

**MINUTES**

of the

**Eighty-Second Annual Session**

of the

**MOUNT MORIAH**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSN.**

met with

**Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa, County**

**October 8, 9, 10, 1932**





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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## PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-second annual session of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association met with Phillips Chapel Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, October 8, 9, 10, 1932.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Tilley. Text: Ephesians 5:14-15, after which the body adjourned for refreshments for one and one half hours.

At the appointed hour the ministers and messengers reassembled in the house for the transaction of business.

After reading the 12th chapter of Romans and prayer, the following business was transacted:

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

2. Proceed to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. M. Montgomery elected moderator and S. V. Powell, clerk.

3. Call for corresponding messengers from sister association, none present. The following committees were appointed:

1. Document in order of business, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. T. A. Springfield, J. H. Hollis, J. M. Stokes with moderator and clerk.

2. Devotion, Brady Montgomery, S. E. Harless, J. W. Lancaster, with deacons of Phillips Chapel Church.

3. Temperance—Rev. J. M. Spencer, L. C. Shirley, T. J. Shipp.

4. Sunday School—Rev. T. L. Walker, R. B. Croford, D. B. Belk.

5. Deceased members—J. S. Loftis, H. E. Winters, J. T. Lindsey.

6. Moral Reform—Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. H. E. Cobb, Rev. J. F. Cormack.

7. Education Literature and Publication—Rev. E. F. Ool, W. E. Dean, W. H. Whatley.

8. Finance—J. T. Johnson, J. F. Pearson, W. G. Hardin.

9. Resolution and Queries—A. M. Wallace, J. O. Perri-  
gin.

Bro. E. Z. Mayfield's resignation from the executive committee accepted and J. M. Stokes appointed.

The devotional committee made a partial report as



follows: Rev. G. F. Cormack preach at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 11:00 a. m. Sunday, Rev. T. A. Springfield preach at 2:30 p. m.

Moved and adopted that we adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning. Sunday morning Rev. G. F. Cormack preached at 9:30. Text. St. John 14-6. Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 11:00 o'clock. Text. 1st Samuel 17-32. Rev. T. A. Springfield preached at 2:30. Text, St. John 20-13.

The committee on devotional recommended that Rev. E. L. Hughes preach at 3:15, Text, Revelations 1-18.

### MONDAY MORNING.

After reading the 23rd Psalm and prayer, the following business was transacted:

1. Roll call of churches.
2. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and adopted.
3. Reports of various committees called for, read and adopted as follows:

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on document and order of business report the following: 1st. We recommend that we proceed after the regular order of business. 2nd. That the next session be held with Mt. Moriah Church, Pickens County, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1933. 3rd. We recommend that W. J. Harbin preach the introductory sermon and Rev. T. A. Springfield be his alternate. 4th. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he be paid \$15.00 for his service. Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. E. TILLEY, Chairman.

### TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We believe that the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks is one of the greatest evils by which the Christian church is surrounded. Many men who might have been a bright and shining light in the church and ornaments to society, have fallen into this evil and are now ruined, in view of this fact, we urge the ministers of this association while warning sinners and professing

Christians of the various evils to make intemperance a special subject. Report adopted, committee discharged.

REV. J. M. SPENCER, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday School submit the following report: We find that part of our churches are lacking in Sunday School and that the young people are not being properly brought up in the ways that they should go. They may depart from their home churches and denomination, if not proper care is given to them. With prayerful hearts, we beg each deacon and minister to help advocate and organize in each church in our Association a Sunday school. Report adopted, committee discharged.

T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

### DECEASED MEMBERS.

We, your committee on deceased members, report as follows: Mt. Moriah, Sister St. John, Leona Burgess. Macedonia: Sister Mag Kelley, Brother Will Mathis, Bro. B. N. Dunkins. Shilo: Sister Dessie May Connell. Antioch: Sister Lela William Freeman. Phillips Chapel: Bro John Henry Sanford, Sister Renie Montgomery. Union Hill: Sister Lou Woods, Sister Margaret Joyner. Union. Bro. W. V. Curry, Sister Katie Pierce, Sister, Annie Pierce, Mount Zion: Sister Lessie Gray. Hattis Chapel. Bro. Roy Ashmore. Pleasant Hill: Bro. J. A. Pool. Unity Grove: Bro. J. L. Stapp, Bro. R. C. Stacey, Sister Willie Parker. Epsey Springs: Bro. Iziah Watkins. Friendship: Bro. J. C. Phillips. Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. S. LOFTIS, Chairman.

After this report the congregation sang, "Where We'll Never Grow Old." by request of Moderator in memory of those deceased, special prayer by Rev. J. E. Tilley.

### MORAL REFORM

We, your committee on moral reform, with sad hearts we make this report, that our churches of today are greatly in need of much reform. We know there are church members who are indulging in worldly things. How can we expect our children and those that do not



know God to be moral when we fathers and mothers are not moral. Morality will not save us but we cannot be Christians without morality. We beg our church members to cleave to the divine teaching or instructions which are found in the Bible, to do this we must leave off every immoral act and by doing this means much to our Christian life influence here in this world. Report adopted. Committee discharged. W. J. HARBIN, Chairman.

#### DEVOTION.

We, your committee on devotion make a final report as follows: That Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at the close of this session. Report received, Committee discharged.

BRADY MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

#### EDUCATION, LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication, report as follows: That we confine ourselves to the study of the Bible the word of the truth. Which has proven beyond a doubt to be the guide from earth to Heaven to all who will follow its instructions and by the study of the same we enlighten ourselves from false doctrines. Report adopted, committee discharged: E. F. POOL, Chairman.

#### FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance report the following: We have collected at this session \$41.60. Report adopted and committee discharged.

BRADY MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

Report of Executive Committee. We, your executive committee report the following: We find that two of our churches are in non-fellowship with each other. The preachers are in good standing with each other.

A motion was adopted that the moderator appoint a committee and they, with the executive committee, investigate and try to get these churches to fellowship with each other. the following names were appointed: Jeff

Sanford, J. G. Pearson. P. J. Frazier, J. H. Harless and W. R. Curry.

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| In treasury       | \$28.56 |
| Paid S. V. Powell | 3.50    |

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| Balance           | \$25.06 |
| Evangelistic Fund | 41.55   |
| Interest          | 2.84    |

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|           | \$44.39 |
| Collected | 3.00    |

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| Total                   | \$47.39 |
| Paid Rev. J. M. Spencer | 31.75   |

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| Balance | \$15.64 |
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| Total | \$40.70 |
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Report received, committee retained.

J. A. HICKMAN, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee on resolutions and queries report the following: We tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Phillips Chapel Church and Community for the able manner in which they have shown us during our stay with them, and pray God's richest blessings on them.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

A. M. WALLACE, Chairman.

Collected \$8.29 for the benefit of Rev. W. J. Harbin. There being no further business to be brought before the body, motion adopted to adjourn after the valedictory sermon.

#### LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah—J. W. Lancaster, T. B. Smith, G. S. Mc-Reynolds.

Macedonia—J. M. Stokes, W. G. Harbin, W. E. Dean.

Tabernacle—J. S. Loftis, R. C. Montgomery, Vela Frazier.



Shiloh—J. H. Hickman, A. J. Burkhalter, W. V. Connell.

Antioch—F. H. Ham, A. M. Wallace, E. B. Belk.

Union—W. H. Whatley, T. J. Lindsey.

Phillips Chapel—M. J. Sanford, W. T. Montgomery, J. C. Oswalt.

Union Hill—Charley Littrell, J. O. Perrigin.

Mt. Zion—T. J. Shipp, S. E. Harless, H. E. Winters.

Pleasant Hill—J. G. Pearson, Wood Tilley, J. H. Harless.

Unity Grove—J. T. Johnson, C. L. Adair, E. L. Stapp.

Sulphur Springs—Robert Crawford, C. L. Hall, B. F. Baldon.

Espey Springs, Grady Montgomery, L. C. Shirley, Belton Weaver.

Hattis Chapel—Friendship and Sardis not represented.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Alabama, Route 3.

Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Alabama.

Rev. W. R. Robison, Reform, Alabama, Route 2.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Alabama.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelville, Alabama.

Rev. L. A. Williamson, Louisville, Miss., Route 8.

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. T. V. Wheat, Coker, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Berry, Alabama.

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. J. F. Carmack, Glenallen, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Alabama, Route 2.

Rev. E. F. Pool, Gordo, Alabama, Route 1.

Rev. R. L. McConnells, Alabama.

Rev. H. E. Cobb, Millport, Alabama.

Rev. N. M. Sanford, McConnells, Alabama.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS.

Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. Woods Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev. I. T. 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. Archey.

#### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Alabama.  
S. V. Powell, Clerk, Gordo, Alabama.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Hickman, Gordo, Alabama, Route 1.  
J. M. Stokes, Millport, Alabama.  
J. T. Johnson, Millport, Alabama.  
J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Alabama.  
H. B. Logan, Samantha, Alabama, Route 2.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The forty-first annual session of the Union meeting of the Mt. Moriah F. W. B. Association held with Sulphur Springs Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, July 23, 24 and 25, 1932:

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. T. A. Springfield preached the introductory sermon. Text, St. John 14:6, after which the body adjourned for refreshments to meet again at 1:30 p. m. The ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house for the transaction of business. After reading the 5th chapter of Gallations and prayer by Rev. W. J. Harbin the house was called to order by Moderator. The following business was transacted:

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

2nd. Proceed to elect Moderator and Clerk, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Moderator and S. V. Powell, clerk.

3rd. Extend an invitation for visiting brethren from other association. None present. The following committees were appointed:

1st. On documents and order of business, W. E. Dean, J. S. Loftis and J. S. Steward.

2nd. Evangelism: Rev. T. L. Walker, Jim Stokes, P. J. Frazier, Rev. J. M. Spencer and Rev. W. V. Pool.

3rd. Sunday School: Herman Hickman, W. G. Harden, D. R. Belk, M. P. Gore and Rev. T. A. Springfield.

4th. Resolution and queries, Rev. M. Montgomery, H. E. Cobb and Rev. W. J. Harbin.

5th. Devotions: W. T. Montgomery, J. O. Perrigin, W. L. Burkhalter, J. C. Oswalt, with Deacons of Sulphur Springs Church. By request of Moderator a special pray-



er in behalf of Rev. J. E. Mathis and family, who were ill at home and unable to be present. Prayer by Rev. M. Montgomery.

A partial report of the Devotional Committee, Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 11:00 a. m. and Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 8:00 p. m. Moved and carried that we adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning.

### SUNDAY MORNING

Song service before preaching. Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 9:30 a. m. Text. St. Luke 9:23-24. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 11:00 a. m., Text, Acts 16-26. Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 8:00 p. m., St. John 14:3.

### MONDAY MORNING

Monday morning at 8:00 a. m. after reading 1 John 4 chapter and prayer by Rev. J. M. Spencer the following business was transacted:

1st. Roll call of delegates.

2nd. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and adopted. Reports of various committees called for, read and adopted. Document and order of business. We, your committee on document and order of business, report as follows: We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting be held with Macedonia church, Pickens County, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1933. We recommend that Rev. J. M. Spencer preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. V. Pool be his alternate.

W. E. DEAN, Chairman.

Report of committee on Evangelism. We, the committee on Evangelism, make the following report: We do not deem it best to put an evangelist out at this time, but submit this subject to the body for decision if they see fit.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the committee on Sunday School report as follows: We find but few of our churches report Sunday School and we are made to believe that preachers and

deacons are not advocating the Sunday School cause as they should. We recommend that all our preachers and deacons advocate the Sunday School in every church in our Association, as near as possible. We believe that all children as well as all church members should be in the study of God's word. We recommend that we should be very careful in selecting our officers and teachers, and use only Christianity for Jesus said we are the light of the world.

J. H. HICKMAN, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee on resolutions and queries, report as follows: We tender our sincere thanks to the good people at Sulphur Springs Church and community for the able manner in which they have shown us during our stay with them and pray God's richest blessings on them.

REV. M. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

### DEVOTIONAL

We, your committee on Devotional recommend that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach the valedictory sermon. Text. Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel.

W. T. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

### LIST OF MINISTERS ATTENDING

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. H. E. Cobb.

### LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING

Mt. Moriah—M. Luckey, M. Gore and E. Lancaster.  
Macedonia—W. G. Hardin, J. M. Stokes and W. E. Dean.  
Shiloh—J. H. Hickman, W. L. Burkhalter.  
Tabernacle—P. J. Frazier, J. S. Loftis, R. C. Montgomery.  
Antioch—D. R. Belk, Leon Crowley.  
Union—H. N. Ballard.  
Phillips Chapel—W. T. Montgomery, J. C. Oswalt, John Galloway.



Union Hill, J. S. Steward, J. O. Perrigin, W. T. Peek.  
Mt. Zion—T. J. Shipp, O. C. Travis.  
Sulphur Springs—P. H. Keller, Newburn Simpson, C. L. Hall.

Epsey Springs—Brady Montgomery, Sister Mauline Weaver, Belton Weaver.

Hattis Chapel—

Pleasant Hill—

Unity Grove and Sardis not represented.

REV. J. E. TILLEY, Moderator.  
S. V. POWELL, Clerk.

W. L. Burkhalter, D. R. Belk, Leon Crowley, J. C. Oswalt and Sister Mauline Weaver and Balton Weaver present Saturday only.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is only 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 distinctions 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. Salvation for its end, and Truth for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of this world, the center of Christian union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions 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 happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now depraved, and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover themselves 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 unconditional 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 sufferings, 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 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 a general application of the grace of God to fallen man, sufficiently to enable him morally and actually to

obey the requirements of the law of liberty, Ja. 1 ch., 25v.; this is, to act saving faith, John 1c. 9v.; however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby—Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:19; John 3:19.

Art. 8.—We believe in the free moral agency of man, by the grace of God, before and after conversion, and that he is laid under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act in any 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 of admonition and exhortation. Heb. 3:11, 12, 13; Rom. 13:14; Mark 13:13; Eze. 18:24; Rev. 2 and 3ch.; Eze. 33:13 and 18; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:5; 1 Cor. 10:12 and 22v.; 1 Peter 1:10.

Art. 9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercise the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to 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 the proper subjects.

Art. 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper is of 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; that the joys of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked, will be eternal, upon principles of grace and justice.

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

### RULES OF DECORUM

Article 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



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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

Art. 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 cases, 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 interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.



## STATISTICAL TABLE

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