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**MINUTES**

OF THE  
**SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE  
**MOUNT MORIAH  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**

WAS HELD WITH  
**SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1923**

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**OFFICERS:**

**REV. J. D. BYARS, Moderator**  
**L. E. PARKER, Clerk**

The next session will be held with Union Church, Pickens  
County, Ala., beginning on Saturday before  
the second Sunday in October, 1924.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy Third Annual session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Sulphur Spring Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, Oct. 13th, 14th and 15th, 1923. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. L. Walker Text; Mathew 28 c. 18; 19; 20 Verse. After which one and one half hours were taken for refreshments. In due time the ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house after reading the 12 chap. of Rom. and prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars, the Association was called to order by the former moderator, and the former clerk being absent the moderator appointed L. E. Parker to serve as clerk pro-tem until the body was fully organized.

1st. The following business was transacted, the letters from the various Churches were called for, handed in, and read—and delegates listed as per roll.

2nd. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, whereby Rev. J. D. Byars was elected Moderator, and L. E. Parker Clerk.

3rd. Extended an invitation for the reception of new churches—none present.

4th. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations; whereby from Vernon, Rev. M. L. Hollis and Bro Loyd Turner. Morning Star, Bros. G. L. Sweny, W. G. L. Moore

The following committees were appointed:

1st. On Document and Order of Buisness; Rev. M. Montgomery, T. L. Walker, J. A. Hickman, with Moderator and Clerk.

2nd On Devotional Services: J. G. Person, T. C. Harless, with the Deacons of Sulphur Spring church.

3rd. On Temperance: Rev. W. E. Harbin, T. J. Shipp, J. S. Loftis, Alvin Miller.

4th. On Sabbath School: J. S. Shewert, M. B. Fields, W. T. Drides, E. L. Crawford, J. M. Lynn.

5th. On Finance: J. R. Cole, T. M. Hudgins, W. R. Berhalter.

6th. On deceased members: Rev. J. E. Mathis, W. J. Harbin, W. R. Robertson, W. J. Holliman, W. H. Otts.

7th. On Moral Reform: Rev. J. M. Spencer, Luther Cole, J. G. Kuykendall, Tom Springfield, J. E. Tilley, B. S. Hanley

8th. On Resolutions and Queries: Rev. N. Wright, J. W. Holliman, W. V. Pool, W. L. Sanford, L. A. Williamson, B. H. Montgomery, Joe Kuykerndall.

The Committee on Devotion made their report as follows:

“Rev. J. E. Mathis preach at 9:30 A. M. and M. L. Hollis, preach at 11 A. M. and Rev. J. D. Byars preach at 2:30 P. M. on Sunday.

J. G. Pearson, Chairman.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. J. M. Mathis preached at 9:30 A. M. Text, Second Timothy 2 c; 19 v.

Rev. M. L. Hollis preached at 11 A. M. Text, Isaiah 5:2.

Rev. J. D. Byars preached at 2:30 Text, Mathew 18:16.

## MONDAY MORNING

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment; after reading 37 Psalm and prayer by the Moderator Rev. J. D. Byars. The Association was called to order, after which the following business was transacted.

1st. Roll call of churches the delegates from the various churches answered to there names as per Roll.

2nd. Minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

3rd. The reports of the various committees called for and adopted as called:

On Document and order of business read and adoped by sections.

1st. That we proceed after the usual order of business.

2nd. We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Union Church Pickens County Alabama which will begin Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1924. We further recommend that Rev. J. E. Mathis preach the introductory sermon and Rev. T. A. Springfield be his alternate. 3rd. We further recommend that the clerk be elected treasure and that he have \$25.00 for his service and that he superintend the printing of the minutes and send

minutes to each church according to funds from same.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery,

Chairman.

## **ON TEMPERANCE**

Report as follows: Seeing that the human family are inclined to seek after worldly things we recommend that each of us as a church abstain from all unclean things that we live soberly, and righteously in this present world, that the people may glory-fy our Father who art in Heaven; speaking the truth always.

We recommend that we leave aside all the worldly amusement knowing that we are taught to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Fathers and mothers be very careful with your children, for the future hope of our churches are placed on the young people. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. W. E. Hardin, Chirman

## **ON FINANCE**

We, your committee on finance beg leave to report as follows: "Collected at session, \$50.00 public collection \$12.73 making a total of \$62.73. Report received and committee discharged.

T. M. Hudgins, Chairman

## **ON DECEASED MEMBERS**

We, your committee on deceased members, beg leave to report as gollows: "Since our last session we find that eleven of our members have fallen asleep, names as follows; Shiloh Bro. W. W. Thomas; Tabrnacle, J. M. Montgomery, J. I. Montgomery, S. F. Montgomery; Sulphur Springs, Rev. O. M. Archie, Sister Jinnie Archie, Bro. Sammie Fields; Mt. Moriah, R. L. Burges, Willie Cowart; Phillips Chpel, Lucinda Sanford, Ella Hollman. Bro. J. T. Johnson sing one song after which Rev. J. E. Tilley prayed the memorial prayer. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Chairman.



## THANKS TO THE ASSOCIATION

We tender our thanks and appreciation to the Mt. Moriah Association for their contribution, and the erection of a monument to our Husband and father: Woods Springfield. We pray God's blessings upon the Association.

Mrs. A. C. Springfield, and children.

## MORAL REFORM

We your Committee on Moral Reform beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the deacons take a closer oversight of their churches; seeing that our young members are so easily led off from the path of right.

We further recommend that parents plant the the christian principle in their children, and close doors against the evils which lead them astray. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. J. M. Spincer.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your exeutive committee, report as follows: We find the christian character of our ministers good, we find that some of our churches are progressing better than last year. We ardently urge every body both minister and layman to press forword for the better, in the coming year. We urge the attendance of all ministers to the Annual Association.

We have on hand and received at this session, \$48.00.

Report received and committee retained.

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee report as follows:

1st. That this body tenders its sincere thanks to Sulpher Springs Church and community for the able manner in which they have supported, and cared for this association during our stay with them.

2nd. We recommend that each church send a full delegation to the association, and in case of absent delegates that we seat another member in their stead.

3rd. That the Clerk have the minutes published at the earliest date possible.

4th. We, futher sugest that the delegates report to their churches the proceedings of this Association.

5th. We, recommend that each church send a full and short letter to the Association.

Rev. N. Wright, Chairman.

## INDORSEMENTS

Move to appoint a committee to have a book printed of the different forms of letters, and etc., As follows: Bro. J. G. Pearson, L. E. Parker, M. Montgomery, T. L. Walker and Tom Springfield.

Move to add one colum to the statirtical table. Carried.

Moved carried to elect an Evangelist to go into the field. Elected by Executive Committee; to wit Rev. W. E. Harbin.

Moved carried for the Executive Committee to have power to support said Evangelist.

Move carried to appoint delegates to the State Conference, appointed as follows: Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. N Wright and Rev. J. D. Byars.

Moved carried to appoint delegates to the Sister Associations. Vernon, J. R. Cole, J. T. Johnson. Jasper Associati-on, J. R. Hall, Rev. J M. Spencer.

There being no futher buisness, moved carried to adjurn the parting hand was taked to meet with Union Church Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1924.

Rev. J. D. Byars, Mod.  
L. E. Parker, Clerk.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. D. Byars, J. E Mathis, W. J. Harbin, M. Montgo-mery, T. V. Wheat, T L. Walker, W. R. Rabertson, J. M. Spencer, W. E. Harbin, J. E. Tilley, L. A. Williamson, T. A Springfield, N. Wright, G. F. Carmack

## ROLL OF DELEGATES

Mt. Moriah, John Lancaster; Macedonia, M. B. Fields; Shiloh, J. A. Hickman, W. R. Burkhalter, Alvin Miller; Tabernacle, B. H. Montgomery, J. S. Loftis, B. L. Hamley; Antioch, W. J. Holliman, W. H. Otts; Union, T. M. Hudgins, W. S. Pool; Phillips Chapel, J. M. Lymn, W. L. Sanford, J. W. Hollman; Union Hill, J. S. Stewart, Carlos Stewart; Mt. Zion, T. J. Shipp, T. G. Harles; Hatie's Chapel by letter; Pleasant Hill, J. G. Pearson; Friend Ship, by letter; Unity Grove, J. R. Cole, L. E. Parker, Luther Cole; Pleasant Ridge, Tom Driver, Walter Driver; Sulpher Springs, J. G. Kuykerndall, E. L. Crawford, Joel Kuykendall.

## PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETING 1923.

The thirty-second annual session of the Union Meeting of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Tabernacle Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1923

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Harbin. Text, John 19:14, after which one and one-half hours were taken for recreation and refreshments.

At the appointed time the ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house. After the reading of the fifth chapter of Psalms and prayer by the Moderator the body was called to order by the former Moderator. The former clerk being absent, Rev. J. M. Spencer appointed L. E. Parker, clerk until the body was organized.

1st. Letters from various churches were called for and handed in and read delegates listed as per roll.

2nd. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, whereby Rev. T. V. Wheat was elected Moderator and L. E. Parker, Clerk.

3rd. The following committees were appointed

1st. On Document and Order of business; Rev. W. J. Harbin, M. B. Fields, J. A. Hickman, with Moderator and Clerk

2nd. On Devotion: T. J. Shipp, J. T. Johnson, E. L. Crawford, with Deacons of Tabernacle Church.

3rd. On Evangelism: Rev. W. E. Harbin, T. A. Springfield, R. B. Tilley, J. H. Cole, and Kirk Smith.

4th. On Resolutions and Queries: Brice Logan, J. T. Watson, M. J. Sanford, M. L. Buckhalter, and W. H. Wattley.

Fifth: Committee on Devotion made the following report. Rev. W. R. Robertson preach at 9 o'clock, Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at 11 o'clock, and Rev. T. A. Springfield preach at 3 o'clock.

### SUNDAY SERVICE.

Rev. W. R. Robertson preach at 9 o'clock, Text, Matt. 19:21. Rev. W. J. Harbin preached at 11 o'clock, Text, John 5:39. Rev. T. A. Springfield preached at 3 o'clock, Text, John 19:26.

### MONDAY MORNING

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment. After reading the 17 Psalm, and prayer by the Moderator, the Union meeting was called to order.

1st. Minutes of Saturday, read and adopted. 2nd. Roll call of churches. The delegates of the various churches answered to their names, and listed as per roll.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES

On Document and order of Business. We, your committee on Document and Order Business beg leave to report as follows, that we proceed after the usual order of business.

2nd. We, recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting be held with Shiloh Church, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1924. We recommend that Rev. M. Montgomery preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. J. E. Tilley be his alternate.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Chairman.



2nd. On Devotion. We your committee on Devotion report as follows: That Rev J. E. Tilley preach the Valedictory, sermon, at 11 o'clock sharp.

Report received and committee discharged.

T. J. Shipp, Chairman.

3rd. Evangelism. Moved and seconded that the report on Evangelism be received by sections, as follows:

Sec. 1. Seeing the great need of our people being Evangelized from the fact that they are scattering so far from the churches that they are going into Heathenism. We urge that the churches turn their pastors loose that they may be able to save the churches from same.

Sec. 2. And the churches put their means behind them and let them go.

Sec. 3. That our preachers grasp every opportunity possible, to go in the field.

Sec. 4. We recommend that the Association elect one or two Evangelist to go and arouse the cause of Christ.

Sec. 5. We recommend that this delegated body; in returning to their churches, urge that they raise funds as much as possible, and bring same to the association to send these Evangelists to the weak Churches, and that each pastor remind his church last they should overlook same.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. W. E. Harbin, Chairman.

On Resolutions and Queries: Report as follows we recommend that we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Tabernacle church for their able manner in which they supported this Union meeting and pray God's richest blessing on them report read and committee discharged.

H. B. Logan, Chairman.

#### ROLL OF DELEGATES, ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Macedonia: J. S. Stokes; Shiloh: J. A. Hickman, W. E. Burkhalter; Tabernacle: M. T. Montgomery, B. L. Hamley, W. R. Logan; Union: W. H. Whatley, T. J. Lancaster; Phillips Chapel: John T. Watson; Union Hill: J. T. Stewart

J. C. Stewart; Mt. Zion: T. J. Shipp, H. B. Logan, J. F. Smith; Hattie's Chapel: V. M. Springfield; Pleasant Hill: R. B. Tilley; Unity Grove: J. T. Johnson, J. H. Cole; Sulphur Spring: E. L. Crawford.

#### LIST OF MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

W. J. Harbin, W. R. Robertson, T. V. Wheat, W. E. Harbin, J. M. Spencer, M. Montgomery, J. E. Tilley, L. A. Williamson, T. A. Springfield.

There being no further business the Valedictory sermon was preached by J. E. Tilley, Text Heb. 4-9. After which the parting hand was taken to meet with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Saturday before the 4th, Sunday in July, 1924.

Rev. T. V. Wheat, Moderator.  
L. E. Parker, Clerk.

#### CONSTITUTION

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

Art. 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 ministers 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.

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

Art. 4. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by two-third vote of the Association and the decision shall be final.

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

Art. 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 business is transacted.

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

Art. 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 last session. The former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

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

RULE 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.

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

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

RULE 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.

RULE 7. Only one person shall speak at the same time who shall arise and address the Moderator.

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

RULE 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.

RULE 10. No member shall talk or laugh during the time the debate is going on.

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

RULE 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.

RULE 13. That the appointment of all committees by the Moderator be confined to 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 offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 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; and 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 human conduct, creeds, and opinion will be tried.

Art. 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 will and ability, to recover from the fallen state in which they are by nature.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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 consequence of his natural corruption is incapable either of thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

Art. 7. We believe in the general application of the grace of God for fallen men 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 these who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32; Romans 2:9; John 3:19.

Art. 8. We believe in the moral agency of man, by the grace of God, before and after conversion; that he is laid under no invincible necessity, but his Creator, to act in a given 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 for admonition and exhortation. Hebrews 11:12-13; Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12; Ezekiel 18:24; Rev. 2:3; Ezekiel 33:13; and 28; 1st Tim. 4:1; Hebrews 3:5; 1st Cor. 10:12 and 22; 1st Peter 1:10.

Art. 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, right 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 of Timothy and Titus.

Art. 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.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES COUNTIES AND STATES	PASTORS	CLERKS, AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	X-PASTORS	PAID X-PASTORS	PAID HELPERS	BAPTIZED	REC. BY LETTER	DIS. BY LETTER	RESTORED	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	MEETING DAYS	NO. OF MEMBERS	MINUTE FUND
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	C. C. Gore, McShan, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	\$ 113.85	\$ 26.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	101	\$ 3.00
Macedonia, Pickens County, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	J. S. Stocks, Millport, Ala. ....	J. D. Byars ....	72.60	37.00	16	1	2	0	0	2	1	275	4.00
Shiloah, Pickens County, Ala. ....	J. E. Tilley ....	W. L. Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala. ....	J. E. Tilley ....	71.00		3	1	5	0	1	1	3	125	3.00
Tabernacle, Tuscloosa County, Ala. ....	W. E. Harbin ..	J. T. Cunningham, Coker, Ala. ....	M. Montgomeay ..			0	1	1	0	3	0	1	110	5.00
Antioch, Fayette County, Ala. ....	J. D. Byars ....	F. H. Ham, Belk, Ala. ....	J. D. Byars ....	82.00	43.90	10	1	0	0	1	0	2	125	5.00
Union, Pickens County, Ala. ....	J. E. Tilley ....	W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala. ....	T. J. Adair ....	135.00		0	0	2	0	0	0	2	90	3.00
Philtip's Chapel, Tuscloosa Countd, Ala.	M. Montgonery ..	W. L. Sanford, Fayette, Ala. ....	M. Montgomery ..			8	4	0	0	2	0	4	176	5.00
Union Hill, Pickens County, Ala. ....	W. R. Robertson ..	E. L. Perrigen, Reform, Ala. ....	W. R. Robertson ..			7	0	0	0	0	0	3	182	1.50
Mt. Zion, Tuscloosa County, Ala. ....	M. Montgomery ..	S. E. Harless, McConels, Ala. ....	W. E. Harbon ..	75.00		1	0	1	0	0	1	3	84	6.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens County, Ala. ....	W. R. Robertson ..	U. M. Springfield, ....	W. R. Robertson ..			0	0	0	0	0	0	1		2.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.	T. L. Walker ..	J. H. Harless, Elrod, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	80.00	30.00	14	5	0	0	0	0	3	73	3.00
Friendship, Fayette County, Ala. ....	G. F. Carmack ..	J. C. Phillips, Bankston, Ala. ....	G. F. Carmack ..			2	0	0	0	0	0	2	29	1.50
Unita Grove, Lamar County, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	Luther Cole, Millport, Ala. ....	T. L. Walker ..	90.50	17.00	0	2	4	0	1	0	4	100	4.00
Pleasant Ridge, Tuscloosa County, Ala.		Belton Driver, Echola, Ala. ....	J. E. Tilley ....	21.40		4	0	1	0	0	0	4	34	2.00
Sulpher Springs, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.	W. E. Harbin ..	Arche Harbin, Berry, Ala. ....	W. E. Harbin ..	70.00		1	0	0	0	3	0	2	137	4.15

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