

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ONE HUNDREDTH AND EIGHTH**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**HELD WITH**  
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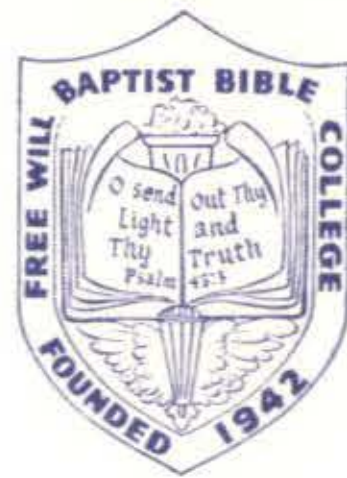
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## MINUTES

The One Hundred and Eighth Session of the Mount Moriah Association was held with Union Hill Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1958. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 11, 12, 13.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Tilley. Scripture reading St. Luke 21:36, subject "Watch". After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

The body was then called to order by former moderator Rev. J. H. Tilley. After reading the first Psalm, Prayer by Rev. Arlie Lynn. The association was open for business.

The moderator appointed Bro. Willard Curry, Bro. Rafor Shephard as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll. Called for new churches. Big Sandy Free Will Church joined us.

After which a move and second to elect moderator and clerk. Rev. J. H. Tilley, was elected moderator. Rev. Leander McAdams was elected clerk.

A talk was given on the children home by Rev. A. J. Lambert. A collection was taken up for home amounting to \$77.41.

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Bro. Wilford Joyner, Ira Bailey, T. R. Sellers, Lewis Montgomery, G. D. Shelton, Murry Perrigin, with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Brothers E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw, Sambo Jones, George Harbin, Athor Johnson, with deacons of church.

FINANCE—Rev. Larance Lynn, Bro. Early Robertson, Bill Sanford and C. P. Maylone.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. S. R. Lee, Bro. Lewis McAdams, Marlin Burkhalter, C. B. Dean and F. R. Shephard.

DECEASED MEMBERS—Rev. Arlie Lynn, Bro. Dolton Allen, W. H. Brown, M. W. Connell and L. T. Winters.

MORAL REFORM—Rev. H. E. Crawford, Sister Vaudine Lanchester, Bro. C. H. Harbin, Sam Styron, Carl Oswalt.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. Lonnie Lynn, Bro. John Brown, T. C. Logan, Fay Lavender and Jonnie Sue Harbin

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. T. L. Walker, Sister Bertha Hogue, Bro. Lando Robertson, H. M. Montgomery, Tullie Boswell, Sister Eulah Barton.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—Rev. M. Montgomery, Bro. L. J. Hollman, Edward Noland and David Tilley.

MISSIONS—Rev. Albert Montgomery, Bro. G. H. Gallay, W. D. Windle, Billy Carl Jewell, Paul Tilley.



We your Devotional Committee make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 9:30 Sunday. Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Arlie Lynn preach at 2:00 p.m. Moved and second that we vote whether we will have two or three days of the association another year. Voted for three days. Moved and second to adjourn the business of the association until 8:00 o'clock Monday.

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Rev. M. Montgomery preached at 9:30 a.m. Scripture reading Romans 1:17. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading Ephans 4:1-19. Subject: "No Feeling." Rev. Arlie Lynn preached at 2:00 p.m. Scripture reading 1st Peter 5:1-4.

#### **MONDAY SESSION**

After two songs by Bro. Lewis McAdams, scripture reading by moderator. Prayer by Rev. Willis Montgomery. The Association was open for business. The committee not being ready to report, 30 minutes was given that they might make out their reports.

#### **DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

We your committee on document and order of business report as follows.

1. We recommend that the next session of the association convene with Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1959 at 9:30 a.m.

2. We recommend that Rev. T. L. Walker preach the Introductory Sermon at 11:00 o'clock, and that Rev. J. L. Lavender 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 \$10.00 minute funds. Report adopted. Committee discharged. W. M. Joyner, Chairman.

#### **DEVOTION**

We your committee on devotion make a final report. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Walker preach at the close of session today. Report adopted. Committee discharged. E. L. Fields, Chairman.

#### **FINANCE**

We your committee on finance report as follows: We have at this session collected \$156.00 minute funds and \$23.00 State minute funds. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. Larence Lynn, Chairman.

#### **TEMPERANCE**

We your committee on temperance wish to make the following report. Most people think that temperance only covers alcohol, but it reaches much further. The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things. Alcohol might be

our number one problem but we feel that anger is our number one enemy. When we fight a losing battle, we lose our temper and get mad, then throw up and quit. Or do we get behind the winner and help just as much as if we had won. We believe that a self controlled Christian is a temperate Christian. We also believe that temperance is not emphasized enough from our pulpits and in our Sunday School classes.

Therefore we ask that this 108 session of this association to set aside one month as temperance month, namely January, and that each church devote at least one Sunday of this month to temperance. So let us all ever emphasize that great and noble one our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was a temperate man. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman.

#### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

MT. MORIAH—Bro. C. C. Gore, Sis. Nellie Herrell.

MACEDONIA—Bro. J. V. Stokes, Sis. Bertie Stokes.

SHILOH—Bro. Jessie R. Herring.

TABERNACLE—Bro. Elgin Malone, Bro. Archie Sketeon, Sis. Minnie Cunningham.

MT. ZION—Bro. Lee Harless.

ALICEVILLE—Bro. Olen Nolen.

UNION HILL—Bro. Andrew Acker.

Reports adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman.

After report on deceased members the business of the association was called and prayer by Rev. H. E. Crawford and song, "Precious Memories" was sung in remembrance of the deceased ones.

#### **MORAL REFORM**

We your committee wish to submit the following report. We recommend that each member attend church every Sunday and take part in the service. That is the best way to raise the moral standard of our children and grown ups too.

We need to live a more consecrated christian life in our homes.

We recommend that each pastor and leader try to provide a place for each one to work. We should furnish christian entertainment in our church such as Sunday School singing to discourage our young people from going to worldly places. We feel if more emphasis is placed on the above things it will bring up the moral standard of our young people and churches. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. H. E. Crawford, Chairman.

#### **EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE**

We your committee wish to submit the following report.

We have one young man who desires to further his education to become a



minister of the gospel. We appreciate the educational opportunities we have with christian influence.

We recommend greater interest in spiritual education and stronger support of our publication. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee wish to submit the following report. We find that twelve of our churches have Sunday School, with an average attendance of 164. We also find that one third of our members attend Sunday School. We find that 95 per cent of our teenage criminals never attend Sunday School. We also find that the major part of the finance of our children home is through Sunday School. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman.

### MISSIONS

We your committee on home mission report as follows. We recommend that the association elect an evangelist from year to year. We recommend that the pastors of each church take up an offering twice yearly or appoint a committee to take an offering with the pastors to appropriate money for an associational building fund.

We believe that the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist harmonize with the Bible one hundred per cent. We wish to see it grow in new fields, but we are financially handicaped. We recommend that the association appoint a committee to see after this business. We recommend that the pastors look for places to build new churches. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. Albert Montgomery, Chairman.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows.

So far as we know our ministers are sound in the faith. We feel that there is not the cooperation among our ministers that should be. We feel that our preachers should visit the different churches of association. We recommend that Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Olen Adams, names be placed on roll as license ministers. We your committee decline to recommend that Rev. R. Q. Larwood name to be added to the list of ordained ministers. Report adopted. Committee retained. L. B. Koon, Chairman.

### RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee submit the following report.

We wish to extend our thanks to Union Hill Church for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the association and pray Gods Blessing on them, and for the kindness they have shown us. We will continue to pray for them and if we never meet again we hope to meet them in the reunion in heaven. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. M. Montgomery, Chairman.

Moved and second that we elect an association evangelist by nomination. Rev. Albert Montgomery was elected. Moved and second that we elect a mission board the high man to serve 5 years. Bro. Raford Shephard, Rev. R. E. Tilley, E. O. Doughty, E. L. Fields, Willard Curry.

Moved and second that the moderator appoint delegates to Vernon association. Rev. J. E. Tilley. Rev. S. R. Lee with Bro. Lee McAdams was appointed, moved and second that the body elect delegates to state association. Bro. Brody Montgomery, Bro. Lewis J. Hollman were elected.

Moved and second that the moderator appoint delegates to the northeast Mississippi association. Bro. Frank Malone, Bro. J. O. Perrigin were appointed.

Moved and second that we adjourn to meet with Glen Echo Church one year hence. Rev. J. H. Tilley, Moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Ala.  
Rev. T. L. Walker, Rosedale Court, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownville, Ala.  
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.  
Rev. Edgar Jones, Rt. 1, Box 193, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Ala.  
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.  
Rev. S. R. Lee, Coker, Ala.  
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Box 831, Aliceville, Ala.  
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.  
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Ala. St., Columbus, Miss.  
Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525 18 St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321, 9th St., Northport, Ala.  
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.  
Rev. Charles Hollinghead, 804, 36th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.  
Rev. O. L. Fields, 303 Ala. St., Columbus, Miss.  
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. William Sullivan, Gordo, Ala.  
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry Ala.  
Licentate  
Rev. Olen Adams, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. Arlie Lynn, Northport, Ala.  
Rev. David Hayes, Northport, Ala.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	EX-PASTORS	Paid Ex-Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptised	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number Members	Minute Funds	Paid Children Home
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	Edna Gore, McShan, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	\$ 363.50	\$151.82	1	0	0	0	2	0	2-4	105	\$10.00	\$126.68
Macedonia, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	E. L. Fields, Millport, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	483.71	145.39	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	314	10.00	204.94
Shiolah, Pickens Co.	M. H. Hollis	R. F. Shephard, Gordo, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	1,000.00	135.25	0	0	1	0	1	2	1-3	163	12.50	107.43
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Alma Montgomery, Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	192.64	96.00	1	1	4	1	3	0	1	154	10.00	
Union, Pickens Co.	R. E. Tilley	Willard Curry, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	400.00	68.21	1	7	1	0	0	0	2-4	128	10.00	
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. L. Lynn	E. J. Watson, Northport, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	280.00	50.00	5	0	0	0	2	0	4	311	10.00	
Union Hill, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	W. N. Joyner, Carrolton, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	552.00	75.00	2	7	0	0	1	0	1-3	113	10.00	250.15
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	John C. Brown, Brownville, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	130.00		0	0	1	0	1	0	3	110	8.00	
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	Lewis Hallman, Sementha, Ala.	S. R. Lee	109.00	33.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	5.00	11.50
Glenecho, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	H. O. Fulgham, Carrollton, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	246.49	87.14	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	49	8.50	102.02
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. E. Tilley	Merle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	359.35	70.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	105	8.00	
Sardis, Tuscaloosa Co.	Leander McAdams	G. D. Skelton, Mooresbridge, Ala.	Leander McAdams	503.00		1	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	93	5.00	60.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens Co.	S. R. Lee	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	Willis Montgomery	283.00	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	10.00	98.00
Marys Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	T. L. Walker	Charles R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	T. L. Walker	570.00	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0		22	12.50	192.58
1st F. W. B. Church, Northport, Ala.	Charles Hollingshead	Essie Collins, Northport, Ala.	Charles Hollingshead	4,030.00	350.00	13	10	4	0	0	0	FT	228	12.00	385.93
1st F. W. B. Church, Aliceville, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	M. L. Bryant, Aliceville, Ala.	A. J. Lambert	1,550.00	65.00	0	0	6	0	0	0	2-4	79	5.00	42.32
1st F. W. B. Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	Western Fulgham, Jr., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	920.66	72.00	1	2	0	0	0	0	FT		10.00	
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa Co.	Edgar Jones	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Rt. 1											10	5.00	



#### DELEGATES ELECTED BY CHURCHES TO ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Sis. Vaudine Lancaster, Sis. Edna Gore, Bro. T. B. Smith.  
MACEDONIA—Bro. Lewis McAdams, Loy Shaw, E. L. Fields.  
SHILOAH—Bro. F. R. Shephard, Wilson Connell, Marlin Burkhalter.  
TABERNACLE—Bro. Clyde Maylone, Lewis Montgomery, G. M. Montgomery.  
UNION—Bro. Price Gray, S. R. Jones, Willard Curry.  
PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bro. Bill Sanford, John Gallay, C. T. Griffin.  
UNION HILL—Bro. W. N. Joyner, M. E. Perrigan, E. D. Robertson.  
MT. ZION—Bro. W. H. Brown, O. C. Treweek, John C. Brown.  
ESPY SPRINGS—Bro. Lewis J. Hollman, Belton Weaver, Lenord Lunford.  
GLEN ECHO—Bro. W. D. Windle, T. R. Sellers, Sis. Bertha Hogue.  
PLEASANT HILL—Bro. J. H. Harless, Edd Nichols, Sis. Merel Duren.  
SARDIS—Bro. J. L. Boswell, G. D. Shelton, Londo Robertson.  
HOLLIS CHAPEL—Bro. Howard Lathem, David Tilley, Billy Carl Jewell.  
MARYS CHAPEL—Bro. Sam Styron, Troy Aleston, Brady Dean.  
1ST F.W.B. NORTHPORT—Bro. Carl Oswalt, Lewis T. Winters, T. E. Logan.  
1ST F.W.B. ALICEVILLE—Sis. Culah Barton, Sis. Fay Lavender, Bro. Edward Noland.  
1ST F.W.B., TUSCALOOSA—Bro. Dolton Allen, Iva Bailey, Athor Johnston.  
BIG SANDY—Bro. C. H. Harbin, George Harbin, Sis. Janie Sue Harbin.

#### DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. J. S. Hinton, 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. J. McLoy, 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 MEETINGS

The Sixty Seventh session of the Mt. Moriah Union meeting was held with Union Church, Pickins County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1958, Saturday and Sunday.

After scripture reading by the moderator, Rev. H. E. Crawford and prayer by Rev. J. H. Tilley. The Union meeting was open for business. Bro. Lacy McAdams, Bro. Lewis Tilley were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches were handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll. Moved and second to put in delegates where any was absent. Moved and second that we elect moderator and clerk. Rev. H. E. Crawford was elected, moderator. Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk. After which the following committee were appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Bro. F. R. Shephard, T. B.

Smith, E. O. Doughty, J. H. Tilley, Bernice Wheat, with moderator and clerk.  
DEVOTION—Bro. John Brown, Lewis Montgomery, Lewis Tilley, Dolton Allen, Carl Oswalt, Frank Maylone, Arlie Lynn.

TEMPERANCE—Bro. T. R. Sellers, Bro. Windles, Lewis McAdams, Clifton Watson, Iva Jewell, Loy Shaw, Rev. T. L. Walker.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Bro. James Watson, J. O. Perrigan, James Lancaster, Joe McCool, J. E. Tilley.

HOME MISSION—Bro. Billie Koon, Bro. E. J. Watson, O. C. Treywack, Lewis Hollman, Tom Trull, O. W. McGee.

CHILDREN HOME—Sis. Vaudine Lanchaster, Lacy McAdams, W. N. Joyner, Bro. Osby, Willis Montgomery.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—Sis. Johnston, Lonzo Robertson, Hubert Morris, Edward Noland.

Rev. S. R. Lee brought the Introductory Message at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading Revelations 21:1.

After which was dismissed for the noon hour.

The body was then called together and the following business was transacted.

#### DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows.

1. We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting meet with Mt. Moriah Church, Pickins County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1959 at 9:00 a.m.

2. We recommend that Rev. M. Montgomery preach the Introductory message at 11:00 a.m. and Rev. Willis Montgomery be his alternate. Reports adopted, committee discharged. Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman.

#### DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion report as follows.

We recommend that Rev. Bobbie Pickrilley preach at the close of the business session today, Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 Sunday. Rev. J. E. Tilley preach at 11:00, Rev. Albert Montgomery at 2:00. Reports adopted. Committee discharged. Arley Lynn, Chairman.

#### TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance submit the following report.

We believe temperance to be one of our moral standards by which christians civilization is lived and maintained therefore we suggest we use all our influence and better judgement under all conditions to bring about a sincere action and thinking among our people.

Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. T. L. Walker, Chairman.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School report as follows.

We recommend that we improve our Sunday Schools as much as pos-



sible by inviting others to attend our Sabbath Schools. Since Sunday School is a study of the Bible and is profitable to all that takes part in it. We urge every member to study more and get as much good out of the lesson as possible. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. J. E. Tilley, Chairman.

### HOME MISSION

We your committee on home mission report as follows.

We find that the Home mission evangelist has been busy and is doing a good work. We wish to recommend that each church get behind this work with a greater interest. We recommend that the association appoint a committee to work with the home mission evangelist. Report adopted. Committee discharged. O. W. McGee, Chairman.

### CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows.

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

We urge more of our members to visit the home and see the need and accomplishment of these children. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman.

### RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows.

For the best progress of the church in general we urge the parents to go and carry their children to church. We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to Union Church and community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union meeting. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Herbert Morris, Chairman.

Moved and second to close the business part of the Union meeting to meet with Mt. Moriah church one year hence. Rev. H. E. Crawford, Moderator. Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk.

### SUNDAY SESSIONS

Rev. Willis Montgomery preached at 9:30 a.m. Scripture reading Romans 8:1-14. Text 14th verse. Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading Psalm 46:4. Rev. Albert Montgomery preached at 2:00 p.m. Scripture reading Daniel 7:25, Revelations 12:14.

Delegates attending Union meeting.

MT. MORIAH—J. L. Lanchaster, Sis. Vaudine Lanchaster, T. B. Smith.

MACEDONIA—Lewis McAdams, Lacy McAdams, Loy Shaw.

SHIOLAH—George Connell, Billy Koon, Marlin Burkhalter.

TABERNACLE—Lewis Montgomery, Bernice Wheat, Frank Maylone.

UNION—T. J. Lanchaster, Joe McCool, Willard Curry.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bill Sanford, E. J. Watson, Thomas Sanford.

UNION HILL—J. O. Perrigan, W. N. Joyner, L. R. Osley.

MT. ZION—John Brown, W. H. Brown, W. F. Winters.

EPSY SPRINGS—Lewis T. Hollman, Glen Echo, T. R. Sellers, Buster Windle, Ruth Huges.

PLEASANT HILL—Not represented.

SARDIS—W. L. Robertson, Mrs. W. L. Robertson, Tom Trull.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Lewis Tilley, Iva Jewell, Clifton Waters.

MARYS CHAPEL—Not represented.

FIRST F.W.B., NORTHPORT—Carl Oswalt, O. W. McGee, Hilton Hayes.

FIRST F.W.B., ALICEVILLE—Herbert Morris, Edward Noland, Sam Powell.

FIRST F.W.B., TUSCALOOSA—Emmit Doughty, Dolton Allen, Sis. Earline Johnson.

Ministers attending Union meeting.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, W. L. Lynn, Albert Montgomery, S. R. Lee, N. M. Sanford, T. L. Walker, M. Montgomery, J. E. Tilley, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, J. L. Lavender, H. E. Crawford, O. L. Fields, Leander McAdams and Willis 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 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.