he shall appoint some one to the chair while he is speaking.

7. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall arise and address the moderator.

8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection.

9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave of the Association, nor more than fifteen minutes at a time.

10. No member shall talk or laugh during the time the debates are going on.

11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the moderator.

12. The moderator shall have power to call the Association together at any time upon a petition of two-thirds of the churches composing the Association over which he presides.

13. That the appointment of all committees by the Moderator be confined to the ministers and delegates composing the Association.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, self-existent Creator of all things, and revealed under the personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distinct but harmonious officers in the great work of redemption.

2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the center of Christian union, the supreme standard by which all hu-



man conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried:

3. We believe that man was created holy, under the law of his Maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved, and wholly unable of their own free will and ability, to recover from the fallen state in which they are by nature.

4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by an absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

5. We believe that Christ, by his death and suffering, made an atonement for the sins of all mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural faculties and powers or from the force and operation of the free will, since man in consequences of his nature corruption is incapable either of thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

7. We believe in the general application of the grace of God for fallen man sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty—James 1:25, this is to act saving faith; John 1:9, however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32; Romans 2:9; John 3:19.

8. We believe in the free, moral agency of man, by the grace of God, before and after conversion; that he is laid under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act in a giving way, that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and therefore, man is always a proper subject of admonition and exhortation. Hebrew 11:12, 13; Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12; Ezek. 18:24; Rev. 2:3; Ezek. 33:13, and 28; 1st Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3-5; 1st Cor. 10:12 and 22; 1st Peter 1:10.

9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts; rights and privileges invested in them by His

word; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are proper subjects.

11. We believe the Lord's Supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment; and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches who are in good standing in their respective churches, to commune with us at the Lord's table.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING.

The union meeting of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association met in its 18th annual session with Antioch church, Fayette county, Ala., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1907.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Mathis.—Text: II Peter 3:14.

An intermission of one hour and a half was taken for refreshments.

At the appointed time the ministers and messengers assembled in the house and the body was called to order by Rev. J. M. Pinkerton, the former moderator; the former clerk officiating until the body was organized.

After prayer by Rev. W. B. Montgomery, the business was transacted in the following order:

1. Letters from the various churches were handed in and read.

2. Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. J.



E. Mathis, was elected moderator and J. A. Boswell clerk.

3. Extended an invitation for new churches.
4. Invited visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Appointed the following committee on devotion and order of business: Bros. J. E. Woods, Dewitt McAdams, J. W. E. Shelby, Jeff Sanford, J. M. Pool, Will Koon, J. T. Cunningham.

REPORT ON DEVOTION.—Rev. W. B. Montgomery preached at 9 o'clock, a. m., Sunday; Rev. Woods Springfield at 11 o'clock, a. m., Rev. J. E. Mathis be his alternate.

#### Sunday Services.

Rev. W. B. Montgomery preached at 9, a. m., text, John 10: 33; 11: 17. Rev. J. E. Mathis preached at 11 o'clock, a. m., text, Acts 10: 34. The midday service was commemorated by taking the Lord's Supper. All Christians of other churches who were in good standing in their churches were invited to participate. Rev. W. B. Montgomery preached at night, text, John 11: 25.

#### Monday Session.

Monday morning, 8 o'clock, the union meeting met pursuant to adjournment with Rev. J. E. Mathis moderator in the chair.

The roll was called and delegates answered to their names. Saturday's minute was read and approved.

Committee on devotion and order of business report:

1. We recommend the usual order of business.
2. The next session of the union meeting be held with Mt. Zion church, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., to begin Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1908. Rev. W. B. Montgomery to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. D. Byers be his alternate.

3. That we tender our sincere thanks to the people of Antioch church and vicinity and especially the ladies, who have borne the heat and burden of the day, for their kindness shown us. J. E. Woods, Chm.

Report received, adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. M. Pinkerton preached at 9 o'clock, a. m., Monday. Rev. J. E. Mathis preached the valedictory sermon from Gal. 13: 11, to a large and attentive audience.

After all the business was completed the union meeting closed by taking the parting hand to meet with Mt. Zion church, Tuscaloosa county, Ala., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1908.

REV. J. E. MATHIS, Moderator.

J. A. BOSWELL, Clerk.

#### ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co., Ala.—J. E. Woods.

Macedonia, Pickens Co., Ala.—W. J. McAdams.

Shiloh, Pickens Co., Ala.—J. A. Hickman, W. H. Koon, J. E. Latham.

Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.—J. T. Cunningham, P. J. Frazier, J. S. Loftis.

Antioch, Fayette Co., Ala.—B. D. Williams, E. B. Belk, J. W. Williams.

Union, Pickens Co., Ala.—J. A. Pool, E. W. Hardy.

Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.—J. M. Lynn, M. J. Sanford, Wesley Hallman.

Hattie's Chapel, Pickens Co., Ala.—Not represented.

Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.—J. A. Boswell, J. W. E. Shelby.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Restored.	Deceased.	Excluded.	Meeting Days	No Members.	Minute Fund.
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.....	J. D. Byars.....	T. A. Springfield, Millport, Ala	3	3	2	...	3	...	2nd	150	\$2 50
Macedonia, Pickens Co.....	J. D. Byars.....	J. S. Stokes, Millport, Ala. ....	20	...	...	5	2	2	.....	186	2.80
Shiloh, Pickens Co.....	J. E. Mathis.....	J. H. Zenah, Gordo, Ala.....	8	2	...	1	...	...	.....	72	2.50
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co..	W. B. Montgomery	J. T. Cunningham, May, Ala...	5	1	1	...	...	...	.....	66	2.25
Antioch, Fayette Co.....	J. M. Pinkerton....	R. D. Belk, Belk, Ala.....	15	1	...	4	1	...	.....	85	2 00
Union, Pickens Co.....	W. B. Montgomery	J. W. Powell, Mayfield, Ala.....	2	2	...	2	2	...	.....	97	2.00
Phillips Ch'l, Tuscaloosa Co.	W. J. Harbin.....	G. W. Phillips, Moore Bridge Ala	4	...	...	1	3	1	4th	72	1.70
Hattie's Chapel, Pickens Co	George Taylor.....	L. F. Pridmore, Ethelville, Ala	2	3	...	...	...	...	.....	35	2.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.....	W. B. Montgomery	N. A. McGee, McConnells, Ala.	6	4	2	...	...	...	3rd	56	2.25