

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
*Seventy-Ninth Annual Session*  
OF THE  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
*Free Will Baptist*  
Held With  
**UNITY GROVE CHURCH**  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY  
October 12, 13, 14—1929

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**OFFICERS:**

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Moderator  
O. L. Stokes, Gordo, Ala., Clerk

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

J. A. Hickman, E. Z. Mayfield, J. T. Johnson,  
J. S. Loftis and H. B. Logan

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The next session of this association will be held with Union Hill Church, Pickens County Reform, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1930.

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## PROCEEDINGS

The 79th annual session of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association met with Unity Grove church, Millport, Lamar County, Ala., October 12, 13, and 14, 1929.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. L. Walker. Text: Neh. 6:4, after which the body adjourned for refreshments for one and one-half hours.

At 2 P. M. the ministers and messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

House called to order by the Moderator, after reading the 24th Psalm, the following business was transacted:

1. Letters from the various churches were handed in, read and delegates listed as per roll.
2. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, the result was as follows: Rev. M. Montgomery, Moderator and O. L. Stokes, Clerk.
3. Extended an invitation for the reception of new churches, none present.
4. Called for corresponding messengers, from sister associations. Rev. J. W. Porter from Vernon Association was present.

The following committees were appointed:

1. On Devotion: J. S. Loftis, Brady Montgomery, W. C. Smith with Deacons of Unity Grove church.
2. On Document and Order of Business: Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. J. M. Spencer.
3. On Sunday School: E. Z. Mayfield, P. A. Crawford, I. B. Robertson.
4. On Temperance: Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. O. C. Weaver, T. J. Shipp.
5. On Finance: J. T. Johnson, Howard Brown.
6. On Deceased Members: W. O. Falls, R. L. Ramsey, J. B. Weaver.
7. On Moral Reform: Rev. W. J. Harbin, David Belk, J. M. Stokes.
8. On Education, Literature and Publication: Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. E. F. Pool, W. H. Koon.
9. Resolutions and Queries: J. W. Hallman, W. H. Whatley.

The committee on Devotion made the following report:

We, your committee on Devotion, report as follows: That Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at 9 A. M. Sunday; Rev. J. W. Porter preach at 11 A. M. Sunday; Rev. J. E. Mathis preach at 3 P. M.; Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 8 P. M.

J. S. LOFTIS, Chairman.

Assignments were made for the delegates and messengers and a move carried to adjourn to meet again Monday morning at 8 A. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. D. Byars.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. W. J. Harbin preached at 9 A. M. Read St. John 15th chapter and I Corinthians 13th chapter.

Rev. J. W. Porter preached at 11 A. M. Read Matt. 5th chapter.

Rev. J. E. Mathis preached at 3 P. M. Read John 17th chapter.

Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 8 P. M. Text: Rev. 1:11 and 1:7.

## MONDAY MORNING.

House called to order by the Moderator. After reading the 49th Psalm and prayer by Rev. W. J. Harbin, the following business was transacted:

1. Roll call of churches, delegates listed as per roll.
2. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.
3. The reports of the various committees called for, read and approved as follows:

## DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your committee on Document and Order of Business report as follows: We recommend that we proceed after the regular order of business. 2nd That the next session of this association be held with Union Hill church Pickens County, Reform, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1930. 3rd. We recommend that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach the Introductory Sermon and that Rev. J. M. Spencer be his alternate. 4th. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$20 for his services.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

REV. J. E. TILLEY, Chairman.

At this time the following brethren, (Ministers) were received as Honorary members from the Vernon Association: Rev. T. J. Adair, Greenwood Springs, Miss.; Rev. S. T. Shutes, Vernon, Ala.; G. T. Williams, Red Bay, Ala.; Bro. J. M. Graham (Layman).

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance report as follows: We recommend that all our people abstain from all intoxicating liquors, that they be temperate in all things, that we fight with all our power and influence all proposed laws which would tend to tear down the present Prohibition Amendment. We further recommend that we vote against all candidates who are opposed to prohibition, and that we do all for the upbuilding of our Government or cleaner and higher plains of Christianity. We further recommend that we discourage the use of tobacco in every way among our members.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

REV. J. D. BYARS, Chairman.

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report the following:

We have collected at this session	\$53.00
Balance on hand	
Total	\$53.00

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We, your committee on Sunday School, report as follows: We find that there are only six Sunday Schools in the association. Our hearts and prayers go up to God for them. Many of our members do not care for Sunday Schools and the study of the blessed old book, the Bible. We are made to wonder if we are children of the loving Savior, who died on the cross for us. The Bible teaches us to bring up our children in the way they should go and when they get old they will not depart from it. We know of no better way to do this than to bring them up in the Sunday School and to help them from Sunday to Sunday in the study of the Word. The lessons are taken from the book of all books, the Bible. I, as chairman of this committee, have been a student of the Sunday School lessons for 23 years and they have been a great source of knowledge to me, in understanding the teachings of the Bible. We, your humble committee, recommend that we Free Will Baptist study the Sunday School lessons every week and we think if each member would do this we would have a Sunday School in each church in this association. What we need today is a membership of GO and DO members. Members who will be up and doing something for our Lord and Master, those who will help in their humble way to bring the Kingdom in, then the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the water that covers the sea. What our great need is today is Light, and Light shines in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. We can have this light by studying the Sunday School lessons each week. Will we live in this light the next associational year? If so, attend Sunday School.

We further recommend that article Eight of our constitution be put in force and practice in this association.

Report received and committee discharged.

E. Z. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

## DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Members, report as follows: We have examined the records of the several churches and find that the following have died since we last met.

Mt. Moriah.—Bro. H. M. Gore, Sisters Pratt, Fannie Janes.

Macedonia.—Sister Sarah Atkins.

Shiloh.—Bro. Vessie Walker, Sisters Francis Hickman and Beatrice Koon.

Tabernacle.—Sisters Lou Montgomery, Jane Montgomery, Louvada

Beams, Ann Wheat, Mary Montgomery, Addie Bailey, Joel Montgomery.

Antioch.—Bro. Drew Johnson, Sister Lou Baswell.

Phillips Chapel.—Bro. J. L. Sanford.

Union Hill.—Sister Endy Hodge.

Mt. Zion.—Bro. T. C. Harless, Sister Dollie Montgomery.

Unity Grove.—Bro. Tom Robertson.

Sulphur Spring.—Bro. J. W. Fields, Sister Phenie Fields.

Espy Springs.—Bro. Joe Scrivner.

Report received and adopted, committee discharged.

W. O. FALLS, Chairman.

After this report the congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old" at the request of the moderator in memory of those deceased. Special prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars.

#### MORAL REFORM.

We, your committee on Moral Reform, report as follows: We recommend that the officers of our churches take a closer oversight of the members of our churches. Seeing that some of our members are being led off by the enticing ways of those that are of the world. We further recommend that parents be more careful in their rule over their children, that they may bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and teach them the Word of God in their homes, that they may be brought up of good morals. Further, we urge our members to attend our monthly conferences more regularly.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

REV. W. J. HARBIN, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, have the following report: We have had a council meeting of the ministers of the association and they say that they are at peace and fellowship with each other. We have nothing to report against any of them.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

General Fund	\$27.47
Educational Fund, O. C. Weaver	41.62
Collected	9.00
Total	\$50.62
Paid O. C. Weaver, schooling	\$50.62

Report received and committee retained.

J. A. HICKMAN, Chairman.

A move carried to appoint another member of the Executive Committee. J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Ala., was appointed.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION, LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION.

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication, report as follows: We urge our members generally to use all efforts possible to get an education, that our ministers study that they may be able to rightly divide the word of Truth. We recommend that we support education in every way that is right, that we supply our children with Christian Literature to study in connection with the Bible, that we furnish them with our church paper, The Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C. We further recommend that we who have no Sunday School, organize one and that we use the literature our own denomination publishes.

We urge our people to get busy and let's put our doctrine before the people of the world that we may be able to enlarge our membership for the Glory of God, that we publish circular literature to be scattered abroad setting forth our doctrine, that we clear our homes of "yellow novels" and other literature that is detrimental to the cause of our Master.

Report received and committee discharged.

REV. J. E. MATHIS, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee on Resolutions and Queries, report as follows: That we tender our sincere thanks to the Unity Grove church and community for the able manner in which they have supported this session of our association and for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. W. HALLMAN, Chairman.

#### FINAL REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Devotion, recommend that Rev. J. M. Spencer preach at the close of this session.

J. S. LOFTIS, Chairman.

Moved and properly sustained that this association have an evangelist in the field and Rev. O. C. Weaver was elected to go into the field and preach wherever he finds work to do.

The Executive Committee went into conference with Rev. Weaver relative to what he should be paid and agreed that he should get \$100 and his actual expenses for the time he was at work. That he should be paid only for the time he was out. He is required to keep an accurate account of what his expenses are and the time he is at work. He is also to make a monthly report to the Executive Committee.

The above is a report of the Executive Committee and was adopted by the body.

The following churches made pledges to the amount designated after the names of the church and agreed to pay that much toward the Evangelistic work:

Pleasant Hill, \$25.00; Mt. Moriah, \$10.00; Macedonia, \$15.00; Shiloh, \$25.00; Tabernacle, \$15.00; Union, \$15.00; Phillips Chapel, \$10.00; Union Hill, \$10.00; Unity Grove, \$25.00; Sulphur Springs, \$20.00; Espy Springs, \$10.00; Total \$180.00.

A move carried for the Mt. Moriah association to send delegates to the Alabama State Conference of Free Will Baptist which convened Oct. 23, 24, 25, and that delegates be sent to the state convention of Sunday Schools. On motion the moderator appointed the following delegates to the Conference: J. H. Harless, O. L. Stokes, J. M. Stokes.

Sunday School Convention delegates: Mrs. Katie Williams, E. Z. Mayfield, John H. Cole.

Motion carried to adjourn for refreshments after which return to the house for the purpose of finishing business and for the sermon.

Rev. S. T. Shutes announced that the National Conference of the Free Will Baptist League would meet in Vernon, Ala., in June 1930.

Collected \$24 for the benefit of Rev. W. J. Harbin and Rev. J. E. Mathis, to be divided equally between them.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Union Hill church, Pickens Co., Reform, Ala., Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1930.

Valedictory sermon by Rev. J. M. Spencer. Text: I Tim. 1:19, after which the parting hand.

REV. M. MONTGOMERY, Mod.  
O. L. STOKES, Secretary.

#### LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION.

Mt. Moriah.—C. L. Wing, John Lancaster, T. B. Smith.  
Macedonia.—W. C. Smith, Lee McAdams, J. M. Stokes.  
Shiloh.—W. L. Burkhalter, Ward Burkhalter, W. H. Koon.  
Tabernacle.—J. S. Loftis, J. W. Hallman, R. L. Ramsey.  
Antioch.—R. D. Belk.  
Union.—W. H. Whatley, S. V. Powell, W. R. Curry.  
Phillips Chapel.—W. O. Falls, W. L. Sanford, M. J. Sanford.  
Union Hill.—Chas. Litrell, W. H. Harris.  
Mt. Zion.—T. J. Shipp, H. B. Logan, J. H. Brown.  
Friendship.—Not represented.  
Hatties Chapel.—Fred Ashmore.  
Pleasant Hill.—E. Z. Mayfield, J. H. Harless, O. L. Pearson.  
Unity Grove.—J. T. Johnson, I. B. Robertson, E. L. Stapp.  
Sulphur Springs, P. A. Crawford, Joe Kuykendall.  
Espy Springs.—T. H. Espy, Brady Montgomery, J. B. Weaver.

#### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Ala., Route 3.  
Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.  
Rev. W. R. Robinson, Reform, Ala., Route 2.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala., Route 1.  
Rev. L. A. Williamson, Fayette, Ala.  
Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Route 1.  
Rev. T. V. Wheat, Coker, Ala., 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. G. F. Carmack, Covin, Ala.  
Rev. O. C. Weaver, Kennedy, Ala.  
Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala., Route 2.  
Rev. E. F. Pool, Gordo, Ala., Route 1.  
Licentiates:—N. H. Sanford, R. L. Taylor, of McConnells, Ala.

#### List of Deceased Ministers.

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

#### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Moderator, O. L. Stokes, Clerk,  
McConnells, Ala., Route 1. Gordo Ala., Box 433.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. A. Hickman, Gordo, Ala., Route 1. E. Z. Mayfield, Gordo, Ala.  
J. T. Johnson, Millport, Ala., R-2. J. S. Loftis, McConnells Ala.  
H. B. Logan, Samantha, Ala., Route 2.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Union Meeting of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association held with Antioch Church, Belk, Ala., July 28, 29, 30, 1929.

On Saturday at eleven o'clock Rev. J. M. Spencer preached the introductory sermon. Text: Matthew 25:34.

At the conclusion of the preaching service the body adjourned for refreshments for one and one half hours, after which the Ministers and Messengers re-assembled in the Church and the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, reading the book of Jude.

First. Letters from various churches were handed in and read, and delegates listed as per roll.

Second. Proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Rev. T. A. Springfield was elected moderator and S. V. Powell, clerk.

Third. The following committees were appointed: On document and order of business, Rev. W. J. Harbin, J. S. Loftis, T. B. Smith with moderator and clerk.

Fourth. On Evangelism, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. W. V. Pool, T. J. Ship, J. A. Hickman.

Fifth. On Sunday Schools: Rev. J. E. Tilley, Sister Katie Williams, J. H. Cole, J. H. Brown, M. T. Montgomery, Charles Litroll.

Sixth: On resolutions and queries: Rev. T. L. Walker, J. W. Hallman, Rev. G. F. Carmack, Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. R. L. Taylor.

Seventh. On devotion: E. L. Croford, T. J. Ship, W. H. Brown with Deacons of Antioch Church.

### Report of Committee on Devotion.

Rev. W. J. Harbin preached at 7:15 P. M., Saturday. Text 2 Cor. 5:1.

Rev. T. L. Walker preached Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 3 P. M.

Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 7:30 P. M. and Rev. Carmack preached at 11 o'clock Monday A. M.

### Sunday Morning.

Song service and Sunday School before preaching.

At 11 A. M. Rev. Walker preached. Text: Heb. 11:1.

Dismissed for refreshments.

At 3:00 o'clock Rev. J. E. Tilley preached. Text: Jude 1:3, and Acts 2:37, 38.

Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 7:30 P. M. Text: Heb. 13:14, 8.

### Monday Morning.

Monday morning at the appointed hour, the Association met again to finish the business of the union meeting. After reading the 27th Psalm

and prayer the moderator announced that the body was ready for business.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted.

Committee on document and order of business made a report as follows:

First. That we proceed after the regular order of business.

Second. We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting be held with Union Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1930; and be in session Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We recommend that Rev. G. F. Carmack preach the introductory sermon, and that Rev. T. A. Springfield be his alternate.

REV. W. J. HARBIN, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

### Report of Committee on Evangelism.

We, the committee on evangelism, make the following report: That we recommend and proceed to elect an Evangelist to work in the interest of churches that have no pastors until the association. We also recommend that the association take up this question and continue same if they see fit. We recommend that each pastor take up this question with his churches and collect funds for the support of the evangelistic work.

We also recommend that all funds collected for evangelistic work be sent to the Chairman of the executive committee and that he pay out to Evangelists for services rendered.

REV. M. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

The report was adopted and Rev. J. E. Tilley was elected Evangelist.

### Report of Committee on Sunday School.

We, your committee on Sabbath School, beg leave to report that we find little real interest in Sabbath School, and in view of this lack of interest which seems more or less general in all the churches; and for lack of interest among the older members, we consider it a serious problem. We recommend that if possible, some plan be devised whereby we may effect the cooperation of the older people with the younger in this most important work and we call upon our pastors and Sunday School workers throughout the association to give special attention to this deplorable situation and if possible, renew interest amongst the older members. We further ask that this association keep an Evangelist working in the association in the interest of the Sunday School.

J. E. TILLEY, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

### Resolutions and Queries.

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

First. Resolved that we tender our thanks to Antioch church and community for the generous manner in which they have supported this union meeting.

Second. We recommend that this body enroll and list the Ministers attending the Union Meeting.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged.

#### List of Ministers in Attendance.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. G. F. Carmack, Rev. O. C. Weaver, Rev. W. V. Pool. Licentiate: R. L. Taylor.

#### List of Delegates.

Mt. Moriah:—J. W. Lancaster, T. B. Smith.  
Shiloh:—E. W. Burkhalter, W. L. Burkhalter, J. A. Hickman.  
Tabernacle:—J. W. Hallman, J. S. Loftis, M. T. Montgomery.  
Antioch:—F. H. Ham, W. M. Maddox, Sister Katie Williams.  
Union:—S. V. Powel.  
Phillips Chapel:—Carl Oswalt, J. M. Lynn.  
Union Hill:—Chas. Litrell.  
Mt. Zion:—T. J. Ship, W. H. Brown, J. H. Brown.  
Unity Grove:—J. H. Cole.  
Sulphur Springs:—P A. Crofford, E. L. Crofford.  
Hatties Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Friendship and Espy Springs not represented.

REV. T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Mod.

S. V. POWELL, Clerk.

## 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 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 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 those 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 get in a given way, that if he lives after 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 exaltation. 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, ob-

serving 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 Articles of Faith and conform to its usage.

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

# Statistical Table

Church, Co., State	Pastor	Clerk's Postoffice	Ex-Pastor	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. J. D. Byars.....	\$70.75	\$37.25	4	---	---	---	3	---	2	103	\$2.60
Macedonia Pickens Co., Ala....	Rev. O. C. Weaver.....	Early Dean, Millport, Ala.....	Rev. T. L. Walker ..	104.05	89.76	5	---	2	---	1	---	1	317	5.00
Shiloh Pickens Co., Ala....	Rev. J. E. Tilley.....	L. B. Koon, Gordo, Ala., R1..	Rev. J. E. Tilley.....	105.00	23.65	---	---	---	1	3	---	3	148	3.25
Tabernacle Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. M. Montgomery.	J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Ala.	Rev. T. A. Springfield	-----	-----	---	---	4	---	7	---	1	118	5.00
Antioch Fayette Co., Ala....	Rev. T. L. Walker ..	E. R. Williams, Belk, Ala.....	Rev. O. C. Weaver....	120.00	-----	2	---	2	---	2	---	3	143	5.00
Union Pickens Co., Ala....	Rev. J. E. Tilley.....	Howard Curry, Gordo, Ala. R2	Rev. J. E. Tilley.....	94.50	26.00	12	---	---	---	---	---	2	125	4.00
Phillips Chapel Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. M. Montgomery.	W. L. Sanford, Fayette, R6..	Rev. M. Montgomery	-----	-----	13	2	5	1	1	1	4	208	4.00
Union Hill Pickens Co., Ala....	-----	W. M. Harris, Reform, Ala.R2	Rev. T. L. Walker....	74.04	-----	---	---	1	---	1	1	3	97	2.00
Mt. Zion Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. M. Montgomery	T.J.Shipp, McConnells, Ala.R	Rev. M. Montgomery	66.00	15.00	6	4	4	---	2	---	3	121	5.00
Hatties Chapel Pickens Co., Ala....	Being pastored by---	Evangelist, Rev. J. E. Tilley-	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----
Pleasant Hill Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. T. L. Walker....	J. H. Harless, Elrod, Ala.....	Rev. T. L. Walker....	151.40	15.00	7	9	---	---	---	---	2	120	5.00
Friendship Fayette Co., Ala. --	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-----
Unity Grove Lamar Co., Ala. --	Rev. O. C. Weaver....	O. C. Roberts, Fernbank, Ala.	Rev. O. C. Weaver....	106.50	35.02	4	---	3	---	---	---	4	117	3.00
Sulphur Springs Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. T. J. Adair .....	P. H. Keller, Samantha, Ala..	Rev. O. C. Weaver....	112.30	13.00	---	---	---	---	2	5	2	142	5.00
Espy Springs Tuscaloosa Co., Ala	Rev. W. J. Harbin....	L. G. Weaver, Samantha, Ala.	Rev. O. C. Weaver....	40.00	15.00	2	---	1	---	1	---	1	57	3.00