

MINUTES
of the
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Mount Moriah Association
of
Free Will Baptist
held with
UNION CHURCH

PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 12-13-1963



OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator

Aliceville, Alabama

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

416 Ala. St., Columbus, Mississippi

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. B. Koon

M. P. Gore

W. N. Joyner

Perry Montgomery

L. D. Tilley



The Next Session of This Association
Will Meet With Mt. Moriah Church
Pickens County Alabama on Saturday
Before the Second Sunday In October, 1964
At 9:00 O'clock

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MINUTES

The one hundred and thirteenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held at Union Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1963. Saturday and Sunday after two songs by Brother E. O. Doughty, Prayer by Brother Lewis Montgomery. Rev. J. L. Lavender brought the introductory message. Scripture reading came from the 20th chapter of St. Luke, verses 8-9. Text came from 19th verse.

Moved and seconded that we go into the business of the Association.

Brothers G. R. Crow and W. L. Burkhalter were appointed as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read. Delegates listed as per role.

Moved and seconded that we seat the delegates and place in any that might be absent.

Invitation was given for new churches. None recieved.

Visitors were seated with us. Brothers Lloyd Turner, Walter Fields, A. M. Wallas and V. R. Lay from Vernon Association; Bro. Lewis T. Winters, Progressive Association; Rev. M. H. Hollis, North-east Mississippi Association.

The body elected Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator and Rev. Leander McAdams, clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCCMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS - Brothers W. L. Burkhalter, E. L. Fields, Neuce Watson, Sam Stryon, W. N. Joyner with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION - Brothers O. W. McGee, B. L. Wheat, Loy Shaw, James Blakney with deacons of the church.

DECEASED - Brothers H. O. Fulgham, Lewis Holeman, T. A. Walters, Mary Harbin, Harrison Sullivan, John Fair.

TEMPERANCE - Brothers Wilson Connell, C. L. Griffin, Billy Carl Jewell, Burnice Tilley, W. F. Winters, F. W. Atcherson.

MORAL REFORM - Brothers Gardener Cameron, Hubert Morris, W. T. Peeks, J. C. Smith, Will Robertson.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - Brothers Bill Sanford, G. D. Skelton, Sisters Cherry Turnipseed, Vaudine Lancaster, Eula Parker.

SABBATH SCHOOL - Rev. J. H. Tilley, Sisters V. S. Holeman, Dutch Woods, J. L. Lancaster, James South, Sister Oschar Carpenter.

CHILDREN HOME - Rev. Lonnie Lynn, J. L. Goodman, W. H. Acker, J. W. Harbin, Murel Duren.

FINANCE - Brothers Dolton Brice, Ezra Morton, Claude Maylone.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES - Brothers J. P. Obryant, Sr., Paul Brooker, Lawrence Carpenter, A. T. Guy.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows, that we proceed on the usual order of business.

We recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Mt. Moriah Church, Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1964, at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that Rev. H. E. Crawford preach the introductory message at 9:15 o'clock and that Rev. Ottis Freeman be his alternate. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$45 for his service. We recommend that each church send \$10 minute funds and \$2 state funds. Report adopted, Committee discharged. W. L. Burkhalter, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows, that Rev. Ottis Freeman preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday (alternate Rev. J. L. Lavender), Rev. J. H. Tilley at 11:00 a.m. (alternate Rev. Leander McAdams), and Rev. H. E. Crawford at 2:00 p.m. (alternate Rev. Willis Montgomery). Report adopted, committee discharged. O. W. McGee, Chairman.

DECEASED

We your committee report as follows. We find that the following ones have been called from us.

MT. MORIAH - Sister Genie Cowart.

MACEDONIA - Sisters Kate Dawkins and Leavy Smith.

SHILO - Sister Koon.

TABERNACLE - Rev. S. R. Lee.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL - Sisters Arry Johnson and Sissey Phillips.

UNION HILL - Brother George N. Martin.

GLEN ECHO - Sister Lillie Pate, Rev. Amon Kelley.

PLEASANT HILL - Brother and Sister John Harless, Sr.

FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Aliceville - Sister Will Gamble.

After report on Deceased Members, "Precious Memories" was sung and prayer by Rev. T. A. Springfield in remembrance of them. Report adopted, Committee discharged. H. O. Fulgham, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: Temperance is a cause to be carefully considered.

We your committee believe that temperance should be taught more in our churches and homes. Not just strong drinks, but we should have temperance in all things.

The Bible teaches that one of the fruits of the Spirit is temperance. Report adopted, committee discharged. Wilson Connell, Chairman.

MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows: One way to improve our moral standard is to begin at home and teach our children high standards of christian living, to shun all the appearance of evil, that the moral standard of our homes will be the spiritual standard of our churches. We should cooperate with our sister churches that our moral standard might be raised.

We should live before men that our moral standard might lift up fallen men. Every church should have a league that they might get people interested in church. Report adopted, committee discharged. J. G. Cameron, Chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows:

We believe the Free Will Baptist to have the most sound doctrine, and we believe as members that we should be educated in our belief.

We recommend that when a new member is taken into our church that the church covenant be read and explained to them, because the precepts of this covenant are taken from the Bible. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine for reproof for correction for instructions in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16.

We recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist literature and have a qualified leader in each department.

We also recommend that the meeting of our Association be printed in our local newspaper so people will know what we believe. Report adopted, committee discharged. W. F. Sanford Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee make the following report:

We recommend that each church promote Sunday School but to always remember that Sunday School does not take the place of preaching. Through Sunday School we can teach each age group.

We recommend that we use Free Will Baptist literature. Report adopted, committee discharged. J. S. Woods, Chairman.

CHILDRENS HOME

We your committee make the following report:

We are proud to know of the improvements that are being made for the children's home and appreciate the way the officials are handling it.

We recommend that each one visit the home as often as possible. We recommend, also, that each church give as much as they can throughout the year. Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lyrn, Chairman.

FINANCE

We your committee report as follows:

We have collected the following:

Minute funds	\$163.80
State Minute funds	21.00
Taken up at Assn.	15.00
Total	<u>\$199.80</u>

HOME MISSION

We your Home Mission Board submit the following report:

We think that home mission work is making some progress in the Association. We had four fellowship meetings during the year. We believe that home mission work could improve more if every church would get behind it 100%. Brother Raford Shephard's term expires, and we ask the Association to re-elect him or someone else to take his place. Brother E. L. Fields has asked to resign due to his health.

We have two recommendations to make:

1. We recommend that each church elect, or appoint one member that is interested in his church to help promote fellowship among the various churches, and

2. We recommend a fifth Sunday meeting, that is to be held at a different church each time with the host church in charge.

Sample of Program: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School or Singing.
11:00 a.m. Preaching and Communion.
12:00 noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Singing or Preaching.

Report adopted, committee retained. Raford Shephard, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows:

We ask that the Association bear with Rev. Albert Montgomery for another year. So far as we know, all of our other preachers are sound in the faith. We ask that Brother Clinton Holeman's name be placed on the list of ordained ministers. We recommend that Brother W. E. Dean's name be dropped from the list of the Executive Committee because of his health. Report adopted, committee retained. Perry Montgomery, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows:

We wish to extend our thanks to Union Church and community for the able manner that they have taken care of us through this session of the Association and pray God's blessing on them.

Report adopted, committee discharged, Paul Booker, Chairman.

Brother Lewis Tilley was elected by the body on the Executive Committee in Brother W. E. Dean's place due to Brother Deans

failing health, and Brother F. W. Atcherson on the Home Mission Board in Brother E. L. Field's place. Brother Raford Shephard was retained on the Home Mission Board. Brother Shephard's time expired this year.

It was passed on at the session of 1962 Association that the Executive Committee rotate each year beginning with the oldest member, which did not appear in last years minutes. An offering was taken for the Childrens Home. Amount recieved -- \$47.22.

Delegates were appointed to State Association by moderator. Brothers O. W. McGee, Lewis Montgomery, Wilson Connell moved and seconded that we close the business of the Association to meet with Mt. Moriah Church one year hence.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator
Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev Ottis Freeman preached at 9:30 a.m. Scripture Matthew 7:21. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading, Ephesians 6th Chapter, subject: Wills of the Devil. Rev. H. E. Crawford preached at 2:00 p.m. Scripture reading, Acts 8:1-4, subject: Church on Trial.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama.
Rev. T. L. Walker, 915 29th Street Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownville, Alabama.
Rev. J. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama.
Rev. Edgar Jones, Rt. 1, Box 193, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Alabama.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Alabama.
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Hawton Subdivision, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama.
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Alabama Street, Columbus, Mississippi.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 9th Street, Northport, Alabama.
Rev. Arlie Lynn, Northport, Alabama.
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownville, Alabama.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownville, Alabama.
Rev. W. R. Sullivan, Gordo, Alabama.
Rev. O. L. Fields, 511 McCary Road, Columbus, Mississippi.
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Alabama.
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Alabama.
Rev. Cecil Sellars, Carrollton, Alabama.
Rev. David Hayes, 903 27th Street, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
Rev. R. L. Taylor, Brownville, Alabama.
Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Alabama.

Rev. Ottis Freeman, Brownville, Alabama.

Rev. Clinton, Holeman, Gordo, Alabama.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. V. Pool, Rev. J. S. Hinton, Rev. W. R. Lathem, Rev. A. M. Archie, Rev. E. W. Harbin, Rev. J. V. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson.

Rev. J. McLony, 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, Rev. Amon Kelley, Rev. S. R. Lee.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH - Sisters Vaudine Lancaster, Cherrie Turnipseed, Bro. Roy Plymond.

MACEDONIA - Brothers E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw, Harrison Sullivan.

SHILO - Brothers W. L. Burkhalter, John Fair, Wilson Connell.

TABERNACLE - Brothers B. L. Wheat, J. S. Woods, Claude May-lone.

UNION - F. H. Acker, Lee Goodman, Sister Geanitte Gray.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL - Brothers E. J. Watson, Bill Sanford, C. L. Griffin.

UNION HILL - Brothers W. N. Joyner, W. T. Peeks, W. H. Robert son.

MT. ZION - Brothers James South, W. F. Winters, Josh Smith.

ESPY SPRINGS - Brother L. J. Holeman, Sisters Sarah Holeman, Ida Rogers.

GLEN ECHO - Brothers H. O. Fulgham, J. G. Cameron, Colton Price.

PLEASANT HILL - Brother Ezra Morton, Sister Eula Parker, Mural Duren.

SARDIS - Brother and Sister G. D. Skelton.

HATTIS CHAPEL - Brothers Clifton Waters, Vernice Tilley, Billy Jewell.

BROOKWOOD - Sister Nora Willingham, Brother Sam Styron, Sister Abston.

ALICEVILLE - Brothers Paul Booker, J. P. Obryant, Sr., Hubert Morris.

FREE WILL BAPTIST, Tuscaloosa - Brothers A. W. McGee, Frank Atchenson, A. T. Guy.

BIG SANDY - Brother G. W. Harbin, Sisters Etta Harbin, Janie Sue Harbin.

REFORM - Brothers Lurence Carpenter, Junior Blackney, Sister Oscar Carpenter.

PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETING

The Seventy-second session of the Mt. Moriah Union meeting was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1963. Saturday and Sunday, July, 21-22, 1963. Introductory sermon was given by Rev. Willis Montgomery. Scripture reading Hebrews 10th chapter, from 16th verse through remaining part of chapter. Text: Jude 1-19 verses. After one song by Brother E. O. Doughty. Scripture reading by moderator, Rev. H. E. Cramford, reading the Psalm 126. Prayer by Rev. Larence Lynn.

The union meeting was opened for business.

Brothers W. N. Joyner, Marlin Burkhalter were appointed as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll.

Moved and seconded that we place in delegates where any were absent.

Moved and seconded to elect moderator and clerk, whereas Rev. H. E. Crawford was elected moderator, Rev. Leander McAdams was elected clerk.

After which the following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Brothers W. N. Joyner, Dutch Woods, E. L. Fields, Jamie Driver, with moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION

Brothers Marlin Burkhalter, Lewis Montgomery, Wilborn Brown, S. R. Jones, Lacy McAdams, with deacons of the church.

TEMPERANCE

Brothers E. O. Doughty, Lonie Lynn, Early Robertson, Sister L. J. Holeman, Richard Noland, Orlene Carpenter, Lula Parker.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Sisters J. L. Lavender, Mae Driver, Brothers W. L. Burkhalter, J. L. McAdams, Sister Harbin.

HOME MISSION

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Sammie D. Gray, Larence Carpenter, Brother Sanford, Billie Jewell, Earnest Tilley, Joe McCool, Morris Crawford.

CHILDREN HOME

Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brother Edd McCool, Brothers W. F. Winters, H. O. Fulgham, Jessie Curry, Brother South, Sue Cowart, Roy Plymond.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Clerks and Addresses	Ex-Pastors	Paid Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptised	Recieved By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number Members	Minute Funds	Paid Children's Home	Paid Home Missions
Mt. Moriah Pickens County	M. H. Hollis	Cherry Turnipseed Ethelsville, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	\$1,348.40	\$180.00	1	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	101	\$10.00	\$299.90	
Macedonia Pickens County	Leander McAdams	E. L. Fields Millport, Ala.	Leander McAdams	634.79	137.18	0	0	1	0	2	0	1-3	210	10.00	228.56	\$25.00
Shiloh Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	Marlin Burkhalter Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	1,267.28	155.00	4	0	4	0	1	0	F.-T.	157	10.00	134.85	30.00
Tabernacle Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Almer Montgomery Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	492.17	100.00	0	3	2	0	1	0	1-3	145	10.00		
Union Pickens County	H. E. Crawford	Betty Joe Miller Gordo, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	341.00	61.00	0	1	0	0	1	0	2-4	109	10.00		
Phillips Chapel Tuscaloosa Co.	Ottis Freeman	E. J. Wattson Starrt Northport, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	297.42	0	19	0	2	0	2	0	2-4	310	10.00		
Union Hill Pickens County	J. R. Collins	W. N. Joyner Carrollton, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	430.16	100.00	2	1	2	0	1	0	1-3	98	10.00	130.00	12.00
Mt. Zion Tuscaloosa Co.	Ottis Freeman	John C. Brown Brownville, Ala.	Ottis Freeman	210.00	32.00	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	100	10		
Espy Springs Tuscaloosa Co.		L. J. Hallman Samantha, Ala.	S. R. Lee	51.00	22.00	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	18	3.00	11.00	
Glenn Echo Pickens County	G. P. Perkins	Gladys Noland Carrollton, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	713.83	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2-4	57	8.00	121.00	
Pleasant Hill Tuscaloosa Co.	David Hayes	Murle Duren Ethrod, Ala.	Amon Kelley	500.00	85.00	0	0	1	0	1	0	1-3	44	5.00	86.00	5.00
Sardis Tuscaloosa Co.	Arlie Lynn	G. D. Skelton Moorsbridge, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	433.30	68.00	0	5	2	0	0	0	2-4	90	10.00	60.00	10.00
Hattis Chapel Pickens County	Arlie Lynn	J. D. Tilley Ethelsville, Ala.	S. R. Lee	115.00	115.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	10.00	15.88	
Brookwood Tuscaloosa Co.	Albert Montgomery	C. R. Dean Brookwood, Ala.	Thomas Pugh	250.00	235.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	2-4	22	10.00	37.55	
1st FWB Church Aliceville Ala.	David Hayes	Elene Noland Aliceville, Ala.	Amon Kelly	420.00	0	0	0	2		1			70	10.00	30.92	12.00
1st FWB Church Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	Wester Fulgham 3611, 2nd. Ave. Tusc.	J. H. Tilley	2,670.77	125.00	1	4	0	0	0	0	F-T	94	10.00		
Big Sandy Tuscaloosa Co.	Arlie Lynn	C. H. Harbin Tuscaloosa, Ala.	T. L. Walker	342.62	14.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-5	11	10.00		
1st FWB Church Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	Julia Klostermann Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	608.00	175.00	9	2	11	0	0	0	F-T	27	10.00	31.00	

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Brothers Clinton Holeman, Fayette Montgomery, T. H. Bosewell, Hubert Morris.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend the next session of this union meeting convene with Phillips Chapel Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1964 at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that Rev. J. H. Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 o'clock and that Rev. Ottis Freeman be his alternate. Report adopted, committee discharged. W. N. Joyner, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend that Rev. R. E. Tilley preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Rev. Arlie Lynn be his alternate. Rev. O. L. Fields preach at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Leander McAdams as his alternate. Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. J. H. Tilley as his alternate, Rev. Ottis Freeman preach this afternoon.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Marlin Burkhalter, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend that each pastor preach a sermon on temperance each year, and that it be taught in Sunday School, especially among the young people. Each teacher should stress the importance of regular church attendance. Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. J. L. Lynn, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows:

We believe in studying to show our self approved unto God as a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15) We urge each church to elect qualified teachers for each class. We ask the pastors to stress the importance of a good Sunday School. Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman.

HOME MISSION

We your Home Mission Board report the following:

We believe that interest in mission has improved some. We had three meetings; one with Union Hill Church, one with the First Free Will Church of Tuscaloosa, and one with Sardis Church. All seemed to be very succesful.

We ask that all churches make a donation each quarter for the home mission work.

We remind you again of the tent and urge the preachers to use it more in the future.

We have two recommendations to make. They are:

1. We recommend that each church elect or appoint one member that is interested in his church to help promote fellowship among the churches, and that they meet together as often as they see fit at different churches during the year.

2. We recommend a fifth Sunday meeting and that it convene with different churches each time with the host church in charge of the meeting.

This is just an outline of the program:

10:00 a.m. Sunday School or Singing
11:00 a.m. Preaching and Communion
12:00 noon Lunch with each church bringing lunch
1:00 p.m. Singing or preaching.

Raford Shephard, Chairman.

TREASURER REPORT

At the Association in 1962, the balance in the treasure was \$201.09.

Church donations:

SHILO	\$30.00
MACEDONIA	5.00
SARDIS	5.00
MR. M. F. GORE	5.00
MRS. J. T. LENDZY	5.00
LEWIS MONTGOMERY	5.00
Meeting at Tuscaloosa	16.46
	<hr/> \$71.46
TOTAL IN TREASURE	\$272.55

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee make the following report:

We recommend that each church give one Sundays offering to the home so we can understand more about their needs. Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. W. L. Lynn, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report the following:

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the First Free Will Church of Reform and community in the able manner they have taken care of us through this session of the Union meeting.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Perry C. Holeman Chairman.

An offering was taken for the Children Home amounting to \$60.14.

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

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

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. R. E. Tilley preached at 9:30 a.m. Scripture reading, Romans 12:1-5. Text: verse 1.

Rev. O. L. Fields preached at 11:00 a.m. Scripture reading, Proverbs 29:18, Psalms 142-42.

Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 2:15 p.m. Scripture reading, St. John 15:1-10. Subject, Abiding in the Vine.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. O. L. Fields, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. Ottis Freeman, Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. N. M. Sanford, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. Willis Montgomery, Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. Albert Montgomery.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH - Brother Roy Plymon, Sister Sue Cowart, Cherry Turnipseed.

MACEDONIA - Brothers E. L. Fields, Loy Shaw, Lewis McAdams.

SHILOH - Brothers W. L. Burkhalter, John Fair, Marlin Burkhalter.

TABERNACLE - Brothers Lewis Montgomery, B. L. Wheat, Clifton Malone.

UNION - Brothers S. R. Jones, S. D. Gray, Joe McCool.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL - Brothers Bill Sanford, Fayette Montgomery, C. L. Griffin.

UNION HILL - Brothers W. N. Joyner, M. E. Perrigin, E. D. Robertson.

MT. ZION - Brothers W. H. Brown, W. F. Winters, John Brown.

ESPY SPRINGS - Brother Lewis J. Holeman, Sister Ida Rogers, Sarah Holeman.

GLEN ECHO - Brothers Gardner Cameron, Oscar Fulgham, Ellis Acker.

PLEASANT HILL - Brother John Harless, Jr., Sister J. C. Curry, Eulah Parker.

SARDIS - Brothers Marshall Robertson, Jamie Driver, Tule Boswell.

HATTIS CHAPEL - Brothers Clifton Walters, Bernice Tilley, Zettie Tilley.

BROOKWOOD - not present.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Aliceville - Brother J. P. Obryant, Paul Brooker, Hubert Morris.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Tuscaloosa - Brothers Moris Crawford, Hilton Hayes, E. O. Doughty.

BIG SANDY - Brother H. C. Harbin, Sister Etta Harbin, Kattie Harbin.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Reform - Brother Rayford Noland, Sister Elene Carpenter, Brother Bill Larence Carpenter.

WHEN CHURCHES WAS ORANIZED AND WHO BY

MT. MORIAH - 1846 - By Rev. Ellis Gore

MACEDONIA - 1847 - By Rev. Ellis Gore

SHILOH - 1874 - By Rev. Ellis Gore, Rev. Thomas Malone

TABERNACLE - 1875 - By Rev. Ellis Gore, Rev. Bill McGee

UNION - 1891 - By Rev. Wood Springfield

PHILLIPS CHAPEL - 1893 - By Rev. W. J. Harbin

UNION HILL - 1908 - By Rev. Wood Springfield

MT. ZION - 1902 - By Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. B. Montgomery

ESPY SPRINGS - 1924 - By Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. W. E. Harbin

GLEN ECHO - 1936 - By Rev. T. L. Walker

SARDIS - 1930 - By Rev. W. J. Harbin

1st F.W.B. CHURCH ALICEVILLE - 1948 - By Rev. J. L. Lavender

1st F.W.B. CHURCH TUSCALOOSA - 1957 - By Rev. J. H. Tilley
Rev. H. E. Crawford

BIG SANDY - 1958 - By Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. Albert Montgomery

1st F. W. B. CHURCH REFORM - 1958 - By Rev. O. L. Fields

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ART. 1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, self exiestent 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 consequences 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 Epistle 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 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 case 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 use 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 or heresay, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping 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 the 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 benovelent institutions such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work etc.