

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Eighty-Sixth Annual Session  
OF THE  
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST  
HELD WITH  
UNION CHURCH  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY  
OCTOBER 10, 11, and 12, 1936.

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OFFICERS

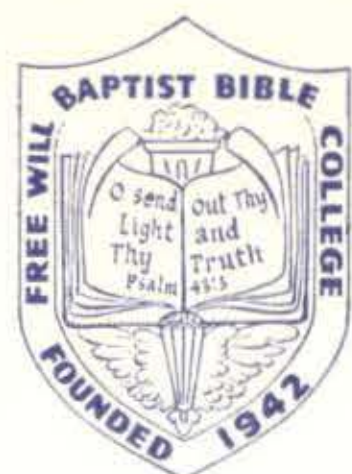
Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala., Moderator  
J. H. Harless, Elrod, Ala., Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. A. Hickman, J. S. Loftis, J. O. Perigen,  
J. M. Stokes, and J. C. Oswalt

The next session of this Association will be held with Macedonia Church, Millport, Ala., R. 3, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1937.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Mr. R. H. Yerby

## PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Union Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on October 10, 11 and 12, 1936.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Tilley, Joshua 1st. chapter, 9th. verse, after which one and one half hours were taken for recreation and refreshments. At the appointed time the ministers and messengers reassembled in the house and was called to order by the former Moderator, Rev. T. L. Walker. After reading 14th. Psalms and prayer by P. J. Frazier, the body was fully organized after which the following business was transacted.

The letters from the various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per statistical table.

The body then proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, which Rev. T. L. Walker was elected Moderator and J. H. Harless, Clerk.

Extended an invitation to new churches to join, whereby Glen Echo, Carrollton: New Hope, Stough: were received. Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. J. L. Conner, Jasper Association; J. S. Frederick, Vernon Association, were present and seated in the body.

The following committees were appointed:

1. On devotion, J. M. Stokes, O. L. Pearson, S. E. Harless, with Deacons of Union Church.
2. Document and order of business: Rev. M. Montgomery, W. J. Harbin, P. J. Frazier with J. L. Conner associate.
3. Sabbath School: Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. H. E. Cobb, F. L. Hollis.
4. Temperance: Rev. S. R. Lee, Arlie Berry, T. J. Shipp.
5. Finance: T. R. Sellers, G. D. Skelton, W. L. Burkhalter.
6. Deceased members: Rev. Edgar Jones, Roy Price, Rev. T. V. Wheat.
7. Moral reform: Howard Brown, N. M. Sanford, O. W. McGee.



8. Education: Brady Montgomery, J. S. Loftis, Anna Springer, M. A. Sellers.

9. Resolutions and Queries: J. W. Lancaster, Tom Moore, J. R. Williams.

A partial report on devotion was made. 9:00 a. m., Ordination, A. M. Berry, 11:00 a. m., J. L. Conner to preach, 2:00 p. m. Rev. J. S. Frederick to preach.

A letter from Rev. J. E. Mathis to the Mount Moriah Association.

I write the following report. As to the preaching, I have not done any, but I am still in the faith. I made arrangements to come but I am not able to come this morning. Pray for me that my last days may be brighter than those gone before. Hope you have a good session.

After the assignment, moved to close till Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

The Moderator appointed the following Ordaining Council. W. J. Harbin, M. Montgomery, J. E. Tilley.

#### Sunday Service

At 9:00 a. m. Sunday the Ordination of Arlie Berry by the ordination committee, composed of W. J. Harbin, M. Montgomery, J. E. Tilley.

At 11:00 a. m. services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Conner. Subject, Communion.

At 2:30 Rev. J. S. Frederick. Rev. 14-13.

#### Monday Morning

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment after a few songs by Rev. Arlie Berry. A scripture reading by the Moderator from 12th. chapter of Ecclesiastes and prayer by P. J. Frazier, the body was called to order as per adjournment. The following business was transacted.

#### Document and Order of Business

We, your committee on document and order of business report as follows: 1st. We recommend the usual order of business.

2nd. We recommend that the next session of the association be held with Macedonia Church, Pickens County, and Rev. T. V. Wheat preach the introductory sermon. Rev. T. L. Walker be his alternate. 3rd. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of minutes and that he be paid \$15.00 for his service. 4th. We further recommend that the minutes be prorated according to the money each church paid.

Report of committee received and committee discharged.

M. Montgomery, Chairman

#### Temperance

We, your committee on temperance report as follows:

Seeing that the human family are inclined to seek after worldly things we recommend that each of us as a Christian and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, abstain from all unclean and profane things, that we live soberly and righteously in this present world, that the people may see our good works and glorify our Father who art in Heaven, speaking the truth always.

We recommend that we are responsible for the leading of the world to Christ, and the bringing up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Fathers and mothers be very careful with your children for the future responsibility of the Church of Christ are placed on the young people.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman.

#### Sunday School

We, your committee on Sunday School beg leave to report sorrowfully that a lot of our churches do not have good Sunday Schools. We feel that any of our churches ought to be interested enough in the welfare of our young people to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of our Lord. We feel that Sunday School is one of the greatest means that we have to do this. We trust that by next association every church will report a good Sunday School with good attendance. We are asking that each church that has no Sunday School at present that the pastor insist that they organize one at once. We pray for same.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman



### Deceased Members

That since our last meeting the following brothers and sisters have passed away. We, your committee on deceased members beg leave to report as follows:

Mt. Moriah: Mrs. Lucy Turnipseed.

Macedonia: Bro. Dan Welch, Jessie M. Fields and sister Annie Atkins

Shiloah: Sister Nellie Koon.

Hatties Chapel: B. Luke St. John.

Tabernacle: Bro. E. E. Logan,

Union: Rev. W. V. Pool, Bro. W. R. Curry, J. D. Vaughan and S. R. Lancaster.

Phillips Chapel: Sister Mamie Kieth and Sarah Lowrey.

Pleasant Hill: Narcissus Brown.

Mount Zion: Bro. J. A. Boswell, Sister Harriett Harless.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Let us strive to meet them in the sweet bye and bye.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Chairman.

### 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 and seeing that our young people are being led into immoral practices. We recommend that we provide places of employment in our churches and homes for them, such as prayer meetings, Sunday Schools, Young People League, and also singings.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. H. Brown, Chairman.

### Education

We, your committee on education, literature and publication recommend that our people take 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.

Brady Montgomery Chairman.

### Finance

We, your committee on finance be leave to report as follows:

We have hollected at this session \$46.00.

Report received, committee discharged.

T. R. Sellers, Chairman.

### Executive Committee

We, your Executive Committee, report as follows:

1. We find that our Preachers are all in good standing and sound in the faith as far as we know.

2. We recommend that Unity Grove and Sulphur Springs be dropped from the list of churches.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. A. Hickman, Chairman.

### Resolutions and Querries

We, your committee on resolutions and querries beg leave to report as follows:

That we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Union community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us during this session of the association and we pray God's richest blessings on them.

They were given a rising vote of thanks by the entire body.

Report received and committee discharged.

J. W. Lancaster, Chairman.

Resolved that this ressession of the Mt. Moriah Association ask the special session of the Legislature of Alabama to vote against any measure which will have a tendency to allow the public sale of intoxicating drinks in our state.

The Moderator apointed the following delegation to the State Convention.

Harvey Yerby and O. W. McGee.



Received final report of devotional committee, whereby  
Rev. W. J. Harbin preached the valedictory sermon.

Received report and committee discharged.

J. M. Stokes, Chairman.

There being no further business, moved to adjourn.

The valedictory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Harbin,  
after which the parting hand was taken to meet with Macedonia  
on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1937.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Moderator.

J. H. Harless, Clerk.

#### List of Delegates Attending the Association

Mt. Moriah: J. W. Lancaster.

Macedonia: J. M. Stokes, W. E. Dean.

Shiloah: W. L. Burkhalter, Roy Price, R. A. Miller.

Belk: Harvey Yerby, De Wit Williams, Festus Hollis.

Tabernacle: O. W. McGee, J. S. Loftis, P. J. Frazier.

Union: T. J. Lancaster, J. M. Parham, W. H. Whatley.

Phillips Chapel: M. J. Sanford, J. L. Lynn, John Galloway.

Union Hill: Levi Peeks and Thomas Lancaster.

Pleasant Hill: O. L. Pearson, Sisters Anna Springer, Eula Parker

Espy Springs: Brady Montgomery.

Mount Zion: T. J. Shipp, S. E. Harless, W. H. Brown.

Sardis: Audie Driver, G. D. Skelton, Tom Driver.

Glen Echo: T. R. Sellers, Eula Hogue, Mrs. T. R. Sellers.

New Hope: J. R. Williams, Mrs. Vera Parker, Mrs. H. E. Cobb

Mrs. J. R. Williams.

#### Ordained Ministers and Their Addresses

Rev. J. E. Mathis, Millport, Ala., R. 3.

Rev. J. D. Byars, Millport, Ala.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, Reform, Ala., R. 2.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Northport, Ala.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.

Rev. L. A. Williamson, Newtonville, Ala.

Rev. M. Montgomery, McConnells, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. T. V. Wheat, Coker, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Gordo, Ala.

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Berry, Ala.

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. J. F. Carmack, Glen Allen, Ala., R. 1.

Rev. R. L. Taylor, McConnells, Ala.

Rev. H. E. Cobb, Millport, Ala.

Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Ala.

Arlie Berry, Bankston, Ala.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Coker, Ala., R. 1.

#### Licentiates

Howard Brown, Coker, Ala., R. 1.

Henry Black, Reform, Ala.

#### Deceased Ministers

Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev.  
I. T. Nabors, Rev. E. Gore, Rev. T. Maloy, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. W. J. Cow-  
art, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. O. M. Archie, Rev. E. F. Pool,  
Rev. W. V. Pool.

#### Officers of the Association

Rev. T. L. Walker, Moderator, Gordo, Ala., R. 4

J. H. Harless, Clerk, Elrod, Ala.

#### Executive Committee

J. A. Hickman, Chairman, Gordo, Ala., R. 1, J. C. Oswalt,  
McConnells, Ala., R. 1, J. M. Stokes, Millport, Ala., J. S. Loftis,  
McConnells, Ala., J. O. Perigen, Reform, Ala.

#### Proceedings of Union Meeting

The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Union Meeting of  
the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with  
Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on July 25,  
26 and 27, 1936.

Saturday at 11:00 a. m., Rev. J. E. Tilley preached the  
introductory sermon, text, Ezra 3rd. chapter, 3-12 verse, after  
which one and one half hours was taken for recreation and re-  
freshments. At the appointed time the ministers and messengers  
returned to the house with J. E. Tilley, Moderator, in the chair,  
the former clerk being absent, J. H. Harless was appointed pro.  
tem. till the body was fully organized.

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

2. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, whereby J.  
E. Tilley was elected Moderator and J. H. Harless, Clerk.



3. Extended an invitation to visiting Brethren to seat with us, Rev. J. L. Lavender from Vernon Association present, Rev. Robert Caawford from the Progressive Association present. The following committees were appointed.

#### Document and Order of Business

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Brady Montgomery, Albert Burkhalter, J. S. Loftis, T. P. Montgomery with Moderator and Clerk.

#### Sunday School

Belton Weaver, J. O. Perigin, S. R. Jones, Clara May Burkhalter, E. A. Hallman.

#### Resolutions and Querries

O. L. Pearson, H. B. Latham, J. C. Oswalt, H. A. Beverly.

#### Devotion

J. M. Stokes, M. T. Montgomery, H. B. Logan and J. C. Brown with deacons of Tabernacle church.

The devotional made a partial report as follows:

That J. L. Lavender preach at 9:00 a. m., and Rev. M. Montgomery at 11:00 a. m.

There being no further business, moved to adjourn till Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

#### Sunday's Services

Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 9:00 a. m. from text Psalms 37th. chapter 1st. verse

Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 11:00 a. m., 11th. chapter of Hebrews, 10-14 verses.

Rev. T. A. Springfield at 3:00 p. m. Text: Hagar, 1st. chapter, 5th. verse.

#### Monday Morning

Met pursuant to adjournment. After reading 3rd. chapter of 2nd. Timothy and prayer by Rev. J. M. Spencer. The house was called to order by the moderator. Moved to adjourn for 15 minutes to get up reports. Minutes of Saturday read, adopted.

#### Document and Order of Business

We, your committee on document 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 union meeting be held with Espy Springs Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in July, 1937. Third, we recommend that Rev. T. A. Springfield preach the introductory sermon and Rev. M. Montgomery be his alternate. Fourth, we recommend that each preacher of the Mt. Moriah Association attend the annual meetings by person or by letter.

Report received and committee discharged.

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Chairman.

#### Sunday School

We, your committee on Sunday School report as follows:

We find that only a few of our churches has Sunday School. We wish to suggest that every church organize a Sunday School where it is possible. That we might draw more of the young people in the work of the Lord. We are aware of the fact that our young people are going somewhere on Sunday, so why not organize a Sunday School that they might attend and gain knowledge in the work of the Lord.

Received report and committee discharged.

Belton Weaver, Chairman.

#### Resolutions and Querries

We, your committee on resolutions and querries wish to submit the following report.

We wish to tender our sincere thanks to Tabernacle Church and community for the great way in which they have cared for us during our stay among them. We pray God's richest blessings to be bestowed upon them.

Report received and committee discharged.

O. L. Pearson, Chairman.



We, your committee on devotion make final report that Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at the close of the session.

J. M. Stokes, Chairman.

There being no further business, moved to adjourn to meet with Espy Springs Church on Saturday before the 4th. Sunday in July, 1937.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Moderator  
J. H. Harless, Clerk.

#### Roll of Delegates

Mount Moriah--Not represented.  
Macedonia--J. M. Stokes.  
Shiloah--H. B. Latham, A. J. Burkhalter, Clara May Burkhalter  
Tabernacle--J. S. Loftis, T. P. Montgomery, M. T. Montgomery.  
Belk--Not represented.  
Union Hill--J. O. Perigen.  
Phillips Chapel--W. T. Montgomery, J. L. Lynn, J. C. Oswalt.  
Union--S. R. Jones, H. A. Beverly.  
Mount Zion--S. T. Shipp, H. B. Logan, I. A. Hallman.  
Hatties Chapel--Not represented.  
Pleasant Hill--O. L. Pearson, J. H. Harless.  
Unity Grove--Not represented.  
Espy Springs--Brady Montgomery, Belton Weaver.

#### Ministers Attending the Union Meeting

Rev. W. J. Harbin,  
Rev. T. A. Springfield,  
Rev. J. E. Tilley,  
Rev. T. L. Walker,  
Rev. M. Montgomery,  
Rev. T. V. Wheat,  
Rev. Edgar Jones.

#### Articles of Faith

Art. 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 only 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 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 judgement; 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 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. The 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, 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 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.

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. The 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 shall 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 influences to promote the interests of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, missionary work, etc.



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