

MINUTES
of the
One Hundred and Sixteenth
Annual Session
of the
Mount Moriah Association
of
Free Will Baptist
held with
Union Hill Church

PICKENS COUNTY, ALABAMA

October 8 and 9, 1966

Officers:

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

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Clerk
Ethelsville, Alabama

Executive Committee

L. B. Koon
M. P. Gore

W. N. Joyner
L. D. Tilley

Marris Crawford

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION
WILL MEET WITH TUSCALOOSA CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA
ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER, 1967 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and sixteenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with Union Hill Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1966 (October 8-9). After singing and prayer by Rev. A. J. Lambert the introductory Message was brought by Rev. O. L. Fields Scripture reading St. John 4th chapter.

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

Bros. Louis Tilley and W. N. Joyner were appointed as reading clerks. Letters from the 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. Cooly, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Rev. Hollis Warren, Rev. G. W. Perkins.

The body elected Rev. J. L. Lavender as Moderator and Rev. R. E. Tilley as clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Rev. J. H. Tilley, Marlin Burkhalter, Carl Oswalt, T. R. Sellars, Joe McCool, with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTIONS—L. D. Tilley, James Landcaster, McKenly Montgomery, Claud Malone, Carlos Daukins, with the deacons of the Church.

DECEASED—Rev. H. E. Crawford, Sister Hubert Plymon, Sister Genattee Gray, W. T. Peeks, Josh Smith and Lando Robertson.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. Arlie Lynn, Clifton Malone, Sister Vaudine Landcaster, Ethyl Wilburn, Wilson Connell, Mervill Wheat.

MORAL REFORM—M. E. Perrigan, J. G. Cameron, H. B. Acker, James Robertson, Walter Driver, Tullie Boswell.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. Willis Montgomery, Richard Dean, Frank Atcherson, Sister J. L. Lavender, Lillie Mae Carpenter, Elgie Smith.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev. Lawrence Lynn, Loys Shaw, R. D. Reynolds, Herbert Morris, Lavert Jacobs, Hilton Hays.

CHILDREN HOME—Rev. M. D. Welcher, Billy Dean, W. M. Quemby, Louie Cooper, Lavadar Jewell, Willie Lee Tilley.

FINANCE—S. D. Gray, G. Wharbin, Dallis Hartly, Marshall Smith, Truman Guy, Marris Crawford.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES—Hermon Sanford, Sister Daisy Jenkins, Ruth Hudson, L. B. Koon, James South, Robert Smith, Julier Klosterman.

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DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee on documents and order of business report as following. We recommend that the next session of the association meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1967 at 9:00 A.M.

We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach the introductory sermon at the 9:00 o'clock hour and that Bro. R. E. Tilley be his alternate.

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

We recommend minute fund the same as last year.

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

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion recommend that Bro. Arlie Lynn preach at 9:00 o'clock and that Bro. J. L. Lavender preach at 11:00 and Bro. J. H. Tilley preach at 2:00 o'clock.

Report adopted committee discharged. Louis Tilley, Chairman.

DECEASED

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

MOUNT MORIAH—Bro. Howard Fant, Bro. Rolliert Harrell.

MACEDONIA—Bro. Andrews Shaw, Bro. Jim Stokes, Sister Mary Lou Stokes.

SHILOH—Sister Vellie Hickman, Sister Raxie Estes.

TABERNACLE—Sister Annie Loftis.

UNION—Bro. Earnest H. Pool.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Lona Hager.

MT. ZION—Tempie Smith.

SARDIS—Bro. Wesly Hudson.

BROOKWOOD—Sister Ella Sexton

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

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: The words of St. Luke 21:34 so aptly express our views "And take heed to yourselves lest at any-time your hearts be over charged with surfiating and drunkenness and cares of this life and so that day come upon you unawares." Each phase of the above mentioned verse should be stressed with equal importance in regard to temperance. Our committee urges each church to emphasize temperance more and to prayerfully ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to have complete control of our lives.

Report adopted committee discharged. Rev. Arlie Lynn Chairman

MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows. Our churches are no better than

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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 at home.

Report adopted committee discharged. Murry Perrigin, Chairman

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows. We recommend that the articles of faith be read in our churches. Because we beleive that we have the true articles of faith that does comply with the Holy Scriptures.

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

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on sabbath schools report as follows. We recommend that all churches that do not have a Sunday School to organize one. We recommend that parents go and carry their children rather than send them. We feel that child training should stand in the home and further proceed in Sunday School.

We believe that there will be less chance of a child going astray if they are brought up in Sunday School.

Report adopted committee discharged. Rev. W. L. Lynn, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on the children home report as follows. We recommend that each church of the association contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the children home. We also recommend that all churches who can send a vesitation committee to the home at least once each quarter. We also recommend that a collection be taken at each session of the meeting for this purpose.

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

A talk was given by Rev. A. J. Lambert on the children home.

An offering of \$67.26 was taken.

FINANCE

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

Minute funds—\$155.65

Report adopted committee discharged. S. D. Gray, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows. We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know except Bro. Ottis Freeman. We are

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taking his case under consideration for another year. We recommend that Bro. Leanda McAdams name be dropped as he has joined another association. We also recommend that Bro. J. W. Smiths name be added to the list of ordained ministers.

Report adopted, committee reteained. L. B. Koon, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows. We would like to thank the members of Union Hill Church and people for their warm welcome and kindness showed to us and the efforts put forth to make this a successful association. May God bless each one who took part.

Report adopted committee discharged. Herman Sanford, Chairman.

The body elected Bro. Marris Crawford to the executive committee replacing Louis Montgomery, who offered his resignation.

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

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Arlie Lynn preached at 9:00 A.M. Scripture: St. Matt. 7th chapter Text 13th verse. Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 11:00, Scripture Romans 1st chapter Text 20 verse. Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 2:00 P.M. Scripture St. Luke 8th, chapter. Text 5th verse.

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. E. 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, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama
Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2321 9th Street, Northport, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Brownville, Alabama
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Brownville, Alabama
Rev. Arlie 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
Rev. J. W. Smith, Brookwood, Alabama
License: Rev. M. B. Welcher

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DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, Rev. J. T. Nabors, Rev. W. W. Pool, Rev. J. S. Henton, 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. Cowert, 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. Spincer, Rev. Amon Kelly, Rev. S. R. Lee.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Bro. James Landcaster, Sister Vaudine Landcaster, Cherrie Plymon.

MACEDONIA—Bros. Carlos Dawkins, Loy Shaw, Mervill Wheat.

SHILOH—Bros. Marlin Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, Sister L. B. Koon.

TABERNACLE—Bros. McKinley Montgomery, Clifton Malone, Claud Malone.

UNION—Bros. S. D. Gray, S. R. Jones, Sister Jeanette Gray.

UNION HILL—Bros. M. E. Perrigan, R. D. Reynolds, W. T. Peeks.

MT. ZION—Bros. Josh Smith, Robert Smith, J. B. Mixon.

GLEN ECHO—Bros. T. R. Sellars, H. B. Acker, J. G. Cameron.

PLEASANT HILL—Bros. William Quemby, Louie Cooper, Sister Ethel Wilburn.

SARDIS—Bros. Tullie Boswell, James Robertson, Charlie Hall.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Bro. Louis Tilley, Sister Willie Lee Tilley, Lavader Jewell.

BROOKWOOD—Sister M. D. Welcher, Bro. Billy Dean, Buster Nicholson.

ALICEVILLE—Bros. Herbert Morris, Lavert Jacobs, Sister J. L. Lavender.

TUSCALOOSA—Bros. Jesse Overton, Frank Atchison, Morris Crawford.

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

BIG SANDY—Bros. Marshal Smith, Dallas Hartley, Sister Evie Lee Smith.

REFORM—Sisters Daisy Junkins, Ruth Hudson, Julia Klostermann.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The seventh-fifth session of the Union Meeting was held with Big Sandy Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1966, Saturday and Sunday. Introductory sermon was given by Rev. Leanda McAdams. Scripture reading Gen. 45th chapter text 8th verse. After song and then prayer by Rev. Willis Montgomery, scripture reading by Rev. H. E. Crawford, moderator, and prayer by Rev. Lonnie Lynn. The Union Meeting was open for business.

Brothers Wilson Connell and Lacy McAdams 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 was elected moderator. Rev. R. E. Tilley elected clerk.

After which the following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Wilson Connell, W. N. Joyner, Loys Shaw, Lando Robertson, James Landcaster, with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION

Bros. Harrison Sullivan, John Brown, James South, Murry Perrigan, Sister Louis Tilley, with the deacons of the Church.

TEMPERANCE

Bros. Lacy McAdams, Clifton Malone, Bernice Wheet, Jamie Driver, Larence Carpenter, Larence Lynn.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Bros. Emmit Doughty, Marlin Burkhalter, Clyde O'Swalt, Early Dean, Sisters Larence Carpenter, James Landcaster, Betty Joe Miller.

CHILDREN HOME

Bros. Charley Hallman James South, Clifton Walters, Louis Latham, M. D. Welcher.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

Bros. Frank Malone, Bill Sandford, H. O. Fulgham, Louie Cooper, William Quimby, Sister Clifton Walters.

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DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee report as following: We recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Phillips Chapel Church in Tuscaloosa County on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July 1967, at 9:00 A.M. O'Clock.

We recommend that Bro. J. L. Lavender preach the introductory sermon at 9:00 O'Clock and that Bro. Arlie Lynn be his alternate.

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion report as following: We recommend that Bro. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 A.M. Bro. Arly Lynn be his alternate. Bro. Raymond Tilley Preach at 11:00 A.M. Bro. Ottis Freeman be his alternate. Bro. Herbert Tilley Preach at 2:30 P.M. Bro. Clyde Oswalt be his alternate. We recommend that Bro. G. P. Perkins, one of our visiting preachers, preach at the close of this session if time permit.

Harrison Sullivan, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as following: We believe that temperance should be taught and practiced more in our churches and homes than ever before. It is our belief that the reading of the Bible be encouraged more in our churches and homes, since temperance covers such a large subject, and to be abstained from strong drinks.

Lacy McAdams, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as following: We recommend that each church take advantage of Sunday School as a means of teaching the pure doctrine in this time when our spiritual freedoms are so quickly being taken from us. We urge you not only to carefully study the Sunday School literature but to use the bible as the main guide for teaching. For churches that do not have a Sunday School we humbly ask you to cooperate with your pastor and members to provide this important phase of work.

We further recommend that each church furnish needy organizations (Children Home, Home for Aged, Mental Hospital) with our surplus literature so they may also lean on the words of life provided through the Sunday School.

Rev. Lawrence Lynn, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on the Children Home recommend that each church in the association elect a committee of two to visit the Home and report to the church each quarter. We also recommend that each church of the association make a donation to the home at least once a month.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTOR	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number of members	Minute Fund	Paid Children Home
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	M. H. Hollis	Cherry Turnipseed, Ethelsville, Ala.	M. H. Hollis	\$1,671.00	\$152.00	0	1	3	0	2	0	2-4	89	\$10.00	\$ 89.99
Macedonia, Pickens County	G. W. Perkins	Harrison Sullivan, Millport, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	1,007.75	135.50	0	3	5	0	3	0	1-3	202	10.00	382.13
Shiloh, Pickens County	J. L. Lavender	Marlin Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	1,908.88	203.00	0	3	2	0	2	0	F-T	161	10.00	133.19
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa County	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	797.23	114.60	3	2	2	0	1	0	1-3	146	10.00	
Union, Pickens County	H. E. Crawford	Betty Joe Miller, Gordo, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	490.05	60.00	4	3	0	0	1	0	2-4	104	10.00	
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa County	J. L. Lynn	E. J. Watson, Northport, Ala.	Ottis Freeman	350.00		6	0	1	0	1	0	2-4	340	10.00	
Union Hill, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	702.00	100.00	4	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	102	10.00	132.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa County	W. L. Lynn	F. F. Wenters, Brownville, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	300.00	97.17	2	2	0	1	1	0	1-3	88	10.00	
Glen Echo, Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	Burns Brown, Carrollton, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	824.47		0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	65	10.00	89.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa County	Lewis Holly	Murle Duren, Elrod, Ala.	Lewis Holley	368.26	50.00	2	0	1	0	0	0	1-3		5.65	75.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa County	J. L. Lynn	G. D. Skelton, Moorsbridge, Ala.	W. L. Lynn	336.30		0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	57	10.00	60.00
Hattis Chapel, Pickens County	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	325.00	65.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	45	10.00	
Brookwood, Tuscaloosa County	Clyde Oswalt	C. R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	Clyde Oswalt	350.00	335.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	F-T	27	10.00	58.50
1st FWB Aliceville, Pickens County	Hollis Warren	Elene Noland, Aliceville, Ala.	Hollis Warren	840.00	70.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	69	10.00	23.61
1st FWB Tuscaloosa	J. H. Tilley	E. L. McCool, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	5,075.00	250.00	1	6	2	0	0	0	F-T	99	10.00	
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa County	J. L. Lynn	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	306.87		2	0	0	0	0	0	F-T	26	10.00	
1st FWB Reform, Pickens County	Arlie Lynn	Julia Kolsterman, Reform, Ala.	O. L. Fields	339.00	112.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2-4	28	10.00	50.00

Association Funds—\$450.10

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We recommend that a donation be taken for the home at each session of the Union Meeting.

Rev. W. C. O'Swalt, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as following: We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to Big Sandy Church and community for the wonderful way 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. J. F. Malone, Chairman.

An offering was taken for the Children Home amounting to \$16.00.

An offering was taken for the aged amounting to \$53.79.

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

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Willis Montgomery Preached at 9:30 A.M. Scripture reading.

Rev. Raymond Tilley preached at 11:00 A.M. Scripture reading Matt. 16th chapter text 18th verse.

Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 2:00 P.M. Scripture reading 2nd Timothy 6th chapter text 7th verse.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. H. E. Crawford, Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. Raymond Tilley, Rev. J. L. Lynn, Rev. W. L. Lynn, Rev. Arlie Lynn, Rev. W. B. Welcher, Rev. Leanda McAdams, Rev. Willis Montgomery, Rev. G. P. Perkins, Rev. O. L. Fields.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH—Sisters Ruby Gore, Vaudine Landcaster and Bro. Buddy Landcaster.

MACEDONIA—Bros. Lacy McAdams, Loys Shaw, Harrison Sullivan.

SHILOH—Bros. Marlin Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, Louis Latham.

TABERNACLE—Bros. Clifton Malone, Bernice Wheat, Frank Malone.

UNION—Bros. S. R. Jones, S. D. Gray, Sister Betty Jo Miller.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bros. Carl Oswalt, E. D. Watsom, Bill Sandford.

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

MT. ZION—Bros. James South, Willburn Brown, W. F. Winters.

GLEN ECHO—Bros. Rayford Nolond, H. O. Fulghum, J. G. Cameron.

PLEASANT HILL—Bros. Wilburn Quimby, Louie Cooper, Sister Ethel Wilburn.

SARDIS—Bros. Jamie Driver, Charlie Hall, Lando Robertson.

HATTIS CHAPEL—Bro. Clifton Walters, Sisters Ruth Walters, Willie Lee Tilley

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

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ALICEVILLE—Not present.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH TUSCALOOSA — Bros. Emmett Doughty, Frank Atchison, Morris Crawford.

BIG SANDY—Bros. George Harbin Sr. George Harbin Jr. Marshal Smith.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH REFORM—Sister Daisy Junkins, Bertha Blakney, Lawrence Carpenter.

WHEN CHURCHES WAS ORGANIZED 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 W. J. Harbin.

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

UNION—1891—By Rev. Wood Springfield.

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.

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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 are equiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts. 1:32 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. 4:1; Heb. 3:5; 1st. Cor. 10:12-22 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,

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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 judgment and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

Art. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized through their pastors to invite Christians of all orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches to commune with us at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be called to order by the moderator who presided at the last session, the former clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

Art. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

Art. 3. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association. A majority of votes by delegates present elect.

Art. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as necessary during the session.

Art. 5. A majority of the delegates shall rule in all cases except the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

Art. 6. The moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in 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.

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