

# MINUTES

Of The

ONE HUNDRETH AND FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With Tabernacle Church  
Tuscaloosa County, Alabama  
October 10, 11, 12, 1955

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## OFFICERS

Rev. J. H. Tilley ..... Moderator  
Box 831, Aliceville, Ala.

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. L. McAdams  
M. P. Gore

Perry Montgomery  
J. O. Perringen

The next session of this Association will meet with  
Macedonia Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on  
Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

The one hundredth and 5th Session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1955. 8-9-10.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. E. Crawford. Scripture reading Genesis 22 chapter, subject obeying the Lord.

After which a collection was taken up for the children's home amounting to \$58.06 after which was dismissed for the noon hour.

The body was called to order at the appointed time by the Moderator. After reading the 5th chapter of James by former moderator and prayer by Rev. J. L. Lynn the session was opened for business.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Marlin Burkhalter and Bro. Willard Curry as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per rolled. Moved and seconded to place in delegates where any was absent. Moved and seconded to elect moderator and clerk. Where Rev. J. H. Tilley was elected moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations. Rev. M. H. Hollis present called for new churches. None. After which the following committees were appointed.

#### DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bro. Tom Trull, G. D. Skelton, Edward Noland, Carlos Dawkins, Sam Styron, W. H. Brown, with moderator and clerk.

#### DEVOTION

Bro. Lacy McAdams, Fletcher Collins, Frank Malone, Louis Hollman, Sister B. Montgomery, Merel Duren, with Deacons of Church.

#### FINANCE

Rev. S. R. Lee, Joe McCool, Lynn Jones, Loy Shaw, Early Robertson, McKenley Montgomery.

#### TEMPERANCE

Rev. T. L. Walker, Willard Curry, T. E. Logan, Albert Free, Bro. Hayes, P. O. O'Bryant, Mrs. Sam Harless, Jr., Louis Winters.

### MORAL REFORM

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Marlin Burkhalter, T. B. Smith, C. A. Hollman, Mossie Koon, Curtis Windle, Elex Winters, Ellis Acker.

### DECEASED MEMBERS

Rev. W. L. Lynn, Bill Sanford, S. D. Gray, Clyde Oswalt.

### RESOLUTIONS & QUERRIES

Rev. N. M. Sanford, J. H. Harless, Jr., Braxton Styron. W. H. Joyner, Oscar Sweedenburg.

We your committee on Devotion make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 A. M. Sunday and Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 11:00 A. M. and Rev. Charles Hollingshead preach at 2:30 P. M. Moved and seconded that we adjourn the business of the association until Monday morning at 8:30.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. Willis Montgomery preached at 9:30 A. M. Scripture reading Matthew 23rd Chapter. Subject, Eternal Life. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 11:00, Scripture, reading, St. Luke 5th Chapter 1-11 verses: Text 11 verses.

Memorial Service was held in Memory of Rev. J. M. Spencer at 2:00 P. M. conducted by Rev. M. Montgomery.

Rev. Charles Hollingshead preached at 3:00 P. M. Text 2nd Chronicles 7:14.

### MONDAY SESSION

After two songs by Rev. H. E. Crawford, scripture reading by Moderator, Prayer by Rev. J. L. Lynn. The Association was open for business.

The committees not being ready to report, 30 minutes were given for recess, to make out their reports.

Documents and order of business: We your committee and document and order of business report as follows:

1. We recommend that the next session of the association convene with Macedonia Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on

Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1956. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

2. We recommend that Rev. N. M. Sanford preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 O'clock and that Rev. Leander McAdams be his alternate.

3. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be paid \$30.00 for his service.

4. We recommed that each church send \$10.00 minute money and \$1.50 State Minute funds. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Bro. Tom Trull, Chairman

### DEVOTION

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

Lacy McAdams, Chairman

### FINANCE

We your committee on finance report as follows: We have at this session collected \$126.85 minute funds and \$25.76 State Minute Funds. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School 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 build up the cause. We urge that the parents go and carry their children to Sunday School. We recommend that each Sunday School class visit the children's home. We recommend that Sunday School send one offering each month to the children's home. Report adopted, committee discharged.

R. E. Tilley, Chairman

### DECEASED MEMBERS

MT. MORIAH — Sister Mary Gore.

MACEDONIA — Sister Minner Fields, Sister Glennie Atkins.

UNION — Bro. W. H. Curry, Sister Willie Gray.

MT. ZION — Rev. J. M. Spencer, Bro. E. B. Traweek.

PLEASANT HILL — Bro. Denson Wilson.

MAYOR CHAPEL — Bro. J. P. Sexton, Sister May Rackley, Bro. J. J. Pinkerton, Sister J. J. Pinkerton.

NORTHPORT — Sister Ludie Taylor.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. W. L. Lynn, Chairman

After report on deceased members the business of the association was called off and Precious Memories was sung, led by Rev. M. Montgomery and prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker in remembrance of the deceased ones.

### MORAL REFORM

We your committee wish to submit the following report: We recommend that each member attend church each Sunday, and take a part in the service.

We believe that is the best way to raise the moral standing in our country is for our children to attend church every Sunday and have proper spiritual training at home. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman

### EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee on education publication and literature 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 life. On Publication we should see that they have good clean literature to read at home and to advise all news stands to do away with all bad literature that is before our children. Report adopted and committee discharged.

H. E. Crawford, Chairman

### TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We believe that alcohol is our number one enemy. We believe that it unbalances the mind. That it is a harm to the body. It is damning to the soul. And that it is corrupting the life and character of our young people. And it is breaking up homes. It is crowding our courts and filling our jails. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your Executive Committee report as follows: As far as we know our preachers are sound in the faith. We recommend that Rev. Byron Bailey's name be dropped from the list of licensed ministers. We also recommend that Rev. Charles Hollingshead and Rev. Willis Montgomery names be added to the list of Ordained Ministers. Report adopted, committee retained.

J. O. Perrigen, Chairman

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERRIES

We your committee report as follows: We urge our fathers and mothers to go and carry their children to church. We wish to express our thanks to Tabernacle 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.

Rev. N. M. Sanford, Chairman

The Moderator appointed Bro. B. Montgomery, Sister B. Montgomery, Bro. O. W. McGee, as delegates to the State Association. Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. Willis Montgomery as delegates to the Vernon Association. Moved and seconded that the \$2.48 left over from State Minutes Funds of last year be sent this time. Rev. M. Montgomery preached at the close of the session, scripture reading, Revelations 22 Chapter. Moved and seconded to take the parting hand to meet with Macedonia Church one year hence.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Moderator

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

#### DELEGATES ENROLLED AT ASSOCIATION

MACEDONIA—Lacy McAdams, Carlos Dawkins, Loy Shaw.  
 MT. MORIAH—T. B. Smith, Marion Gore, W. T. St. John.  
 SHIOLAH—Marlin Burkhalter, M. M. Koon, Almer Free.  
 TABERNACLE—Bernice Wheat, Frank Maylone, McKinley Montgomery.  
 UNION—Joe McCool, S. D. Gray, Willard Curry.  
 PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Clyde Oswalt, Bill Sanford.  
 UNION HILL—Murry Perrigen, W. N. Joyner, Early Robertson.  
 MT. ZION—Elex Winters, W. H. Brown, Sam Montgomery.  
 ESPY SPRINGS—Mrs. B. Montgomery, Ida Rogers, L. J. Holeman.  
 GLEN ECHO—W. B. Windle, Garry Busby, Cecil Sellers.  
 PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. J. H. Harless, W. T. Duren, Lowell Bonner.  
 SARDIS—Tom Trull, G. D. Skelton, Eulie Robertson.  
 HALTIS CHAPEL—Oscar Sweedenburg.  
 MAYORS CHAPEL—Sam Styron, Braxton Styron, C. R. Dean.  
 NOTHPORT—Fletcher Collins, Louis Winters, T. E. Logan.  
 ALICEVILLE—Lin Jones, Edward Noland, O. P. O'Bryant.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelville, Ala., Route 1  
 Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownville, 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. R. E. Tilley, Ethelville, Ala.  
 Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.  
 Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownville, Ala.  
 Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.  
 Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.  
 Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Ala.  
 Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Ala. Street, Columbus, Miss.  
 Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525, 18th Street, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
 Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321, 8th Street, Northport, Ala.  
 Rev. Herman Herndon, Aliceville, Ala.  
 Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Northport, Ala.  
 Rev. Willis Montgomery, Brownville, Ala.

#### LICENTIATES

Rev. William Sullivan.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. J. S. Henton, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. A. M. Archie, Rev. E. W. Harling, Rev. T. V. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson, 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. Harlin, Rev. J. M. Spencer.

#### PROCEEDS OF UNION MEETING

The sixty-fourth session of the Mt. Moriah Union meeting was held with Phillips Chapel Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1955, Saturday and Sunday. After reading the 1st Psalm by Moderator, and prayer by Rev. H. E. Crawford, the union meeting was open for business.

The moderator appointed Bro. O. W. McGee and Bro. Sam Harless as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were read and delegates listed as per roll. Moved and seconded 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. J. E. Tilley, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Bro. Marlin Burkhalter, Harvel Tilley, with Moderator and Clerk.

#### DEVOTION

Bro. Lee McAdams, O. W. McGee, John Harless, E. L. Fields, with deacons of church.

#### TEMPERANCE

Rev. J. H. Tilley, O. L. Fields, Louis Hollman, Joe McCool, E. O. Doughty, and Oscar Sweedenburg.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

Bro. Louis Winters, J. O. Perrigen, Iva Free, Frank Maylone, Oscar Person, and Jake Sanford.

	Pastors	Clerks and Address	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 Co.	L. McAdams	Edna Gore, McShan	L. McAdams	\$480.00	\$102.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	106	\$10.00
Macedonia, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	E. L. Fields, Millport	J. L. Lavender	372.68	110.00	4	1	2	0	2	0	1	256	10.00
Shiolah, Pickens Co.	M. H. Hollis	F. R. Shepherd, Gore	M. H. Hollis	702.50	37.05	6	0	2	0	0	0	1-3	179	10.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Alma Montgomery, Northport	H. E. Crawford	183.12	56.36	3	0	5	0	0	0	1	170	10.00
Union, Pickens Co.	R. E. Tilley	Willard Curry, Gordon	R. E. Tilley	252.50	46.43	2	1	4	2	0	0	2-4	123	5.00
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownville	M. Montgomery	170.50		2	0	2	0	1	2	4	307	10.00
Union Hill, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	J. O. Perrigin, Carrollton	J. L. Lavender	377.55	80.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	95	6.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	John Brown, Brownville	H. E. Crawford	122.05	35.80	4	0	1	0	2	0	3	116	8.00
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	B. Montgomery, Samatha	S. R. Lee	241.00	32.50	1	0	1	0	0	0	1-3	40	5.10
Glen Echo, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	H. O. Fulgham, Carrollton	J. E. Tilley	179.38	69.50	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	5.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. E. Tilley	Merle Duren, Elrod	J. E. Tilley	216.20	15.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	106	6.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. H. Tilley	G. D. Skelton, Mooresbridge	T. L. Walker	385.18		0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	79	5.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville	J. L. Lynn	284.25	47.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	5.00
Mayors Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	Edgar Jones	C. R. Dean, Brookwood		532.00	60.00	0	0	0	0	4	0	1-3	30	10.00
1st F.W.B. Church, Northport	Chas. Hollingshead	Essie Collins, Northport	J. H. Tilley	2079.18	116.00	6	9	2	0	2	6	full	120	11.25
1st F.W.B. Church, Aliceville	L. McAdams	M. L. O'Bryant, Aliceville	J. L. Lavender	860.00	110.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3-4	71	10.00

#### PAID CHILDREN' HOME

Mt. Moriah	\$ 53.00
Macedonia	126.00
Shiolah	274.96
Union Hill	160.00
Glen Echo	56.00
Pleasant Hill	26.00
Sardis	60.00
Mayors Chapel	56.00
F. W. B. Northport	88.26
F. W. B. Aliceville	66.67

### HOME MISSION

Bro. Cawley, Lacy McAdams, Bro. W. M. Brown, Wilford Joyner, Lin Jones.

### CHILDREN HOME

Bro. Clifton Maylone, Bro. John Brown, Howard Latham, Cecil Sellers, Murry Perrigen.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERRIES

Bro. Killo Kyles, Sister Louis Hollman, Bro. R. Cammron, Sister T. R. Sellers.

There was ten minutes given for recess after which Rev. J. E. Tilley brought reading 6 chapters of First Corinthians, 1-12 verses, Text 9 Verse. After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour. The body was called to order by moderator and the following business was transacted.

### DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee on document and order of business submit the following report:

1. That we proceed after the usual order of business through this session. We recommend that Rev. Leander McAdams preach the introductory sermon and Rev. J. L. Lavender be his alternate.

2. We recommend that the next session meet with Northport Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1956, Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 A. M.

3. We recommend that the Moderator and Clerk absent themselves from the body hereafter for the purpose of appointing various committees.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman

### DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion report as follows: We recommend that Rev. S. R. Lee preach at 9:30 Sunday, Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 11:00 A. M. and Rev. Leander McAdams preach at 2:30 P. M. Report adopted, committee discharged.

Lee McAdams, Chairman

### TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance report as follows: We know that in Proverbs 20-1 that the Lord through Solomon plainly states Wine is a mocker strong drink is raging whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Also in Proverbs 23-32 you find these words. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." The Bible teaches us to abstain from all evil. We recommend that we as church members keep ourselves and our children from all strong drink.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that the parents go and carry their children to Sabbath School and invite others to come.

We urge every church in the association that does not have a Sabbath School to organize one.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Louis T. Winters, Chairman

### HOME MISSION

We your committee report as follows: So many of our churches just have one Sunday a month preaching we recommend that each church go on full time if possible and have one night in the week for Prayer Meeting. And each church support our home Mission in every way possible.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Lynn Jones, Chairman

### CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that each church send at least one offering a month to the children's home. We urge every one to visit the home as much as possible for it is a needy cause. Report adopted, and committee discharged.

Clifton Maylone, Chairman

## RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

We your committee report as follows:

We your committee urge our fathers and mothers to go to church and carry their children. And to try to set good examples before their children.

We wish to express our thanks to Phillips Chapel Church and community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session, and we pray God's Blessings on them.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. S. R. Jones, Chairman

Moved and seconded to close the business of the Union meeting to meet with Northport Church one year hence.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. S. R. Lee, preached at 9:30 A. M. Scripture reading Amos 4th chapter. Text 2nd Chronicles 7-14. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 A. M. Scripture reading 2 chapters Phil. Text, Matthew 17-14..

Rev. Leander McAdams preached at 2:30 P. M. Scripture reading St. Luke, 5th chapter 1-14. Text 14 verse.

## Ministers attending Union Meeting

Rev. M. Montgomery

Rev. J. E. Tilley

Rev. J. H. Tilley

Rev. Edgar Jones

Rev. J. L. Lynn

Rev. Leander McAdams

Rev. W. L. Lynn

Rev. H. E. Crawford

Rev. S. R. Lee

Rev. N. M. Sanford

Rev. J. L. Lavender

## Delegates enrolled at Union Meeting

MT. MORIAH—Bro. T. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Lancaster.

MACEDONIA—E. L. Fields, Lacy McAdams, Lee McAdams.

SHILOAH—Marlin Burkhalter, G. A. Free, Cleo Kyles.

TABERNACLE—Frank Maylone, Clifton Maylone, Bernice Wheat.

UNION—Joe McCool, F. H. Acker.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Thomas Sanford, Bill Sanford, Jack Sanford.

UNION HILL—Bro. W. M. Joyner, Murry Perrigen, J. O. Perrigan.

MT. ZION—W. H. Brown, W. F. Winters, O. C. Traywick.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Harvell Tilley, Oscar Sweedenburg.

MAYERS CHAPEL—

SARDIS—Tom Trull, Free Boswell, Glen Echo, Cecil Sellers, Mrs. T. R. Sellers, Mrs. Cecil Sellers.

ALICEVILLE—Lynn Jones, J. P. O'Bryant.

NORTHPORT—O. W. McGee, Louis Winters, E. O. Doughty.

PLEASANT HILL—Sam Harless.

EPSY SPRINGS—L. J. Hollman, Mrs. L. J. Hollman, Mrs. B. Montgomery.

## 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.