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OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
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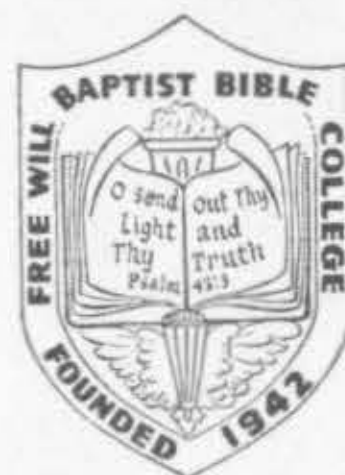
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MINUTES

The One Hundred and 9th session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with Glen Echo Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1959 Saturday, Sunday and Monday. October 10-11-12-1959.

Introductory sermon by Rev. T. L. Walker at 11:00 a.m. Saturday. The scripture reading Isiah 6:1-8. Subject Drifting.

After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

The body was called together at 1:30 p.m. by moderator, Rev. J. H. Tilley and the following business was transacted.

Brothers Rayford Shephard and Lacy McAdams was appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from various churches was handed in and read Delegates listed as per roll.

The body elected Rev. J. H. Tilley moderator. Rev. Leander McAdams as clerk.

Moved and second that Rev. Amon Kelley name be added to the list of ordained ministers by request of the Glen Echo Church.

Moved and second that the ordination service for Rev. Cecil Sellers and Rev. David Hayes and Rev. Arlie Lynn be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

After which the following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Brothers: O. W. McGee, Billie Koon, Bernice Wheat, Carlos Dawkins, Willard Curry, with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Brothers: Lewis Montgomery, Bro. Waters, Wilson Connell, Wilford Joyner, with deacons of the church.

FINANCE—Rev. S. R. Lee, Brothers: Lynn Jones, Loy Shaw, John Brown, Tullie Boswell.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. H. E. Crawford, Lacy McAdams, E. O. Doughty, Mason Jyles, Oschar Fulgham.

DECEASED MEMBERS—Rev. Arlie Lynn, L. J. Hollman, Buddy Lanchaster, Sister J. L. Lavender.

MORAL REFORM—Rev. J. L. Lavender, G. W. Harbin, Hilton Hayes, M. M. Koon, Murry Perrigan.

EDUCATIONAL, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. T. L. Walker, Ezra Morton, T. R. Sewers, W. T. Peeks, Sister Vaudine Lanchaster.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. J. E. Tilley, Tom Trull, Carl Oswalt, Sister Eulah Barton, Sister Ira Jewell, H. B. Tilley.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—Rev. M. Montgomery, W. A. Winters, Bill Sanford, Clyde Oswalt, Frank Maylone, Dolton Harbin.

We your Devotional committee make a partial report. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lynn preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Rev. J. L. Lavender at 11:00 a.m., Rev. J. H. Tilley at 1:30 p.m.

Moved and second that the business of the association be called off until 8:30 Monday.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. J. L. Lynn not being present the Devotional committee recommended that Rev. Edgar Jones preach instead.

A talk was made by Rev. J. L. Walker on the children Home. An offering was taken up for the home which amounted to \$61.00.

Rev. Edgar Jones preached at 10:15 Sunday, scripture reading 1st Psalm.

Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 11:00 a.m. The scripture reading Romans 13th chapter. Text 1st verse. Subject, Gods Will. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 1:30 p.m. Scripture reading Ephesians 2nd chapter 8th verse.

The ordination service for Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Cecil Sellers, Rev. Arlie Lynn was at 3:30. Conducted by Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. O. L. Fields.

MONDAY SESSION

After two songs by Brother J. O. Perrigin scripture reading by Rev. Leander McAdams. Prayer by Rev. H. E. Crawford. The association was open for business. The committees not being ready to make their reports thirty minutes was given for recess 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 Phillips Chapel Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1960.

2. We further recommend that the next session begin at 9:00 a.m. with reading of letters and seating of delegates, that all business may be finished on Saturday, and all committees discharged.

3. We recommend that Rev. Leander McAdams preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and Rev. H. E. Crawford be his alternate.

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

5. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 minute funds and \$2.00 State minute funds.

6. We recommend that each minister turn in his name and address and telephone number to the clerk that this may be brought up to date. A vote was taken on the second section of this report and the decision was given by moderator in favor of this section. Report Adopted. Committee discharged. O. W. McGee, chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee on Devotion make a final report.

We recommend that Rev. H. E. Crawford preach at the close of the session today.

Report adopted. Committee discharged. Wilson Connell, Chairman.

FINANCE

We your committee on finance report. We have collected at this session \$155.50 minute funds. \$25.00 state minute funds.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. S. R. Lee, chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance wish to make the following report.

Most people think temperance only cause is alcohol, but it reaches much further. The Bible teaches to be temperate in all things. Alcohol is a problem today, among our young people as well as our old ones.

May we be on our guard about the social offers of our children, as there are so many temptations in their lives. May we all help to organize christian socials in our communities for our children and place christian leaders to guide our children to avoid the temptations of alcohol.

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

DECEASED MEMBERS

We your committee report as follows.

Since we last met, God has called the following away.

MACEDONIA—Sister Lavado Smith, Bro. W. G. Hardin, Brother Curt Mathis.

SHILOH—Sister Lee Martin, Bro. Albert Burkhalter, Bro. John Cabiness.

TABERNACLE—Bro. Herman Baswell, Sister Ellen Wheat, Sister Julia Montgomery, Sister Adabell Ascraft.

UNION—Bro. Henry Ballard.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bro. Joe Hollman, Bro. Claudia Hollman, Sister Nannie Wright, Sister Fannie Sanford, Sister Annie Sanford, Sister Lavella Holloman.

UNION HILL—Bro. O. L. Harris, Sister Lona Gray.

PLEASANT HILL—Bro. O. L. Pearson, Sister Eula Pearson.

SARDIS—Bro. Tommie Driver.

1st FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA—Sister Nannie Hardy.

After report on deceased members, "Precious Memories" was sung. Led by Bro. E. O. Doughty and prayer by Rev. J. E. Tilley in remembrance of the deceased ones.

MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows.

In Isiah 6:2-10 we are admonished to lift up a standard. Since our religion is based on our morals we should endeavor to raise our morals to the very heights.

Therefore we should endorse the former report with such other measures as would permit us as christians.

Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lavender, chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee wish to submit the following report.

We wish to stress the importance of both literary and spiritual education.

We urge our members to use our own publication as much as possible. We recommend our churches to use our own literature including our Sunday School. Also our church paper.

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

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee wish to submit the following report.

We find that there is room for great improvement in our Sunday Schools since Sunday School is a Bible study. We recommend that our churches elect real christians for teachers. Someone that is able to explain the Bible to their class. We recommend that the Pastors assist in organizing a Sunday School in Churches where they do not have one. We find that one child out of every three, one youth out of every four and one adult out of every seven attend Sunday School. We also find that 99% of all criminals never attended Sunday School regular. This being true the Mt. Moriah Assn. needs to do a lot of work on our Sunday Schools.

Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. J. E. Tilley, chairman.

HOME MISSION

We your Home Mission Board report as follows.

We believe that the home mission work is one among the greatest movements of the Free Will Baptist. We would like to see greater interest and cooperation from our churches.

During the past year we purchased a tent 40-60 with block and tackle for \$750.00. We paid \$450.00 and owe a balance of \$300.00. We had one tent revival in Alberta City.

The home mission Board will meet at Shiloh Church on the 4th Saturday night in December, March, June, September. We ask all ministers, Deacons and the Executive Committee to meet with us.

We recommend the following recommendations.

We recommend that each Church or Sunday School take an offering quarterly during the year and send to the Home Mission Board.

We recommend that the amount of each offering be put on the statistical table of the minute.

Total in treasury	\$538.10
Total paid out	\$501.74
Balance in treasury	\$ 36.36

Bro. Rayford Shepherd, chairman. Rev. Raymond Tilley, S. T.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your executive committee report as follows.

We find all our ministers sound in the faith except Rev. Charles Hollinghead and Rev. Olen Adams. We recommend their names be dropped from our list of ministers. We also recommend that Rev. Cecil Sellers, Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. David Hays, Rev. Amon Kelley be added to the list of ordained ministers.

Report adopted. Committee retained. L. B. Koon, chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

We your committee wish to submit the following report.

We wish to extend our thanks to Glen Echo Church and community for the able manner they have taken care of us through this session of Association.

If we never meet again down here we hope to meet in Heaven.

Report adopted, Committee discharged. Rev. M. Montgomery, chairman.

Moved and second that we exclude the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Northport from our body on contempt of association.

Moved and second that we close the business session of association to meet with Phillips Chapel 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., Phone 9-5842
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Howton Sub. Drive, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Ala. St., Columbus, Miss., Phone 6172
Rev. H. C. Moore, 1525, 18th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321-9th St., Northport, Ala.
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownville, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. O. L. Fields, Columbus, Miss., Phone 5565
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Ala.
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Ala.
Rev. Cecil Sellers, Carrolton, Ala.
Rev. Amon Kelley, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Arlie Lynn, 2505, 12th St. Northport, Ala.
Rev. David Hayes, 903, 27th St., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownville, 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	Paid Home Mission
Mt. Moriah, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	Edna Gore, McShan, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	\$ 366.20	\$126.85	0	0	1	0	1	0	2-4	102	\$10.00	\$120.00	
Macedonia, Pickens Co.	Leander McAdams	E. L. Fields, Millport, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	524.07	120.00	11	0	9	0	3	0	1-3	214	10.00	182.60	77.58
Shiloh, Pickens Co.	M. H. Hollis	F. R. Shephard, Gordo, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	1100.00	197.25	8	0	3	0	3	0	1-3	165	10.00	117.09	75.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Alma Montgomery, Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	243.44	102.55	5	3	4	0	4	0	1	154	10.00		
Union, Pickens Co.	R. E. Tilley	Willard Curry, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	345.50	61.33	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	115	10.00		35.00
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	M. Montgomery	E. J. Watson, Brownville, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	168.05	32.00	8	4	7	0	6	0	4	316	10.00		
Union Hill, Pickens Co.	J. L. Lavender	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	522.00	80.00	0	1	6	0	2	0	1-3	104	10.00	233.00	24.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. L. Lynn	John C. Brown, Brownville, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	153.00		2	0	4	0	0	0	3	108	8.00		
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa Co.	S. R. Lee	Lewis Hallman, Semantha, Ala.	S. R. Lee	105.00		0	0	3	0	0	0	1	15	4.00	14.00	
Glen Echo, Pickens Co.	J. E. Tilley	H. O. Fulgham, Carrollton, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	232.07	79.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	49	7.00	100.00	25.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. E. Tilley	Merle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	J. E. Tilley	389.75	42.00	0	0	0	0	2	0	1-3	105	10.00	25.00	
Sardis, Tuscaloosa Co.	Leander McAdams	G. D. Skelton, Moores Bridge, Ala.	Leander McAdams	725.00	43.00	0	4	0	0	1	0	2-4	93	12.00	60.00	
Hattis Chapel, Pickens Co.	S. R. Lee	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	S. R. Lee	394.00	47.00	1	0	4	0	0	0	2	38	10.00	189.09	
Mary's Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	T. L. Walker	Charles R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	T. L. Walker	640.00	365.00	0	0	0	0	0	0		22	10.00	51.21	
1st F. W. B. Church, Aliceville, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	Mrs. Mason Giles, Aliceville, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	627.00	88.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	79	10.00	51.00	43.75
1st F. W. B. Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	Western Fulgham, Jr., Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	1192.00	70.00	5	37	0	0	1		FT	62	10.00		
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa Co.	Edgar Jones	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Edgar Jones										13	7.50		

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.

DELEGATES ELECTED BY CHURCHES TO ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Sister Ruby Gore, Vaudine Lancaster, Clemence Turnipseed.

MACEDONIA—Bro. Lewis McAdams, Loy Shaw, Caolis Dawkins.

SHILOH—Bro. Billy Koon, Wilson Connell, M. M. Koon.

TABERNACLE—Bro. Frank Malone, Bernice Wheat, Lewis Montgomery.

UNION—Sister Eula Curry, Bro. Lynn Jones, Willard Curry.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bro. Carl Oswalt, Clyde Oswalt, Bill Sanford.

UNION HILL—Bro. W. N. Joyner, E. D. Robinson, M. E. Purizin.

MT. ZION—Bro. Elek Winters, John Brown, W. F. Winters.

ESPY SPRINGS—Lewis J. Hollman, Sis. Mauline Hollman, Ida Rodgers.

GLEN ECHO—Sis. Ora Lee Cameron, Kate Fellghann, Bro. T. R. Sellers.

PLEASANT HILL—Sis. Ezra Martin, Bro. Ezra Martin, Dalton Hardy.

SARDIS—Bro. Tull Boswell, Tom Trull, Lonzo Robertson.

HATTIE CHAPEL—Bro. Clifton Walters, Harvell Tilley, Argyl Jewell.

MARYS CHAPEL—Bro. Sam Styron, Roland Dean, Sis. Brady Dean.

1ST F. W. B. CHURCH, ALICEVILLE, ALA.—Sis. Mason Giles, Eula Barton, Mattie Lavender.

1ST F. W. B. CHURCH TUSCALOOSA, ALA.—Bro. Hilton Hayes, Bob Fair, Emmett Doughty, Bro. George Harbin, Howard Harbin, Sis. Etta Harbin.

PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETINGS

The Sixty Eight session of the Mount Moriah Union meeting was held with Mount Moriah Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1959. Saturday and Sunday.

After scripture reading by moderator, Rev. H. E. Crawford reading the fourth chapter of Hebrews and prayer by Rev. N. M. Sanford, the Union meeting was open for business. Bro. Lacy McAdams and Bro. Homer Montgomery were appointed as reading clerks.

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

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Brothers: J. H. Tilley, Mason Giles, Carl Oswalt, Billie Koon, Edward Noland, with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTION—Brothers: Howard Latham, Albert Montgomery, J. W. Harbin, J. S. Woods with Deacons of church.

TEMPERANCE—Brothers: S. R. Lee, Harrison Sullivan, Cleburn Wiley, Milton Hayes, W. L. Burkhalter, Lacy McAdams.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Mrs. Mason Giles, Brother W. T. Peeks, Miss Mary Joe Price, Mrs. T. R. Sellers, Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster and Mrs. Ola Latham.

HOME MISSION—Brothers: W. M. Brown, T. R. Sellers, E. O. Doughty, Tullie Boswell, Sam Sullivan, Carlos Dawkins.

CHILDREN HOME—Brothers: J. L. Lancaster, Sister Bettie Tilley, Ira Jewell.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—Brothers: W. J. Holloman, W. N. Joyner, Early Robertson, Lewis Montgomery, John Brown. Rev. M. Montgomery brought the Introductory message at 11:00 A.M. Scripture reading, fourth chapter of Timothy. Text, St. Luke, 15th chapter, verse 5. After which the body was dismissed for the noon hour.

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

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows.

We recommend that the next session of the Union meeting be held with the First Free Will Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1960 at 9:00 o'clock.

We recommend that Rev. J. E. Tilley preach the Introductory sermon at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. R. E. Tilley be his alternate. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. J. H. Tilley Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee on Devotion report as follows.

We recommend that Rev. N. M. Sanford preach at the close of the session today. We recommend that Rev. S. R. Lee preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Rev. J. L. Lynn at 11:00 and Rev. J. E. Tilley at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Albert Montgomery be his alternate. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. Albert Montgomery chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance 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 judgement under all conditions to bring about a sincere action and thinking among our people. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Rev. S. R. Lee, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School report as follows.

We recommend that we do our best to improve our Sabbath School, by attending ourselves and inviting others to attend.

We urge the parents both Father and Mother to carry their children to Sunday School, as so much of the Bible is taught in Sunday School. This will help to develop the child's mind at an early age. We urge all members to study the Bible more and their Sunday School lesson, so we can get more out of it. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Mrs. Mason Giles, chairman.

HOME MISSION

We your committee on Home Mission report as follows.

We recommend that the leaders of the church stress the importance of Home Mission, so each member will realize the need of it. It is badly needed for we must first get our houses in order to make ourselves subject to help those about us. We recommend more churches support Home Mission so that the Free Will Baptist can grow in number and in the Grace of God. Report adopted. Committee discharged. T. R. Sellers 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 the accomplishment of these children.

We recommend that the report of the Children home be brought before the church each month. Report adopted. Committee discharged. James L. Lancaster, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

We your committee submit the following report.

We wish to extend our thanks to Mt. Moriah Church and community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union meeting and pray God's blessings on them. We will continue to pray for them and if we never meet again on earth we hope to meet in the reunion in Heaven. Report adopted. Committee discharged. Lewis J. Hollman, chairman.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. S. R. Lee preached at 9:30. The scripture reading 2nd Samuel. Text, have faith in God and thyself.

Rev. J. L. Lynn preached at 11:00. The scripture reading, St. Matt. 4:1-19.

Rev. J. E. Tilley preached at 2:00 p.m. The scripture reading, St. John 2:16.

Delegates attending union meeting.

MT. MORIAH—M. P. Gore, James L. Lancaster, Vaudie Lancaster.

MACEDONIA—Carlous Dawkins, Harrison Sullivan, Lacy McAdams.

SHILOH—Billy Koon, Marlin Burkhalter, Ola Latham.

TABERNACLE—Lewis Montgomery, Frank Maylone, Jerry S. Woods.

UNION—Lynn Jones, S. R. Jones, Lee Goodman.

UNION HILL—W. N. Joyner, W. H. Robertson, W. T. Peeks.

MT. ZION—W. M. Brown, John Brown.

ESPY SPRINGS—Lewis J. Holloman.

PLEASANT HILL—None present.

SARDIS—Tullie Boswell, Sam Sullivan, Londo Robertson, Lonzo Robertson.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Ira Jewell, Clifton Walters, Zettie Tilley.

MAYORS CHAPEL—None present.

First F. W. B., Northport—None present.

FIRST F. W. B., ALICEVILLE—Mason Giles, Mrs. Mason Giles, Edward Noland.

FIRST F. W. B., TUSCALOOSA—E. O. Doughty, Cleburn Wiley, Hilton Hayes.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Carl Oswalt, Bill Sanford, Clyde Oswalt.

BIG SANDY—George Harbin.

Ministers attending Union meeting.

Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. S. R. Lee, Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. Albert Montgomery, Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. Leander McAdams and Rev. N. M. Sanford.

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk.

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 judgement 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.