



# MINUTES

of the

**77th Annual Session**

of the

**Mount Moriah Association**

of

**Free Will Baptists**

Held With

**Macedonia Church**

**Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5 and 6, 1927**

## OFFICERS

Rev. J. D. BYARS  
O. L. STOKES

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Moderator  
Clerk

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The next session of this association will convene with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1928.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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## PROCEEDINGS

of the 77th Annual Session of the Mt. Moriah Free Will  
Baptist Association

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Convened with Macedonia church, Pickens County, Alabama, October 5th and 6th, 1927.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Tilley, Text; St. John 10-7. After which the body adjourned one and one-half hours for refreshments. At 1:30 the ministers and messengers reassembled. After reading the 19th Psalm the house was called to order by the Moderator.

The following business was transacted:

1st.—Letters from the various churches were handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll.

2nd.—Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk, Rev. J. D. Byars was elected moderator, and O. L. Stokes was elected clerk.

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

4th.—Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations, Rev. M. L. Hollis, from Vernon Association; Rev. J. L. Conner, from Jasper Association; also Rev. G. B. Taylor, Rev. W. C. Austin, Rev. Ellis C. Springfield and Bro. J. T. Tidwell from Jasper Association and Rev. S. W. Brooks from the Methodist Conference were received as Honorary members.

The following committees were appointed:

1st.—On Document and Order of Business: Rev. J. E. Tilley, T. J. Shipp, Rev. W. J. Harbin, with moderator and clerk.

Ruled that the body meet at 8 a. m. Thursday morning and have preaching at 11 a. m.

2nd.—On Devotional Service: W. C. Smith, Rev. E. F. Pool, W. L. Burkhalter, with deacons of Macedonia church.

3rd.—On Temperance: J. S. Loftis, J. M. Lynn, Herman Hickman.



4th.—On Sabbath School: E. Z. Mayfield, Sister Etta Mayfield, T. B. Smith, J. W. Hallman, W. C. Smith, J. A. Hickman, Johnnie T. Williams, Sam H. Lindsey, J. M. Lynn, J. S. Stewart, E. W. Shipp, Earl Williams, J. H. Cole, J. M. Campbell and C. D. Newman.

5th.—On Finance: J. H. Harless, Early Dean.

6th.—On Deceased Members: S. E. Harless L, K. Johnson, O. L. Pearson, J. O. Perrigen.

7th.—On Moral Reform: Rev. M. Montgomery, W. H. Whatley, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. O. C. Weaver, I. B. Robertson.

8th.—On Resolutions and Queries: Rev. W. J. Harbin, J. H. Acker, W. G. Kuykendall, G. W. Fields.

9th.—On Education, Literature and Publication: Bro. J. A. Hickman, Rev. T. L. Walker, J. H. Harless, assisted by Rev. J. L. Conner, and Rev. W. C. Austin from Jasper Association.

The committee on Devotion reported that Rev. W. C. Austin preach at 11 a. m. Thursday; Rev. J. L. Conner at 2:30 p. m.; and Rev. M. L. Hollis at 7:30 p. m.

Short talks by Revs. W. C. Austin and G. B. Taylor.

Moved and seconded that the body adjourn to meet at 8 a. m. Thursday morning, after which the assignments were made.

### THURSDAY MORNING

The association was called to order by the moderator after song and reading the 51st Psalm, after which the following business was transacted:

1st.—Roll call of churches, delegates answered to their names as per roll.

2nd.—Minutes of Wednesday read and adopted.

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

#### On Document and Order of Business

Read and adopted by sections.

We, your committee on Document and Order of Business, beg leave to report as follows: 1st: We recommend that we proceed after the regular order of business. 2nd: We recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Shiloh church, Pickens County, Ala. 3rd:

We recommend that the next session begin on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1928, have preaching at 11 a. m., the first day and three sermons the second day and wind up the business on the third day. 4th: We recommend that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. J. D. Byars be his alternate. 5th: We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$20 for his services.

Report received and amended as per third section above.  
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman.

#### On Temperance.

We, your committee in Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: We urge our members to abstain from all appearance of the manufacturing, selling or drinking of intoxicating liquors, and that we prevent our children from associating with those that practice the same, and that we teach our children to be temperate in all things.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. S. Loftis, Chairman.

#### On Finance

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received from churches	\$55.50
Received from Sunday schools	7.50
Total	\$63.00

#### On Sabbath School

We your Sunday school committee report as follows: 1st: We find that only a part of our churches have Sabbath school, but, we find that some of our Sabbath schools are doing very fine work. 2nd: We are pleading with the pastors and officers of each church to put forth their best efforts to have or organize a Sunday school in every church in our Association. 3rd: We think that by having Sunday school that many of our young people would study the Word of God that might not were they not in Sunday school. 4th: We believe that is a great hindrance today with our churches, that we have not



studied the Word of God and posted ourselves of His Will.

Report received, committee discharged.

E. Z. Mayfield, Chairman.

### Sunday School Evangelist's Report

I, your Sunday school evangelist, beg leave to report as follows: I find that some of our Sunday schools are just doing fine and they are doing fine work for our Lord and Master, and for the upbuilding of His cause and kingdom here in the world.

I am sorry to report that some of our churches have no Sunday school or have let their school go dead. We had a grand Sunday school convention and all who missed being there sure did miss a fine program. We had some real live schools at convention.

E. Z. Mayfield, Chairman.

### On Deceased Members.

We, your committee on Deceased Members beg leave to report as follows: Since our last session we find that fourteen of our members have fallen asleep, names as follows: Mt. Moriah, Sister Sis Brandon; Macedonia, Sister Ella Hardin, Bros. Jess Stokes, Witt McAdams, J. R. McAdams; Tabernacle, Bro. J. T. Cunningham; Union, Sister Bettie Ballard, Bro. S. P. Lancaster; Phillips Chapel, Bro. Billey Sanford and Sister Ena Sanford; Union Hill, Bro. J. A. Harris; Mt. Zion, Bro. S. T. Shipp; Hattie's Chapel, Sister Manda Brown; Pleasant Hill, Sister Alice Carr. Report received and committee discharged.

S. E. Harless, Chairman.

### On Moral Reform.

We, your committee on Moral Reform report as follows: We recommend that our deacons and preachers take a clear oversight of our members, seeing that some of them are being led astray by the enticing ways of the world. We further recommend that our preachers and deacons abstain from the appearance of evil, such as we believe to be evil, soft drinks, match ball games, etc., and take instructions of St. Paul to Timothy and Titus. God

bless the work of this entire Association is the prayer of this committee. Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman.

### Report of Executive Committee

We, your executive committee report as follows: All ministers as far as we know are in good standing in our Association.

Cash on hand at last session.....\$27.47

Nothing paid out.

Paid out of educational funds to Ocie Weaver for schooling .....\$90.00

Balance in educational fund ..... 14.62

Report received and committee discharged.

J. A. Hickman, Chairman.

### Education, Literature and Publication

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication, beg leave to report as follows: From 1914 to 1917, seventeen of our text books was changed in the U. S., that had lessons pertaining to God and Christ and death beyond the grave. The new books do not contain a word of same. Therefore, we wish to go on record condemning the present books that teach Darwinism and we further recommend that children not be demoted for not participating in ball games and dancing and evil. We recommend that the Bible be taught in the public schools and we recommend that our people subscribe to and read our church papers published by and for the Free Will Baptists. We ask our people not to read "yellow novels" and inferior literature.

Report received.

J. A. Hickman, Chairman

### Resolutions and Queries.

We, your committee on Resolutions and Queries beg leave to report as follows, that we tender our sincere thanks to Macedonia church and community for the able manner in which they have supported this session of the Association, also for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

Report received.

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Chairman.



Opened at 1:45 p. m. with song and prayer after reading 14th chapter of St. John.

Empowered moderator to appoint a committee to raise money to erect a monument to the grave of Rev. W. E. Harbin, the committee was J. M. Campbell, O. L. Pearson, J. H. Harless.

A move to do away with the Union meeting and adopt a Fifth Sunday program instead failed to carry.

Moved and carried that the Union meeting meet on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July and remain in session till Monday.

Moved and carried that the moderator appoint three delegates to the state convention to be held at Mt. Harmony church, Lamar County, Ala., Wednesday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1927. Bros. J. A. Hickman, E. W. Shipp, T. J. Lancaster were appointed.

Moved and seconded that the body adjourn to meet with Shiloh church Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1928 at 11 a. m.

3:00 p. m. Rev. J. L. Conner from the Jasper Association preached. Text: St. John 7th to 14th verses of the 10th chapter.

REV. J. D. BYARS, Moderator.  
O. L. STOKES, Secretary.

#### List of Ordained Ministers.

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Ala., Route 3.  
Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.  
Rev. W. R. Robinson, Coal Fire, Ala.  
Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Reform, Ala., Route 3.  
Rev. L. A. Williamson, Fayette, Ala.  
Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Route 1.  
Rev. T. V. Wheat, Coker, Route 1.  
Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala., Route 1.  
Rev. W. J. Harbin, Berry, Ala.  
Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala., Route 1.  
Rev. N. Wright, Berry, Ala., Route 4.  
Rev. G. F. Carmack, Covin, Ala.  
Rev. O. C. Weaver, Samantha, Ala., Route.  
Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala., Route 2.  
Rev. Foster Pool, Echola, Ala.  
Licentiates—N. M. Sanford, McConnells, Ala.

#### Roll of Delegates.

Mt. Moriah, J. W. Lancaster, T. B. Smith, C. L. Wing; Macedonia, J. M. Stokes, Early Dean, Curt Smith; Shiloh, J. J. Connell, Herman Hickman, W. L. Burkhalter; Tabernacle, J. S. Loftis, B. K. Montgomery, J. W. Hallman; Antioch, J. T. Williams, F. H. Ham; Union, J. H. Acker, W. H. Whatley, S. H. Lindsey; Phillips Chapel, J. M. Lynn, W. T. Montgomery, Jake Sanford; Union Hill, J. O. Perrigen, J. S. Stewart; Mt. Zion, E. W. Shipp, T. J. Shipp, S. E. Harless; Hattie's Chapel, Earl Williams; Pleasant Hill, O. L. Pearson, J. H. Harless, Sister Etta Mayfield; Friendship, by letter; Unity Grove, I. B. Robertson, L. K. Johnson, J. H. Cole; Sulphur Springs, J. M. Campbell, G. W. Fields, W. G. Kuykendall; Espy Springs C. D. Newman, J. F. Brown, J. B. Weaver.

#### List of Deceased Ministers.

Revs. W. B. Montgomery, Wood Springfield, W. E. Harbin, Bro. Nabors, E. Gore, T. Maloy, W. R. Latham, W. J. Cowart, J. S. Hinton, J. R. Robertson, O. M. Archy.

## PROCEEDINGS

### Of the Union Meeting.

The thirty-sixth annual session of the Union meeting of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association held with Unity Grove Church, July 23 and 24, 1927. The body was called together by the former moderator, Rev. J. D. Byars. Prayer by Elder T. C. Ferguson (Evangelist from Mo.)

1st.—Letters from the various churches were called for and read. Delegates listed as per roll.

2nd.—Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. When the election was declared, Rev. J. E. Tilley was elected moderator, and E. Z. Mayfield was elected clerk.

3rd.—The following committee was appointed: On documents and order of business, Rev. T. A. Springfield, A. J. Burkhalter, J. H. Cole, with Moderator and clerk.

4th.—On evangelism, Rev. O. C. Weaver, Rev. J. D. Byars, E. W. Shipp, J. T. Williams and J. H. Harless.



5th.—On Sunday schools, Rev. W. V. Pool, O. L. Person, J. M. Stokes, Lee McAdams, J. B. Weaver, P. A. Crawford, J. M. Lynn, J. S. Loftis, J. S. Stewart, J. H. Ballard, L. E. Parker

6th.—On resolution and Queries, W. E. Dean, E. P. Perrigen, R. A. Miller, J. M. Campbell, R. L. Ramsey, Edgar Jones, W. O. Falls and W. L. Sanford.

7th.—On Devotions, I. B. Robertson, J. F. Loftis, J. M. Stokes, J. R. Cole and W. Y. Woodhall. At this time the hour had arrived for preaching and the Moderator closed the business session of the meeting for this service. Rev. O. C. Weaver preached at this hour, he read from God's Word, Phil. 2 chapter. Subject, Obligation. He gave us a wonderful message on this subject. At the close of this message the body adjourned for refreshments for one hour. Then at 1:40 o'clock p. m. the Moderator called the body together to transact business of the Union Meeting.

1st. Song. 2nd. The Moderator read that grand old chapter the 23 Psalm. 3rd. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars.

At this time the Moderator declared that the body was ready for business.

#### On Document and Order of Business

The committee on document and order of business reported. 1st. That we proceed after the regular order of business. 2nd. We recommend that the next session of the union meeting be held with Tabernacle church. Tuscaloosa County, Ala., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday and Monday in July, 1928. We recommend that Rev. W. V. Pool preach introductory sermon and that Rev. T. A. Springfield be his alternate. This report was received and the committee discharged.

T. A. Springfield, Chairman.

The committee on Evangelism beg leave to report. We recommend the adoption of the formal report. We recommend that each church in the Association elect a treasurer and that he take up a collection each meeting day and hold said collection till the Association meets. And the said body elect a treasurer and each church treasurer pay said funds over to the Association treasurer. And that he pay out of treasury to ministers for any evangelis-

tic work he may do during the year. Report received and committee discharged. Rev. O. C. Weaver, Chairman.

(We had some very interesting talks at this time on the progress of our denomination—Clerk.)

#### On Sunday Schools --

The committee on Sunday schools begs leave to report. We highly endorse the work of Bro. E. Z. Mayfield, as our Sunday school evangelist, and hope that his splendid work will continue. We urge that each church co-operate with him in this great work. We recommend that our churches that have Sunday school visit those churches that have no Sunday school, and arrange special programs at convenient times, so our Sunday school interest may be increased. For we know that the most of our young people are led to Christ through our Sunday school. Statistics show that 87 per cent of all converts comes from our Sunday school. The report received and committee discharged. Rev. W. V. Pool, Chairman.

#### On Resolutions and Queries.

We, your committee on Resolutions and Queries beg leave to report. We tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Unity Grove church for their able manner in which they have supported the Union Meeting, and we pray God's richest blessing on them.

#### Queries.

What can we do to make our church and Association, and denomination more progressive? (Some fine talks on this querie.—Clerk.) The report received and the committee discharged. W. E. Dean, Chairman.

#### On Devotional Service.

We, your committee on Devotional Service, beg leave to report: Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 9:30 a. m. Elder T. C. Ferguson preach at 11 a. m., Rev. M. Montgomery at 2:30 p. m. The report received and committee discharged. I. B. Robertson, Chairman.

Sunday morning, at the appointed time the people were at the church and we had some fine songs, and at



9:30 a. m. Rev. J. E. Tilley read the 14th chapter of Luke. Text, Matt. 5:13, also Philip 4:13. Rev. J. E. Tilley delivered a fine discourse on this subject. Rev. J. E. Mathis gave a short talk on Faithfulness that was just fine. Then we had a few minutes till the hour for preaching at 11 a. m. At 11 a. m. Elder T. C. Ferguson of Ash Grove, Mo., an evangelist for 20 years, preached on the subject of prayer. Matt 6. It was interesting to listen to this man of God on this great subject of prayer. At the close of this discourse the Lord's supper was taken and at 2:30 Rev. M. Montgomery preached.

We had two visiting brethren with us and we were glad to make them a part of our body to-wit: Rev. M. L. Hollis from Vernon Association and Elder T. C. Ferguson from the State of Missouri.

J. E. TILLEY, Moderator.

E. Z. MAYFIELD, Clerk.

## PROCEEDINGS

### of the Mt. Moriah F. W. B. Sunday School Convention.

The second annual session of the Convention met with Antioch church the 5th Sunday in July, 1927. Opened with song and prayer by Rev. O. C. Weaver.

Business was transacted as follows: Called for the letters from the various Sunday schools, which were handed in and read as per the list below. Delegates listed as per roll. Macedonia, not represented; Mt. Moriah, Ellis Burgess, Luna W. Burgess, Clarice Smith; Shiloh, J. A. Hickman, W. L. Burkhalter, R. A. Miller; Tabernacle, not represented; Antioch, Sister Katie Williams, Gladys Belk, Autrey Taylor; Union, Marie Gray, Lillian Ballard, Sam Hill Lindsay; Phillips Chapel, not represented; Union Hill, not represented; Mt. Zion, not represented; Hattie's Chapel, not represented; Pleasant Hill, E. Z. Mayfield, Sister Etta Mayfield; Friendship, not represented; Unity Grove, J. T. Johnson, J. H. Cole, C. L. Adair, Willie Graham, Espy Springs, Thelma Espy, Lizzie Weaver, Belton Weaver; Sulphur Springs, Theo Kuykendall, Vernice Crawford, Erline Watkins.

Next went into election of officers for the next year

Bro. E. Z. Mayfield elected president, Rev. T. L. Walker vice president, O. L. Stokes, secretary.

The following committees were appointed: How to Increase Attendance at Sunday School: Ocie Weaver, Ellis Burgess, J. A. Hickman, Sister Katie Williams, Rev. W. V. Pool, Sister Etta Mayfield, J. T. Johnson, Vernice Crawford.

Moved and seconded that a committee on Constitution and by-laws be appointed. O. L. Stokes, E. Z. Mayfield and J. A. Hickman and W. V. Pool were appointed.

On Finances, the superintendents of each Sunday school, appointed. R. A. Miller, Reform, Ala., Route 3, made treasurer.

Several short talks by the Delegates from the various churches.

Adjourned for refreshments.

Reassembled at 1 p. m. opened with song and prayer by Bro. Maddox, after which short talks on the Sunday school by various ones.

Comments on the lesson for the day by Bro. E. Z. Mayfield.

Called for the report of the committee on How to Increase attendance at Sunday school, adopted.

O. C. Weaver, Chairman.

Essays were recited by the following: Ellis Burgess and Ollie Hughes, Gladys Belk, E. Grady Cook, Lillian Gay Ballard, E. Z. Mayfield, Vernice Crawford. Delegates of Espy Springs church.

Unity Grove school rendered a very fine program, consisting of songs, quartets, readings and an address by Mr. Graham.

Moved and carried that Union be the next meeting place of the convention to be held the first fifth Sunday after first Sunday in April. Union is located 13 miles south of Gordo, Ala.

Moved and carried that the body adjourn to meet with Union church. Closed with song and prayer.

E. Z. MAYFIELD, President.

O. L. STOKES, Secretary.



## 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 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 by 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 capable neither 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 33:13-28; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:5; 1 Cor. 10:12-22; 1 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, 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 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 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 by 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.

## RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. This 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.

Art. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

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

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

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

Art. 6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in cases of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on all questions after others have spoken, providing he appoints some one to the chair while he is speaking.

Art. 7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator, and after recognition by the Moderator he shall proceed.

Art. 8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflection.

Art. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than 15 minutes at a time.

Art. 10. No members shall laugh or talk while debates are going on.

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

Art. 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.

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



## CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being 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 supports 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.

Art. 3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. It may, however, in extreme case, call 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 a two-thirds vote of the Association and the decision be final.

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

Art. 6. This Association shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed at a 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 Article of Faith and conform to its suage.

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

## Constitution and By-Laws

### of the Sabbath School Convention of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Article 2. Membership—Any Sunday school in the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association shall be eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. Schools from other Associations shall become members by a two-thirds vote of the convention assembled.

Article 3. Conventions—Sec. 1. This convention shall convene annually at such time and place as may be determined by the previous convention.

Sec. 2. Special meetings—Special meeting may be called by the president on written petition of not less than two-thirds of the mem-

bership. The secretary shall then notify the secretary of each church to that effect.

Article 4. Representation—Sec. 1. Each Sunday school shall be entitled to three delegates. Exclusive of the officers, each officer shall be a delegate also.

Sec. 2. One or more delegate shall cast the entire number of votes to which said school is entitled.

Article 5. Officers, Committees and Elections—Sec. 1. The officers of this convention shall be: A president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. Such officers shall be elected by conventions each year and shall hold office until other officers are elected. Each officer shall be entitled to one vote in the convention.

Sec. 2. The president, vice president, secretary-treasurer shall constitute the executive board.

Article 6. Duties of officers—The president shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and fill all vacancies occurring between conventions, such appointment subject to approval of the convention. He shall make a report to the convention of his official acts, shall be chairman of the executive board, shall organize schools where they can be and shall visit all the schools at least once each year where possible and create all the interest possible in Sunday school work.

Sec. 2. Vice president—The vice president shall perform all the duties of the president in case of his absence, inability or refusal to attend to his duties.

Sec. 3. The Secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of all convention proceedings and all other records necessary. He shall conduct all correspondence for the Convention and shall take charge of all funds of the convention and pay all bills ordered by the president to be paid. He shall prepare for publication in the minutes of the Association a record of the previous convention.

Sec. 4. The executive board shall act as a board of trustees supervising all business of this convention, not otherwise provided for.

Article 7. Fiscal year. Sec. 1. The fiscal year shall end on the last day of the convention and begin on the day following.

Sec. 2. Special assessments may be levied by the convention for printing, etc., of the minutes and anything else that might be needed.

Article 8. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates in regular convention.

## BY-LAWS

1. This convention shall be called to order by the president.
2. It shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
3. The officers shall be chosen by ballot at each convention, a majority of votes by delegates elects.
4. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled and called for as often as is necessary.
5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases.
6. No member shall be allowed to laugh and talk while debates are on.
7. The appointment of all committees shall be from the delegates and ministers composing the convention.



## STATISTICAL TABLE

Church, Co., State	Pastor	Clerks, Postoffice	Ex-Pastors	Paid ex-pastor	Paid helper.	Baptized	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of members	Minute Fund
Mt. Moriah Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. J. D. Byars	C. C. Gore McShan, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	\$107.00	\$ 55.55			2		1		2	101	\$2.00
Macedonia Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	Early O an Millport, Ala., R. 3	Rev. J. D. Byars	106.31	59.93	19				4	2	1	300	5.00
Shiloh Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	Lester Koon Gordo, Ala., R. 1.	Rev. J. D. Byars	190.00		10	3	4				3	142	4.55
Tabernacle Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Ala R.1	Rev. J. D. Byars			10	2			1		1	127	5.00
Antioch Fayette Co., Ala.	Rev. O. C. Weaver	F. H. Ham Belk, Ala.	Rev. M. L. Hollis	135.00	35.10	9		2				3	144	5.00
Union Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	S. H. Lindsay, Gordo, Ala., Rt. 2.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	128.80	10.50	1	5	2		1		2	106	5.00
Phillips Chapel Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	W. L. Sanford Fayette, Ala., R 6	Rev. M. Montgomery			14	6	2		2		4	182	4.00
Union Hill Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. W. R. Robinson	J. S. Stewart Reform, Ala., R. 2	Rev. W. R. Robinson	43.00						1	2	3	98	2.00
Mt. Zion Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	E. W. Shipp, McConnells, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	65.00	10.00	5	3	5		1	1	3	127	5.00
Hatties' Chapel Pickens Co., Ala.	Rev. W. R. Robinson	Cecil Duncan, Ethelville, Ala.	Rev. W. R. Robinson			7	2			1		1	84	1.00
Pleasant Hill Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	J. H. Harless, Elrod, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	154.25	45.00	5	2	2		1		2	115	5.00
Friendship Fayette Co., Ala.	Rev. G. F. Carmack	J. C. Phillips, Bankston, Ala.	Rev. J. D. Byars											
Unity Grove Lamar Co., Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	L. E. Parker, Millport, Ala., R. 2	Rev. G. F. Carmack									2	32	.75
Sulphur Springs Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. O. C. Weaver	E. L. Crawford. Samantha, Ala.	Rev. F. L. Walker	97.80	15.75	4	3					4	108	3.20
Espy Springs Tuscaloosa Co. Ala.	Rev. O. C. Weaver	S. G. Weaver, Samantha, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	118.45	154.00	38		7	5		10	4	148	5.00
	Rev. O. C. Weaver		Rev. O. C. Weaver	60.00	15.00	7						1	43	3.50
Sunday schools														\$7.50