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PROCEEDINGS

The 68th Annual Session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Alabama, October 12, 13, 14, 1918.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. Montgomery, from John 14-6. After which one and one-half hour was taken for recreation and refreshments. At the appointed time the body was called to order by Rev. Wood Springfield, the former Moderator; the former clerk being absent, J. T. Cunningham was appointed to serve until the body was fully organized.

Letters from the various churches were called for, handed in and read.

The names of delegates were enrolled as per statistical table. The Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk. Rev. T. L. Walker was elected Moderator and J. T. Cunningham, Clerk.

Extended an invitation for reception of new churches. None were present.

Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations.

The following committees were appointed:

On Order of Business—Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. M. Montgomery, T. A. Guin with Moderator and Clerk.

On Devotional Service—T. A. Springfield, J. G. Pearson, with the Deacons of Shiloh Church.

On Temperance—Rev. O. M. Archie, W. A. Harrish, O. H. Walker.

On Sabbath Schools—Rev. M. Montgomery, F. H. Ham, E. B. Springfield.

On Finance—J. M. Graham, M. St. John.

On Deceased Members—J. H. Beanah, M. J. Sanford, J. C. Hardy.

On Publication, Education and Literature—J. S. Stokes, J. R. Logan, R. B. Tilley.

On Moral Reform—J. T. Williams, W. V. Pool, J. L. Frazier.

On Resolutions and Queries—J. M. Lynn, W. H. Whatley, D. L. Roberson.

The Committee on Devotion made their report as follows:

Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 9:00 o'clock, Rev. Wood Springfield at 11:00 o'clock.

By motion the body adjourned until Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock. Prayer by T. L. Walker.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 9:00 o'clock. Text, Proverb 29-18. Rev. Wood Springfield at 11:00 o'clock, subject, "The Second Advent." Text John 14-3; Acts 1-11; Thes. 4-16. After which Rev. Wood Springfield called an ordinary council and ordained C. E. Best to the Gospel Ministry, after which the body adjourned for the day.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after reading a Scripture Lesson and prayer by the Moderator, the body was called to order.

The following business was transacted:

1. Roll Call of Churches.
2. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Reports of committees called for were handed in and read.

Report of Committee on Documents and Order of Business: We, your committee, beg leave to report: We recommend that we proceed after the usual order of business. (2) We recommend that the Secretary be elected Treasurer and that he superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have it done to the best advantages of the Association, that he have it done if possible at one of our publishing offices and that he have ten dollars for his trouble.

(3) We recommend as there are two petitions for next session of the Association we leave it to the voice of the body.

(4) We recommend that Rev. J. M. Spencer preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. E. Harbin be his alternate.

(5) We recommend that we elect delegates to represent us in the State Conference and the Association pay their expenses.

(6) We recommend that ministers make a report at each session of the Association of his work and the amount he has received for his service.

(7) We recommend that the names of our ordained deceased ministers be enrolled from time to time that all may be reminded of their faithfulness among us.

(8) We recommend that this Association raise one hundred dollars for state evangelistic work.

(9) We recommend that each church be asked to pay 25 cents per member for charity fund and help support our aged ministers.

WOOD SPRINGFIELD, Chairman.

On motion the report was received and committee discharged. After considering it by sections it was adopted as a whole.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that our people be temperate in all their daily and Christian labors that our influence may lead to Godliness and also that our churches and pastors may teach and admonish all people to abstain from all intoxicating drinks.

REV. O. M. ARCHIE, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report:

That we find little interest taken in Sabbath Schools but we urge our people that we organize Sabbath Schools in our churches believing that the usefulness of our children depend largely upon their training. We urge our ministers to impress upon our churches their duty on this line. We believe Sabbath Schools to be a light to a community and help to the church when carried on in the right way.

REV. M. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finances, beg leave to report:

We have received for State Conference for printing State Minutes	---\$12.00
For Associational purposes	----- 43.50
Total amount	-----\$55.50
Paid Rev. Wood Springfield, State Evangelist	-----\$12.00
Paid to former Clerk	----- 8.50
Total	-----\$20.50
Leaving in the Treasury	-----\$25.00

J. M. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Members, beg leave to report:

Since our last session we find that 14 of our members have fallen asleep, as follows:

- Mt. Moriah—Bro. H. L. Smith.
- Tabernacle—Sister Mattie Driver, Rada Hinton.
- Phillips Chapel—Sister Martha Anne Nelson.
- Unity Grove—Bro. L. J. Cole.
- Pleasant Hill—Bro. Z. R. Hall.
- Pleasant Ridge—Sister Marie Elmore.
- Union—Bro. Grady Curry, Sister Corie Fally.
- Antioch—Bro. Thomas Alexander.
- Macedonia—Sister Bradley, Jammie Dobson, Samantha Stokes, Bro. Rush Cooper.

Mount Zion—Sister Bamma Basewell.

Do not grieve for those that are gone who are better off than we, but cheer their drooping hearts with thoughts of eternity.

As death is but a sleep,
A rest for the weary soul,
A bridge to pass us over
To that joyous Heavenly goal.

Grieve not for those who have passed death's limit here below,
And entered into glory in that world that we do not know,
But joyous let us live as we know all things are best,
Done by our Lord and Savior who will give eternal rest.

J. H. ZEANNAH, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION, EDUCATION AND LITERATURE.

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

We recommend the former report as set forth in our last minutes.

J. S. STOKES, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

We, your committee on Moral Reform, beg leave to report we adopted the former report.

J. T. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Report of committee on Moral Reform in previous minutes are as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

That we adopt the report as follows: Seemingly, the minds of the people, more especially the minds of the young, are inclined to seek after worldly amusements, which are inclined to corrupt their morals.

We recommend that the churches take a closer oversight over them, and that they condemn all and everything that has the least influence toward corrupting the morals or stagnating the brain, so that it would render them unfit for usefulness as Christians. We should condemn such worldly amusements as dancing, gambling in any form, either by chance, matching, raffling, marble playing on Sunday, or hanging around railroad stations, or where business does not call any one.

J. S. STOKES, Chairman.

Report was received and committee discharged.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find all the churches getting along very well and some of them doing an excellent work. We find the Christian character of ministers in excellent shape, all doing all they can for the promotion of Christianity and have done a lot of hard work which was very necessary on account of the turmoil in which the country was in.

We recommend that the ministers of the various churches take the matter up with their respective churches and impress upon them the necessity of raising for evangelistical work funds sufficient to support a minister so this body could send one to help fill the weak places and also open new fields where we are not represented.

J. A. HICKMAN, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee on Resolutions and Queries, beg leave to report:

Resolved, That this body tender the sincere thanks to Shiloh Church and the good people of the community for their hospitality and able manner in which they have supported this Association and for their kindness during our stay with them.

J. M. LYNN, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

Moved to select a place for the next session of the Association. Phillip Chapel was choesen.

Moved that we elect delegates to the State Conference: J. H. Harless, T. J. Shipp, J. M. Graham were elected.

There being no other business the parting hand was taken and the Association adjourned to meet with the Phillip Chapel Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1919.

Rev. J. M. Spencer preached the introductory sermon, Rev. W. E. Harbin being his alternate.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Moderator.

J. T. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Wood Springfield McShan, Ala.

J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala., Rt. 1.

J. C. Mathis, Millport, Ala., Rt. 1.

W. J. Harbin, Samantha, Ala., Rt. 1.

M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Rt. 1.

T. V. Wheat, Coker, Ala., Rt. 1.
W. E. Harbin, Samantha, Ala., Rt. 1.
O. M. Archie, Samantha, Ala., Rt. 1.
J. M. Pinkerton, Athens, Tex.
W. R. Robinson, Reform, Ala.
J. M. Spencer, McConnells, Ala., Rt. 1.
C. E. Best, Bankston, Ala., Rt. 2.
I. T. Nabors, Millport, Ala.
LICENTIATE—J. W. Shirley, Samantha, Ala.

TOLL OF DELEGATES.

Mt. Moriah—L. C. Wing, E. B. Springfield, T. A. Springfield.
Macedonia—J. S. Stokes.
Shiloh—W. H. Koons, W. R. Burkhalter, J. H. Zennah.
Tabernacle—J. T. Cunningham, J. R. Fagan, P. J. Frazier.
Antioch—J. T. Williams, F. H. Ham.
Union—W. H. Whatley, W. V. Pool, Willie Curry.
Phillip Chapel—J. M. Lynn, M. J. Sanford.
Hattie Chapel—M. S. John.
Mt. Zion—J. H. Harless, T. J. Shipp, T. C. Harless.
Union Hill—W. A. Harris, D. L. Robinson, J. S. Steward.
Pleasant Hill—J. G. Pearson, R. B. Tilley, Vertice Tilley.
Friendship—C. E. Best.
Unity Grove—T. A. Guin, J. M. Graham.
Pleasant Ridge—W. T. Driver, B. C. Strickland, J. C. Hardy.
Sulphur Springs—J. R. Hall, O. H. Walker.

ROLL OF DECEASED ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Ellis Gore,
W. R. Latham,
J. S. Hinton,
W. B. Montgomery.

PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETING.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of the Union Meeting of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Mount Zion Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1918.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Harbin, text, Corinthian 2-2.

After which one and a half hour was taken for recreation and refresh-

ments, after which the ministers and messengers assembled in the house, the body was called to order by the former Moderator, the former Clerk serving until the body was fully organized.

1. The letter from the various churches was called for, handed in and read.

2. Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk.

3. Rev. W. E. Harbin was re-elected Moderator and J. T. Cunningham, Clerk.

4. The following Committees were appointed:

(1) On Devotional—Bros. P. J. Frazier, P. A. Crawford, with deacons of Mount Zion Church.

(2) On Order of Business—Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. M. Spencer, with the Moderator and Clerk.

(3) On Evangelism—Rev. J. D. Byars, J. H. Harless, J. R. Hall.

(4) On Resolutions and Queries—J. A. Hickman, W. D. Watts, J. S. Steward.

REPORT ON DEVOTION.

We, your committee on Devotion, beg leave to report:

Rev. J. D. Byars preached at 9:00 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Harbin at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. J. E. Mathis at 3:00 o'clock. By motion the body adjourned until Monday morning, 8:00 o'clock.

Rev. J. D. Byars preached at 9:00 o'clock, text, Romans 5-11, subject, Faith. Rev. W. J. Harbin at 11:00 o'clock, text, John 7-10. Rev. J. E. Mathis at 3:00 o'clock, text, Theolosians 5-17-18.

All these sermons were delivered to a large and attentive concourse of people.

Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock met and after reading of the 19th Psalm and prayer by the Moderator, the following business was transacted:

1. Roll was called and the delegates answered to their names.

2. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

3. Called for report of the committees.

ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your committee on Order of Business, beg leave to report:

We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting be held with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Alabama, commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1919.

Rev. T. V. Wheat preached the introductory sermon, Rev. Wood Springfield his alternate.

J. E. MATHIS, Chairman.

ON EVANGELISM.

We, your committee on Evangelism, beg leave to report:

We recommend that the ministers of this Association spread the Gospel to every nook and corner that they can on the face of the earth. We ask the Church to be more diligent in looking after the needs of their pastors in the future than they have been in the past. We urge the ministers of the various churches to impress upon the members the necessity of studying the Bible more that they may become more acquainted with the word of the Lord Jesus Christ.

J. D. BYARS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee on Resolutions and Queries, beg leave to report:

That we tender our sincere thanks to Mount Zion Church and community for the kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with them, and especially the good sisters who have borne the burdens of the days.

1. Query: From whence did the different nationalities and tribes come? Opened by Rev. J. M. Spencer.

2. Query: Should a member of the church be given full privilege rights of the church before Baptism? Opened by Rev. T. V. Wheat.

J. A. HICKMAN, Chairman.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Mount Moriah—R. L. Burgess, E. Burgess.

Macedonia—J. M. Field, M. B. Fields.

Shiloh—J. A. Hickman.

Tabernacle—J. S. Loftis, J. R. Logan, P. J. Frazier.

Antioch—J. T. Williams, R. D. Willams, F. H. Ham.

Union—Not represented.

Phillips Chapel—J. M. Lynn, M. J. Sandford.

Mount Zion—J. H. Harless, H. B. Logan, T. J. Shipp.

Union Hill—J. S. Steward.

Pleasant Hill—J. G. Pearson, W. D. Watts, V. Tilley.

Friendship—Not represented.

Unity Grove—Not represented.

Pleasant Ridge—J. C. Hardy.

Sulphur Springs—P. A. Crawford, J. R. Hall.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

J. E. Mathis,
J. D. Byars,
W. J. Harbin,
T. V. Wheat,
M. Montgomery,
W. E. Harbin.

The business being ended the valedictory sermon was preached by Rev M. Montgomery, after which the parting hand was taken to meet with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1919.

REV. W. E. HARBIN, Moderator.

J. T. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches, Counties and States	Pastors	Clerks and Their Postoffices,	Baptized	Rec. by letter	Dis. by letter	Restored	Died	Excluded	Meeting day	No. Members	Minute Fund
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County Ala.	T. L. Walker	T. B. Smith, Ethelville, Ala., R. 3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2 128	84 00
Macedonia, Pickens county, Ala.	J. D. Byars	J. S. Stokes, Millport, Ala.,	40	0	0	0	0	4	0	1 209	3 00
Shiloh, Pickens county, Ala.	J. D. Byars	J. H. Zenah, Gordo, Ala.	6	2	1	0	0	3	3	3 106	3 50
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa county, Ala.	T. L. Walker	J. T. Cunningham, Coker, Ala., R. 1	13	2	0	0	2	0	1	1 100	2 50
Antioch, Fayette county, Ala.	W. E. Harbin	F. H. Ham, Belk, Ala.	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	93	3 00
Union, Pickens county, Ala.	Woods Springfield	S. R. Lancaster	6	0	1	0	2	0	2	90	2 00
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa, Co., Ala.	M. Montgomery	G. W. Phillips, McConnells, Ala	13	0	0	4	1	0	4	125	3 50
Hatties Chapel, Pickens county, Ala.	Woods Springfield	A. O. Blake, Ethelville, Ala. R. 2	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	75	2 00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. M. Spencer	J. H. Harless, McConnells, Ala., R. 1	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	66	4 00
Union Hill, Pickens county, Ala.	T. L. Walker	W. A. Harris, Reform, Ala., R. 2	5	1	0	0	0	0	3	73	2 00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa county, Ala.	Woods Springfield	R. B. Tilly, Holman, Ala.	6	2	2	0	1	0	3	37	1 50
Friendship, Fayette county, Ala.	M. Montgomery	J. C. Phillips, Bankston, Ala.	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	29	1 50
Unity Grove, Lamar county, Ala.	J. D. Byars	J. H. Cole, Fernbank, Ala., R. 1	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	95	2 00
Pleasant Ridge, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	T. V. Wheat	B. C. Strickland Moore's Bridge, Ala.	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	98	3 00
Sulphur Springs, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	J. M. Spencer	O. H. Walker, Berry, Ala., R. 1	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	98	3 00

Total number of members



