

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**One Hundredth Annual Session**  
of the  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Held With Mt. Moriah Church Saturday, Sunday  
and Monday, October 7, 8, 9, 1950

**OFFICERS**

Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownsville, Ala., Moderator.  
Rev. Leander McAdams, Northport, Ala., Clerk.  
Executive Committee: W. L. McAdams, M. P. Gore,  
Perry Montgomery, J. O. Perrigin, J. C. Oswalt.  
Home Mission Board: R. A. Miller, O. W. McGee, M.  
P. Gore.

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The next session of this Association will be held with  
Northport Church, Tuscaloosa County, Ala., on Satur-  
day before the second Sunday in October, 1951.





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*Presented by*

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## Proceedings of Association

The one hundredth session of Mt. Moriah Association was held with Mt. Moriah Church on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 7, 8, 9, 1950. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Lavender. Scripture reading, 2nd Peter, text, 3rd verse. After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour. The body was then called to order by the former moderator, Rev. M. Montgomery. After one song by Bro. Emmitt Doughty and reading the 49th Psalm by moderator and prayer by moderator, the association was fully organized. The moderator appointed Bro. Brady Montgomery and Bro. Sam Harlis as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per roll. The body then proceeded to elect moderator and clerk. Whereas Rev. M. Montgomery was elected moderator and Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk; called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Rev. W. H. Ryland from Progressive Association; Rev. T. J. Adair from the Vernon Association, and Rev. M. H. Hollis from the East Mississippi Association were seated. Called for song and gave an invitation for any new churches for membership with us; none received. After which the following committees were appointed:

Document and order of business: Rev. J. L. Lavender, W. L. Lynn, J. H. Harless, W. H. Curry, Mason Gyles, Bro. Noland.

Devotion: Bro. W. L. Burkhalter, B. Montgomery, Bro. Trull, T. B. Smith with deacons of church.

Finance: Bro. O. W. McGee, W. N. Joyner, Louis Winters.

Temperance: Rev. J. H. Tilley, J. L. Lynn, Rev. N. M. Sanford, Frank Malone.

Moral and reform: Rev. J. M. Spencer, Henry Crawford, W. H. Brown.

Education, publication and literature, T. L. Bossell, Fayette Montgomery, W. T. Peeks.

Resolutions and queries: Mrs. Brady Montgomery, J. L. McAdams, Loy Shaw.

Sabbath School: Sister T. R. Sellers, Sister W. H. Curry. Rev. H. B. Latham, L. B. Koon, Oscar Sweedenburg.

Deceased: Bro. Ross Beams, Billy Sanford, J. T. Sullivan.

A wonderful talk was given by Rev. W. H. Ryland of the children's home which everyone enjoyed. A collection was taken for the home, amounting to \$91.10.

We, your committee on devotion, make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. T. J. Adair preach at 9:30 a. m. Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 11:00 a. m.

The ordination service for Linwood Fields be at 2 p. m. and a memorial service be held for the late Rev. W. J. Harbin conducted by Rev. M. Montgomery. The business of the association was called off until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. T. J. Adair preached at 9:30 a. m. Scripture reading 3rd chapter St. John, text 2 Corinthians 2:17. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 11:00 a. m. Scripture reading Matt. 15:1-13th verse, text 13th verse. The ordination service was held for Rev. Linwood Fields at 2:00 p. m. The Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. Leander McAdams were on the ordaining council. The memorial service was held at 2:30 for the Rev. M. J. Harbin conducted by Rev. M. Montgomery.

## MONDAY SESSION

After one song by H. M. Montgomery and scripture reading by moderator and prayer by Rev. Lawrence Lynn the one hundredth session of the association was opened for business. The committee, not being ready to report thirty minutes were given for recess. Document and order of business: 1. We recommend that we proceed after the usual order of business. 2. We recommend that the body vote as to where the next session of the association meets another



year. 3. We recommend that Rev. Leander McAdams preach the introductory sermon and Rev. Linwood Fields be his alternate. 4. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$25 for his service. 5. We recommend that each church send \$1.50 in addition to minute funds for fee to represent us in the state association. Report adopted and committee dismissed.  
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman.

Devotion: We, your committee on devotion, make a final report: We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lynn preach at the close of this session. Report adopted and committee discharged.  
W. L. Burkhalter, Chairman.

Finance: We, your committee on finance, report that we have collected at this session \$78.50. Report adopted and committee discharged.  
O. W. McGee, Chairman.

Sabbath School: We, your committee on sabbath school, report as follows: We believe that each church should have a Sunday school and that parents should go and carry their children. We believe that each pastor should stress the importance of Sunday school, and try to have one organized where they do not have one, and that we use the Free Will Baptist literature. Report adopted and committee discharged.  
M. A. Sellers, Chairman.

Deceased members: We, your committee on deceased members, report that since our last association, God has seen fit to call from us the following ones. Mt. Moriah: Sister Annie Lee Taylor, Sister Ruby Simpson; Tabernacle: Bro. Robert Thomas, Bro. Festus Wicker, Sister Willodeen Brown Union, Bro. Cole Windle; Phillips Chapel, Bro. Frank Lawrey, Sister Emma Phillips, Rev. W. J. Harbin; Union Hill, Sister Anna Seymer; Pleasant Hill, Sister Wilson; Espy Springs, Bro. O. H. Walker.

Moral and Reform: We, your committee on moral and reform, report as follows: We see a great need of a higher standard of Christian living among our church people and we believe one way to raise it is for the fathers and mothers to go to Sunday school and church and carry their children

while they are small, for it is hard to reform them after they get older. Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Rev. J. M. Spencer, Chairman.

Education and Publication and Literature: We, your committee, make the following report: On education we find that we should be more careful about the education of our children that they might be prepared to meet the demands of future life. On publication we should be sure to place clean books in our homes. On literature, we urge every one to place good clean literature in their homes and to read the Bible more. Report adopted and committee discharged.  
T. L. Bossell, Chairman.

Home Mission: We, your committee, on home mission board, report as follows: That Bro. J. H. Tilley is establishing a church at Kennie Hill and has 26 members. That we are appointing Rev. T. L. Walker as associational evangelist, and we request all pastors, churches and laymembers to cooperate with him in every way that you can. If any one knows of any opportunity to advance the cause please get in touch with Bro. Walker or the home mission board. We are expecting an offering at each place he goes to help bear the expense. We want an offering taken now and that each church take an offering and turn it in to the home mission board to help pay expense of this cause. Report adopted and committee retained.  
R. A. Miller, Chairman.

Temperance: We, your committee on temperance submit the following report. We believe that many a man and woman are dram drinkers and that they are teaching the young people to be the same, so we strictly urge each member of the church to guard against strong drink. Report adopted and committee discharged. Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman.

Executive Committee: We, your committee report as follows: We find our preachers sound in the faith. We recommend that Bro. Linwood Fields' name be added to the list of ordained ministers and that Bro. Herman Herndon's name be added to the list of licensed ministers. Report adopted and committee retained.  
J. O. Perrigin, Chairman.

Resolutions and Queries: We, your committee, report as



follows: We urge everyone to go to church for the next twelve months. We believe this would help our churches very much. We also wish to express our thanks to Mt. Moriah church for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the association, and pray God's blessings on them. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Addie Mae Montgomery, Chairman.

Moved and seconded that we elect delegates to state association. Also corresponding messengers to Vernon Association. H. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. L. Lavender, M. B. Fields, Lee McAdams were elected to Vernon Association. Rev. T. L. Walker, Bro. Mason Giles and Sister Marion Giles to state association. Moved and seconded to take up a collection to pay state minute funds. Moved and seconded to take the parting hand to meet with Northport church one year hence.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Moderator.

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

Delegates enrolled at association:

Mt. Moriah: Bro. T. B. Smith, M. P. Gore, Sister Ruby Gore.

Macedonia: Bro. Louis McAdams, Lando McAdams, Loy Shaw.

Shiloah: H. B. Latham, L. B. Koon, W. L. Burkhalter.

Tabernacle: Bro. Ross Beams, Jim Sullivan, Frank Malone.

Union: Bro. and Sister W. H. Curry, S. D. Gray.

Phillip's Chapel: Bill Sanford, Fayette Montgomery.

Union Hill: Bro. Wilford Joyner, Early Robertson, W. T. Peeks.

Mt. Zion: Bro. W. F. Winters, Bro. and Sister W. H. Brown

Hatties Chapel: Bro. Philip Latham, Oscar Sweedenburg, Heron Tilley.

Pleasant Hill: John Harless, Sister Anna Springer, O. L. Person.

Espy Springs: Bro. and Sister Brady Montgomery.

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 man 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 11:12:13; 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 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 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 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 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 Free Will 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 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.



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

# STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Counties	Pastors	Clerks and Postoffices	Ex-Pastors	Paid ex-Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	L. McAdams	Edna Gore, McShan	L. McAdams	\$ 309.00	\$ 76.10	1	1	2				2-4	106	\$ 5.00
Macedonia, Pickens County	J. H. Tilley	E. L. Fields, Millport	J. H. Tilley	304.38	107.09	11	4	1	1	5		1	264	5.00
Shiloah, Pickens County	J. H. Tilley	W. L. Burkhalter, Gordo	J. H. Tilley	360.00	71.40	5	1	6			1	3	189	5.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa County	M. Montgomery	H. M. Montgomery	M. Montgomery	157.00	22.00	7	5			3		1	190	12.50
Union, Pickens County	J. H. Tilley	W. H. Curry, Gordo	J. H. Tilley	200.00	28.00			12		1		2	137	4.00
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownsville	J. L. Lynn	74.25		5		6	2	3	1	4	304	6.50
Union Hill, Pickens County	J. L. Lavender	J. O. Perrigin, Carrollton	J. L. Lavender	2 50.00	65.00		5	10		1		3	99	5.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa, County	J. L. Lynn	Harvey Harless, Brownsville	J. M. Spencer	99.99	35.00	12	2	4				3	124	5.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	Huron Tilley, Ethelsville	J. L. Lynn	177.42	35.00	9	1					2	41	3.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County	J. E. Tilley	Ezra Marton, Gordo	J. E. Tilley	170.00		1				1		3	106	3.50
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa County	S. R. Lee	B. Montgomery, Samantha	S. R. Lee	101.85	34.05					1		1	48	4.05
Sardis, Tuscaloosa County	J. E. Tilley	G. D. Skelton Moore's Bridge	J. E. Tilley	232.69	16.00					1		1	70	3.00
Glen Echo, Pickens County	J. E. Tilley	H. O. Fulgham, Carrollton	J. E. Tilley	109.88	27.00	2	2	2				2	42	2.00
Arbor Springs, Pickens County														
Mary's Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	N. M. Sanford	Etta Mae Abston, Brookwood	N. M. Sanford	130.00	40.00		1					2-4	34	5.00
1st F. W. Church, Northport	L. McAdams	Essie Collins, Northport	L. McAdams	757.00	323.00	15	22					1-2-3-4	94	8.00
1st F. W. Church, Aliceville	J. L. Lavender	Mrs. Lynn Jones, Aliceville	J. L. Lavender	1408.83	215.00	7	4					2-4		6.00
Paid to Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala. \$742.66				Total	\$4852.29	1094.64	74	48	42	3	13	7	1848	\$81.55