

MINUTES
of the
One hundred and nineteenth
Annual session
of the
Mount Moriah Association
of
Free Will Baptist

held with
**THE FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**

October 11 and 12, 1969
OF REFORM, ALABAMA

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 MACERONIA CHURCH LAMAR COUNTY,
ALABAMA ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND
SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1970 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. M. L. Hollis

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and nineteenth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform in Pickens County, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1969. After singing and prayer the Moderator introduced Rev. Willis Montgomery who brought the introductory message.

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

Bros. W. N. Joyner and Lando McAdams 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. Hubberts Springs Church was received.

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

The following committees were apponited.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—J. H. Tilley, S. V. Powell, Louis McAdams, Carlos Dawkins, with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTNIONS—W. S. Junkins, Roy Price, Frank Malone, Donald Keasler, with the deacons of the Church.

DEACEASED—Richard Blakney, Ruby Gore, Murry Perrigin, Frank Perrigin, Steve Keasler.

TEMPERANCE — Henry Crawford, John Brown, Josh Smith, Bo. Griffien. Floyd Winters, Hermon Sanford.

MORAL AND REFORM—Calvin Wicker, Hugh Acker, Claudia Mitchell, Katie Harbin.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE—John Fair, Dewey C. Walters, Marlin Burkhalter, Price Gray, David Tilley, James Epperson.

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SABBATH SHCOOL—Wilson Connell, Vaudine Lancaster, Vivian Perrigin, James Robertson, Bernice Wheat.

CHILDREN HOME—Lando McAdams, W. N. Joyner, Archie Robertson, Lando Robertson, Wesly HCooley. An offering of \$92.35 was taken from the home.

FINANCE—Bill Louis, H. O. Fulgham, J. G. Cameron, Willie Ogelsby, Vernice Tilley.

RESOLUTION AND QURRIES—S. D. Gray, Ethel Williams, Dollie Cooper, Bessie Yearby, W. F. Winters.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the association convene with Macedonia Church and that Bro. Carl Johnson preach the introductory sermon at 9:00 A.M. and J. H. Tilley be his alternate. We recommend that the clerk superentend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$50 for his service. We recommend that each church send the amount of minute fund that they want to. Report adopted committee discharged.

Chairman Rev. J. H. Tilley

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion recommend that Bro. Henery Crawford preach at 9:15 A.M. on Sunday and Arlie Lynn be his alternate. Bro. Hank Hollis at 11:00 A.M. and Lonnie Lynn be his alternate.. Bro. Carl Johnson at 2:00 P.M. and J. H. Tilley be his allternate. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman,

DECEASED

Macedonia—Alvin Fields, John Gildon, Sam Woolbright, Zeb Smith, Vancy Kyles.

Tabernacle—Margrett Harris, Amy Thomas.

Union—Jack Mills, Pary Lancaster, J. T. Lancaster.

Union Hill—Eunice Grace.

Mt. Zion—Alex Winters.

Glen Echo—Mary Ann Sellers.

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Pleasant Hill—Riley Pate.

Sardie—J. H. Driver, Maude Robertson

First Free Will Tuscaloosa—Mrs. J. C. White.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows. We believe that temperance should begin in the home. Christians should be temperant in all things. Then the world could see the difference between temperance and none temperance. If we would flavour the teaching of the Bible we would be temperant in all things, and that would be a great help to win lost people to Christ. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, Rev. Henry Crawford.

MORAL AND REFORM

We your committee report as follows. Morals today ought to be as high as they use to be, it ought to start in the homes. Parents should live a christian life before their children and neighbors at all times and provide good clean entertainment in their homes. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, Calvin Wicker.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows. We believe the Free Will Baptist to have sound doctrine and we believe as members that we should be educated in our belief. We recommend that each church place a church covenant in tour church that each member may read and be reminded of our covenant. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, John Fair

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows. We know of no better application of the scripture "Study to show thyself approved" than in the worship of sabbath school. It trains all ages in the beautiful word of God. We recommend to have qualified teachers and teach according to the word of God and to our Free Will Baptist Doctrine. It is so necessary that we are informed on our precepts and we urge all churches who are not participating in sabbath school to organize one. If our forefathers who organized the Mt. Moriah Association thought it important enough to promote sabbath school as mentioned in our church covenant and constitution, we firmly believe it

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is even more vital today in this time of spiritual decline. Chairman, Wilson Connell.

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee recommend that each church encourage their members to donate to the Children Home that the children may be taken care of in a proper way. We also request each church to send a donation each month to the home. We also encourage each to visit the home and see for yourself what is being done for the children through our efforts.

An offering of \$90.35 was received for the home. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, Lando McAdams.

FINANCE

We your committee report as follows. We have collected the following amount for minutes funds \$164.00 Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, Bill Lewis

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. G. P. Perkins and Bro. Louis Cooley names be added to the list of ordained ministers. We recommend that all our ministers attend the association each year and fellowship with us and any who fail to attend without good excuse for three will be dropped from the ordaine list. Report adopted committee retained. Chairman, Louis Tilly.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

We your committee report as follows. We appreciate the hospitality and able manner in which Reform church has taken care of us in this session of the associattion and we pray Gods richest blessings upon them that they would grow as a church in the grace and knowledge of God. Report adopted committee discharged. Chairman, S. D. Gray

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Henry Crawford preached at 9:00 A.M. and Rev. Lonnie Lynn preached at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Carl Johnson preached at 2:00 P.M.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Springfield, Gordo, Alabama
Rev. M. Montgomery, Northport, 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. 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. J. W. Smith, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Rev. Carl Johnson, Reform, Alabama
Rev. Woodford Adams
Rev. G. P. Perkins, Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Louis Cooley, Cottondale, Alabama

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. W. Wheat, Rev. J. E. Mathis, Rev. W. R. Robertson, Rev. J. McLoy, Rev. W. J. Kowart, 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, Rev. Clint Hallman, Rev. J. E. Tilley, Rev. T. L. Walker, Rev. John Moore.

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DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—Ruby Gore, Vaudine Lancaster, Vician Perrigin

MACEDONIA—Lando McAdams, Carlos Dawkins, Louis McAdams

SHILOH—Wilson Connell, Marlin Burkhalter

TABERNACLE—Bernice Wheat, Frank Malone, Calvin Wicker

UNION—S. V. Powell, S. D. Gray, Price Gray

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Josh Smith, Bo Griffin, Herman Sanford

UNION HILL—W. N. Joyner, N. E. Perrigin, W. H. Oglesby

MT. ZION—Gifford Winters, John Brown

GLEN ECHO—H. O. Fulgham, H. B. Acker, J. G. Cameron

PLEASANT HILL—Ethel Wilburn, Dollie Cooper, Louie Cooper

SARDIS—James Robertson, Archie Robertson, Winston Robertson

ETHELSTVILLE—Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Louis Tilley

TUSCALOOSA—Bill Lewis, Douglas Tilley, Roy Price

BIG SANDY—Claudia Mitchell, G. W. Harbin, Katie Harbin

REFORM—Donald Keasler, Richard Blakney, Randy Blakney

HUBBARD SPRINGS—James Epperson, Wesley Cooley, Charley Johnson

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. Edgar Jones, N. M. Sanford, J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, J. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Willie Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, Carl Johnson, Woodford Adams, G. P. Perkins, Louis Cooley.

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VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. M. L. Hollis, M. H. Hollis, Leanda McAdams, V. R. Lay.

PROCEEDING OF THE UNION MEETING

The seventy eight session of the Union Meeting was held with Tabernacle Church Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on the fourth Sunday in July 1969, Saturday and Sunday. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. R. E. Tilley. After song and prayer, the Union Meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Bros. Lacy McAdams and Calvin Wicker were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from the various Churches were handed in and read.

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

The body elected Rev. H. E. Crawford as Moderator and Rev. R. E. Tilley as Clerk.

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Lacy McAdams, Calvin Wicker, Vergal Powell, T. R. Sellers, with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION

Vaudine Landcaster, Marlin Burkhalter, S. R. Jones, W. N. Joyner, Clifton Walters, John Brown, Gilford Winters.

TEMPERANCE

Mrs. Roy Pleymon, James Lancaster, Lewis Montgomery, S. R. Jones, Hermon Sanford, Ola Latham, Sue Plymon.

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Vernice Tilley, William Quemby, James South, Price Gray, John Fair, Bill Lewis, H. O. Fulgham, E. L. McCool, Gladis Noland, Lillie Mae Carpenter, Arlie Lynn.

CHILDREN HOME

R. D. Reynolds, W. S. Junkin, Bill Boyd, Murry Perrigin, Alvie A. Harbin, Claudia Mitchell, Ira Jewell, Loy Shaw.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

N. M. Sanford, Louie Cooper, James Roberston, Jamie Driver, W. F. Winters, Bill Sanford, John Galloay.

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 union meeting convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County Alabama. We recommend that Bro. Carl Johnson preach the introduction sermon at 9:15 A.M. and that Bro. G. P. Perkins be his alternate.

Bro. Lacy McAdams, Chairman

DEVOTION

We your committee report as follows. We recommend that Rev. Edgar Jones preach at 9:30 A.M. Sunday Rev. Willis Montgomery as his alternate. Rev. Carl Johnson preach at 11:00 A.M., with Rev. J. H. Tilley as his alternate. Rev. Arlie Lynn to preach at 2:00 P.M. and Rev. N. M. Sanford will serve as his alternate.

Bro. W. N. Joyner, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows. We believe that temperance should begin with our every day walk of life. May we remember the verse from our Bible which states to let our lights so shine that others may know the great difference of temperance and non-temperance. Let us remember also that our Bible is the only true teacher.

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee on Sabbath School report as follows. We recommend and stress Sabbath School because its principles are based on God's word. We would also recommend as your committee for all Churches be much in prayer for our Sabbath School and its officials. We feel also the teachers and officials should be elected by the members of the Church, in conference, and not by the coasts themselves. We recommend that all churches that do not have a Sunday School organize one.

Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on the children home report as follows. The Scripture teaches that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Christ has taught that if a cup of water is given in his name to one of these children he will in no way lose his reward. We recommend that an offering be taken at this session and that every church in the association make a pledge to send an offering to the children home each month and be faithful in the pledge and the pastor of the churches support this cause. Bro. Loy Shaw, Chairman.

An offering of \$61.53 was taken for the Children Home.

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 in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union Meeting and pray God's blessing on them.

W. F. Winters, Chairman

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. Edgar Jones preached at 9:30 A.M.
Rev. J. H. Tilley preached at 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Arlie Lynn preached at 2:00 P.M.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

MT. MORIAH—Sister Vaudine Lancaster, Sue Plymon, James Lancaster.

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

SHILOH—Bro. Marlin Burkhalter, John Fair, Ola Latham.

TABERNACLE—Bro. Calvin Wicker, Frank Malone, Lewis Montgomery.

UNION—Bro. S. R. Jones, S. V. Powell, Price Gray.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Bro. Bill Sanford, Herman Sanford, John Gallaway.

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

MT. ZION—Bro. W. F. Winters, James South, Gilford Winters.

GLEN ECHO—Bro. H. O. Fulgham, T. R. Sellers, Gladys Noland.

PLEASANT HILL—Bro. Louie Cooper, Dollie Cooper, William Quimby.

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTOR	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptised	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Decreased	Meeting Days	Number of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children Home
Mt. Moriah-----	M. H. Hollis---	Cherry Mullenix, Ethelsville, Ala.--	M. H. Hollis---	1,617.00	112.50	2	0	1	0	0	2-4	93	10.00	424.71
Macedonia-----	G. P. Perkins--	Louis McAdams, Millport, Ala.-----	G. P. Perkins--	1,567.77	284.41	0	5	2	0	4	1-3	188	10.00	338.23
Shiloh-----	J. L. Lavender-	Marlin Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.-----	J. L. Lavender-	2,300.75	190.00	4	0	2	0	0	F-T	156	12.00	181.61
Tabernacle-----	H. E. Crawford-	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, Ala.--	H. E. Crawford-	1,008.33	125.00	3	0	0	0	2	1-3	153	10.00	
Union-----	R. E. Tilley---	E. P. Gray, Gordo, Ala.-----	R. E. Tilley---	632.00	100.00	1	0	0	0	3	2-4	104	8.00	
Phillips Chapel----	H. E. Crawford-	Ewell Watson, Northport, Ala.-----	H. E. Crawford-	726.66		1	7	4	0	0	2-4	536	15.00	
Union Hill-----	R. E. Tilley---	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.-----	R. E. Tilley---	725.00	110.00	10	2	6	0	1	1-3	101	12.00	140.00
Mt. Zion-----	Arlie Lynn----	James South, Northport, Ala.-----	Arlie Lynn----	455.05	52.00	0	0	5	0	1	1-3	83	8.00	
Glen Echoe-----	G. P. Perkins--	Gladys Noland, Carrollton, Ala.-----	G. P. Perkins--	817.25	63.35	0	0	0	0	1	2-4	64	7.00	87.75
Pleasant Hill-----	Lonnie Lynn----	William Quemby, Elrod, Ala.-----	Lewis Cooley---	473.31	75.00	3	0	0	0	1	1-3	87	10.00	121.62
Sardis-----	Leanda McAdams-	G. D. Skelton, Elrod, Ala.-----	Leanda McAdams-	865.50		0	0	0	0	2	2-4	64	10.00	
1st F.W.B. Ethelsville-	Arlie Lynn----	L. D. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.-----	Arlie Lynn----	700.00	113.70	4	0	0	0	0	2-4	50	10.00	
Brookwood-----														
1st F.F. Aliceville--														
1st F.F. Tuscaloosa--	J. H. Tilley---	Bester Fulgham, Tuscaloosa, Ala.-----	J. H. Tilley---	5,620.00	225.00	9	2	0	0	1	F-T	129	12.00	
1st F.F. Sandy-----	Lonnie Lynn----	C. H. Harbin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.-----	Lonnie Lynn----	291.54	23.00	0	1	3	0	0	2-4	29	10.00	
1st F.F. Reform-----	Carl Johnson---	Julia Klostormann, Reform, Ala.-----	Carl Johnson---	1,225.00	125.00	5	0	0	0	0	F-T	57	10.00	75.00
1st F.F. Spring-----	W. L. Lynn----	Frances Epperson, Duncanville, Ala.-		220.00	65.00	5	5	6	0	0	1-3	36	10.00	

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SARDIS—Bro. James Robertson, Archie Robertson, Jamie Driver.

ST FWB ETHELSVILLE—Bro. Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Ira Jewell.

BROOKWOOD

1ST FWB ALICEVILLE

1ST FWB TUSCALOOSA—Bro. Edward McCool, Bill Lewis, Donald Tilley.

BIG SANDY—Bro. Alvie Harbin, Sis. Evie Smith, Claudia Mitchell.

1ST FWB REFORM—Bro. Sercy Junkin, Bill Boyd, Lillie Mae Carpenter.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. M. Montgomery, Edgar Jones, N. M. Sanford, J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, W. L. Lynn, J. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, David Hayes, Clyde Oswalt, Carl Johnson.

VISITING MINISTERS—Leanda McAdams.

WHEN CHURCHES WERE ORGANIZED AND BY WHOM

MT. MORIAH 1846—Rev. Ellis Gore.

MACEDONIA 1847—Rev. Ellis Gore

SHILOH 1874—Rev. Ellis Gore, Thomas Malone.

TABERNACLE 1875—Rev. Ellis Gore, Bill McGee.

UNION 1891—Rev. Wood Springfield

PHILLIP CHAPEL 1893—Rev. W. J. Harbin.

UNION HILL 1908—Rev. Wood Springfield

GLEN ECHO 1936—Rev. T. L. Walker

PLEASANT HILL

SARDIS 1930—Rev. W. J. Harbin

ETHELSVILLE—Rev. Wood Springfield

BROOKWOOD

ALICEVILLE

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

REFORM 1958—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 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 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.

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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 I2:14; Mark I4:12; Ezek. I8:24; 33:13,28; Rev. 2:3, 1st Tim. 4:1; Heb. 2:5; 1st Cor. I0:12,22; 1st Peter I: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 buying 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 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.

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Art. 3. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association by 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 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 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 doctrine 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 influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions such as the temperance cause Sabbath Schools Missionary work etc.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ and adopted the word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by his grace to love him and obey him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction and the use of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." We agree to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by selfdenial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor and its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another with love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's business and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprise the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.