

# MINUTES

of the

**Eighty-Third Annual Session**

of the

**MOUNT MORIAH**

**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSN.**

met with

**Mt. Moriah Church, Pickens County**

**October 7, 8, 9, 1933.**

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## PROCEEDINGS

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The eighty-third annual session of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association met with Mount Moriah Church, Pickens County, Ala., October 7, 8, 9, 1933.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Harbin; Text, Galations 5:1, after which the body adjourned for refreshments for one and one-half hour.

At the appointed time the ministers and messengers re-assembled in the house for the transaction of business.

After reading the first chapter of Samuel and prayer the following business was transacted:

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

2. Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. M. Montgomery elected moderator and W. E. Dean, clerk.

3. Call for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Rev. J. H. Potts, Bro. and Sister J. T. Tidwell, present and seated from Jasper Association; Rev. M. L. Hollis present and seated Monday from Jasper Association; Bro. J. M. Graham, Leonard Parker present and seated from Vernon Association.

The following committees were appointed: An invitation given to new churches to join, none received.

1. Document and order of business, Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. W. J. Harbin, M. J. Sanford with moderator and clerk.

2. Devotion, J. C. Oswalt, Brady Montgomery, R. C. Montgomery with deacons of this church.

3. Temperance, T. L. Walker, J. B. Weaver, W. H. Whatley.

4. Sunday School, Rev. J. E. Tilly, W. R. Burkhalter, Lonie Shirley.

5. Deceased, William Brown, H. M. Montgomery, W. T. Montgomery.

6. Moral Reform, Rev. N. M. Sanford J. T. Lindsey, W. O. Falls.

7. Education, Literature and Publication, J. G. Pearson, T. A. Guin, B. S. Cole.



8. Finance: J. O. Perrigin, W. C. Dawkin, Herman Hickman.

9. Resolutions and Querries, G. S. Cole, E. M. Burkhalter.

Brother, J. T. Johnson's resignation from the executive committee accepted and Brother J. C. Oswalt appointed.

A special prayer prayed for Sister J. D. Byars, Brother T. B. Smith, Sister Eunice Curry and Rev. J. E. Mathis. Prayer led by Brother J. E. Tilly.

The devotional committee made a partial report as follows: Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 9:30 a. m. Sunday. Rev. J. E. Tilly preach at 11:00 a. m. Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 2:30 p. m.

The partial report adopted and conference closed until Monday morning, Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 9:30, text Job 27-16, Jude 1-3. Rev. J. E. Tilly preached at 11:00 o'clock, text Isaiah 28-16. Rev. J. H. Potts preached at 2:30 o'clock, text Colossians 1-18.

## MONDAY MORNING

After reading the 139th Psalm and prayer the following business was transacted:

1. Reading of the rules of decorum.
2. Roll call of churches.
3. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read and adopted.
3. Report of various committees read and adopted as follows:

## DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESSS

We, your committee on documents and order of business, report as follows: First we recommend that we proceed after the regular order of business; second, that the next session of the Association be held with Pleasant Hill church, Tuscaloosa County, Ala., beginning on the second Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1934; third, we recommend that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. J. E. Tilly be his alternate; fourth, we recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$15 for his services. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. D. BYARS, Chairman.

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## TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We believe, from the step that has been taken toward prohibition, that will be one of the greatest evils that all Christians must guard against, so we urge that all preachers and deacons to watch our churches very carefully. We feel that we will have to make a special effort to guard against this great evil that is in our country today; by doing so we may gain boys and girls that might be a shining light to our churches. Report adopted, committee discharged.

T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday school, report as follows: We request that improvement be made in every Sunday School in the Association as we feel the need of such so much, and we request that each member of each church fully discharge their duty in regular attendance in Sunday School. We also request that the very best of Christians be elected for officers and teachers. Sunday School is a righteous Christian training for both young and old, and also a divine worship, and we ask that churches that have no Sunday school would organize one at once. Respectfully submitted. Report adopted, Committee discharged.

J. E. TILLY, Chairman.

## DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee on deceased members, report as follows: Mount Moriah: Bros. E. B. Gore, J. W. St. John, Sister Fannie Gore, Macedonia; Sister Ludie Mosley, Sister M. L. Cook, Bro. B. A. Dawkins. Bro. A. A. Fields. Shiloh: Bro. J. H. Zeanah, Rillie Latham, Sister Lula Latham, Sister Bell Anderson. Antioch: Sister Nora Wiggins. Union: Sister Allie Pool, Sister Eunice Curry. Bro. Foster Pool, Sister Docia Stapp, Sister Ula Lancaster. Phillips Chapel: Bro. Sam Sanford. Bro. J. M. Hallman, Sister Lula Nichols, Sister Clearance Sanford. Pleasant Hill: Sister Dorcas Pearson, Sister Julia Springer. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

W. H. BROWN, Chairman.

After this report the congregation sang. "If you love your mother meet he in the sky," by request of moderator in memory of those deceased. Special prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars.

### 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 teachings, 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.

M. M. SANFORD, Chairman.

### DEVOTION

We, your committee on devotion, make a final report as follows: That Rev. J. D. Byars preach at the close of this session; that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach at 1:30 p. m. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

J. C. OSWALT, 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 follow its instructions and by the study of the same, we enlighten ourselves from false doctrines. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

J. G. PEARSON, Chairman.



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## FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, report the following: We have collected at this session \$38.30, balance from last year \$.55; total \$38.85. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. O. PERRIGIN, Chairman.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your executive committee, report as follows: We find that our preachers are in good standing with each other.

### FINANCE REPORT

Evangelistic fund -----	\$ 15.64
General fund -----	25.06
Report received and committee retained.	

Report of committee appointed to assist executive committee: We find that a part of Unity Grove church has halted and left our Association and there is nothing between Unity Grove and Macedonia churches. Also we think we ought to protect them in holding the church property. Report received and committee discharged.

J. G. PEARSON, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee on resolutions and queries report as follows: We tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Mt. Moriah 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 received and committee discharged.

G. S. COLE, Chairman.

Delegates appointed as follows:

To State Conference: E. W. Burkhalter, J. M. Stokes and W. E. Dean; corresponding messenger to Jasper Association: Rev. J. D. Byars; to Vernon Association: Rev. T. L. Walker.

Collected \$12.80 for benefit of Rev. W. J. Harbin and Rev. J. E. Mathis.

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## LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah—Sister C. F. Burgess, J. W. Lancaster, Sister Hattie Fant.

Macedonia—J. M. Stokes, W. C. Dawkins, W. E. Dean.

Tabernacle—B. K. Montgomery, R. C. Montgomery, A. M. Montgomery.

Shiloh—J. H. Hickman, E. W. Burkhalter, W. R. Burkhalter.

Antioch—E. B. Belk, Leon Cramley, Floy Ham.

Union—W. H. Watley, T. J. Lancaster, W. R. Curry.

Phillips Chapel—J. C. Oswalt, W. T. Montgomery, W. O. Falls.

Union Hill—Charley Litterell, W. M. Harris, J. O. Perugin.

Mt. Zion—T. J. Shipp, W. H. Brown.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Eula Parker, J. G. Pearson, J. H. Harless.

Unity Grove—T. A. Guin, B. S. Cole, G. S. Cole.

Espy Springs—Brady Montgomery, Lonnie Shirley, Belton Weaver.

Hattis Chapel—J. M. St. John.

Friendship and Sardis—Not represented.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Ala., Rt. 3.; Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.; Rev. W. R. Robison, Reform, Ala., Rt. 2; Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Ala.; Rev. J. E. Tilly, Ethelville, Ala.; Rev. L. A. Williamson, Louisville, Miss., Rt. 8; Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. T. V. Wheat, Coker, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. W. J. Harbin, Berry, Ala.; Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. J. F. Carmack, Glenallen, Ala., Rt. 1; Rev. W. V. Pool, Gordo, Ala., Rt. 2; Rev. R. L. Taylor, McConnells, Ala.; Rev. H. E. Cobb, Millport, Ala.; Rev. N. M. Sanford, McConnells, Ala.

## DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev. I. T. Nabors, Rev. E. Gore, Rev. T.



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Maloy, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. W. J. Cowart, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. O. M. Archey, Rev. E. F. Pool.

### OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala.; W. E. Dean, Millport, Ala.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Hickman, Gordo, Ala., Rt. 1; J. M. Stokes, Millport, Ala.; J. S. Loftis, McConnells, Ala.; H. B. Logan, Samantha, Ala., Rt. 2; J. C. Oswalt, McConnells, Ala.

The proceedings of the Union Meeting read and adopted except the letter form. A motion adopted to adjourn after a valedictory sermon.

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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The forty-second annual session of the Union Meeting of the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association held with Macedonia church, Pickens County, Ala., July 22, 23, 24, 1933.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. J. M. Spencer preached the introductory sermon, Acts 10:25-26-27, after which the body adjourned for refreshments to meet again at 1:30 p. m. The ministers and messengers reassembled in the harbor for the transaction of business. After reading the 37th Psalm and prayer by Rev. T. A. Springfield 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. T. L. Walker, moderator and W. E. Dean, clerk.

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

1st. On document and order of business: Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. J. E. Tilly, with moderator and clerk.

2nd. Evangelism: Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. M. Spencer, J. M. Stokes.

3rd. Sunday School: T. B. Smith, J. M. Fields, W. R. Curry, J. O. Perrigin, J. L. Shepherd.

4th. Resolutions and queries, Rev. H. E. Cobb, N. M. Sanford, J. C. Oswalt.

5th. Devotions: J. L. Mitchell, L. B. Coon, J. S. Loftis, with deacons of Macedonia church.

A partial report of the devotional committee: Sunday Rev. J. E. Mathis preach at 9:00 o'clock; Sunday School at 10, Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 11:00 o'clock and Rev. M. Montgomery, preach at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. D. Byars preach the valedictory sermon. After the delegates were assigned a move and second to adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning.

### SUNDAY MORNING

Song service before preaching. Rev. J. E. Mathis preached at 9:00 o'clock a. m. Sunday, text, St. John 4:29. Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock, Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 11:00 o'clock a. m., text, Genesis 3:9. Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 8:00 o'clock p. m., text, Acts 8:33.

### MONDAY MORNING

Monday morning at 8:00 a. m. after reading 21 verses of 18th Psalm and prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker, the following business was transacted: 1st. Roll call of delegates; 2nd. Minutes of Saturday and Sunday read.

We, your committee on document and order of business report as follows: That we proceed after the regular order of business. We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting be held with Phillips Chapel church, Tuscaloosa County, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1934. We recommend that Rev. J. E. Tilly preach the introductory sermon and Rev. M. Montgomery be his alternate.

REV. J. D. BYARS, Chairman.

We, your committee on devotion report that Rev. J. E. Mathis preach at 9:00 Sunday a. m. Rev. T. L. Walker

preach at 11:00 o'clock and Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 8:00 p. m. and that Rev. J. D. Byars preach the valedictory sermon.  
J. L. MITCHELL.

Report of committee on evangelism: We, your committee on evangelism make the following report: We do not deem it best to put an evangelist out at this time.

REV. T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, find there are several churches in our Association that have good Sunday schools for which we are thankful. God grant that they may keep growing stronger and more prosperous each year. To the churches that haven't any Sunday schools, we beg you to organize one at once. Do not depend on the preachers too much. They have other work to see after. Any Deacon or most any member of the church can organize a Sunday school, and if you can first get a few that will be faithful to attend, others will fall in line. Soon you will have a good Sunday school going. Every member of the church can and should help to make the Sunday school go. We have never known a Sunday school to fail if a few would say we are going to have a Sunday school, and go, just keep on, going. Then there is a social feature about a Sunday school that is worth while. Let us do everything we can to keep our Sunday school going. Then we will have raised up generation after generation that will know much more about God's Word than they would have known, had they never attended Sunday school.

T. B. SMITH, Chairman.

Report of committee on resolutions and queries: We, your committee on resolutions and queries, recommend that we adopt the old original F. W. B. Letter form as a whole, to-wit: This certifies that Bro. A is a regular member of the —Free Will Baptist church in Christ in good standing, as such we commend him to the fellowship of God's people, and when we are informed that he has united with some other evangelical church we shall consider him regularly dismissed from this church.—A. B. Moderator; C. D., Church Clerk.



We tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Macedonia church and community for the able manner in which they have shown us during our stay with them, and also to the choir for the good services they rendered and we pray God's blessings on them.

H. E. COBB, Chairman.

A suggestion made by Bro. J. E. Tilly in regard to helping take care of our aged ministers. A move and properly sustained by second, for each pastor to take the suggestion up with their churches and report it to the Association with recommendations.

List of ministers attending—Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. J. E. Tilly, Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. J. M. Spencer, Rev. N. M. Sanford, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. H. E. Cobb..

List of delegates attending: Mount Moriah, T. B. Smith Ruby Lancaster, J. W. Lancaster. Macedonia: J. M. Stokes J. M. Fields, W. E. Dean. Shiloh: J. H. Hickman, Jr., Thomas Wheat. Tabernacle: B. K. Montgomery, Jim Loftis; R. C. Montgkomery. Union: W. B. Curry. Antioch: J. L. Shepherd, Leon Crowley, Floy Ham. Union Hill: J. O. Perrigin, W. L. Peeks. Phillips Chapel: J. C. Oswalt, W. T. Montgomery, M. J. Sanford. Mount Zion, L. J. Shipp, S. E. Harless, J. H. Brown. Pleasant Hill represented by letter only. Unity Grove, Leonard Parker, Noah McGee, J. L. Mitchell, Hattis Chapel. Sulphur Springs. Espey Springs. Sardis. Friendship.

A move and second to adjourn this present Union meeting after the valedictory sermon and parting hand, to convene with Phillips Chapel, one year from last Saturday.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Moderator.

W. E. DEAN, Clerk.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

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