

MINUTES
of the
One hundred and seventeenth
Annual session
of the
Mount Moriah Association
of
Free Will Baptist
held with
The First Free Will Baptist Church
of TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA
October 7 and 8, 1967

Officers

Rev. J. L. Lavender Moderator
Rev. R. E. Tilley Clerk

Executive Committee

L. B. Koon
M. P. Gore

Marris Crawford

W. N. Joyner
L. D. Tilley

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION
WILL MEET WITH PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA
ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND
SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1968 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and seventeenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1967. After singing and prayer by the introductory message was brought by Rev. J. L. Lavender scripture reading **Roman 12:1-2**.

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

Bros. W. N. Joyner and Lewis Montgomery 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;

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 H. E. Crawford, Louis Latham, Frank Malone, Murry Perringan, Vergal Powell with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Gardner Cameron, James Landcaster, Louis Tilley, Herbert Marris, with the deacons of the church.

DECEASED—Rev. J. H. Tilley, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. George Harbin, A. T. Guy, Jammie Driver.

TEMPERANCE—Rev Willis Montgomery, Clifton Waltors, Carl Oswalt, V. F. Frazier, Rev. N. M. Sanford, Jack Wright.

MORAL REFORM—Marlin Burkhalter, Hugh Acker, S R. Jones, Loy Shaw, Louis McAdams, Lando Robertson.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—Rev. Arlie Lynn, Calvin Wicker, S. D. Gray, R. D. Reynolds, Mrs. Daisy Junkins, Mrs. Ruth Hudson.

SABBATH SCHOOL—Rev Larance Lynn, David Tilley, C. H. Harbin, James Landcaster, Mrs. Bertha Blakney.

CHILDREN HOME—Louie Cooper, William Quemby, Richard Dean, Frank Atcherson.

FINANCE—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noland, Harvy Harless, Zetty Tilley.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES—Mrs. Turnipseed, G. D. Skelton, Rev. O. L. Fields.

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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 Pleasant Hill Church in Tuscaloosa county on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1968 at 9:00 A. M. We recommend that Bro. Lonnie Lynn preach the introductory sermon at 9:00 A.M. and Bro. Willis Montgomery be his alternate. We recommend that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid 50.00 for his service. We recommend that each church send the amount of minute fund that they wish to.

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

DEVOTION

We, your committee on devotion recommend that Rev. G. W. Perkins preach at 9:15 A. M. Willis Montgomery be his alternate, Bro. H. E. Crawford at 11:00 A.M. J. H. Tilley be his alternate, Bro. Clyde Oswalt at 2:00 P.M. J. L. Lynn be his alternate.

Report adopted committee discharged J. G. Cameron Chairman

DECEASED

MT. MORIAH — Mr. Earlie Whitten
MACEDONIA — Mr. Richard Fields, Mr. Early Dean, Mrs. Ida Logan.
SHILOH — Mr. Bill Burkhalter
TABERNACLE — Mr. Jim Sullivan, Mr. Marrice Ramsey, Mrs. Agnes Logan.
Phillips Chapel — Mr. Cleveland Montgomery, Mrs. Ritter Kyzer.
UNION HILL — Mrs. Lizzie Guy, Mrs. Ethel Conner, Mrs. Erma Perrigan.
GLEN ECHO — Mrs. Ruth McElroy
PLEASANT HILL — Mr. Sam Pierce
MT. ZION — Mrs. Dora Winters, Mrs. Ellen Halloway.
SARDIS — Mrs. Ida Sullivan, Mrs. Annie Sullivan.
BIG SANDY — Mr. Leon Owens.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as following. We know temperance is a broad field, the Bible teaches to be temperant in all things. We believe temperance ought to start in the homes. When we see temperance practiced in our homes we will see the fruits of labor in our younger generation.

Report adopted committee discharged Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman.

MORAL REFORM

We your committee report as follows, our churches are no better today than the people that make up the church for this reason we should be concerned about our moral standards. We recommend that we live a

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Christian life before our children and provide wholesome entertainment for them and raise them in christian environment.

Report adopted committee discharged Marlin Burkhalter, Chairman

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows; We recommend that all educational programs and literature come from Free Will Baptist presses. We also recommend that our articles of faith be considered and studied more often.

Report adopted committee discharged. Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows; There is a dire need for Sunday School today in this era of spiritual decline and restricted worship. A child's spiritual thoughts begin at an early age, they must begin in the home and continued in Sabbath School. They can receive religious training on their own age level. Sabbath School also gives children whose parents do not attend church a chance to go and learn about God. Sabbath School also furthers the fruits of knowledge by attendance. We urge that the selection of Sabbath School officers be carefully and prayerfully chosen. We further urge parents to carry their children to Sabbath School instead of sending them.

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

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on childrens Home report as follows: We 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 at least once a month to the home. We also recommend that a donation be taken for the home at each session of the union meeting or association.

Report adopted committee discharged.

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

An offering of \$78.12 was taken

FINANCE

We your committee report as follows: We have collected the following, Minute funds- \$155.65

Report adopted committee discharged. Edward Noland, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows: We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know. We recommend that Ottis Freemans name be dropped as he has joined another denomination. We recommend that Bro. Monroe Hallmans name be listed as an ordained minister. We recommend that all our ministers attend the association each year and fellowship with us and any that fail to attend without good excuse for

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three years their name will be dropped from the ordained ministers list.
Report adopted committee retained. L. B. Koon, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows. We would like to thank the members of First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa for their warm welcome and kindness shown us and the efforts put forth to make this a successful association. We would also like to commend the ladies on the wonderful meals. May God bless each one of you.

Report adopted committee discharged Mrs. Clemence Turnipseed, Chairman.

Moved and seconded to close the business of the association and that we meet with Pleasant Hill church one year hence.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. G. W. Perkins preached at 9:15 A.M. Rev. H. E. Crawford preached at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Clyde Oswalt preached at 2:00 P.M.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev T. A. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. T. L. Walker, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. M. Montgomery, Northport, Alabama
Rev. J. E. Tillry, Ethelsville, Alabama
Rev. Edgar Jones, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. N. M. Sanford, Peterson, Alabama
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Alabama
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Alabama
Rev. H. E. Crawford, Northport, Alabama
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Northport, Alabama
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Northport, Alabama
Rev. Arlie Lynn, Northport, Alabama
Rev. W. R. Sullivan, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. O. L. Fields, Columbus, Mississippi
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Alabama
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Alabama
Rev. David Hayes, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. R. L. Taylor, Northport, Alabama
Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. Clinton Hollman, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. J. W. Smith, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. Monroe Hallman,

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. Cowart, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. W. B. Montgomery Rev. Wood Springfield, Rev. E. F. Pool, Rev. J. D. Biars, Rev. J. M. Perkinson, Rev. W. J. Harbin, Rev. J. M. Spincer, Rev. Amon Kelly, Rev. S. R. Lee.

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DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH — Bro. and Sister James Landcaster, Mrs. Clemence Turnipseed.

MACEDONIA — Bros. Loy Shaw, Lewis McAdams, Harrison Sullivan.

SHILOH — Bros. Marlin Burkhalter, Jack Wright, Louis Latham.

TABERNACLE — Bros. Calvin Wicker, Frank Malone, V. F. Frazier.

UNION — Bros. S. R. Jones, Sammie D. Gray, Vergil Powell.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL — Bros. Carl Oswalt, Hermon Sanford, John Galloway.

UNION HILL — Bros. Murry Perrigan, W. N. Joyner, R. D. Reynolds.

MT. ZION — Bro. Harvey Harless.

GLENECHO — Bro. & Sister Cameron, Hugh Acker.

PLEASANT HILL — Bros. Louie Cooper, William Quemby, Sister Dolly Cooper.

SARDIS — Bros. Jammie Driver, Lando Robertson, G. D. Skelton.

1ST FWB ETHELSVILLE — Bros. Clifton Walters, Louis Tilley, Sister Zetty Tilley.

BROOMWOOD — Richard Dean, Sam Styron, Sister Eula Lewis.

1ST FWB ALICEVILLE — Bros. Herbert Morris, Edward Noland, Sister Elene Noland.

1ST FWB TUSCALOOSA — Bros. A. T. Guy, David Tilley, Frank Atcherson.

BIG SANDY — Bro. C. H. Harbin, Sister Claron Harbin, Janie Smith

1ST FWB REFORM — Sisters Daisy Junkins, Bertha Blakney, Ruth Hudson.

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. M. Montgomery, J. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, Arlie Lynn, Lonnie Lynn, Lawrance Lynn, Clyde Oswalt, Edgar Jones, O. L. Fields, Willis Montgomery, N. M. Sanford.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Hollis Warren, Roy Barnes, M. H. Hollis, A. J. Lambert, G. P. Perkins, Thurman Murphy.

Moved and second to retain Bro. L. B. Koon on the executive committee.

Moved and second to sell the tent and chairs and that the moderator and clerk with H. E. Crawford be in charge of selling it.

Rev. J. L. Lavender resigned as trustee of the children home.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION MEETING

The Seventh-sixth session of the Union Meeting was held with Phillips Chapel Church Tuscaloosa county, Alabama on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1967, Saturday and Sunday. Introductory sermon was given by Rev. J. L. Lavernder, text Nehemiah 4th chapter 6th verse. After song and prayer, the moderator read the 27th chapter of Psalm.

The Union Meeting was open for business.

Brothers Wilson Connell and Harrison Sullivan were appointed as reading clerks. Letters from the various churches were handed in and read, delegates listed as per roll.

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

Moved and seconded to elect moderator and clerk, Rev. H. E. Crawford was elected moderator and Rev. R. E. Tilley elected clerk.

After which the following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Wilson Connell, Kelvin Wicker, W. N. Joyner, Clifton Walters, S. R. Jones, With the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION

Louis Tilley, Edward McCool, Frank Malone, Murry Perrigan, Esra Martain, Sammie Powell, Jammie Driver, with the deacons of the Church.

TEMPERANCE

Bros. Harrison Sullivan, Louis Montgomery, Louis Latham, Duglass Tilley, George Connell, G. D. Skelton, Sisters Dot Perrigan, Eula Parker, Daisy Junkins.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Bros. Richard Dean, H. Harbin, Billy Dean, John Nicholson, Sisters Bonnie Hudson, Juli Klostermann, Thelma Hill.

CHILDREN HOME

Bros. Frank Atcherson, James Robertson, John Brown, Lacy McAdams, Sister Ruby Gore, Katie Harbin.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

Bros. William Quemby, Luther Noland, Daniell Hill, Louie Cooper, and Zetty Tilly, Evie Lee Smith.

DOCUMENT AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee on document and order of business report as following:

We recommend that the next session of the union meeting convene with Union church in pickens county on Saturday before the fourth Sun-

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day in July 1968 at 9:00 A.M. O'clock. We recommend that Bro. J. H. Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 A. M. and that Bro. H. E. Crawford be his alternate. We recommend that the moderator and clerk absent themselves from the body and compile delegates to the committees. We recommend that each church think about reinstating with the state association and be ready for a decision by the time our association convenes in October.

W. N. Joyner Chairman

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotions recommend that Bro. J. W. Smith preach at 9:00 A.M. Bro. Crawford be his alternate. Bro. J. H. Tilley preach at 11:00 A.M. Bro. Perkins be his alternate. Bro. R. E. Tilley preach at 2:30 P.M. Bro. Arlie Lynn be his alternate and that Bro. M. H. Hollis preach at the close of the session on Saturday afternoon.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as following, We believe that temperance should begin in the home. Christians should be temperant in work, exercise of faith, love and passion for others, so that the world might see the great difference in temperance and non-temperance. We as Christians should exercise temperance in our every day lives so as to help win others to Christ. Let us use the Bible as a teacher of temperance.

Louis Montgomery Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We the committee report as follows, We believe the Sunday school is the foundation of a persons life. Because of this more emphasis should be put on the activities of the Sunday school. Each teacher of the Sunday school be a Christian to be qualified to teach others, Literature should be used in each class to help understand and encourage study of the Bible. Each student should be urged to participate to the best of their ability. We believe that the class room should be made enjoyable through the use of religious pictures and maps. There should be cooperation within the Sunday school through meeting of teachers and the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Richard Dean, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on the children home. The Scriptures teach that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Christ has taught if a cup of water is given in his name to one of these children he will in no wise lose his reward.

We recommend that an offering be taken up at this session and that every church in the association take an offering each month for the Home.

Frank Atcherson, Chairman

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows; We wish to extend our heart felt to Phillips Chapel Church and community for the able manner they

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTOR	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Meeting Days	Number of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children Home
Mt. Moriah, Pickens County	M. H. Hollis	Cherry Turnipseed, Ethelsville,	M. H. Hollis	1,745.00	\$120.00	2	1	0	0	1	2-4	93	\$10.00	\$387.18
Macedonia, Pickens, County	G. W. Perkins	Harrison Sullivan, Millport, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	1,254.18	148.36	0	0	4	0	3	1-3	195	10.00	430.30
Shiloh, Pickens County	J. L. Lavender	Marlin Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	1,976.37	196.00	3	0	2	0	1	FT	161	10.00	151.40
Tabernacle, Tuscaloosa Co.	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa,	H. E. Crawford	695.52	125.00	5	5	4	0	3	1-3	145	10.00	
Union, Pickens County	H. E. Crawford	Betty Joe Miller, Gordo, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	795.50	92.00	3	2	3	0	0	2-4	105	8.00	
Phillips Chapel, Tuscaloosa Co.	J. L. Lynn	E. J. Watson, Northport, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	704.42		3	0	3	1	2	2-4	316	15.00	
Union Hill Pickens County	R. E. Tilley	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	706.00	100.00	0	0	0	0	4	1-3	98	10.00	135.00
Mt. Zion, Tuscaloosa, Co.	Lonnie Lynn	Robert Smith, Northport, Ala.	Lonnie Lynn	386.35	41.18	1	1	1	0	2	1-3	88	10.00	
Glen Echo Pickens, Co.	R. E. Tilley	Burns Brown, Carrollton, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	981.73	75.00	0	0	4	0	1	2-4	60	7.00	87.00
Pleasant Hill, Tuscaloosa, Co.	Lewis Holly	William Quemby, Elrod, Ala.	Lewis Cooley	377.34	50.00	3	0	0	0	1	1-3	93	10.65	122.00
Sardis, Tuscaloosa, Co.	J. L. Lynn	G. D. Skelton, Northport, Ala.	Leanda McAdams	300.00		0	0	3	0	2	2-4	67	5.00	60.00
1st FWB Ethelsville	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	329.00	70.00	2	0	1	1	0	1-3	46	10.00	
Brookwood, Tuscaloosa, Co.	Clyde Oswalt	C. R. Dean, Brookwood, Ala.	Clyde Oswalt	639.50	39.00	1	0	2	0	0	1-3	20	10.00	59.13
1st FWB Aliceville	Hollis Warren	Elene Noland, Aliceville, Ala.	Hollis Warren	840.00		0	0	0	0	0	2-4		5.00	30.00
1st FWB Tuscaloosa	J. H. Tilley	E. L. McCool, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	5,870.00	265.00	4	6	0	0	0	F-T	109	10.00	
Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa, Co.	Willis Montgomery	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. L. Lynn	246.42	102.91	0	0	0	0	1	2-4	26	10.00	
1st FWB Reform	Arlie Lynn	Julia Kolsterman, Reform, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	519.51	90.00	2	6	0	0	0	1-2-4	35	10.00	50.00

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have taken care of us through this session of the union meeting and we pray God's blessings on them.

William Quemby, Chairman

An offering was taken for the children home amounting to \$50.31

Moved and seconded to close the business part of the union meeting to meet with union church one year hence.

Rev. H. E. Crawford, moderator

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. J. W. Smith preached at 9:30 A.M.

Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 A.M.

Rev. A. L. Lynn preached at 2:30 P.M.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. J. H. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, J. L. Lavender, J. E. Tilley, Raymond Tilley, J. L. Lynn, W. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Willis, Montgomery, M. Montgomery, J. W. Smith.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH — Sister Cherrie Alice Plymon, Ann Joyner, Dot Perrigan.

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

SHILOH — Bros. Willson Connell, George Connell, Lewis Latham.

Tabernacle — Bros. Calvin Wicker, Lewis Montgomery, Frank Malone.

UNION — Bros. S. V. Powell, Horace Watkins, Ezra Martin.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL — Bros. Carl Oswalt, Rafor Gallaway.

UNION HILL — Bros. W. N. Joyner, M. E. Perrigan, R. D. Reynolds.

MT. ZION — John Brown, W. F. Winters, Sister Clara South.

GLEN ECHO — Bros. Daniel Hill, Luther Noland, Gardner Cameron.

PLEASANT HILL — Bros. Louis Cooper, William Quimby, Sister Eula Parker.

SARDIS — Bros. Lando Robertson, G. D. Skelton, Jamie Driver.

HATTIS CHAPEL — Bro. Clifton Walters, Sister Ruth Walters, Zetty Tilley.

BROOKWOOD — Bros. John Nicholson, Billy Dean, Richard Dean.

ALICEVILLE —

TUSCALOOSA — Bros. Jessie Overton, Duglass Tilley, Edward McCool.

BIG SANDY — Bros. C. H. Harbin, Marshal Smith, Sister C. H. Harbin.

REFORM — Sisters Daisy Junkins, Bonnie Hudson, Julia Klosterman.

WHEN CHURCHES WERE ORGANIZED AND WHO BY.

MT. MORIAH — 1846—By Ellis Gore.

MACEDONIA — 1847—By Rev. Ellis Gore.

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

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

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UNION — 1891—By Rev. Wood Springfield.

PHILIPS CHAPEL — 1893—By Rev. W. J. Harbin.

UNION HILL — 1890—by Rev. Wood Springfield

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

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

PLEASANT HILL —

SARDIS — 1930—By Rev. W. J. Harbin.

ETHELSTVILLE —

BROOKWOOD —

ALICEVILLE — 1948—By Rev. J. L. Lavender

TUSCALOOSA — 1957—By Rev. J. H. Tilley, Rev. H. E. Crawford.

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

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 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 his 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 be 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 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 II:12,13 Romans 12:14; Mark 14:12 Ezek, 18:24, 33:13,28. Rev. 2:3 1st Tim 4:1. Heb. 2:5 1st Cor. 10:12,22. 1st Peter 1:10.

Art. 9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the gospel observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising

the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his work; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors, and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus

Art. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and that believers are proper subjects.

Art. 11. We believe the Lord's supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Art. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgement and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

Art. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches, 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 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 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 Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2. The body shall be considered an advisory council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches unless they depart from the articles of faith of the association. In case any church departs from the articles of faith and supports doctrines of heresy, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping with our articles of faith the same shall be dealt with by this association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

Art. 3. Each church in this association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. It may, however, in extreme cases call aid from sister churches but the association shall rule in all matters of doctrine and general interest.

Art. 4. All questions of doctrines and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the association and the decision shall be final.

Art. 5. The officers of the association shall be a moderator, clerk and treasure 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.