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Of The

ONE HUNDREDTH AND SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH MACEDONIA CHURCH
PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1956

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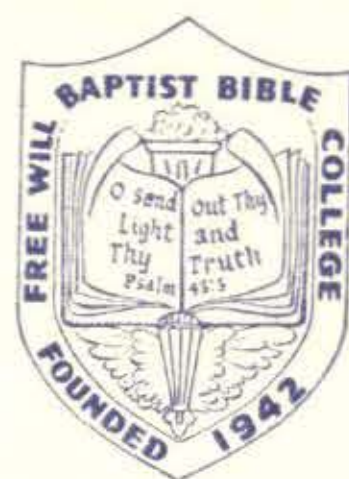
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The next session of this Association will meet with Hattis Chapel Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mr. M. P. Gore

The one hundredth and sixth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with Macedonia Church Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 13, 14, 15, 1956. A talk was given by Rev. W. H. Ryland, which all enjoyed, on the progress of the children's home, after which an offering was given for the home amounting to \$102.15.

Rev. N. M. Sanford preached the Introductory sermon, scripture reading Acts, 12th Chapter, Text, last clause of the 8th verse, after which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

At 1 o'clock the body was called to order by former moderator, Rev. J. H. Tilley. After reading the second chapter of Philippians, 1-16 verses, and prayer by Rev. Edger Jones the session was open for business. The moderator appointed Brother Willard Curry and Brother Raford Shepherd as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read and delegates listed as per roll. Moved and seconded to place in delegates where any were absent, after which the body elected Rev. J. H. Tilley as moderator and Rev. Leander McAdams as clerk.

Called for corresponding messengers from sisters associations, Rev. Mullnax, Rev. R. P. Rich, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Brother Reeves, Brother Robertson was seated. Called for new churches—none. After which the following committees were appointed.

Document and Order of Business: Brother T. B. Smith, Albert Free. Brother Curry, Sam Styron, O. C. Traweek. Sister Eulah Parker, Sister Ruby Gore, with moderator and clerk.

Devotion: Brother Tom Trull, Brother Early Robertson, Edward Noland, Ira Jewel, Sister Sam Stryon, Maudie Key, with deacons of church.

Finance: Brother Albert Montgomery, Lynn Jones, Buddy Lancaster, Cleo Kyles, Sammie D. Gray.

Temperance: Rev. M. Montgomery, E. O. Doughty, Western Fulgham, Bro. Montgomery, Elbert Fields, Daniel Hill.

Deceased: Rev. Lonnie Lynn, Loy Shaw, W. H. Brown. Bro. Joe McCool, W. E. Dean.

Moral and Reform: Rev. Willis Montgomery, Louis T. Winters, Bro. Bernice Wheat, Brother Windle, P. A. Crawford.

Resolution and Queries: John Brown, Louis Hollman, Brother Robertson, Chat Watson.

Sabbath School: Rev. J. L. Lavender, with all other preachers.
Education, Publication and Literature: Brother H. M. Montgomery, W. M. Joyner.

We, your committee on Devotion, make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. T. L. Walker preach at 9:00 A. M. and Rev. Leander McAdams be his alternate; Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 11:00 A. M. the Dedication service of the new church, Rev. J. E. Tilley assist him; Rev. H. E. Crawford preach at 2:30 and S. R. Lee be his alternate.

Moved and seconded that we call off the business of the association until 8:30 Monday.

Sunday Service

Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 9:30 A. M. Scripture reading, 133rd Psalm. Text, first verse.

Rev. J. H. Tilley preached the dedication sermon of the new church at 11:00 A. M. Scripture reading, 2nd Chronicles, 7th Chapter, 1-21 verses, assisted by Rev. J. E. Tilley, reading 8th Chapter of 1st Kings. Rev. H. E. Crawford preached at 2:30 P. M., Scripture reading, Ezekiel, 22nd Chapter, text, part of 30th verse.

Monday Session

After two songs by Rev. H. E. Crawford and scripture reading by moderator and prayer by Rev. Charles Hollingshead, the association was open for business.

The committees, not being ready to report, 30 minutes was given for recess that they might make out their reports.

Document and Order of Business: We, your committee on document and order of business report as follows:

1. We recommend that the next session of this association convene with Hattis Chapel Church, Pickens County, Alabama, at Ethelsville, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1957, at 10:30 A. M.

2. We recommend that Rev. Charles Hollingshead preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 o'clock, and that Rev. J. L. Lynn 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 recommend that each church send, if they will, \$10.00 for association minutes, and \$2.00 State minutes. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

T. B. Smith, Chairman

Devotion: We, your committee on devotion, make a final report. We recommend that Rev. O. L. Fields preach at the close of the session today. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

Tom Trull, Chairman

Finance: We, your committee on finance, report that we have collected at this session \$143.50 minute funds and \$28.00 state minute funds. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

Rev. Albert Montgomery, Chairman

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

We firmly believe that each church should have a sabbath school.

We recommend that each church have well read, consecrated Christian teachers. That the Teachers be Free Will Baptist.

That there is no better way to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord than in Sunday School.

That each of the Sunday schools send one Sunday offering to the children's home. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Chairman

Education, Publication and Literature: We, your committee wish to submit the following report:

We find that most of our people are not as well educated in the Bible as they should be, and too well educated in other books.

We recommend that we should at all times place good clean literature before them to read. Report adopted. Committee discharged.

Rev. Leander McAdams, Chairman

Deceased members:

Mt. Moriah: Brother Henry Jaynes, Mrs. Eads.

Macedonia: Brother Bert Colman, Sister Bell McAdams.

Shiolah: Sister Betsy Ann Porter, Brother Henry L. Latham.

Tabernacle: Brother M. T. Montgomery, Sister Maggie Sullivan, Sister Betsy Gay Taylor, Sister Mollie Montgomery.
Union: Sister Willie Gray.
Phillips Chapel: Sister Marla Lynn, Brother Lonnie Montgomery, Mamie Davis.
Mt. Zion: Brother E. D. Harless, Sister Mary Sexton, Sister Ema Lee Watson.
Espy Springs: Sister Liza Weaver.
Pleasant Hill: Brother Floyd Wilson, Sister Karo Wilborn.
 Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman

After report of deceased members, the business part 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 and Reform: We you committee, wish to submit the following report:

That we as parents and children of God forget not the assembling of ourselves together at the house of God and carry our children that we may bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

And let our conversations at home and abroad be seasoned with grace that it might minister grace to the hearer.

That we might not walk in the council of the ungodly nor stand in the way of sinners.

And being more conscious of the fact that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Report adopted. Committee discharged.

Rev. W. W. Montgomery, Chairman

Temperance: We your committee, report as follows:

We believe that alcohol is our number one enemy. That it is a harm to the body and that it unbalances the mind and is damning to the soul, and that it is corrupting the lives of our young people, breaking up homes, crowding our courts and filling our jails.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman

Executive Committee: We, your committee, wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that Rev. O. L. Fields' name be added to the list of ordained ministers and that Rev. Albert L. Montgomery's name be added to the list of licensed ministers.

Report adopted, committee retained.

J. O. Perregin, Chairman

Resolutions and Queries: We, your committee, report as follows:

We urge our parents to go to church and carry their children. We wish to express our thanks to Macedonia Church and community for the able maner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the association.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. Edger Jones, Chairman

Moved and seconded that we release Bro. L. B. Koon and Bro. W. L. McAdams as one of the executive committee.

Moved and seconded that the moderator appoint delegates to the Vernon Association and State Association. Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. W. L. Lynn was appointed to Vernon Association. Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. O. L. Fields to State Association. Bro. L. B. Koon and Bro. W. E. Dean was elected as one of the executive committee. Rev. O. L. Fields preached the closing message, after which it was moved and seconded to take the parting hand to meet with Hattis Chapel one year hence.

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

Rev. J. M. Tilley, Moderator

Ordained Ministers and Addresses

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama, Route 1.
 Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownsville, Alabama
 Rev. T. L. Walker, Rosedale Court, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama
 Rev. Edgar Jones, Route 1 - Box 193, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Rev. S. R. Lee, Coker, Alabama
 Rev. J. H. Tilley, Box 831, Aliceville, Alabama
 Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama
 Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Alabama
 Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownsville, Alabama
 Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Alabama
 Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Alabama
 Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525 18th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 9th Street, Northport, Alabama

Rev. Hermon Herndon, 6107 New York Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Alabama Street, Columbus, Miss.
 Rev. Charles Hollingshead, 804 36th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Alabama
 Rev. Willis Montgomery, Brownsville, Alabama
 Rev. O. L. Fields, 828 Prospect Street, Florence, Alabama
 Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Alabama
 Licentiates — Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Alabama
 Rev. William Sullivan, Gordo, Alabama

Delegates Enrolled at Association

Mt. Moriah: Sister Ruby Gore, Brother T. B. Smith, Brother J. L. Lancaster
Macedonia: Brothers E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw, W. E. Dean
Shiolah: Brothers L. B. Koon, Cleo Kyles, Alver Free
Tabernacle: Brothers G. M. Montgomery, E. L. Montgomery, Clifton Malone
Union: Brothers Willard Curry, Joe McCool, S. D. Gray
Phillips Chapel: Brothers Toss Watson, Bill Keith, Sister Maudie Keith
Union Hill: Brothers W. N. Joyner, Murry Perrigin, Early Robertson
Mt. Zion: Brothers W. H. Brown, O. C. Treweek, John Brown
Espy Springs: Brothers Louis Hollman, Addie Montgomery
Glen Echo: Brothers Daniel Hill, W. B. Windle
Pleasant Hill: Brother J. H. Harless, Sister Eula Parker
Sardis: Brothers Lando Robertson, Tom Trull, Early Robertson
Hattis Chapel: Brothers Ira Jewel, Oscar Sweedenburg
Mayors Chapel: Brother and Sister Sam Styron
Northport: Brothers Louis T. Winters, E. O. Doughty, P. A. Crawford
Aliceville: Brothers Edward Noland, Lynn Jones

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. Harbin, Rev. T. V. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson, Rev. T. Mosley, 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, Rev. J. M. Spencer.

Proceedings of Union Meeting

The sixty-fifth session of the Mt. Moriah Union Meeting was held with Northport Church on Saturday before the fourth

Sunday in July, 1956, Saturday and Sunday. The moderator not being present, Rev. M. Montgomery was appointed until moderator was elected. After scripture reading by Rev. M. Montgomery and prayer by Rev. T. L. Walker, the Union Meeting was open for business. Brother Luther Burkhalter and Sister Brady Montgomery was appointed 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. H. Tilley was elected as moderator and Rev. Leander McAdams as clerk, after which the following committees were appointed:

Document and Order of Business: Brothers T. B. Smith, Harrison Sullivan, Earnest Robertson, Edward McCool, with moderator and clerk.

Devotion: Brothers Loy Shaw, W. L. Burkhalter, Bernice Wheat, Willard Curry, Fayette Montgomery, W. M. Joyner, with deacons of church.

Temperance: Rev. H. E. Crawford, Herbert Morris, Brady Dean, Louis Cooper, John Brown.

Sabbath School: Rev. R. E. Tilley, E. L. Fields, Wilson Connell, Oliver Phillips, Western Fulgham, Lynn Jones, Doyel Yerby.

Home Mission: Brothers Joes McCool, C. L. Griffin, Murry Perrigan, Harvey Harless, W. H. Brown, Stewart Holman.

Children's Home: Rev. J. E. Tilley, Columbus Allen, Willie May Styron, Ehel Wilbern, Hue Acker, Daniel Hill, Louis J. Hollman.

Resolutions and Queries: Cleo Kyles, Eula Curry, Estell Watson, Pervie Robertson, Sam Junkins, Mrs. Louis Tilley, Kenneth Montgomery.

Rev. Leander McAdams brought the Introductory Message at 11:00 o'clock. Scripture reading, St. John, 1st chapter, 1-15 verses, Subject, the Word, after which the body was dismissed for the noon hour. The body was then called to order and the following business transacted:

Document and Order of Business: We, your committee, submit the following report:

1. That we proceed after the usual order of business through this session.

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Churches	Pastors	Clerks and Addresses	Ex-Pastors	Paid Ex-Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Funds
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	Edna Gore, McShan, Ala.	Leander McAdams	\$525.00	\$112.91	1	0	0	0	2	0	2-4	105	\$10.00
Macedonia, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	E. L. Fields, Millport, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	455.10	94.00	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	250	10.00
Shiolah, Pickens Co.	M. H. Hollis	F. R. Shepherd, Gordo, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	1028.23	193.05	5	0	7	0	2	0	1-3	169	10.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Alma Montgomery, Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	140.18	60.00	1	1	3	0	4	0	1	165	10.00
Union, Pickens Co.	R. E. Tilly	Willard Curry, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	301.00	47.00	0	0	1	0	1	0	2-4	123	5.00
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownsville, Ala.	M. Montgomery	400.00	36.00	12	2	3	0	4	0	4	311	10.00
Union Hill, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	J. O. Perrigin, Carrollton, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	384.00	71.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	97	10.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	John C. Brown, Brownsville, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	143.50	51.32	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	113	8.00
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	Lewis Hallman, Samantha, Ala.	S. R. Lee	197.50	10.00	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	30	3.00
Glen Echo, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	H. O. Fulgham, Carrollton, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	207.07	97.10	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	51	10.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. E. Tilley	Merle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	454.00	80.00	1	0	1	0	2	0	1-3	105	10.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. H. Tilley	G. D. Skelton, Moores Bridge, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	343.01	50.27	14	0	1	0	0	0	2-4	92	7.25
Hattis Chapel, Pickens Co.	W. Montgomery	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	235.60	60.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	6.50
Mayors Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	T. L. Walker	Charles Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	T. L. Walker	530.00	75.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-3	22	10.00
1st F.W.B. Church, Northport	C. Hollingshead	Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.	C. Hollingshead	2491.50	341.50	40	33	1	0	0	2	full	190	10.00
1st F.W.B. Church, Aliceville	L. McAdams	M. L. Bryant, Aliceville, Ala.	Leander McAdams	725.07	78.00	1	3	0	0	0	0	full	75	10.00

PAID CHILDREN'S BUE

Mt. Moriah	\$ 15.00	Pleasant Hill	35.00
Macedonia	206.74	Sardis	60.00
Shiolah	321.64	Mayors Chapel	213.00
Union Hill	253.60	F. W. B. Northport	120.00
Glen Echo	92.56	F. W. B. Aliceville	60.00

2. We recommend that the next session convene with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1957, at 9:00 o'clock.

3. We recommend that Rev. R. E. Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 o'clock Saturday and that Rev. J. L. Lavender be his alternate.

Report adopted and committee discharged.
T. B. Smith, Chairman

Devotion: We, your committee, report as follows:

We recommend that Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 A. M. Sunday, Rev. T. L. Walker at 11:00 A. M., Rev. J. L. Lynn at 2:30 P. M.

Report adopted. Committee discharged.
Loy Shaw, Chairman

Temperance: We, your committee, report as follows:

We know that the evil of intemperance is strongly forbidden by the scriptures and we know that in Proverbs 20-1 that the Lord, through Solomon, plainly states wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. We believe that total abstinence on our part, as well as exercising the right to vote, is the way of combating this great evil.

Report adopted, committee discharged.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, Chairman

Sabbath School: We, your committee, report as follows:

We recommend that parents go and carry their children to Sabbath School.

We recommend that each Sabbath School have a program that will make each person feel that they are needed at church.

We recommend that each teacher give each person some Bible teaching to look up for the following Sunday to create more interest in Sabbath School.

Report adopted, committee discharged.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Chairman

Home Mission: We, your committee, report as follows:

We recommend that each church visit their neighboring church and assist them in any way possible, and that each

church support our home mission in every way possible.

Report adopted, committee discharged.
Joe McCool, Chairman

Children's Home: We, your committee, report as follows:

That the Free Will Baptists of our association support our children's home, and that each church send an offering each month since they have an increase in expense.

Report adopted, committee discharged.
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman

Resolutions and Queries: We, your committee, report as follows:

We urge our fathers and mothers to go to church and carry their children. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Northport Church and community in the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union meeting.

Report adopted, committee discharged.
Cleo Kyles Chairman

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

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Moderator
Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

Sunday Services

Rev. Willis Montgomery preached at 9:45 A. M., Scripture reading, Romans, 6th Chapter, 6-11 verse.

Rev. T. L. Walker preached at 11:30 A. M., Scripture reading, Hebrews, 2nd chapter, 1-4 verse.

Rev. J. L. Lynn preached at 2:30 P. M., scripture reading, Romans, 13th chapter, 1-15 verse.

A talk was given on home mission by Rev. Chester O'Donnold, and an offering was taken for home missions, amounting to \$29.25.

Ministers Attending Union Meeting

Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. N. M. Sanford, Rev. O. L. Fields, Rev. Chester O'Donnold, Rev. J. H.

Tilley, Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. Charles Hollingshead,
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Rev. Albert Montgomery.

Delegates Attending Union Meeting

Mt. Moriah: T. B. Smith
Macedonia: E. L. Fields, Harrison Sullivan, Loy Shaw
Shialoh: Cleo Kyles, W. L. Burkhalter, Wilson Connell
Tabernacle: Bernice Wheat, Frank Malone, H. M. Montgomery
Union: Joe McCool: Willard Curry, Sister Eula Curry
Phillips Chapel: C. L. Griffin, Estell Watson, Fayette Montgomery.
Union Hill: W. M. Joyner, Murry Perrigan, Earley Robertson
Mt. Zion: Harvey Harless, Elix Winters, W. H. Brown
Espy Springs: L. J. Hollman
Glen Echo: Western Fulgham, Daniel Hill, Hue Acker
Pleasant Hill: John Harless, Louis Cooper
Hattis Chapel: Ira Jewel, Sister Louis Tilley
Mayors Chapel: Brady Dean, Brother and Sister Sam Styron
Northport: Edward McCool, Doyell Yerby, Hilda Hayes
Aliceville: Lynn Jones, Herbert Morris, Columbus Allen, Sam Junkins
Sardis: Louis Hudson, G. D. Skelton, Pirvie Robertson

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 de-

praved 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 members shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall have the 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.