

MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH  
SHILOH CHURCH  
SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
October 9, 10, 11, 1943

OFFICERS

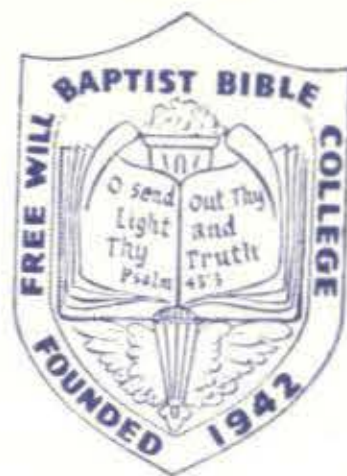
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Moderator, Ethelsville, Alabama  
W. L. Burkhalter, Clerk, Gordo, Alabama, Route 1

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

The next session of this Association will be held with  
Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama, beginning on  
Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1944.





## FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. Al Hamm

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The ninety-third session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Shiloh Church, Pickens County, Alabama on October 9, 10, 11, 1943. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. L. Walker, Scripture lesson 16th chapter of Matthew 1-20, verses. Text Matthew 16th chapter, 17-19 verses, after which one and one-half hours was taken for refreshments. At the appointed time the ministers and messengers reassembled in the house and was called to order by the former moderator, Rev. J. E. Tilley, after reading 1st chapter of Ephesians, and prayer by Rev. N. M. Sanford.

The body was fully organized after which the following business was transacted: Letters from the various churches were handed in and read, and the delegates listed as per roll. Move was made and carried to fill in delegates where any was absent.

The body then proceeded to elect moderator and clerk, whereas Rev. J. E. Tilley was elected moderator and W. L. Burkhalter, clerk. Called for corresponding messengers from sister association, one present. Extended an invitation to new or any church for membership, none present.

The following committee were appointed:

On Document and Order of Business: Rev. J. L. Lavender, W. E. Dean, J. O. Perrigin, J. C. Brown, with moderator and clerk.

Devotional Committee: Louis McAdams, Oscar Pearson, J. M. Stokes, with deacons of Shiloh.

On Temperance: Rev. M. Montgomery, J. H. Harless, W. T. Peeks, A. J. Burkhalter, and Cecil Hollingsworth.

Finance: Oscar Fulgham, Claude Malone, J. W. Lancaster, and B. C. Goodman.

Sabbath School: Rev. T. L. Walker, R. A. Miller, T. J. Ship, Dewey Carr, and T. J. Sanford.

Deceased: Rev. S. R. Lee, Belton Driver, and Robert Benson.

Moral Reform: Rev. J. L. Lynn, Shaden Springfield, and W. H. Whatley.

Education, Publication and Literature: Rev. N. Sanford, J. C. Malone, and L. L. Allen.

Resolutions and Querries: Rev. J. H. Tilley, Jack Wood, Tom Trull, and Oscar Swendenburg.

Home Mission Committee:

A move was made and carried that a committee on Home Mission be appointed. Rev. T. L. Walker, Carl Oswalt, R. E. Tilley, L. B. Koon, and W. E. Dean.

The Devotional Committee made a partial report as follows: That on Sunday Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 10:00 A. M. and Rev. R. E. Tilley be his alternate. Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at 11:30 A. M. and Rev. S. R. Lee be his alternate. Rev. J. L. Lavender



preach at 3:30 P. M. and Rev. J. L. Lynn be his alternate. Report adopted and committee retained to close of session.

J. L. McAdams, Chairman

There being no further business, the conference adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30 A. M.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached, Scripture lesson Genesis 6th chapter, Text Genesis 6th chapter and 14th verse.

At 11:30 A. M., Rev. W. J. Harbin preached, Scripture lesson Psalms 1st chapter, Text 1st John, 2nd chapter and 17th verse. After preaching services, Sacramental services were administered, conducted by Rev. J. E. Tilley, moderator.

After this service, a collect was taken for Rev. W. J. Harbin, which amounted to \$100.00. The body was then dismissed for one and one-half hours for refreshments. At 2:00 P. M. our National Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert Crawford, of the Progressive Association made a report of his work as National Executive Secretary and also talked on home and foreign missionary work, and at 3:30 P. M. preached. Text St. Luke 19th chapter and 10 verse. After his services Rev. J. L. Lavender who was to preach at 3:30 having given Rev. Crawford permission to use as much time as he wanted. Took a vote of the congregation to see if they wanted him to go ahead and preach or dismiss as it was getting late in the evening. Whereas the vote was in favor of dismissing, which was done.

### MONDAY MORNING SERVICES

Monday morning met pursuant to adjournment. After reading Scripture lesson from 12th chapter of Romans by moderator and prayer by Rev. R. L. Taylor. The moderator declared the session open for dispatch of business. After which Saturday and Sunday minutes were read and adopted with amendments in regard to Sunday afternoon services by Rev. Crawford and Rev. Lavenders services.

The committees not being ready to report the body was dismissed for 30 minutes. After which time the body was called to order by the moderator.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

#### On Document and Order of Business

We, your Committee on Document and Order of Business, report as follows: That we proceed after the usual order of business. We recommend that the next session of the association convene with Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1944. We recommend that Rev. R. L. Taylor preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. J. H. Tilley be his alternate. We recommend that the clerk be

paid \$15.00 for his services. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman

#### On Devotion

We, your Committee on Devotion, make a final report as follows: We recommend that Rev. R. L. Taylor preach at the close of this session of the association. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. L. McAdams, Chairman

#### Sabbath School

We, your Committee on Sabbath School, report as follows: From the report we find only a few of our Churches have Sabbath School. We urge that the members of each Church take more interest in Sabbath School and go and carry their children because in Sabbath School we learn more about the Lord's work. We believe that we should try in some way to interest our young people more in Sabbath School. We suggest that each church use Free Will Baptist literature. We suggest that the pastor of each church do more in trying to have Sabbath School in each of their churches. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman

#### On Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, report as follows: That we adopt the former report.

We find that the human family are prone to seek after worldly things. Therefore; since intemperance is a great evil practiced, we beg that all christian leaders try every possible means to guard and teach against such.

Temperance is a great thought that should concern everyone of us. The habit of drinking among our young people of today is one of the greatest curses in our land. More sin and more heart aches are caused through the influences of strong drink than any other thing.

Then, it behooves each of us as christians to be on our guard every day to do what we can to destroy it and its influences. We know that in a few years our responsibility as christians and leading church members will rest upon the young generation. We should do our very best to live clean sober lives before them. By so doing what we can to prove to them that they must at all times be temperate to live happy, successful christian life. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman.

#### Deceased Members

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, report as follows: After a prayerful investigation, we find that God in His Divine wisdom saw fit to call from our midst the following:

Mount Moriah: Sister Virgie Wright, Bro. L. C. Wing.

Macedonia: Sister Edith May Clemmons.

Shiloh: Bro. William Burkhalter Jr., Bro. W. V. Connell, Bro.



W. R. Pearson, Sister Ida Burkhalter.

Tabernacle: Sister Ethel Swinnia.

ter Marget Watson.

Phillips Chapel: Rev. J. M. Pinkerton, Sister Ella Spain, Sister Union Hill: Sister Nora Laweny.

Mount Zion: Bro. Joe Traweek, Bro. George Ricky, Sister Nancy Spencer.

Pleasant Hill: Bro. W. W. Tilley.

Report adopted and Committee discharged.

Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman.

After report of Committee on Deceased Members, the business of the association was called off and a song, directed by Bro. W. M. Hannah, was sung in remembrance of the deceased which song was, "Home Over There," and prayer by Rev. W. J. Harbin.

#### On Moral Reform

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, move that we adopt the former report.

Seeing the moral standard of our country are lowered, we recommend that we, as a church, use all our means at our command to bring about a reformation of the moral conditions in our homes, in our schools, and in society in general, and thereby raise the standard to where it should be in our country.

We further recommend that we as Christians, be ye therefore followers of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us and hath given Himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God a sweet smiling Savior.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman.

#### On Education, Publication and Literature

We, your Committee on Education, Publication and Literature, recommend the same report as in last minute.

On Education, we find the need among our people of being better prepared to meet the demand of their duties. On Publication we urge our people to subscribe to good, clean, wholesome literature and support our Free Will Baptist presses as much as possible. On Literature, we denounce all worldly literature and ask our people to read the word of God which is a light unto our pathway and a lamp to our feet, that being the "Holy Bible."

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. N. M. Sanford, Chairman.

#### On Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows: We have collected at this session \$54.34. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Oscar Fulgham, Chairman.

#### On Home Missions

We, the Committee on Home Missions, report as follows: Realizing a need of a greater interest in Home Missions. Especially

the care of the Widows and Orphans of the Free Will Baptist in the state of Alabama. We recommend that a field man be appointed or elected by this body to canvass the Association in interest of same, and that his expenses be paid by a Free Will offering. We further recommend that each pastor stress the cause to the best of his ability. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman.

A move was made and carried that the Moderator appoint a field man on Home Mission, whereas, Rev. T. L. Walker was appointed.

#### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was not ready to report but ask all preachers of the Association that was present to meet them for a while. And business of the Association was called off for a while. Noon hour came and refreshments were served, after refreshments the congregation was called in the house for a sermon by Rev. M. E. Carpenter, of the Vernon Association. Scripture lesson 1st Peter, 5th chapter 1-10 verses. Text 1st Peter, 5th chapter 2nd verse. After this service the Executive Committee and preachers all came to the house and the body was called to order by Moderator and the Executive Committee made their report as follows:

We, find that Rev. Amon Kelley has joined another denomination and ask that his name be dropped from our list on minute.

We, find all our preachers sound in the Faith, and all in fellowship with each other except Bro. J. E. Tilley and Bro. T. A. Springfield and we ask for more time on that case. Report adopted and committee retained.

J. A. Hickman, Chairman.

A move was made and carried for the Moderator to appoint Delegates to the State Association which are as follows: Bro. J. M. Stokes, Bro. Oscar Pearson, and Bro. J. O. Perrigen.

A collection for the same was taken which Amt. Rec. was \$10.00.

#### Resolution and Querries

We, your Committee on Resolutions and Querries report as follows:

That we extend our sincere thanks to the Shiloh Church and Community for the able manner in which you have supported this session of our Association and for your kindness and brotherly love you have shown us.

We pray God's richest blessings upon you all. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman.

A move was made and carried to seat Rev. M. E. Carpenter as a visitor from the Vernon Association also for the Moderator to appoint Delegates to the Vernon Association. Whereas Bro.



W. L. Buckhalter, Bro. Bill Stokes, and Bro. Homer Montgomery was elected.

Bro. J. S. Loftis offered his resignation as a member of the Executive Committee and a move was made with a second and a vote was taken which vote was to retain Bro. J. S. Loftis as a member of the Executive Committee.

A move was made and carried to retain Rev. J. H. Tilley as a Sabbath School Evangelist.

#### Home Mission Report

Mount Moriah—On Orphanage .....	\$ 80.00
Macedonia—On Orphanage .....	136.44
Shiloh—By some members .....	50.50
Tabernacle—Home Mission .....	50.50
Phillips Chapel—Home Mission .....	16.50
Pleasant Hill—On Orphanage .....	25.70
Sardis—On Orphanage .....	48.50
Glen Echo—On Orphanage .....	53.00

TOTAL ..... \$430.64

There being no further business a move was made and carried to adjourn. After which the Valedictory sermon was preached by Rev. R. L. Taylor, Scripture lesson Romans, 8th chapter, 1-19 verses. Text Romans, 8th chapter, 6th verse. After which the parting hand was taken to meet with Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1943.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Moderator

W. L. Burkhalter, Clerk.

#### List of Delegates Attending Association

Mount Moriah: T. B. Smith, Bessie Lancaster, J. W. Lancaster.

Macedonia: J. M. Stokes, Early Dean, J. L. McAdams.

Shiloh: L. B. Koon, R. A. Miller, A. J. Burkhalter.

Tabernacle: Jack Wood, Clarence Malone, Claude Malone.

Union: B. C. Goodman, Mrs. B. C. Goodman, W. H. Whatley.

Phillips Chappel: Carl Oswalt, Thomas Sanford, Lynn Allen.

Union Hill: J. O. Perrigan, W. T. Peeks, E. P. Perrigan.

Mount Zion: T. J. Shipp, John Brown.

Hattis Chapel: Oscar Swedenburg, Shaden Springfield.

Pleasant Hill: Oscar Pearson, J. H. Harless.

Espy Springs: Represented by letter.

Sardis: Tom Trull, Belton Driver, W. T. Driver.

Glen Echo: Oscar Fulgham, Dewey Carr.

Arbor Springs: R. C. Benson, Cecil Hollingsworth.

Mary's Chapel: Represented by letter.

#### Ordained Ministers and Their Address

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Gordo, Alabama.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rt. No. 2, Reform, Alabama.

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

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rt. No. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Rt. No. 1, Brownville, Alabama.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Rt. No. 4, Gordo, Alabama.

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rt. No. 1, Gordo, Alabama.

Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownville, Alabama.

Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Alabama.

Rev. J. L. Lavendar, Coker, Alabama.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Star Rt. No. Northport, Alabama.

Rev. S. R. Lee, Rt. No. 1, Coker, Alabama.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rt. No. 1, Brownville, Alabama.

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rt. No. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama.

#### Licentiates

Rev. W. W. Benson, Rt. No. 4, Gordo, Alabama.

Rev. Jim Stewart, Rt. No. 2, Reform, Alabama.

Rev. Monroe Hallman, Brownville, Alabama.

Proceedings of the Union Meeting was read and adopted.

#### Deceased Ministers

Rev. W. B. Montgomery, Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. W. E. Harbin, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. E. Core, Rev. T. Maloy, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. W. J. Cowart, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. O. M. Archid, Rev. E. F. Pool, Rev. W. V. Pool, T. B. Wheat, Rev. J. D. Byars, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. J. M. Pinkerton.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The Fifty-Second Annual Session of the Union Meeting of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association was held with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Alabama, July 24 and 25, 1943.

Saturday, July 24, at 10:00 A. M. the former Moderator called the body to order.

After reading 2nd chapter of Philippians and prayer by Bro. S. R. Lee. Then a song and prayer by Bro. W. R. Robinson, the Union Meeting was declared open for business.

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

2. Proceeded to elect moderator and clerk, whereas, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator, and W. L. Burkhalter, clerk.

3. Extended an invitation for visiting brethren from Sister Associations to have seats with us where as Bro. P. A. Crawford came forward from the Progressive Association and was seated by a move and second of the body. A move was made and carried to seat other members as delegates where all delegates were not present.

4. The following committees were appointed:

On Document and Order of Business: J. S. Loftis, W. L. McAdams, T. R. Sellers, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath School: Rev. J. H. Tilley, H. M. Montgomery, W. T. Peeks, and B. B. Lowe.

On Devotion: J. W. Lancaster, Brady Montgomery, O. W. McGee, with deacons of Union Hill Church.

On Resolutions and Querries: Louis Tilley, Oscar Fulgham, T. J. Shipp, Early Dean.

Move was made and second was made and carried to appoint a Home Mission Committee whereas, the following were appointed: J. V. Stokes, B. J. Smith, Thomas Sanford, Rev. T. L. Walker.

Saturday at 11:00 P. M., Rev. S. R. Lee preached the introductory sermon. Text Solomon, 2nd chapter, 15th verse, Mark, 1st chapter, 40th verse.

After this service, the body was dismissed for one and one-



half hours for refreshments. After refreshments the body was called to order by the moderator, who read the 133rd Psalm, and prayer by Rev. J. E. Tilley, the meeting was declared open for business.

#### Report of Committees

Document and Order of Business: Reports as follows: That we proceed after the usual order of business. We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1944. We recommend that Rev. Amon Kelley preach the Introductory sermon and that Rev. J. H. Tilley be his alternate. Report adopted and committee discharged.

W. L. McAdams, Chairman.

Sabbath School: We, your committee on Sabbath School make the following report: Through observation we find as a whole that Sabbath School is on the progress more so than it was a year ago. There has been much improvements made to date. We urge that the good work be continued so as to obtain a better Christian Living Standard in each community. We further suggest that we use the Free Will Baptist Literature in our Sabbath Schools. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman.

Devotional Committee: Committee made partial report as follows: That Rev. W. R. Robinson preach at 9:30 A. M. and Rev. W. J. Harbin preach at 11:00 A. M. and Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 2:30 P. M. and committee retained until close of session. The full report was made Sunday that Rev. Amon Kelley preach at close of Sunday services. Report adopted and committee discharged.

J. W. Lancaster, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions: We, your committee on Home Missions report as follows: As we have no work to report, we therefore recommend the following: That we read our Church Covenant and the word of God and find our duty and reform the same in our own Church and Community. Report adopted and Committee discharged.

J. V. Stokes, Chairman.

Committee on Resolutions and Querries: We, your committee on Resolutions and Querries report as follows: That we tender our sincere thanks to the Union Hill Church and Community for their able manner in which they have supported this session of our Union Meeting and for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

We pray God's richest blessings upon them. Report adopted and committee discharged.

Louis Tilley, Chairman.

Rev. T. L. Walker asked permission of Moderator to take a public collection for Orphans Home which was refused by Modera-

tor. After which Rev. T. L. Walker took a vote of the body and over ruled the Moderator's objection and a collection was taken which amount collected was \$31.38. Which amount was turned over to Rev. T. L. Walker.

Hattis Chapel Church asked that Bro. J. H. Tilley be ordained in Union Meeting which was passed on to be held first thing after noon hour Sunday. Ordaining Council was appointed by Moderator as follows: Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. R. Robinson, and Rev. S. R. Lee.

The minutes were read and approved. There being no further business a move was made and carried to close the business to meet with Pleasant Hill Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1944, at 9:00 A. M.

Rev. J. L. Lavendar, Moderator

W. L. Burkhalter, Clerk.

#### Sunday Services

Rev. W. R. Robinson preached at 9:00 A. M. Text Galatians, 6th chapter 7-9 verses. At 11:00 A. M. Rev. W. J. Harbin preached, Scripture lesson Psalms 140. Text Revelation, 7th chapter, 10-14 verses.

At 2:00 P. M. Bro. J. H. Tilley was ordained. Ordaining Council was composed of Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rev. J. L. Lavender and Rev. J. E. Tilley.

At 3:00 P. M. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached. Scripture lesson Acts, 26th chapter, Text Acts, 23th chapter, 20th verse.

#### Ministers Attending Union Meeting

Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. R. Robinson, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. Amon Kelley, Rev. Jim Stewart.

#### Delegates Attending Union Meeting

Mount Moriah: T. B. Smith, W. R. Burgess, J. W. Lancaster.  
Macedonia: W. L. McAdams, J. V. Stokes, W. E. Dean.  
Shiloh: W. L. Burkhalter.  
Tabernacle: O. W. McGee, Frank Malone, Homer Montgomery.  
Union: T. C. Windle, Bascom Goodman, J. T. Lindsey.  
Phillips Chappel: Thomas Sanford, Bill Keeth, Bill Sanford.  
Union Hill: E. P. Perrigan, W. T. Peeks, J. O. Perrigan.  
Mount Zion: T. J. Shipp.  
Hattis Chapel: Oscar Swedenburg, Shaden Springfield, Louis Tilley.

Pleasant Hill: By letter.

Espy Springs: Brady Montgomery, Mrs. Brady Montgomery.

Sardis: Frank Sullivan, Binnie Vaughn, W. T. Driver.

Glen Echo: T. R. Sellers, Jack Smith, Oscar Fulgham.

Arbor Springs: Mrs. Ruth Hollingsworth, B. B. Lowe.

Mary's Chapel: Not Represented.

#### 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 distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distant 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 treasurer of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principle by which God shall judge us, and therefore is and shall remain until the end of the 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 the maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover from that fallen state in which they are by nature.

Art. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by any 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 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 incapable of either 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 free and moral agency of man, by the grace of God, before and after conversion; that he is under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act 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 of admonition and exhortation, Hebrews 11:12; Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12; Ezek. 18:24; Rev. 2:3; Ezek. 33:13 and 28; 1st Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:5; 1st Cor. 10:12 and 22; 1st 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 work; 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, 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

Art. 1. The Association shall be called to order by the moderator who presided at the last session, the former clerk also officiate.

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 elect.

Art. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as necessary during the session.

Art. 5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except 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 all others have spoken, provided he appoints someone 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 member 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 Mount Moriah Frewill Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2. The body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches, unless they depart from the articles of faith of the Association. In case any church departs from the articles of faith and supports doctrines of heresy, or allow 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 at 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 doctrines 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 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 interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperate cause, Sabbath Schools, missionary work, etc.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES County	PASTORS	CLERKS Post Office	EX-PASTORS	Paid Ex-Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptised	Rec'd. by Letter	Dis'm'd. by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	T. L. Walker	Edna Gore, McShan	T. L. Walker	\$186.10	\$80.00					2		2	134	\$3.00
Macedonia, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	W. E. Dean, Millport	J. E. Tilley	221.06	50.00			1		1		1	296	4.00
Shiloh, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	W. L. Burkhalter, Gordo, R. 1	M. Montgomery	193.65	18.00		1	1	1	4	1	3	185	5.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa County	J. L. Lavender	J. S. Loftis, Brownville, R.	J. L. Lavender	143.00	28.00	6				1		1	189	5.00
Union, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	Mrs. Joe Curry Gordo, R. 2	J. E. Tilley	122.86	56.00	4		1				2	149	5.84
Phillips Chappel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownville, R.	J. L. Lavender	106.15	44.95	25	2	1	1	3	2	4	307	6.25
Union Hill, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	J. O. Perigin, Carrollton, R. 2	J. E. Tilley	80.91	32.55	12		1		1		3	107	3.25
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa County	S. R. Lee	John Brown, Brownville	Lonnie Lynn	65.67	7.53	1	2	3		3		3	123	5.00
Hatties Chapel, Pickens County	J. L. Lavender	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville	J. L. Lavender	105.51	14.00							2	28	3.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County	T. L. Walker	Ezra Martin, Gordo, Rt. 3	T. L. Walker	104.87	23.00			2		1		3	106	3.00
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa County	S. R. Lee	B. Montgomery, Samantha,	S. R. Lee	70.00								1	45	3.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa County	T. L. Walker	G. D. Skelton, Moores Bridge	T. L. Walker	76.05		8	2	1				1	68	2.50
Glen Echo, Pickens County	T. L. Walker	Oscar Fulgham, Carrollton, R.	T. L. Walker	77.56	16.00		2	1				4	37	2.50
Arbor Springs, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	Lela Benson, Gordo, R. 4.	J. E. Tilley	24.52	21.70	1	1					4	16	2.00
Marys Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	J. P. Sexton	S. R. Lee	127.50									23	1.00
TOTALS				\$1701.21	\$391.73	57	40	12	2	16	3		1813	\$54.34