

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-fourth Annual Session
OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY
OCTOBER 13-14-15, 1934

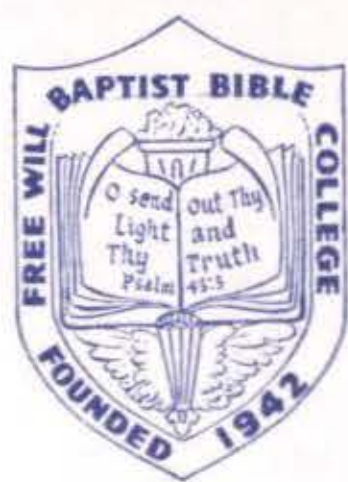
OFFICERS

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., Moderator
B. Montgomery, Samantha, Ala., Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Hickman, ~~F. Z. Mayfield, I. T. Johnson~~
J. S. Loftis and H. B. Logan
J. M. Stokes, J. C. Oswalt

The next session of this Association will be held with Sh'oh Church, Gordo, Pickens County, Ala., beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1935.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Al Hamm

Proceedings of the Association

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association met with Pleasant Hill Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, October 13th, 14th and 15th, 1934.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Harbin. Text: 35th Chapter Isaiah. After which the body adjourned for refreshments for one and one half hours.

At 1:30 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 19th Chapter Psalms. 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; B. Montgomery, Clerk.
3. Extended an invitation for the reception of new churches. None present.
4. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Rev. J. S. Fredrick and Brother John H. Frederick were present from the Jasper Association. Rev. J. L. Laverder was present from the Vernon Association. Moved and carried that these brothers be seated.

The following committees were appointed:

1. On Document and Order of Business: Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. R. L. Taylor, H. B. Pate with Moderator and Clerk.
2. On Devotion: J. S. Loftis, J. C. Oswalt, W. H. Curry, J. O. Perrigin, with deacons of church.
3. On Sunday School: Rev. T. L. Walker. Bro. T. J. Ship, Bro. B. S. Cole, Bro. M. B. Fields.
4. On Temperance: Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. L. A. Williamson, Bro. M. J. Sanford, Bro. W. L. Adams.
5. On Finance: Brothers J. H. Hollis, R. C. Montgomery, G. E. Ruffin.
6. On Deceased Members; Brothers J. H. Brown. S. H. Lindsey, Rev. N. M. Sandford.
7. On Moral Reform: Brothers J. S. Stewart, Charley Littrell, T. A. Guin.

8. On Educational Literature and Publication: Brothers J. H. Hickman, John C. Brown, R. A. Miller.

9. Resolution and Queries: Brothers P. J. Frazier, W. T. Montgomery, P. L. Rogers, L. B. Coon.

The Committee on Devotion made a partial report as follows: Rev. J. S. Fredrick preach at 9:00 a. m., Rev. J. D. Byars hold the Memorial at 11:00 a. m., Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 2:30 p. m.

Assignments were made for the delegates and messengers. Moved and adopted that we adjourn until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 9:00 a. m. After song service and prayer by Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. J. S. Fredrick preached. Text: Second Peter Third Chapter.

Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Rev. J. D. Byars held the Memorial Service. Text 15th Chapter of First Corinthians.

At 2:00 p. m. Rev. M. Montgomery preached. Text: 8th Chapter of Acts.

MONDAY MORNING

House called to order by the moderator after reading the 23rd Psalm and prayer by Rev. J. L. Lavander. The following business was transacted:

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

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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 Shilo Church, Pickens County, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1935. Third, we recommend that Rev. M. Montgomery preach the Introductory Sermon and that Rev. J. D. Byars be his alternate. Fourth, we recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$15 for his services. Fifth, we recommend that the churches of the association use no substitute for emblems at the Lord's table. That we use the unleaven bread and the fruit of the vine as the Lord Jesus has commanded us. Sixth, we recommend that the minutes be mailed to the churches according to the amount each church has paid.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

REV. T. A. SPRINGFIELD, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance submit the following report: We recommend that the christian people of our country vote and use their influence against the public sale of whiskey and beer. We further recommend that the parents have more strict discipline in the home over their children that they might bring them up to be temperate in all things.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

REV. J. E. TILLEY, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School report as follows: We find eight of our churches have Sunday School and a fine interest manifested in same. Four of our churches have no Sunday School. We your committee recommend that these churches organize one and try to have a perfect report next year.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

REV. T. L. WALKER, Chairman.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We, your committee on Deceased Members, report as follows:

Mt. Moriah—Sisters Lydea Coward, Ida Burgess.

Macedonia—Sister Ruby Dawkins.

Tabernacle—Bro. B. K. Montgomery, Sister Elizabeth Wicker.

Belk--Brothers J. J. Brazzil and U. Y. Bobo.

Union—Sister Eliza Lensey.

Pleasant Hill—Bro. J. G. Pearson.

Phillips Chapel—Bros. Rubin H. Jones, Silas Gray.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

MORAL REFORM

We, your committee on Moral Reform, report as follows: We find that our churches of today are greatly in need of much reform. We know that 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 our 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 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 and influence here in this world and not listen to every kind of doctrine that comes along that will destroy our churches.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. S. STEWART, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We, your committee on Devotion recommend that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach the Valedictory Sermon.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. S. LOFTIS, Chairman.

EDUCATION, LITERATURE AND PUBLICATION

We, your committee on Education, Literature and Publication recommend that our people take a greater interest in the education of their children, training the mind to think, the heart to feel and the body to act in true accord to the teachings of the Bible. The word of the truth which has proven beyond a doubt to be the guide from earth to Heaven by it we are made to more fully comprehend and understand the truth, the pure and beautiful, it brings to light of the individual life its demand was never greater than now. Young men entering the ministry should be encouraged and aided in their preparations for so great a calling. We recommend the loyal use of our common literature published by the Free Will Baptist Press.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. H. HICKMAN, Chairman.

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance report as follows: That we have collected at this session \$37.60.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

J. H. HARLESS, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your Executive Committee report as follows: First, we find that our preachers are in good standing in our associations and sound in the faith.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Evangelistic Funds.....	\$15.64
General Funds.....	\$25.06

Moved and adopted that we discuss the matter of Unity Grove Church. Moved and adopted that we carry this through the supreme court. Moved and adopted that the executive committee use the money that they have in the treasury to help pay the court cost if needed.

Report received, committee retained.

J. A. 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 Pleasant Hill 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.

P. J. FRAZIER, Chairman.

Collected \$12.86 for Rev. W. J. Harbin and Rev. J. E. Mathis.

There being no further business to be brought before the body motion adopted to adjourn after the Valedictory Sermon.

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 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 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, 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 the 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, provided 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 member shall laugh or talk while debates are going on.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES County-State	PASTORS	CLERK POSTOFFICE	EX-PASTORS	Paid Ex-Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number of Members	Minute Fund
1. Mt. Moriah Pickens County, Ala.	Rev. J. D. Byars	C. C. Gore McShan, Ala.	Rev. J. D. Byars	\$74 50	17 50	2	1			2		2	122	2 00
2. Macedonia Pickens County, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	W. E. Dean Millport, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	48 13	31 73	1				1		1	276	3 00
3. Shiloh Pickens County, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	J. H. Hickman Gordo, Ala.	Rev. J. D. Byars	54 00	7 00	5		1			1	3	177	4 00
4. Tabernacle Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	J. S. Loftis McConnells, Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery			5	1			2		1	141	5 00
5. Belk Fayette County, Ala.	Rev. M. L. Hollis	Floy Ham Belk, Ala.	Rev. M. L. Hollis	172 50		25	7	1		2		2	184	3 00
6. Union Pickens County, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	Aubrey Holliman Gordo, Ala.	Rev. J. E. Tilley	73 07	3 75	1		2		1		2	144	3 00
7. Phillips Chapel Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	W. L. Sanford Fayette, Ala.	Rev. M. Montgomery	25 00		8	1			2	2	4	238	5 00
8. Union Hill Pickens County, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	W. M. Harris Reform, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	31 48	9 00							2	82	1 50
9. Mt. Zion Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	J. H. Brown McConnells, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	54 83							1	3	127	5 00
10. Hattis Chapel Pickens County, Ala.														
11. Pleasant Hill Pickens County, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	J. H. Harless Elrod, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	61 65	10 15					1		4	125	4 10
12. Unity Grove Lamar County, Ala.		T. A. Guin Millport, Ala.												
13. Espy Springs Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	L. G. Weaver Samantha, Ala.	Rev. T. L. Walker	46 39								1	61	2 00
14. Sardis Fayette County, Ala.	Not represented													
15. Friendship Fayette County, Ala.	Not represented													

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