

MINUTES
of the
One hundred and twentieth
Annual session
of the
Mount Moriah Association
of
Free Will Baptist
held with
MACEDONIA CHURCH
MILLPORT, ALABAMA
October 10 and 11, 1970

Officers

Rev. J. H. Tilley ----- Moderator

Rev. R. E. Tilley ----- Clerk

Executive Committee

L. B. Koon

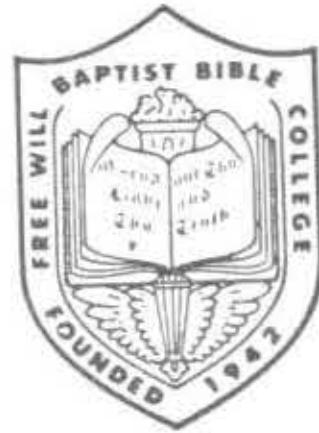
W. N. Joyner

M. P. Gore

L. D. Tilley

Marris Crawford

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL
MEET WITH UNION HILL CHURCH, CARROLLTON,
ALABAMA ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUN-
DAY IN OCTOBER AT 9:30 O'CLOCK.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and twentieth session of the Mt. Moriah Association was with Macedonia Church, Millport, Alabama on Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1970. After singing and prayer Rev. J. H. Tilley brought the introductory message.

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

Bros. W. N. Joyner and Lacy Adams were appointed as reading clerks.

Letters from the various churches were handed in and read.

Delegates listed ajs per role.

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

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

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS—Hermon Sanford, F. H. Acker, Harrison Sullivan, Clepton Walters, W. N. Joyner with the moderator and clerk.

DEVOTION—Bernice Wheet, Billy Koon, F. H. Acker, S. D. Gray with the deacons of the church.

TEMPERANCE—Jessie Adcock, M. L. Eheet, Lewis McAdams, Ruby Gore, Willie Tilley, Archie Robertson.

MORAL AND REFORM—Willis Montgomery, Marlin Burkhalter, James Lancaster, Murry Perrigan, James Epperson.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE — Henry Crawford, Vernie eTilley, Ruth Cooley, Donald Tilley, Ezra Marain, Ben Logan.

SABBATH SCHOOL Arlie Lynn, Gardner Cameron, Judy Marchant, Willson Cornell, Lee Dozier, Lawrence Carpenter, Burns Brown, Corine Foley, T. L. Bosswell.

CHILDREN HOME—C. F. Malone, Wesley Cooley, Lewis Latham, Winston Robertson.

FINANCE—Jessie Marcus, Roy Flymon, Willie Hill Ogelsby, Stanley Sanford.

DECEASED—Lawrence Lynn, T. R. Sellars, Calvin Wicker.

RESOLUTION AND QURRIES—C. H. Harbin, A. H. Harbin, Chester South, Gifford Winners, Charlie Winters.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the association be held with Union Hill Church Carrollton, Alabama and that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 o'clock and that Rev. Henry Crawford be alternate. We recommend that the ordination service of Charles Dozier be at 1:15 P.M. tomorrow we recommend the clerk superintend 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.

DEVOTION

We your committee on devotions recommend that Rev. Jessie Adcox preach at 9:15 A.M. and that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 11:00 A. M. and R. E. Tilley at 2:15 P.M.

DECEASED

MT. MORIAH—W. T. St. John, Johnnie Sue Burgess.
 SHILOH—Henry Skelton.
 Kieth, Frances Watson, Addie Fields, Sarah Espey.
 PHILLIPS CHAPEL—Numelly Sanford, Bosel Hollman, Vester
 MACEDONIA—Lem McAdams, Lula McAdams, Med Stokes, Jamie
 Lee Fields.
 PLEASANT HILL—Patton Parker.

TEPERANCE

We your committee report as follows—Temperance should be practiced in the home and on the job that everyone could see Christ in our lives. If we would follow the teaching of the bible we would be temperate in all things and that would be a great help to win lost people to Christ.

MORAL AND REFORM

We your committee on moral and reform report as follows, to hold the high moral standards as christians we challenge you to live by the words stated in our church covenant, that 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. If we put these christian principles first the world will have no trouble in telling we are a christian.

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We the committee report as follows—We believe the Free Will Baptist do have sound doctrine. We believe each home ought to take a stand against the corrupt publication. We as christians should band against elliciate literature that is being placed before our children. It should be done endivigal. We as responsible christians should provide our families with wholesome literature and teach our children to distinquish between good and bad material that is made public.

Rev. Henry Crawford, Chairman

SABBETH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows. We know of no better application of the scripures, study to show thyself approved, than in the worship of sabbeth school. It teaches all ages the Holy Word of God. We recommend to have qualified teachers and teach according to the word of God and to our Freewill Baptist Doctrine. We urge all churches who are not participating in Sabbeth School to organize one.

The sincerely believe as our fore fathers believed and practiced that our Sabbeth School is a necessary part of our worship service.

Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee on the children home report as follows. We recommend that each church in the association support the children home in monthly offering and visits. We also recommend that each pastor and deacon inform their lay men about good works as christians and keep them informed about our children home and their needs from time to time. We find that the staff and workers are christians and doing a good job at the home. We recommend that an offering be taken at this session for the home.

Clifton Malone, Chairman

FINANCE

We your committee report, We have collected the following at this session. Minute Fund \$183.00.

Jessie Marqus, Chairman

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

We your committee report as follows. We appreciate the hospitality and able manner in which Macedonia Church has taken care of us in this session of the association. We pray Gods richest blessings upon him and that they will continue to grow in the work of the Lord.

C. H. Harbin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows. We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know except J. W. Smith. We recommend that his name be suspended from the list of ordained ministers until his church recommends that he be reinstated. We recommend that Bro. Jessie Adcox name be listed as a licensed minister. We recommend that David Haynes and Carl Johnson names be dropped from the list of ordained ministers since they are not members of a church of this association. We recommend that all our ministers attend the association each year and any that fail to attend without good excuse for three will be dropped from the list of ordained ministers.

Morris Crawford, Chairman

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SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The young peoples meeting was conducted by Lando McAdams with nine Churches representing.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Jessie Adcox preached at 9:15 A.M. and Rev. J. L. Lavender at 11:00 A.M. and R. E. Tilley at 2:15 P.M.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Springfield, Gordo Alabama
Rev. Edgar Jones, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.
Rev. J. H. Tilley, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rev. R. E. Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.
Rev. H. E. Crawford, Northport, Ala.
Rev. J. L. Lynn, Northport, Ala.
Rev. W. L. Lynn, Northport, Ala.
Rev. Arlie Lynn, Northport, Ala.
Rev. W. R. Sullivan, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Albert Montgomery, Northport, Ala.
Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Ala.
Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Ala.
Rev. Woodford Adams, Northport, Ala.
Rev. G. P. Perkins, Columbus, Miss.
Rev. Lewis Cooley, Cottondale, Ala.
Rev. Charles Dozier, Reform, Ala.
Rev. Monroe Hallman, Fayette, Ala.
License Jessie Adcox, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. E. Gore, J. T. Nabors, W. W. Pool, J. S. Henton, W. R. Latham, A. M. Archie, E. W. Harbin, T. V. Wheat, J. E. Mathis, W. R. Robertson, J. McLoy, W. J. Kowart, W. B. Montgomery, Wood Springfield, E. F. Pool, J. D. Byars, J. M. Perkinson, W. J. Harbin, J. M. Spencer, Amon Kelly, S. R. Lee, Clint Hallman, J. E. Tilley, T. L. Walker, John Moore, J. N. Sanford.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MT. MORIAH—James Lancaster, Vaudine Lancaster, Roy Flynn.

MACEDONIA—Lewis McAdams, Harrison Sullivan, Murvie SHILOH—Billy Koon, Lewis Latham, Wilson Connell.

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TABERNACLE—Clifton Malone, Bernice Wheet, Calvin Wicker.

UNION—Ezra Martin, S. D. Gray, F. H. Acker.

PHILLIPS CHAPPEL—Hermon Sanford, Ben Logan, Stanley Sanford.

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

GLEN ECHO—Burns Brown, J. B. Cameron.

PLEASANT HILL—Ruth Cooley, Corine Foley, Tull Boswell.

MT ZION—Gefferd Winters, Phillip Harris, Charlotte Winters.

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SARDIS—Winston Robertson, Archie Robertson, Lewis Hudson.

ETHELSTVILLE—Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Willie Lee Tilley.

TUSCALOOSA—Bill Marcus, Frank Atcherson, Donald Tilley.

BIG SANDY—Alvin Harbin, C. H. Harbin, George Harbin.

REFORM—Lee Dozier, Judy Merchant, Lillie Mae Carpenter.

BROOKWOOD—Lam Styron, Roland Dean, Eula Lewis.

HUBBARD SPRINGS—Wesley Cooley, James Epperson.

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, W. L. Lynn, J. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, W. E. Adams, G. P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Charles Dozier, Jessie Adcox.

MEMORIAL TO REV. J. N. SANFORD

God in his wisdom made man of various talents, some excelling as leaders and others as followers. Our loss today is for a person who used his meek and humble qualities to lead others to Christ and preferred to give the praise to others and be a follower.

Bro. Nunnally Sanford did a small amount of his ministry in the pulpit but did most of his preaching by example and friendly words—giving others the desire of also knowing his Saviour.

He participated very little in the business of our Association but his nod and quick little grin spoke many words of encouragement for others. His warm heart reached out to people—especially children, and there was no doubt of the sincerity of his friendship.

Yes, he will be missed because just to be in his presence was as uplifting as an inspired sermon. Although this world is so needful of gentle-Christlike people as Bro. Sanford, we know Meaven is a much better place with his presence.

PROCEEDING OF THE UNION MEETING

The seventy ninth session of the union meeting was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July 1970. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. G. P. Perkins. After song and prayer the Union Meeting was called to order of business. Bros. John Fair and Harrison Sullivan 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 committee were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Calvin Wicker, Jammie Driver, Oscar Fulgham, Hermon Sanford, with the moderator and clerk.

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DEVOTION

Vaudine Lancaster, C. H. Harbin, W. N. Joyner, Lando Robertson, Murry Perrigan, James Emerson, with the Deacons of the Church.

TEMPERANCE

J. L. McAdams, Bill Sanford, John Fair, Harrison Sullivan, Ruby Gore, Wesley Cooley, Frances Epperson, William Kuimby, Ben Logan.

SABBETH SCHOOL

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Lacy McAdams, Claud Malone, Judy Merchant, Teresa Junkins, Archie Robertson, Erline Pratt.

CHILDREN HOME

Elane Gray, Lee Dozier, O. C. Trayweek, Ezra Martin, Tull Boswell, Katie Harbin.

RESOLUTION AND QUERRIES

Edgar ones, Sam Wright, Paul Tilley, Louis Cooper.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee recommend that we proceed after the usual order of business, and that the next session of the union meeting convene with Glen Echo Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in uly 1971 at 9:00 A. M. Rev. Herbert Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 Rev. Willis Montgomery be his alternate.

Bro. Calvin Wicker, Chairman

DEVOTIONS

We, your committee recommend that Bro. Clyde Oswalt preach at 9:00 A.M. and Br. Lonnie Lynn be his alternate; Bro. Henry Crawford preach at 11:00 A.M. Bro. Willis Montgomery be his alternate; Bro. Raymond Tilley preach at 2:30 Bro. Albert Montgomery be his alternate. We recommend that Bro. Lewis Cooley preach at the close of today's session.

W. N. Joyner, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We believe that temperance should be taught in our homes and be practiced in our every day walk of life. Be believe that all of us older Christians should try to be more temperant and considerate with our children, and try to help them in any way we can to understand that there is a right way to go.

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Chairman

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SABBETH SCHOOL

We recommend that each Sunday School member do personal work, to enourage more people to come to Sunday School. We feel that Sunday School is a great aid to the pastor as well as our young people. We recommend that we study our Sunday School lessons, that we might be more prepared. We feel through the study of our Sunday School literature we can better understand our duty as a christian.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, Chairman

CHILDREN HOME

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 deward. 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. An offering of \$70.08 was taken.

Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa and the community for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the Union Meeting. We pray Gods blessings on them all.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Chairman

SUNDAY SERVICES

Rev. Clyde Oswalt preached at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Henry Crawford preached at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Raymond Tilley preached at 2:00 p.m.

WHEN CHURCHES WERE ORGANIZED

MT. MORIAH—1846 Rev. Ellis Gore.

MACEDONIA—1847—Rev. Ellis Gore.

SHILOH—1847 Rev. Ellis Gore, Thomas Malone.

TABERNACLE—1875 Rev. Ellis Gore, Bill McGee.

UNION—1897 Rev. Wood Springfield.

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

UNION HILL—1908 Rev. Springfield.

GLE NECHO—1936 Rev. T. L. Walker.

PLEASANT HILL—

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

SARDIS—1903 Rev. W. J. Harbin.

ETHELSTVILLE— Rev. Wood Springfield.

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

REFORM—1958 Rev. O. L. Fields.

HUBBARD SPRINGS—1969 Rev. W. L. Lynn.

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CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESSES	EX-PASTOR	PAID PASTOR	Paid Helper	Baptised	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Meeting days	Number of Members	Minute Fund	Paid children home
Mt. Moriah	Jessie Adcox	Cherry Mullenix, Gordo Ala.	M. H. Hollis.	\$2,116.50	\$133.00	0	0 0 0	0	2	2-4	\$10.00		\$490.48	
Macedonia	G. P. Perkins	Lewis McAdams, Millport, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	\$1,631.20	\$262.46	7	0 0 0	4	1-3	\$12.00		\$106.66		
Shiloh	J. L. Lavender	Marlin Burkhalter, Gordo, Ala.	J. L. Lavender	\$2,300.05	\$283.00	0	0 0 0	1	F-T	\$10.00		\$145.94		
Tabernacle	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery, Tuscaloosa	H. E. Crawford	\$1,070.16	\$150.00	0	1 0 0	2	1-3	\$10.00				
Union	R. E. Tilley	E. P. Gray, Gordo, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	\$ 748.00	\$ 02.50	0	0 0 0	3	2-4	\$ 8.00				
Phillips Chapel	H. E. Crawford	Ewell Watson, Northport, Ala.	H. E. Crawford	\$ 635.00	\$	5	1 1 0	0	2-4	\$15.00				
Union Hill	R. E. Tilley	W. N. Joyner, Carrollton, Ala.	R. E. Tilley	\$1,000.00	\$185.00	1	0 0 0	2	1-3	\$12.00		\$170.00		
Mt. Zion	Arlie Lynn	James South, Northport, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	\$ 414.97		4	1 1 9	1	1-3	\$10.00				
Glen Echo	G. P. Perkins	Gladys Noland, Carrollton, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	\$ 992.55	\$118.00	0	0 0 0	0	2-4	\$ 5.00		\$148.42		
Pleasant Hill	Lewis Cooley	William Quemby, Elrod, Ala.	Lewis Cooley	0 646.05	\$100.00	3	5 0 0	1	1-3	\$10.00		\$175.79		
Sardis	Lonnie Lynn	G. D. Skelton, Elrod, Ala.	Leanda McAdams	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	0	0 2 0	2	1-3	\$10.00				
1st Ethelsville	Arlie Lynn	Louis Tilley, Ethelsville, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	\$ 922.45	\$100.00	0	0 0 0	0	2-4	\$10.00				
1st Tuscaloosa	J. H. Tilley	David Tilley, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	J. H. Tilley	\$6,535.00	\$250.00	1	3 10 0	0	R-T	\$15.00				
Brookwood	W. E. Adams	C. R. Dean, Broomwood, Ala.	W. E. Adams	\$ 195.00	\$ 43.00	0	0 0 0	0	2-4	\$10.00				
Big Sandy	Lonnie Lynn	C. H. Habin, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Lonnie Lynn	\$ 310.00	\$ 90.00	8	6 6 0	0	F-T	\$10.00		\$ 50.00		
1st Reform	Charles Bozier	Jessie Lee Kelly, Reform, Ala.	Carl Johnson	\$1,061.00	\$ 80.00	0	0 3 0	1	1-3	\$10.00				
Hubbard Springs	Clyde Oswalt	Frances Epperson, Duncanville	W. L. Yynn	\$ 144.50	\$ 50.00	0	0 0 0	1	1-3	\$10.00				

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 had 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 none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

Art. 6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural faculties and powers or from the force and operation of the free will since man in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of either thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

Art. 7. We believe in the general application of the grace of God for fallen man sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty—James 1:25 this is to act saving faith, John 1:9 however none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby, Acts 17:32 Romans 2:9 John 3:19.

Art. 8. We believe in the free 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, 3:5, Romans 12:14, Mark 14:12, Ezek. 18:24, 33:13, 28, 1st Tim.

4:1, 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 believer 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 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 of our body are authorized through their pastors to invite Christians of all orthodox churches who are in good standing in their respective 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 by a majority of votes by delegates present elect.

Art. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and classed 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 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.

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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.

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.

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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 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 treasurer who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of vote.

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.