

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

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 9 and 10, 1965

Officers:

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

Rev. Raymond Tilley **Clerk**
Ethelsville, Alabama

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 UNION HILL CHURCH
PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER, 1966, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK**

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fifteenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held at Sardis Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1965 (October 9 and 10). After singing and prayer, Rev. Leander McAdams brought the introductory message. Scripture reading 1 John 3:1-8.

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

Brothers Louis Tilley and W. N. Joyner 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. A. J. Lambert, Rev. Cooley, A. M. Wallice, V. R. Lay.

The body elected Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator, and Rev. Raymond Tilley, Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Brother Winnie McGee, Carl Oswalt, Wilson Connell, John Fair, with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Brothers Carlos Dawkins, W. F. Winters, J. L. Lancaster, F. A. Acker, Frank Malone, with the Deacons of the Church.

DECEASED—Brothers Clifton Walters, S. R. Jones, Edward Noland, Oskar Fulghumm, sister Larance Carpenter.

TEMPERANCE—Brothers J. R. Galloway, Emmit Doughty, S. D. Gray, Herbert Morris, Richard Dean, and Rev. J. H. Tilley.

MORAL REFORM—J. C. Smith, Jack Wright, R. D. Ranolds, sisters Vaudine Lancaster, Cherry Turnipseed, and sister J. L. Lavender.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE — Rev. M. D. Welcher, Harrison Sullivan, Ira Jewell.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. Leanda McAdams, W. T. Peeks, B. A. Brown, Hermon Sanford, and sister Emmitt Doughty.

CHILDREN'S HOME—Sisters J. L. Kelly, Eular Parker, Emmile Smith, and Sister C. H. Harbin.

FINANCE—Brothers Gardner Cameron, Rayford Noland, C. H. Harbin.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES—Rev. Lonny Lynn, William Quembly, Sister Verttis Tilley.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows, that we proceed after the usual order of business, except to note that a recess be called while Moderator and Clerk compile delegates names and appoint committees.

We recommend that the next session of the association meet with

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Union Hill Church, Pickens County Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1966 at 9:00 A.M.

We recommend that Rev. O. L. Fields bring the introductory message at 9:15 A.M. and that Rev. J. H. Tilley be his Alternate.

We recommend that each Church send \$10.00 Associational minute funds, and \$5.00 state funds.

We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$50.00 for his service.

Report adopted, committee discharged. O. W. McGee, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion recommend that Rev. W. C. Aswalt preach at 9:00 A.M. and that Rev. Ottis Freeman be his alternate. Rev. J. H. Tilley preach at 11:00 A.M. (alternate Rev. Lonnie Lynn). Rev. Henry Crawford preach at 2:00 P.M. (alternate Rev. J. L. Lavender.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Carlos Dawkins, Chairman.

DECEASED

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

MT. MORIAH—Sister Annie Gore.

MACEDONIA—Bro. Melton Fields.

SHILOH—Bro. Ellis Latham, Bryce Anders.

TABERNACLE—Sister Nannie Wheat, Sister Lucy Montgomery.

PLEASANT HILL—Sister Anna Springer, Sister Mary D. Springer, and Sister Etta Holman.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bro. Cary Thomas, Sister Elese Phillips, Sister Annie Keller.

HATTIES CHAPEL—Bro. Bascom Martin.

BROOKWOOD—Sister Frances Dean, Sister Edna Creel.

MT. ZION—Sister Naomie Clark.

After report on deceased members, "Precious Memories" was sung and prayer was given by Rev. M. Montgomery in remembrance of them.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that temperance should be taught and practiced more in our churches and homes today than ever before.

It is our belief that the reading of our Bibles, on the subject of temperance, should be encouraged and practiced by each and every one of us. We believe that temperance covers a larger subject than is realized today. The Bible tells us that we should be temperant in all things, not

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only in strong drinks.

Report adopted, committee discharged. J. R. Galloway, chairman.

MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows: Our Churches are no better than the people that make up the Church. For this reason we should be concerned about our moral standards. Parents, we must emphasize the right kind of activities and provide them for our children who will be the leaders of tomorrow. Our youth of today greatly suffer from the lack of spiritual training and guidance.

Therefore we as Christian parents should live more Christ like lives.

Report adopted, committee discharged. J. C. Smith, Chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that the Free Will Baptist have the belief that the Bible teaches. We recommend that the articles of faith be read in all our Churches and that a copy of the minutes of our association be presented to each new addition to our faith so that he may become familiar with it. Also we recommend that each Church of our association use Free Will Baptist literature for Sunday School and other purposes.

Report adopted, committee discharged. M. D. Welcher, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that all churches if they do not have a Sunday School organize one. We stress that all teachers and pupils have well prepared lessons, that they can prove that they have studied to show their lives approved unto God. We recommend that all teachers and superintendents be consecrated Christians. We stress that all pastors and deacons work with the teachers to get people interested in Sunday School because we find that Sunday School is a great help in training our young people in the work of God.

Report adopted, committee discharged.

Rev. Leanda McAdams, Chairman.

CHILDRENS HOME

A talk was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert on the children's home.
An offering of \$78.02 was taken.

We your committee report as follows: We are proud of the improvements in the childrens home and are proud to have as superintendent Bro. Carlton Lambert. He is doing such a wonderful job and we are pleased with our trustees. We urge everyone to contribute to the home and visit the home.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Loys Shaw, chairman.

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FINANCE

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

Minute funds — \$156.00

State minute funds — \$37.00

Report adopted, committee discharged. J. G. Cameron, chairman.

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

The Crusaders for Christ would like to make this report:

We have met once a month. We have five churches actively participating. We have an average of 50 attendance each month. Our goal is to have young people from each church in the association participating in the youth organization. We have elected Rev. Raymond Tilley as our director replacing David Hayes. We try to have different type programs each month. We had two young preachers from our Free Will Baptist College in Nashville to speak at one of the meetings. Last Christmas we drew the names of the children at the children's Home and carried each one of them a gift of clothing. We enjoyed the Christmas spirit of the Home. We had a picnic in September. We feel that doing these different things together will cause the young people to have a grater interest in church work. We urge each church not already attending to attend these meetings.

Report received. Mary Ann Crawford, President; Barbara Plymon, Secretary.

HOME MISSIONS

The home mission board reports as follows: We feel like the home mission work in our association is making very little or no progress at all. There seems to be no interest in it, only a small percentage of our preachers and churches have responded to the home mission work since it began some seven years ago. We spent money to buy a tent which has only been used five times with very little support. Our association seems to be weaker than it was some years ago, yet we believe we have the teachings of the Bible. The results look as if we have more people against the work than we have for it. So we can see no further need at this time for the home mission board.

As chairman of the board I Raiford Shepherd offer my resignation.

Report received, committee discharged.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows: We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know. We recommend that Bro. M. B. Welcher be listed as a licensed minister, and Bro. J. W. Smith's name be continued as a licensed minister for another year.

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

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to Sardis church and people for the able manner in which they have received and taken care of us through this session of the association. We pray God's blessings on each one.

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

The Rules of Decorum was read by the moderator.

Moved and seconded that the moderator be in charge of the tent and chairs of the Association and that he appoint a committee of two to help

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him. Rev. Henry Crawford and Rev. Raymond Tilley were appointed.

Moved and seconded that the Home Mission Treasure be changed to the Association funds.

Moved and seconded that Bro. M. P. Gore be re-elected on the Executive committee.

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

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Moderator

Rev. Raymond Tilley, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. W. C. Aswalt preached at 9:00 A.M. Scripture: Titus, chapter 2, verse II. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture: St. John chapter 10 verse 1. Rev. Henry Crawford preached at 2:30 P.M. Scripture Ezekiel chapter 22 verse 22.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. T. L. Walker, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. M. Montgomery, Brownville, Alabama
Rev. J. T. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama
Rev. Edgar Jones, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Alabama
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Alabama
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Howton Subdivision, Tuscaloosa
Rev. Raymond Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama
Rev. Leanda McAdams,
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 9th Street, Northport, Ala.
Rev. Arlie Lynn, Brownville, 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

License: Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. M. B. Welcher.

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. J. V. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson, Rev. J. McLay, Rev. W. J. Coward, Rev. J. R. Roberson, 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 Kelly, and Rev. S. R. Lee.

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DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Bro. James Lancaster, Sister Vaudine Lancaster, and Sister Cherry Turnipseed.

MACEDONIA—Brothers Loy Shaw, Carlos Dawkins, Harrison Sullivan.

SHILOH—Brothers Wilson Connell, John Fair, Jack Wright.

TABERNACLE—Bros. B. L. Wheat, Clifton Malone, Lewis Montgomery.

UNION—Bros. S. D. Gray, F. H. Acker, S. R. Jones.

UNION HILL—Bros. W. N. Joyner, R. D. Reynolds, W. T. Peeks.

MT. ZION—Bros. Josh Smith, James South, J. B. Mizon.

GLEN ECHO—Bros. Burns Brown, Rayford Noland, Gardner Cameron,

PLEASANT HILL—Sisters Ola Mae Curry, Grace Tilley, Eula Parker.

SARDIS—Bros. T. L. Boswell, Jamie Driver, G. D. Skelton.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Bro. Ira Jewell, Bro. Clifton Walters, Sister Ira Jewell.

BROOKWOOD—Bro. M. D. Welcher, Bro. Richard, Sister M. D. Welcher.

ALICEVILLE—Bro. Edward Noland, Bro. Herbert Morris, Sister J. L. Lavender.

1ST FWB TUSCALOOSA—Bro. O. W. McGee, Bro. Emmit Doughty, Sister Emmit Doughty.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bros. Hermon Sanford, Carl Oswalt, Raiford Gallaway.

BIG SANDY—Bro. G. W. Harbin, Sister Katie Harbin, Sister Evie Lee Smith.

REFORM—Sister Lillie Mae Carpenter, Sister Jessie Lee Kelly, Sister Oscar Carpenter.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The seventh-fourth session of the Union Meeting was held with Tabernacle Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1965, Saturday and Sunday. Introductory sermon was given by Rev. Ottis Freeman. Scripture by the Moderator (Psalm 34) prayer by Rev. Claude Oswalt. The Union Meeting was open for business.

Brothers W. N. Joyner and Harrison Sullivan were appointed 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 elected moderator and Rev. Leanda McAdams clerk.

The following committees were appointed.

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Bros. Carl Oswalt, M. E. Perrigin, Hue Acker, E. J. Randoll, Marlin Burkhalter, Clifton Malone, with the deacons of the church.

TEMPERANCE

Sisters Lillie May Capenter, Wilda McAdams, Bros. S. R. Jones, Huey Price, W. F. Winters, Rev. Willis Montgomery.

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SABBATH SCHOOL

Sisters Leola Acker, Brenda McDaniel, Jessie Lee Kelly, Ruby Gore, Eula Parker, E. O. Doughty, Richard Hayes.

CHILDRENS HOME

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Mrs. Plymond, Ira Jewell, G. H. Harbin, T. L. Boswell, Harrison Sullivan.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

Sisters Ira Jewell, G. H. Harbin, Bros. Lither Burkhalter, J. L. Landcaster.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that the next session of the union meeting meet with Big Sandy Church Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1966 at 9:00 A.M. We recommend that Rev. Leanda McAdams preached the introductory sermon at 11:00 A.M. Rev. J. L. Lavender be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee discharged. W. N. Joyner, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lynn preach at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Clyde Oswalt be his alternate. Rev. M. Montgomery preach at 11:00 A.M. Rev. R. E. Tilley be his alternate. Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 2:30 P.M. The Crusaders for Christ preside at 1:30 P.M. and if time permits that Rev. H. M. Sanford preach this afternoon.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Carl Oswalt, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that temperance is the biggest problem we have in our homes today. We believe the home is the best place to teach our children, that we live temperant lives before them in words and deeds and try to teach others of this great evil.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Rev. Willis Montgomery, 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 and that teachers and superintendents be dedicated christians and a member of the church. We recommend that pastors, deacons, and teachers work together to get people interested in Sunday school and league because we believe that they are upbuilding to our churches.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Richard Hayes, Chairman.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTOR	Paid Pastors	Paid Helpers	Baptised	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting days	Number of members	Minute funds	Paid Children Home
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	M. H. Hollis	Cherry Turnipseed, Ethelsville, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	1,540.00	\$226.00	0	0	4	0	1	0	2-4	100	\$10.00	\$249.61
Macedonia, Pickens County	Grover Perkins	Harrison Sullivan, Millport, Ala.	Ottis Freeman	873.63	172.35	1	0	5	0	1	0	1-3	207	10.00	293.16
Shiloh, Pickens County	J. L. Lavender	Marlin Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	1,750.00	194.00	1	3	2	0	2	0	FT	160	10.00	208.13
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa County	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	667.38	110.00	1	0	0	0	2	0	1-3	146	10.00	
Union, Pickens County	H. E. Crawford	Betty Joe Miller, Gordo, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	211.50	60.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	2-4	103	8.00	
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa County	Ottis Freeman	E. J. Watson, Northport, Ala.	Ottis Freeman			8	1	1	1	3	0	2-4	332	10.00	
Union Hill, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	J. R. Collins	569.70	100.00	0	1	1	0	0	0	1-3	96	10.00	
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa County	Lonnie Lynn	W. F. Winters, Brownville, Ala.	Lonnie Lynn	265.00	50.85	6	1	2	0	1	0	1-3	85	10.00	
Glen Echo, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	Mrs. Burns Brown, Carrollton, Ala.	Grover Pirkens	691.41		4	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	65	5.00	
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County	Lewis Holley	Nurle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	Lewis Holley	185.96	50.00	1	0	1	0	3	0	1-3		5.00	154.80
Sardis, Tuscaloosa County	Lawrence Lynn	G. D. Skilton, Moorsbridge, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	269.00	47.00	0	2	1	0	0	0	2-4	88	10.00	60.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens County	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	294.00	62.00	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	44	10.00	
Brookwood, Tuscaloosa County	Clyde Oswalt	C. R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	Clyde Oswalt	350.00	330.00	0	2	0	0	2	0	2-4	27	10.00	58.00
1st FWB, Aliceville, Pickens County	Hollis Warren	Elene Noland, Aliceville, Ala.		94.00		0	0	1	0	0	0	2-3	69	8.00	
1st FWB, Tuscaloosa	J. H. Tilley	E. L. McCool, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	4,285.00	230.00	3	4	1	0	0	0	FT	99	10.00	
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa County	Lonnie Lynn	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Lonnie Lynn	298.88		0	2	0	0	0	0	2-4	26	10.00	
1st FWB, Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	Julia Kolstermann, Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	300.18	87.05	3	1	0	0	0	0	FT	27	10.00	

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CHILDREN'S HOME

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that each church visit the childrens home and support the needs as much as possible, that an offering be taken today for the home. \$50.67 received.

Report adopted committee discharged, Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows: We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to Tabernacle Church and community for the able manner they have taken care of us through third session of the union meeting and we pray God's blessings on them.

Report adopted, committee discharged. W. L. Burkhalter, Chairman.

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

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Moderator

Rev. Leanda McAdams, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. W. L. Lynn preached at 9:30 A.M. Rev. Raymond Tilley at 11:00 A.M.

Rev. J. L. Lavender at 2:30 P.M.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. M. Montgomery, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. T. A. Springfield, Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rev. Edgar Jones. Rev. Albert Montgomery, Rev. Willis Montgomery, Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Rev. Ottis Freeman, Rev. Leanda McAdams, Rev. W. R. Sullivan.

DELEGATES TO THE UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH—Bro. James Landcaster, Sister Ruby Gore, Sue Plyman.

MACEDONIA—Bros. Harrison Sullivan, Loy Shaw, Sister Wilda McAdams.

SHILOH—Bros. W. L. Burkhalter, Jack Wright, Marlin Burckhalter.

TABERNACLE—Bros. Clifton Malone, Burnice Wheet, Frank Malone.

UNION HILL—Bros. W. N. Joyner, M. E. Perrigan, Huey Price.

MT. ZION—Bros. James South, Josh Smith, W. F. Winters

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bros. Carl Oswalt, Hermond Sanford, Bill Sanford.

SARDIS—Bros. T. L. Boswell Charlie Hall.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Bros. Ira Jewell, Paul Tilley, Sister Argyl Jewell.

BROOKWOOD—By letter.

GLEN ECHO—Sister Brenda McDaniel, Bro. & Sister Hue Acker.

PLEASANT HILL — Sisters Eula Parker, Grace Tilley, William Quembly.

1ST FWB, TUSCALOOSA—Bros. Edgar Randolph, Dougless Tilley, Richard Hayes.

BIG SANDY—Bros. Marchall Smith, Clint Harbin, Sister Kate Harbin.

REFORM—Sisters Jessie Keating, Lillie Carpenter, Bertha Blakney.

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 principles 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 the 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 an 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 facilities and powers or from the force and operation of the free will since man in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of the divine benefits.

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; Act. 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 12:14, Ezek. 18:24, Rev. 2:3, 1st Tim. 4:1, 1st Cor. 10:12, and 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 subject.

Art. 11. We believe the Lords supper is a perpetual obligation by

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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 Lords 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 open 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 be entitled 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 comprising 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.

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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 depart 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 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.