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OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

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October 9, 10, 11, 1954

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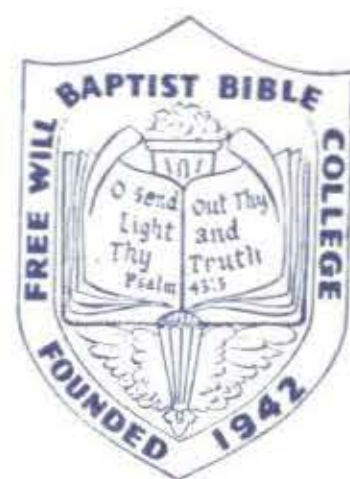
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The one hundred and fourth Session of the Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptist was held with Sardis Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, October 9th, 10th, 11th of 1954.

A wonderful talk was given by Rev. W. H. Ryland of the Children's Home, and a collection of \$109.20 was taken up for the Home.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. Montgomery, scriptures reading 2nd Timothy, chapter 4, after which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

At the appointed time the body was called to order. After reading the 4th chapter of Colossians, prayer by Rev. H. E. Crawford, the association was open for business.

The moderator appointed Bro. J. O. Perrigen and Bro. Lacy McAdams as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were handed in and read. Delegates listed as per roll moved and seconded to put in delegates where any were absent.

Moved and seconded to elect Moderator and Clerk. Rev. J. H. Tilley was elected Moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

Called for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Rev. W. H. Ryland present from Progressive Association. New churches none. After which the following committees were appointed:

(Document and order of business)

Bro. W. F. Winters, Howard Curry, Edward Noland, W. H. Brown, Harrison Sullivan, A. F. Wiker, with Moderator Clerk.

(DEVOTION)

Bro. Herbert Morris, Virgil Paul, W. T. Peeks, T. L. Boswell, H. H. Trull, with Deacons of the church.

(FINANCE)

Rev. Edgar Jones, G. M. Montgomery, W. W. Montgomery, Kelo Kyles, and Daniel P. Hill.

(TEMPERANCE)

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Bro. O. W. McGee, Lacy McAdams, Joe McCool, and Clyde Oswalt.

(MORAL REFORM)

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Bro. Cap Shelton, Billie Koon, J. F. Malone.

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(EDUCATION, PUBLICATION, AND LITERATURE)

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Bro. Brady Montgomery, Carl Oswalt, Marlin Buckhalter.

(SABBATH SCHOOL)

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Sister Brady Montgomery, Korene Acker, Wilford Joyner, Braxton Strayon.

DECEASED

Rev. M. Montgomery, T. B. Smith, E. O. Doughty, C. R. Dean, Bro. Hallman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

Rev. Lonnie Lynn, Bro. Lee McAdams, O. L. Harris, Oscar Sweedenburg, M. J. Sanford, John C. Brown.

We your committee on devotion make a partial report we recommend that Rev. J. M. Spencer preach at 9:30 A. M., Sunday, Rev. S. R. Lee preach at 11:00 A. M. and Rev. R. E. Tilley preach at 2:00 P. M.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn the business of the association until 8:30 Monday morning.

Sunday Service

Rev. J. M. Spencer preached at 9:30 A. M., scripture Philipians 4-8 verses, St. John 3rd Chapter, 11-20 verses. The ordination service for Rev. Herman Herndon was at 10:30 A. M. by Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. J. E. Tilley and Rev. T. L. Walker.

Rev. S. R. Lee preached at 11:30 A. M. scripture reading Amos 4th chapter. Text 2nd Chronicles, 7-14.

Rev. R. E. Tilley preached at 2:00 P. M. scripture reading St. Luke 1st chapter, 1-4 verses. Text 4th verse.

Monday Session

After two songs by Bro. Trull and scripture reading by Moderator, prayer by Rev. M. Montgomery, the association was open for business. The committee not being ready to report was given a recess of 30 minutes to make out their reports.

Document and order of business

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that the next session of this association convene with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1955, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.

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We recommend that Rev. H. E. Crawford preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 A. M. and that Rev. Leander McAdams be his alternate. We recommend that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$30.00 for his service.

We recommend that each church send \$10.00 minute funds and \$2.00 state minute funds. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Edward Noland, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee on Devotion make a final report. We recommend that Rev. Leander McAdams preach at the close of this session today. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Herbert Morris, Chairman.

FINANCE

We your committee on finance report that we have collected at this session, \$106.15 minute funds, and \$24.00 state minute funds. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Edgar Jones, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School wish to submit the following report: We believe that every Sabbath School should try to better their attendance and take interest in the lessons. We ask that each pastor encourage Sunday School and try to help build up the Sunday School Cause. We urge that the parents go and carry their children to Sunday School and try to help them have more interest in Sunday School. We recommend that each teacher study the lessons and better prepare themselves to teach. We recommend that each Sunday School class visit the children's home so that they might understand the cause more. We recommend that each Sunday School send one offering each month to the children's home. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, Chairman.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee on deceased members find that since our last meeting that God has called from us the following ones: Mt. Moriah — W. H. Huffman, Charlie Taylor. Macedonia — George Leonard, Tom Dean, Alonzo Robertson. Shiloh — Carrie Striplin, Fannie Whitley, George W. Tilley, Henry B. Lathan.

Tabernacle — Duff Montgomery, W. A. Bowden, Virgie Wicker. Union — A. M. Gray, John S. Curry, Maddie Pierce. Phillips Chapel — Archie Watson, Annie Hagar, Edgar Dunn. Espy Springs — Laura Bigham. Union Hill — Charlie Hollingsworth, Henry Howard.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman.

After report on deceased members, Precious Memories was sung and prayer by Rev. J. E. Tilley in remembrance of deceased ones.

MORAL REFORM

We your committee wish to submit the following report. We see a great need for a higher standard of Christian living among our church people.

One of the greatest ways to reform our church people is to stay away from worldly amusements and attend church every Sunday and carry our children. Read our Bibles more, and have family prayer at home. Stay away from all these worldly places, read your Bibles more and pray more. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS 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 be better prepared to meet the demand of their future lives. On publication we should be sure to place good clean literature in our homes. On literature we urge that all worldly literature be taken out of our homes and that we read the Bible more. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Brady Montgomery, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance report as follows: We believe that alcohol is our number one enemy. We are glad to report that Tuscaloosa County voted it out of our county and we hope and pray that our voters will keep it out of our county. We believe that there are some of our church members that do not vote. We recommend that all of our church members and preachers pay their poll tax and become legal voters as soon as possible and go to the polls and vote against any form of alcohol as we believe this is the only way to put it out of the public. Report adopted, committee discharged.

O. W. McGee, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows: So far as we know our preachers are all sound in the faith. We recommend that Rev. Hermon Herndon's name be added to our list of Ordained Ministers. We also recommend that this association give Rev. O. L. Fields a letter of recommendation to the Vernon Association and that his name be dropped from our list. Report adopted, committee discharged.

W. L. McAdams, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERRIES

We your committee report as follows: We urge our fathers and mothers to take more interest in going to church and carrying their children.

We also want to express our thanks to Sardis Church and community 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.

John Brown, Chairman.

Moved and seconded to take an offering for Bro. Taylor Montgomery which was \$27.37.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint Delegates to state association whereas Bro. J. O. Perrigen, Bro. Marlin Burkhalter, and Bro. Joe McCool was appointed.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn for the noon hour and at the appointed time the body returned for the closing message by Rev. Leander McAdams. After two songs by class, and prayer, Rev. Leander McAdams brought the closing message. Scripture reading St. Luke 10th chapter, 1-11 verses. Subject, the final separation, moved and seconded to take the parting hand to meet with Tabernacle Church one year hence.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Moderator
Aliceville, Ala.

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk
416 Alabama St., Columbus, Miss.

DELEGATES ENROLLED AT ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah—Bro. M. P. Gore, T. B. Smith, Sister Edna Gore.
Macedonia—Bros. Lacey McAdams, Lee McAdams, Harrison Sullivan,
Shiloh—Bros. F. R. Shepherd, Marline Burkhalter, W. H. Koon
Tabernacle—W. M. Montgomery, Felton Wicker, Frank Malone
Union—Bros. S. W. Powell, Joe McCool, W. H. Curry.

Phillips Chapel—Clyde Oswalt, Jeff Sanford, Willis Montgomery
Hattis Chapel—Oscar Swedenburg
Pleasant Hill—Oscar Person, Sam Harless
Sardis—Bros. G. D. Skelton, Tull Boswell, Houston Trull
Espy Springs—Bro. and Sister Brady Montgomery, L. J. Hollman
Glen Echo—Haniel Hill, Mrs. Hugh Acker, Mrs. T. Hughes
Mayers Chapel—Roland Dean, Braxton Styron
Northport—Bro. O. W. McGee, Carl Oswalt, E. O. Doughty
Aliceville—Bro. Herbert Morris, Robert Herndon, Ed. Noland
Union Hill—O. L. Harris, W. N. Joyner, W. T. Peeks
Mt. Zion—John Brown, W. H. Brown, Floyd Winters.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. J. M. Spencer, 616 11th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Route 1 Ethelville, Ala.
Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker, Northport, Ala.
Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Edgar Jones, Route 1, Box 193, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Lee, Coker, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Brookwood, Ala.
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Alabama St. Columbus, Miss.
Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525 18th St. Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 8th St., Northport, Ala.
Rev. Herman Herndon, Aliceville, Ala.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Byron Baily, Northport, Ala.
Rev. William Sullivan, Gordo, Ala.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Rev. E. Gore
Rev. J. T. Nabors
Rev. J. S. Henton
Rev. W. R. Lathan
Rev. O. M. Archie
Rev. E. W. Horbin
Rev. T. V. Wheat
Rev. J. E. Mathis
Rev. W. R. Robertson

Rev. T. Moseley
Rev. W. J. Coward
Rev. J. R. Robertson
Rev. W. B. Montgomery
Rev. Wood Springfield
Rev. E. F. Pool
Rev. J. D. Byars
Rev. J. M. Perkenton
Rev. W. J. Harbin

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Ex-Pastors	Paid Ex-Pastor	Paid Helpers	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.	Leander McAdams	Edna Gore, McShan, Ala.	Leander McAdams	\$560.50	\$107.44	2	0	0	0	2	0	2-4	107	\$8.50
Macedonia, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	E. L. Fields, Millport, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	324.51	128.00	2	0	9	0	3	0	1	232	6.00
Shiolah, Pickens Co.	M. H. Hollis	W. L. Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	H. M. Hollis	670.00	26.49	3	0	2	0	4	4	3	175	9.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Alma Montgomery, Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	145.00	50.00	2	2	5	0	3	0	1	175	8.00
Union, Pickens Co.	R. E. Tilley	W. H. Curry, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	280.00	43.00	3	3	2	0	3	0	2-4	123	7.50
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownsville, Ala.	Edgar Jones	108.47	43.36	6	0	3	0	3	0	4	312	6.00
Union Hill, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	J. O. Perrigen, Carrollton, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	395.03	87.00	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	97	6.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	John C. Brown, Coker, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	112.00	60.82	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	116	5.00
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	Brady Montgomery, Samanthala, Ala.	S. R. Lee	275.00	30.00	0	0	1	0	1	0	1-3	35	5.00
Glenn Echo, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	Gardner Cameron, Carrollton, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	141.30	63.65	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	42	5.90
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. E. Tilley	Merel Duren, Elrod, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	168.14	72.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	130	6.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa Co.	T. L. Walker	G. D. Skelton, Moores Bridge, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	275.00	55.00	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	79	5.00
Hattie's Chapel Pickens Co.	T. L. Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	312.50	75.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	5.00
Mayors Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	Edgar Jones	Charles Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	J. W. Marlow	480.00	60.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	30	10.00
Arbor Springs, Pickens Co.														
1st F.W.B. Church, Northport	J. H. Tilley	Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	2040.00	106.85	2	9	1	0	0	0	full	110	7.50
1st F.W.B. Church, Aliceville	J. L. Lavender	M. L. Bryant, Aliceville, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	761.99	216.88	5	1	2	0	1	0	2-4	70	7.50

PAID CHILDREN'S HOME

Mt. Moriah	\$114.50	Glenn Echo	51.00
Shiolah	45.00	Pleasant Hill	30.00
Macedonia	135.52	Sardis	60.00
Phillips Chapel	28.20	Northport	27.55
Union Hill	258.40	Aliceville	84.24
Mt. Zion	40.00		

PROCEEDINGS AT UNION MEETING

The sixty third session of the Mt. Moriah Union Meeting was held with Mt. Zion Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1954, Saturday and Sunday. After reading the 132nd Psalm by moderator, prayer by Rev. Leander McAdams, the Union Meeting was open for business.

The moderator appointed Bro. Luther Burkhalter and Bro. Homer Montgomery as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per role. A motion was made and second to put in delegates where any was absent.

A motion was made and seconded to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. J. L. Lavender was elected moderator, and Rev. Leander McAdams clerk, after which the following committees were appointed:

(Document and order of business)

Rev. M. Montgomery, Bro. O. W. McGee, O. C. Traywick, Lester Koon, Elbert Fields.

(DEVOTION)

Bro. W. L. Burkhalter, John Harless, Ira Jewel, Marlin Burkhalter.

(TEMPERANCE)

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Frank Malone, G. D. Skelton, M. P. Winters, W. C. Oswalt, Early Robertson, Raymond Fields, Wilford Joyner.

(SABBATH SCHOOL)

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Sister Brady Montgomery, P. A. Crawford, John Brown, Herbert Tilley.

(HOME MISSION)

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Howard Curry, Joe McCool, Harrison Sullivan, P. H. Latham, Oscar Swedenburg, Fay Hill.

(CHILDRENS HOME)

Rev. T. L. Walker, Bro. Trull, Louis Hollman, Bro. St. John, W. L. Robertson.

(RESOLUTIONS AND QUERRIES)

Bro. Jeff Sanford, Taylor Montgomery, Weston Fulgham, F. H. Acker, T. J. Sanford, Sister Hollman.

Rev. R. E. Tilley preached the introductory sermon. Scripture reading St. Luke, 4th chapter, 1-4 verses, after which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

At the appointed time, the body was called together and the following business was transacted:

(DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS)

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

1. That we proceed after the usual order of business.
2. We recommend that Rev. J. E. Tilley preach the introductory sermon and that Rev. Henry Crawford be his alternate.
3. We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting be held with Phillips Chapel Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1955.
4. That the time be at 9:30 O'clock.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman

(DEVOTION)

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 9:30 A. M. Sunday and that Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 11:00 A. M. and that Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 3:00 P. M.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

W. L. Burkhalter, Chairman.

(TEMPERANCE)

We your committee on temperance report as follows: We recommend that we practice the report in the present minute. We believe there are some of our church members that are not legal voters and also some of our preachers. So we recommend that all of our church members and preachers become legal voters as soon as possible, as we believe this is the only way to get alcohol out of our county and in the public. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman.

(SABBATH SCHOOL)

We your committee on Sabbath School, wish to submit the following report:

We believe that a Sabbath School is the life of our church. We suggest that each teacher give their class a project that is needed in the church to create more interest in Sunday school. We especially urge the parents and pastors to encourage the Sunday School work. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Chairman.

(HOME MISSION)

We your committee on home mission report as follows: We believe as so many of our people have moved from the country to town we should put forth a greater effort to organize more churches in town. We ask that our churches cooperate in helping the Evangelist to find prespective places to organize new churches. Also that our churches help finance these meetings. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman.

(CHILDREN'S HOME)

We your committee on children's home reports as follows: We recommend that each church in the Mt. Moriah Association appoint a committee to see that each church send at least one offering a month to the home as they need it so badly. As we feel this is the best way to spend your money for the home needs your support at all times. There are around 60 children in the home. Report adopted, committee discharged.

(RESOLUTIONS AND QUERRIES)

We your committee wish to make the following report on resolutions: We urge our fathers and mothers to take a greater interest in going to Church and carry their children.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Mt. Zion Church and Community for the able manner they have taken care of us through this session of the Union Meeting. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Jeff Sanford, Chairman.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the business of the session to meet with Phillips Chapel Church one year hence.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator.

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 9:30 A. M., Scripture reading, 3rd chapter Phil., text Matt. 16:14.

Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 11:00 A. M., Scripture reading, Matt. 14.

Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 2:30 P. M., Scripture reading, Acts 10th chapter, text 34.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. M. Montgomery
Rev. J. E. Tilley
Rev. R. E. Tilley
Rev. J. H. Tilley
Rev. T. L. Walker
Rev. Edgar Jones
Rev. J. L. Lynn

Rev. W. L. Lynn
Rev. H. E. Crawford
Rev. Leander McAdams
Rev. S. R. Lee
Rev. J. M. Spencer
Rev. N. M. Sanford
Rev. J. L. Lavender

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mt. Moriah — Bro. W. T. St. John, T. B. Smith
Macedonia — Harrison Sullivan, E. L. Fields, Waymon Fields
Shiloh — W. L. Burkhalter, L. B. Koon, Marlin Burkhalter
Tabernacle — Frank Maylone, M. L. Montgomery, Clifton Maylone
Union — F. H. Ackern, Joe McCool, W. H. Curry
Phillips Chapel — Clyde Oswalt, E. J. Watson, T. J. Sanford
Union Hill — Earlie Robertson, Clarice Robertson, Wilford Joyner
Mt. Zion — John Brown, O. C. Treweek, Sister Florine Treweek
Hattis Chapel — Oscar Swedenburg
Mavors Chapel —
Sardis — W. L. Robertson, Houston Trull, G. D. Skelton
Glenn Echo — Western Fulgham
Aliceville —
Northport — O. W. McGee, P. A. Crawford, Louis T. Winters
Pleasant Hill — Sam Harless

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 treasure 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 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 the 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.

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.