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MINUTES

The One Hundred and Seventh Session of the Mount Moriah Association was held with Hattis Chapel Church, Pickins County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1957-October 12-13-14, 1957.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Charles Hollinghead, scripture reading James 4:7, John 2:15. After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

The body was called to order by the former moderator, Rev. J. H. Tilley. After reading the 116 Psalm by moderator, prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis, the session was open for business.

The moderator appointed Bro. Lacy McAdams and Bro. John Harless as reading clerks. Letters from various churches was handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll. Moved and seconded to place in delegates where any was absent. After which the body elected Rev. Hubert Tilley, Mod., Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk. Called for corresponding messages from Sister Association, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Bro. Dee Hollis from Northeast Mississippi Association was seated. Called for New Church. The First Free Will Church of Tuscaloosa was received into our Body.

The following Committee was appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Bros. T. R. Sellers, T. B. Smith, E. L. Fields, J. D. Skelton, Willard Curry with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Bro. Louis McAdams, Bernice Wheat, Sister Ruby Gore, Sister Grady Dean, with Deacons of Church.

FINANCE—Rev. H. E. Crawford, Bro. Western Fulgham, Jr., Tom Trull, Sister X. L. Truittee.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. L. Lavender, Bro. Lacy McAdams, Hilton Hayes, Billie Koon, Murry Perrigan.

DECEASED—Rev. Edgar Jones, Bro. Lay Shaw, Lando Robertson, John Brown.

MORAL REFORM—Rev. Albert Montgomery, Bro. Raford, Shepherd, Western Fulgham, Howard Latham, Bro. T. J. Watson.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. T. L. Walker, Bro. Herbert Morris, Sister Addie Mae Abston, Sister T. R. Sellers, Bro. W. T. Peeks.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. S. R. Lee, M. L. Obryant, Bro. Hugh Acker, Sana Key, Sister Clairmae Hollman, Bro. Othor Johnson, S. J. Jones, John Gallway.

RESOLUTIONS & QUERIES—Rev. O. L. Fields, Bro. Frank Malone, Dutch Woods, Wilbern Brown, S. E. Harless.

MISSION—Rev. R. E. Tilley, Bro. M. M. Koon, W. M. Jaynes, Bro. Louis Hollman, J. T. Watson, Clifton Walters.

We your Devotional Committee wish to make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. S. R. Lee preach at 9:30 A.M. Sunday, Rev. H. E. Crawford preach at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. J. L. Lynn at 2:30 P.M.

Moved and seconded to adjourn the business of the association until Monday at 8:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. S. R. Lee preached at 9:30 A.M. Scripture reading Ephesians 5:27, 2nd Peter 3:14. Rev. H. E. Crawford preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture reading Genesis 44 Chapter. Rev. J. L. Lynn preached at 2:30 P.M. Scripture reading first Psalm and 14 Psalm.

MONDAY SESSION

After one song by Bro. E. O. Doughey and scripture reading by moderator and prayer by Rev. N. M. Sanford, the session was open for Business. The Committee not being ready to report, 30 minutes was given for recess in which to make out their reports.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee on documents and order of business wish to make the following report.

1. We recommend that the next session of this Association convene with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of October, 1958 at 10:30 A.M.
2. We recommend that Rev. J. E. Tilley preach the Introductory sermon and that Rev. T. L. Walker be his alternate.
3. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$30.00 for his service.
4. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 Associational Minute Funds. Report adopted. Committee discharged. T. R. Seller, 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. J. L. McAdams, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your Committee recommend as follows: We firmly believe that each church should have a Sabbath School, that every church have well Christian teacher.

There is no better way to bring up a child in the nature and administration of the Lord than in the Sabbath School. That each of the Sabbath Schools send one Sunday offering to the Childrens Home.

We recommend Free Will Baptist literature be used. We find a good many churches does not have a Sabbath School and we recommend that each pastor try to organize one. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your Committee wish to submit the following report.

We have two young men who desire to further their education to become ministers of the gospel. We appreciate the educational apoenitions, we have with each Christian influence. We recommend greater interest in spiritual education and stronger support of our publication. Report adopted, Committee discharged. Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman.

MORAL REFORM

We your Committee wish to recommend as follows:

Forget not the assembling of ourselves together at the house of God. Raise up our children in the way they should go and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

Be mindful that we are the salt of the earth, raised to walk in newness of life as Christ walked. Be strong in the Lord and work for "I am with you saith the Lord."

Let us work together as Christians and be an example of Christ at home and abroad, that our prayers be not hindered.

But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit of the bonds of peace. Report adopted, Committee discharged. Rev. Albert L. Montgomery, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit our report as follows. We believe temperance to be one of our moral standards by which Christian civilization is lived and maintained, therefore we suggest we use all our influence and better judgment under all circumstances to bring about a sincere action and thinking among our people. Report adopted, Committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman.

DECEASED MEMBERS

We your Committee wish to submit the following names who have been called from our midst.

Macedonia—Bro. L. C. Byars

Tabernacle—Bro. J. B. Hanley, Bro. Andrew Loftis

Union—Sister Nora Whatley, Sister Mary Vaughn, Bro. J. R. Driver

Phillips Chapel—Sister Quille

Treweek—Bro. Olive Falls

Union Hill—Bro. W. D. Guy

Sardis—Bro. Seanley Odem

F. W. B. Church Aliceville—Bro. J. M. Barton.

Report received, Committee discharged. Rev. Edgar Jones, Chairman.

After report on deceased members, the business of the Association was called off and precious Memories was sung, led by Bro. Louis McAdams and prayer by Rev. M. Montgomery in remembrance of the deceased ones.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	EX-PASTORS	Paid Ex-Pastors	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number of Members	Minute Funds	Paid Children's Home
MT. MCRIAH, PICKENS, CO.	J. E. TILLEY	EDNA GORE, McShan, Ala.	J. E. TILLEY	\$300.00	\$116.00		1					2-4	106	\$10	\$122.83
MACEDONIA, PICKENS, CO.	J. L. LAVENDER	E. L. FIELDS Millport, Ala.	J. L. LAVENDER	480.49	125.96		2			1		1	375	10	178.09
SPILCH, PICKENS, CO.	M. H. HOLLIS	F. R. SHEPHERD Gordo, Ala.	M. H. HOLLIS	1250.00	143.03		1	3				1-3	167	10	
TABERNACLE, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	H. E. CRAWFORD	ALMA MONTGOMERY Northport, Ala.	H. E. CRAWFORD	185.42	93.00	6	2	4		2		1	168	10	
UNION, FICKENS, CC.	R. E. TILLEY	WILLARD CURRY Gordo, Ala.	R. E. TILLEY	103.50	61.03	1	1			3		2-4	122	5	
PHILLIPS CHAPEL, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	J. L. LYNN	E. J. WATSON Northport, Ala.	M. MONTGOMERY	260.00		4	1	1	1	3		4	317	10	
UNION HILL, PICKENS, CO.	J. L. LAVENDER	W. H. JOYNER Carrollton, Ala.	J. L. LAVENDER	529.00	75.00	2	3			1		3	101	10	214.55
MT. ZION, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	H. E. CRAWFORD	W. F. WINTERS Brownsville, Ala.	H. E. CRAWFORD	150.00	3012.00			1				3	111	8	
ESPY SPRINGS, TUSCALOOS, CO.	S. R. LEE	LEWIS HALLMAN Samanthe, Ala.	S. R. LEE	85.35	36.00							1	30	3	21.00
GLENECHO, PICKENS, CO.	J. E. TILLEY	W. O. FULGHAM Carrollton, Ala.	J. E. TILLEY	164.85	100.00			2				2	49	5	
PLEASANT HILL, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	J. E. TILLEY	MERLE DUREN Elrod, Ala.	J. E. TILLEY	385.83	75.00			1				1-3	105	8	34.34
SARDIS, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	LEANDER McADAMS	G. D. SKELTON Moores Bridge, Ala.	J. H. TILLEY	324.00	50.00	2		1		1		3-4	92	5	60.00
HATTIS CHAPEL, FICKENS, CO.	W. MONTGOMERY	L. D. TILLEY Ethelsville, Ala.	WILLIS MONTGOMERY	276.05	44.00							1	41	8	59.00
MARYS CHAPEL, TUSCALOOSA, CO.	T. L. WALKER	CHARLES R. DEAN Brookwood, Ala.	T. L. WALKER	480.00	75.00							1-3	22	10	320.79
1st F.W.P. CHURCH, NORTHPORT, ALA.	E. HOLLINGSHEAD	ESSIE COLLINS, Northport, Ala.	C. HOLLINGSHEAD	3720.00	475.00	24	8	13				Full	209	10	110.20
1st F.W.B. CHURCH, ALICEVILLE, ALA.	A. J. LAMBERT	M. L. BRYANT Aliceville, Ala.	LEANDER McADAMS	388.73	75.00	2	2			1		Full	79	10	62.84
1st F. W. B. CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA, ALA.	J. H. TILLEY	WESTER JR. FULGHAM	J. H. TILLEY									Full	13	5	

MISSION

We your committee on home mission report as follows:

We recommend that the association elect a home mission evangelist for the purpose of expanding our home mission work and that he should have the support and cooperation of each church of the association.

We believe that home mission is a part of our church work and we urge each church and pastor to be in prayer about mission. Report adopted, Committee discharged, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Chairman.

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance wish to report that we have collected at this session \$137.00, Minutes Funds \$32.00, State Minutes Funds. Report adopted, Committee discharged, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your Committee report as follows:

We recommend that Rev. Albert L. Montgomery and Rev. William Sullivan name be added to the list of ordained ministers and Rev. Olen Adams name be added to the list of license ministers. We recommend that each church that has a question that they want the Committee to pass on that the church first investigate the question before they present it to the Committee. Report adopted, Committee retained. Lester Koon, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your Committee wish to submit the following report.

We urge our people and parents to erect an altar in their homes and go and carry their children to church and read the word of God each and every day. We wish to express our thanks to Hattis Chapel Church and Community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Association. Report adopted, Committee Rev. O. L. Fields, Chairman.

Moved and Seconded that we drop Rev. Harmon Herndon name from our list because he has joined another Association.

Moved and seconded that we go down on record that there shall be no integration in the Free Will Baptist of Alabama.

Rev. O. L. Fields was elected by the body as Association Evangelist. Moved and Seconded that the moderator appoint delegates to the State and Vernon Association. Rev. J. L. Lavender and Bro. J. L. McAdams was appointed to Vernon Association. Bro. and Sister Brady Montgomery. Bro. O. W. McGee to state Association. Moved and seconded to take an offering for the children home at Eldridge of which \$37.00 was taken up. Moved and seconded to take the parting hand to meet with Union Hill Church one year hence. Rev. J. H. Tilley, moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownville, Ala.
Rev. T. L. Walker, Rosedale Court, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Edgar Jones, Rt. 1, Box 193, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. S. R. Lee, Coker, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Box 831, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelville, Ethelville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownsville, Ala.
Rev. N. M. Sandford, Peterson, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Ala. St., Columbus, Miss.
Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525 18th St. Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 9th St., Northport, Ala.
Rev. Charles Hollinghead, 804 36 Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Ala.
Rev. O. L. Fields, Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Ala.
Rev. William Sullivan, Gordo, Ala.
Licentate, Rev. Olen Adams, Northport, Ala.

DELEGATES ENROLLED AT ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah—Bro. James Leon Lancaster, J. B. Smith, Sister Ruby Gore
Macedonia—Bro. Louis McAdams, E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw
Shiloh—Bro. Cleo Kyles, W. H. Koon, F. R. Shepherd
Tabernacle—Bro. Bernice Wheat, Frank Malone, Dutch Wood
Union—Bro. S. R. Jones, Willard Curry, F. H. Acker
Phillips Chapel—Bro. J. T. Watson, John Gallaway, Estel Watson
Union Hill—Bro. Murry Perrigan, Wilford Jaynes, W. T. Peeks
Mt. Zion—Bro. Sam Harless, W. H. Brown, John Brown
Espy Springs—Bro. Louis Hollman, Sist. Clara Mae Hollman
Glen Echo—Sister T. R. Seller, Bro. T. R. Seller, Bro. Western Fulgham
Pleasant Hill—Oscar Person, Ethel Wilburn, Sister Annie Springer
Sardis—Bro. G. D. Shelton, Lando Robertson, Tom Truee
Hattis Chapel—Bro. Ira Jewell, Howard Latham, Clifton Walters
Marys Chapel—Bro. Brady Dean, Sister Addie Mae Abston, Mrs. Nettie Crawford
F. W. B. North Port—Sister Marie Truhett, Bro. Samie Key, Hilton Hayes
F. W. B. Aliceville—Noley Corley, J. P. O Bryant, Herbert Morris
F. W. B. Tuscaloosa—Bro. Arther Johnson, Western Fulgham, Jr. Sister Earline Johnson

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. W. R. Latham, Rev. A. M. Archid, Rev. E. W. Harbin, Rev. T. V. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson, Rev. J. McLeoy, 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. Perkinson, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. J. M. Spencer.

PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETING

The sixty sixth session of the Mt. Moriah Union Meeting was held with Tabernacle Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday, July 27-28, 1957. After Scripture reading by moderator and prayer by Rev. M. Montgomery. The Union meeting was open for business. Brother Lacy McAdams, Willard Curry was appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches was handed in and read and delegates listed as per rolled. Moved and seconded to put in delegates where any was absent. Moved and seconded to elect moderator and clerk whereas Rev. H. E. Crawford was elected moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams clerk. After which the following Committee was appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Brother T. B. Smith, G. D. Shelton, E. O. Doughty, Rev. J. H. Tilley with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Rev. J. L. Lynn, Lynn Jones, Willard Curry, Lacy McAdams, W. L. Burkhalter, Harvie Harless, Louis Hollman.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. J. E. Tilley, Tom Truell, Oscar Swedenburg, Frank Malone.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. O. L. Fields, Bro. Louis Winter, Bro. Fred Oswalt, Sister Louis Hollman, W. T. Peeks, Sister Ruby Gore.

HOME MISSION—Rev. J. L. Lavender, Bernice Wheat, Mrs. Eula Curry, Dutch Woods, Cleo Kyles, M. M. Koon, Estel Watson.

CHILDREN HOME—Rev. T. L. Walker, Murry Perrigan, W. F. Winter, John Brown, Ethel Wilburn, Loy Shaw.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES—Rev. Willis Montgomery, Bro. M. P. Gore, Wilford Jaynes, T. R. Sellers.

Rev. R. E. Tilley brought the Introductory messages at 11:00 A.M. Scripture reading Matt. 20th Chapter, Text 16 Verse. After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

After which the body was called to order and the following business was translated.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your Committee wish to submit the following report.

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

2. We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convened with Union Church, Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1958.

3. We recommend that Rev. S. R. Lee preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 A.M. Saturday and that Rev. J. L. Lynn be his alternate. Report adopted and Committee discharged. Rev. J. H. Tilley Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your Committee on Devotion report as follows. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 9:30 Sunday. Rev. Edgar Jones be his alternate. Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. S. R. Lee be his alternate. Report adopted and Committee retained. Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on temperance report as follows.

We believe that strong drink is one of the most enticing evils among our young people. Since it is in reach of every one and we feel like it is causing many deaths on highways and we believe that it is causing our church attendance to decrease. We ask that we Free Will Baptists pray and do all we can against this great evil. Also it is causing many divorces among our young people and leaving little children without anyone to take care of them. Report adopted Committee discharged. Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath school report as follows.

We recommend that parents go and carry their children to sabbath school. We recommend that each teacher be a Christian Free Will Baptist themselves and that they are willing to become a soul winner. They need to encourage every person to be present at each lesson if possible. Report adopted Committee discharged. Rev. O. L. Fields, Chairman.

HOME MISSION

We believe the Free Will Baptist to be in line with the gospel one hundred percent. After looking around, we see so many places where there is not a Free Will Baptist Church. We urge a great effort on our part to evangelize these places. The fields are white unto harvest so lets get behind this great work in every way possible. Report adopted Committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman.

CHILDREN HOME

We your Committee report as follows:

That the Free Will Baptists of our Association support our children home and that each church send an offering each month since they have an increase in expense. We think that more members should visit the home. Report adopted and Committee discharged. Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your Committee report as follows:

We urge that the parents go and carry their children to church and bring them up in the nature and administration of the Lord. We wish to extend our thanks to Tabernacle Church and Community in the able manner that they have taken care of us through this session of the Union Meeting. Report adopted and Committee discharged. Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman.

Moved and seconded that the next session begin at 9:30 A.M. Moved and seconded to close the business of the Union Meeting to meet with Union Church one year hence. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at the close of the session. Scripture reading Romans 8:1-18. Rev. H. E. Crawford, Moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

SUNDAY SESSION

Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 9:30 A.M. Scripture reading St. John 4:33, Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture reading Matt. 18:1-20, Text 20 Verse. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 2:30 P.M. Scripture reading 1st John.

Minister attending Union Meeting, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. M. N. Sandford, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rev. O. L. Fields, Rev. Albert Montgomery, Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. Charles Hollinghead, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. Willis Montgomery.

Delegates attending Union Meeting.

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

Macedonia—Lacy McAdams, E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw

Shiloh—W. L. Burkhalter, M. M. Koon, Cleo Kyles

Tabernacle—Bernice Wheat, Dutch Woods, Frank Malone

Union—Joe McCool, Willard Curry, Sister Eulah Curry

Phillips Chapel—Tess Watson, Bill Sandford

Union Hill—W. T. Peeks, Wilford Jaynes, Murry Perrigan

Mt. Zion—W. F. Winters, John Brown, Harvey Harless

Espy Springs—Bro. and Sister Louis Hollman

Glenecho—T. R. Sellers

Pleasant Hill—John Harless

Sardis—Tom Trull, G. D. Shelton, Lando Robertson

Hattis Chapel—Oscar Swedenburg

Marys Chapel—By Letter

F. W. B. Northport—Louis T. Winters, E. O. Doughey, O. W. McGee

F. W. B. Aliceville—Lynn Jones, Sister Lynn Jones, Edward Noland.

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 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.

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