

MINUTES  
of the  
One Hundred and Fourteenth  
Annual Session  
of the  
**Mount Moriah Association**  
of  
**Free Will Baptist**  
held with  
**Mount Moriah Church**

PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 10 and 11, 1964

Officers:

Rev. J. L. Lavender ..... Moderator  
Aliceville, Alabama

Rev. Leander McAdams ..... Clerk  
416 Alabama St., Columbus, Mississippi

Executive Committee:

L. B. Koon  
M. P. Gore

W. N. Joyner  
L. D. Tilley

Lewis Montgomery

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION  
WILL MEET WITH SARDIS CHURCH,  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN OCTOBER, 1965, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK



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### PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fourteenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held at Mt. Moriah Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1964 (October 10 and 11). After singing and prayer, Rev. H. E. Crawford brought the introductory message. Scripture reading came from the third chapter of First Corinthians and the subject was, "How Shall We Build?"

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

Brothers W. L. Burkhalter and Lewis Tilley 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 received.

Visitors were seated with us: Rev. Robert Collins, W. R. Lay, Paul Kettiman, A. J. Lambert, Lewis Holley, and Lewis T. Winters.

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

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Brothers Sam Styron, James L. Lanchester, Joe McCool, Murry Perrigan, Marlon Burkhalter, with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Brothers Claud Maylone, Lando Robertson, Lewis McAdams, Wilson Connell, Marlon Burkhalter, with Deacons of the church.

DECEASED—Rev. M. Montgomery, Brothers W. L. Junkins, Samuel D. Gray, Richard Dean, B. Brown, Harrison Sullivan, and R. D. Reynolds.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. Davis Hayes, Brothers Arthur Johnston, James South, D. C. Waters, Ezra Morton, and Marshall Smith.

MORAL REFORM—Rev. Wilis Montgomery, Brothers Clifton Maylone, Carl Oswalt, Gordon Camron, Loy Shaw, Sister Lillie Mae Carpenter.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. J. H. Tilley, Dalton Price, J. V. Holloway, C. H. Harbin, and Gannet Gray.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. H. E. Crawford, Sister Tilley, H. E. Guy, Sister Clemmet Turnipseed, J. P. O'Bryant.

CHILDREN'S HOME—Rev. Arlie Lynn, Brothers Gene Crow, Herman Sanford, Truman Traywick, Sister J. L. Lavender.



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**FINANCE**—Brother C. M. Hall, Sister C. M. Hall, and Rev. Ottis Freeman.

**RESOLUTION AND QUERIES**—Brothers Ira Jewell, J. C. Smith, George Connell, and Jerell Tilley.

### 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 Sardis Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1965, at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that Rev. Leander McAdams bring the introductory message at 9:15 a.m., and that Rev. Lonnie Lynn be his alternate. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$45.00 for his service. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 associational minute funds, and \$2.00 state funds. We also recommend that the association look into the youth programs as a part of the association.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Murry Perrigin, Chairman.

### DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 A.M., and that Rev. David Hayes be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. Ottis Freeman preach at 11:00 a.m. (alternate - Rev. Lawrence Lynn), Rev. Dewey Thomas preach at 2:00 p.m. (alternate - Rev. O. L. Fields).

Report adopted, committee discharged. Louis McAdams, Chairman.

### DECEASED

We your committee report as follows: We find that the following people have been called from us:

MT. MORIAH—Brother Borton Sansing.

SHILOH — Sister Zora Lathem, and Lillie Miller.

TABERNACLE—Sister Valma Montgomery Snider

UNION—Sister J. H. Gray, Brothers Wilburn Burkhalter, and Walter Springfield.

MACEDONIA—Brother Olie Shaw, Sister Ellen Kelley.

After report on deceased members, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung and prayer was given by Rev. M. Montgomery in remembrance of them.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Richard Dean, Chairman.

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### TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that temperance should be taught more in our churches and homes today than ever before. We believe that we should not only abstain ourselves of strong drink, but also of other things which might produce a stumbling block for others. We whole-heartedly believe that we should teach against the reading of obscene literature in all ages, especially among our young people. The Bible teaches that one of the fruits of the Spirit is temperance and this should be practiced among all christians.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. David Hayes, Chairman.

### MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that we live a moral life before our children and provide wholesome entertainment for them, and raise them in christian environment.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman.

### EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that the Free Will Baptist have the doctrine that the Bible teaches. We recommend that the church covenant and articles of faith be read in all of our churches. We recommend, also, that each church use Free Will Baptist literature and each teacher be one that is well qualified to teach.

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

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that each church of the association that does not have an organized Sunday School, organize one and support it regularly. The Sunday School plays an important part, in that it teaches our young people to begin to learn about the works and word of God. We urge all parents to go and carry their children, do not send them. Teachers and officers should be dedicated christians.

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

### CHILDREN'S HOME

A talk was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert on the children's home. This talk was enjoyed very much by everyone. After this talk, an offering of \$81.40 was taken.



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### FINANCE

We your committee report as follows: We have collected the following at this session:

Minute funds — \$151.00

State Minute funds — \$36.00

Report adopted, committee discharged. C. M. Hall, Chairman.

### HOME MISSION

We your committee report as follows: We believe that home mission has made some progress this year, but not as much as we would like to see. We have had our Fifth Sunday meetings on each fifth Sunday throughout the year, but the representation from each church has not been what we expected. We would like for each church to see that it is represented well in this coming year. Our fellowship meetings have had little interest during the year, and we would like to have some discussion from the floor as to whether we should discontinue them or not.

The committee on Home Mission has asked Brother Leander McAdams to visit each church during the year in behalf of home missions. For more information on this matter, please contact Brother Leander McAdams. We still have a tent and chairs to be used by those interested.

Brother Lewis Montgomery, who is finishing the term of Brother Willard Curry, has an expiring term, and we ask the association to reelect him or someone else.

#### Finance Report on Home Missions:

##### Church deposits:

Mt. Moriah .....	\$ 7.00
Shiloh .....	25.00
Union Hill .....	20.00
Sub Total .....	\$ 52.00
In Treasury .....	\$314.37
Total on Hand .....	\$366.37

Report adopted, committee retained. Raford Shephard, Chairman.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows: We find all our preachers in good standing except the case continued and Brother Cecil Sellors. We recommend that the association suspend his license until he makes suitable restoration to the association. We also recommend that the older preachers give the young people more opportunity to preach. We recommend that Brother Jessie Wayne Smith's name be listed as a licensed minister.

Report adopted, committee retained. M. P. Gore, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to Mt. Moriah Church and community for the able manner in which they have received and

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taken care of us through this session of the association.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Ira Jewell, Chairman.

Brother Lewis Montgomery, whose time expired this year, was retained on the Home Mission board. Voted to drop the fellowship meetings. Moved and seconded that we drop Brother Perry Montgomery's name from the Executive Committee, and that we place Brother Lewis Montgomery in his place.

Moved and seconded that the moderator will have the power to seat delegates at the State Association.

Moved and seconded that we close the business of the association and that we meet with Sardis Church one year hence.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator

Rev. Leander McAdams, Clerk

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Willis Montgomery preached at 9:30 a.m. Scripture: I Peter, Chapter 4, Text - 16th verse of 4th chapter. Rev. Ottis Freeman preached at 11:00 a.m., Scripture: Acts 26 - Text, 19th verse. Rev. O. L. Fields preached at 2:00 p.m., Subject — "What Kind of Fool am I?"

### 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, Howteon Subdivision, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama  
Rev. Leander McAdams, 416 Alabama Street, Columbus, Miss.  
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 North McCrary Road, Columbus, Miss.  
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Alabama  
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, 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 Hollman, Gordo, Alabama  
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### 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. McLay, 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, and Rev. S. R. Lee.

### DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Sister Cherry Turnipseed, Clemence Turnipseed, Brother James L. Lancaster  
MACEDONIA—Brothers Loy Shaw, Lewis McAdams, Harrison Sullivan  
SHILOH—Brothers Marlin Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, George Connell  
TABERNACLE—Brothers Lewis Montgomery, Claud Malone, Burnice Wheat  
UNION—Brother Joe McCool, Sisters Jeanette Gray and Elliott Gray  
UNION HILL—Brothers M. E. Perrigin, Huey Price, R. D. Reynolds  
MT. ZION—Brothers Josh Smith, James South, Truman Traywick  
GLEN ECHO—Brothers Gardner Cameron, Dalton Price, Burns Brown  
PLEASANT HILL—Brother Ezra Martin, Eula Parker  
SARDIS—Brother Lando Robertson, Brother and Sister Charlie Hall  
HOLLIS CHAPEL—Brothers Clifton Walters, Ira Jewell, Sister Jannifer Tilley  
BROOKWOOD—Brothers Sam Styson, Richard Dean  
ALICEVILLE—Brothers J. P. O'Bryant, Hubert Morris, Sister J. L. Lavender  
FREE WILL BAPTIST, TUSCALOOSA—Brothers Morris Crawford, Gene Crowe, A. T. Guy  
PHILLIP'S CHAPEL—Brothers Carl Oswalt, Herman Sanford, J. B. Holloway  
BIG SANDY—Brothers Marshall Smith, C. H. Harbin, Leon Owens  
REFORM—Sister Lillie Mae Carpenter, Brothers Lawrence Carpenter, Sercy Junkins

### PROCEEDINGS OF UNION MEETING

The seventy-third session of the Mt. Moriah Union Meeting was held at Phillip's Chapel, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1964 (July 25, 26). Introductory sermon was given by Rev. J. H. Tilley. Scripture reading - Romans 10. This sermon was enjoyed by everyone. After scripture reading by the moderator (Psalms 133), prayer was given by Rev. Lawrence Lynn.

The Union meeting was opened for business.

Brothers Lewis McAdams, and Lewis Montgomery were appointed

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as reading clerks. Letters from various churches were handed in and read. Delegates listed as per roll.

Moved and seconded to place in delegates where any were absent.

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

The following committees were appointed:

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Brothers Frank Malone, Wilson Connell, Lewis McAdams, S. R. Jones, Carl Oswalt, with Moderator and Clerk.

### DEVOTION

Brothers John Brown, Bill Latham, James South, Marlin Burkhalter, Loy Shaw, W. R. Crow, with Deacons of the Church.

### TEMPERANCE

Brothers James S. Driver, F. W. Alterson, Sisters Noland, Early Robertson, Leon Owens.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

Sisters Cherrie Turnipseed, Vivian Perrigin, Brother Jeff Sanford, Mrs. W. S. Junkins.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Brothers E. L. Fields, M. E. Perrigin, Arthur Johnston, Bill Sanford, Sister Mamie Parker.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Brothers Jude Smith, T. R. Sellers, Billy Jewell, T. L. Boswell, Sister Bertha Owens.

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting be held with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1965 at 9:00 a.m. We recommend that the business session begin at 9:15 a.m. We also recommend that Rev. Ottis Freeman bring the Introductory sermon at 11:00 a.m. (Alternate - Rev. Arlie Lynn).

Report adopted, committee discharged. Wilson Connell, Chairman.

### DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend that Rev. David Hayes preach at 9:30 a.m. Sunday (Alternate - Rev. Willis Montgomery), Rev. Dewey Thomas preach at 11:00 a.m., (Alternate - Rev. Lonnie Lynn), Rev. Leander McAdams preach at 2:00 p.m., (Alternate - Rev. R. E. Tilley).

Report adopted, committee discharged. Marlin Burkhalter, Chairman.



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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTORS	Paid Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptised	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number Members	Minute Funds	Paid Children's Home	Paid Home Mission
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	M. H. Hollis	Cherry Turnipseed, Ethelsville, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	\$1,463.00	\$150.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	100	\$10.00	\$239.62	\$41.10
Macedonia, Pickens County	Ottis Freeman	Harison Sullivan, Millport, Ala.	Leander McAdams	809.84	166.76	2	0	4	0	2	0	1-3	207	10.00	199.42	
Shiloh, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	Marlan Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	1,810.53	161.00	3	2	0	0	3	0	FT	159	10.00	129.31	25.00
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa County	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	644.00	116.05	1	1	3	0	1	1	1-3	147	10.00		
Union, Pickens County	H. E. Crawford	Betty Joe Miller, Gordo, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	293.23	60.00	0	1	2	0	3	0	2-4	103	8.00		
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa County	Ottis Freeman	E. J. Watson, Star Rt., Northport, Ala.	Ottis Freeman	456.83		16	0	0	0	2	0	2-4	324	10.00		
Union Hill, Pickens County	J. R. Collins	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	J. R. Collins	597.50	103.27	0	2	1	0	3	0	1-3	96	10.00	130.00	20.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa, County	Lonnie Lynn	W. F. Winters, Brownville, Ala.	Ottis Freeman	240.00	66.00	3	3	0	0	3	0	1-3	95	10.00		
Espy Springs, Tuscaloosa County																
Glen Echo, Pickens County	Grover Perkins	Gladys Noland, Carrollton, Ala.	Grover Perkins	665.50	100.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	61	5.00	120.00	
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County	Lewis Holley	Murle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	David Hayes	450.00	100.00	0	0	1	0	0					41.00	
Sardis, Tuscaloosa County	Arlie Lynn	G. D. Skelton, Moorsbridge, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	426.35	50.00	1	1	2	0	0	0	2-4	87	10.00	60.00	
Hattis Chapel, Pickens County	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.,	Arlie Lynn	272.00	75.00	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	44	10.00		
Brookwood, Tuscaloosa County	Clyde Oswalt	C. R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	Clyde Oswalt	178.00	50.00	5	1	0	0	0	0	2-4	27	10.00	41.98	
1st FWB, Aliceville, Pickens County		Elene Noland, Aliceville, Ala.	David Hayes	575.00		0	0	1	0	0	0	2-4	69	8.00	22.79	
1st FWB, Tuscaloosa	J. H. Tilley	Edward L. McCool, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	2,675.00	160.00	5	8	0	0	2	0	FT	93	10.00	50.00	
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa County	Lonnie Lynn	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	501.60	34.00	2	14	2	0	0	0	2-4	24	10.00		
1st FWB, Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	Julia Kolstermann, Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	669.83	185.00	0	0	2	0	0	0	FT	23	10.00	51.00	



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### TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows:

Temperance is a cause to be carefully considered. We believe that temperance should be taught in our churches and homes. Moderation in alcoholic beverages, total abstinence is recommended in all forms of evil or vice.

Report adopted, committee discharged. James S. Driver, Chairman.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows:

We recommend that all churches have Sunday School and League. We stress that all teachers and pupils study their lessons to show ourselves approved unto God as a workman. We recommend that all teachers and superintendents be dedicated christians. We recommend that the pastors and deacons work with the teachers to get people interested in Sunday School, because we find that Sunday School and League are the upbuilding of our churches today.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Mrs. W. S. Junkin, Chairman.

### HOME MISSION

We your committee make the following report:

We would like to see more interest in the home mission work. The Association voted to have the fifth Sunday meeting, and the interest shown in it has not been what we would like to have seen. We urge each church and pastor to announce it well in advance, and to stress the need of as many from each church to be present as possible. Also we recommend more support to the fellowship committee and better attendance at their meetings during the year. We feel that there is a great deal of home mission work to be done in our association, but without the support of each preacher and church, it will be impossible for this committee or anyone else to accomplish the task to be done. We would like to remind the preachers of the tent and urge each one, if possible, to use it as there is a great field to be covered.

Report adopted, committee retained.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

We your committee report as follows:

We are proud of the improvements of the Children's Home and appreciate the way it is being handled. 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. We recommend

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that we take an offering for the home today. A total of \$53.50 was taken up.

Report adopted, committee discharged. E. L. Fields, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows:

We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to Phillips Chapel Church and Community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union Meeting, and we pray God's blessings on them.

Report adopted, committee discharged. T. L. Boswell, Chairman.

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

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

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. David Hayes preached at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Dewey Thomas preached at 11:00 a.m., and Rev. Leander McAdams preached at 2:00 p.m.

### MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. Edgar Jones, Rev. Albert Montgomery, Rev. Lonnie Lynn, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. Ottis Freeman, Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. J. H. Tilley, and Rev. Willis Montgomery.

### DELEGATES TO UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH—Sisters Cherry Turnipseed, Vivian Perrigin, Sue Cowart.

MACEDONIA—Brothers Carlos Dawkins, Loy Shaw, Lewis McAdams.

SHILOH—Brothers Marlin Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, Bill Latham.

TABERNACLE—Brothers Clifton Malone, Burnice Wheat, Lewis Montgomery.

UNION—Brothers S. R. Jones, S. D. Gray, J. H. Acker.

PHILLIP'S CHAPEL—Brothers Jeff Sanford, Carl Oswalt, Bill Sanford.

UNION HILL—Brothers M. E. Perrigin, E. D. Robertson, W. T. Peeks.

MT. ZION—Brothers Josh Smith, James South, J. B. Mixion.

GLEN ECHO—Brothers H. O. Fulgham, Rayford Noland, T. R. Sellers.



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SARDIS—Brothers T. L. Boswell, Jude Smith, James S. Driver.

HOLLIS CHAPEL—Brothers Clifton Walters, Billy Carl Jewell, Paul Tilley.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, TUSCALOOSA—Brothers F. W. Atchenson, G. R. Crowe, Arthur Johnson.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, REFORM—Sisters James Blakeny, Lillie Mae Carpenter, W. S. Junkins.

BIG SANDY—Sisters Mamie Parker, Bertha Owens, Brother Leon Owens.

### 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

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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 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 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



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to speak on all questions after all others have spoken, provided he appoints someone 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 member 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 Mt. 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 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,

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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 benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.