

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED
AND TWENTY FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
UNION HILL CHURCH
Carrollton, Alabama

OCTOBER 9th AND 10th, 1971

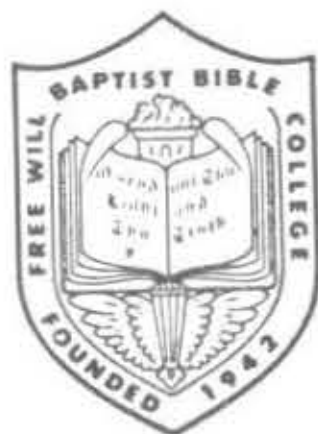
OFFICERS

Rev. J. H. Tilley----- Moderator
Rev. R. E. Tilley----- Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. B. Koon	W. N. Joyner
M. P. Gore	L. D. Tilley
Morris Crawford	

The Next Session Of The Association
Will Meet With First Free Will Baptist Church
Of Ethelsville, Ethelsville, Alabama, On Saturday
Before The Second Sunday In October At 9:30 O'Clock



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

MINUTES

The one hundred and twenty-first session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Union Hill Church, Carrollton, Alabama, on October 9th and 10th, 1971. Following singing and prayer, the Moderator gave his opening remarks based from the reading of Ephesians, chapter five. A most timely introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. L. Lavender, entitled "This Do." His scripture was taken from St. Luke 10:25.

It was moved and seconded that we go into the business of the Association.

Reading Clerks appointed by the Moderator were Bros. Herman Sanford and Lewis McAdams.

Letters from each church were handed in and read.

Delegates were listed as per role.

It was moved and seconded to place in delegates where any were absent. Only two substitutions had to be made for each church to report a full delegation.

Invitation was given for new churches. Carolwood Church of Northport, Alabama, was unanimously received by a vote and christian handshake with the delegates and pastor from this new church.

The call for visitors to be seated with us was made. Rev. Leander McAdams was welcomed.

Rev. J. H. Tilley was elected as Moderator and Rev. Raymond E. Tilley as Clerk by the delegated body.

The Moderator asked the Clerk to read an outline of the Union Meeting proceedings and to continue this practice in future Associations. The Clerk did as requested.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS — Bros. Brady Montgomery, Loy Shaw, John Fair, Claude Malone and Sister Ruby Gore with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTIONS — Bros. Lewis McAdams, James R. Galloway, Ezra Martin and Winston Robertson with deacons of the church.

DECEASED — Rev. Edgar Jones, Bros. Bobby Crow, Vertice Tilley Arlis Barksdale, Sisters Grace Tilley and Lillie Mae Carpenter.

TEMPERANCE — Rev. Dewey Thomas, Bros. Ivory Bailey and R. D. Reynolds.

MORAL REFORM — Rev. Arlie Lynn, Bros. Ernest White, Calvin Wicker, Raiford Shepherd and Sister Addie Montgomery.

DECEASED — Rev. Edgar Jones, Bros. Bobby Crow, Vertice Tilley, Arlis Barksdale, Sisters Grace Tilley and Lillie Mae Carpenter.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE — Rev. David Hayes, Bros. Ben Logan, Douglas Tilley, Clifton Malone, and Sister Clemence Turnipseed.

SABBATH SCHOOL — Rev. Henry Crawford, Bros. Gene Crowe, Gardner Cameron, Sisters Ruth Cooley and Katie Harbin.

CHILDREN'S HOME — Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Bros. Burns Brown, Searcy Junkin, Sisters Cherrie Alice Plymon, Elaine Gray, Debbie Gray and Daisy Junkin.

FINANCE — Rev. Donald Keasler, Bros. Vernice Tilley, M. L. Wheat, Willie Hill Oglesby and Hugh Acker.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES — Bros. Herman Sanford, Marvin Hudson, G. T. Bagget, Tommy Jones, Paul Tilley, Buster Nicholson and Sister Linda Barger.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with First Free Will Baptist Church of Ethelsville, Ethelsville, Alabama; and that Rev. J. H. Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 o'clock and that Rev. Henry Crawford be his alternate. We recommend the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$75 for his service. We recommend that each church send the amount of minute fund that they wish.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Brady Montgomery
Chairman

DEVOTION

We, your committee on Devotion, recommend that the Sunday service be conducted by the following:

Rev. David Hayes who will preach at 9:15 a.m.

Rev. Dewey Thomas who will preach at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Willis Montgomery who will preach at 2:15 p.m.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Lewis McAdams, Chairman

DECEASED

MOUNT MORIAH: Bro. John Jaynes

SHILOH: Bro. Clyde Burkhalter, Sister Pearl Plowman

TABERNACLE: Bro. James Sturdivant, Bro. Jonas Sullivan, Bro. Frank Malone, Sister Bama Hamby

UNION: Sister Addie Yearby, Sister Hulda Hamlin, Sister Oliver Whatley, Sister T. J. Lancaster, Bro. Walter Springfield, Bro. S. V. Powell, Bro. S. R. Jones, Bro. Wilburn Miller

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Rev. Murk Montgomery, Sister Lela Montgomery, Bro. John Montgomery, Bro. Chester Watson

UNION HILL: Bro. E. L. Perrigin, Sister Alice Cockrell, Sister Artie M. Perrigin

MOUNT ZION: Bro. Floyd Winters, Bro. Elden Winters, Sister Vertie Winters

SARDIS: Bro. Lonzo Robertson

FIRST FWB OF ETHELSVILLE: Sister Lizzie Swedenburg

HUBBARD SPRINGS: Bro. Charley Johnson, Bro. Sam Bridges

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We believe temperance should be constantly considered in all things that each of us partake of each day, and in so doing we are obeying the Work of God and setting examples before our children who will be the churches of tomorrow. This liberty God gives each of us should not be abused. Galations 5:13 states "For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. Dewey Thomas, Chairman

MORAL AND REFORM

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend Free Will Baptist to hold the high moral standards as christians. We challenge you to live by the words stated in our Church Covenant stating that we will everywhere hold christian principles sacred and christian obligations. "And above all things have fervent charity shall cover the multitude of sins." I Peter 4:8

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. Arlie Lynn, Chairman

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: We as christians should sponsor any type education that is in the interest of Christ-like growth. We feel our Bible College offers one of the best christian training programs at college level and should have the support of its people.

We submit that we use the Authorized King James Version of both the Old and New Testaments in all our services.

While we rely on literature for basic guideline teaching principles we should never accept its commentary wording to overrule those of the scripture.

In final, the Bible is to be the true guide in all our teaching. We should weed out those teachings contrary to those of the Free Will belief.

As christians we should also abstain from the use of all literature of corruptness and the promotion of this literature. Equally or more important is to make sure the proper type literature is made available to our people.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. David Hayes, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee report as follows: We know of no better application of the scripture to study to show thyself approved, than in the worship of Sabbath School. We believe in teaching all ages from the card class up through the adults the scripture. We know that the Word of God is true. We recommend that all teachers should be christians; for if they are not christians, how can they teach the Word of God? We urge all churches who are not participating in Sabbath School to organize one.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. Henry Crawford, Chairman

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: We do stress that each individual visit the Children's Home at least once. We also recommend that each church send a monthly offering to the home.

We find that these children are being reared in a christian home. We, as christians, should support them in every way possible. We recommend that an offering be taken at this session for the home.

An offering of \$121.55 was received for our Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Chairman

FINANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: We have collected a total of \$187.00 for minute funds during this session.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Rev. Donald Keasler, 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 Charles Dozier's name be suspended from the list of ordained ministers as he has joined another association. We recommend that Jesse L. Adcox, David Hayes, Dewey Thomas and Byron M. Meyer names be added to the list of ordained ministers and that the ordination of Donald Keasler be Sunday of this session of the Association.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. M. P. Gore, Chairman

The delegated body made a move and second to the nomination of Bro. L. B. Koon for another 5 years of serving on the Executive Committee.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to thank Union Hill Church for all their kindness, hospitality, fellowship and the well manner they have taken care of us in this Association meeting. We pray God's blessings upon each member of this Church.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Herman Sanford, Chairman

SATURDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICES

The Saturday night youth service, which was voted this year to be listed in our minutes, met at 7:30 p.m., for its second meeting with Bro. Lando McAdams serving as chairman again this year. Youth from various churches presented some very impressive and inspiring religious talent which was applicable to the theme for this this year - "Training a Child".

Churches represented in this service were: Mount Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Union, Union Hill, 1st FWB of Ethelsville, 1st FWB of Tuscaloosa, and 1st FWB of Reform.

It was announced at this meeting that a Saturday night youth service would also be conducted at the next session of the Union meeting which will convene at Union Church.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:15 - Rev. David Hayes preached.

11:00 - Rev. Dewey Thomas preached from the second chapter of Revelation using the text "Is It I"?

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Ordination Services for Rev. Donald Keasler.

2:00 - Rev. Willis Montgomery preached from the 1st chapter of 2nd Peter.

The Executive Committee read the following report concerning a misprint of scripture references which was brought to the body's attention by Bro. Herman Sanford on Saturday:

We, your Executive Committee, find that the scripture connected with the 8th Article of Faith in the 1874 minutes of the seventeenth session of the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptist was - Heb. 3:11, 12, 13 - Rom. 12:14 - Mark 13:33 - Eze. 18:24 - Rev. 3rd and 3rd chapters - Eze. 33:13-18 - 1 Tim. 4:1 - Heb. 3:6 - 1 Cor. 10:12-22 - 1 Peter 1:10.

We recommend that these corrections be made in our minutes.

We also recommend that Donald Keasler's name be placed on ordained ministers list.

M. P. Gore, Chairman

A love offering of \$137.00 was taken for our new church, Carolwood, after which the pastor, Rev. Dewey Thomas, graciously thanked the body and requested the prayers of all of the people for the spiritual growth of their endeavors as they begin construction on the church.

The Resolutions and Queries Committee extended to Union Hill Church their appreciation for their hospitality.

After singing and the parting handshake this session of our Association ended with prayer. . . a prayer of thanks for the man, many blessings and the progress which we saw manifested this year, leaving us with a challenge to have an even better year in the Lord next year.

ESTABLISHMENT OF MT. MORIAH FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ellis Gore was born in Chester District, South Carolina, on October 3, 1800. His parents, Thomas T. and Nancy S. Gore, moved their family to Alabama in 1819 and settled near what is now McShan.

On November 6, 1838, Elder Ellis Gore helped to organize a Baptist church, named Mt. Moriah, about four miles north of McShan, with Elder Samuel McGowan as pastor. Rev. Ellis Gore was elected pastor in September 1841 at this church. He preached the doctrine of free salvation and open communion. In November 1845, charges were made against Rev. Gore for preaching this doctrine. Rev. Gore and a majority of the members seceded from the Baptist Church and called themselves Free Will Baptists in 1846, and continued meeting at the Mt. Moriah church.

Clark Gore said that his father, Rev. Ellis Gore rode a horse to Fayetteville, North Carolina; joined the Free Will Baptists; was ordained a Free Will Baptist minister; and returned to organize a Will Baptist Church at Mt. Moriah. Due to continued difficulty there, he started preaching at a school house near his home and later built a church there and still called it Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Church.

In 1847, Rev. Gore organized Macedonia and New Salem churches. On November 8, 1850, delegates from the three churches met at Mt. Moriah and organized the Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association. Rev. Ellis Gore was elected moderator of the Association and William C. Easterwood, clerk. In an 1874 Minute, we

find that Rev. Ellis Gore was still moderator and that he had helped organize Shiloh and Tabernacle churches.

Rev. Gore pastored the church at Mt. Moriah until September 1883, a total of forty-two years. He died October 5, 1883, and was buried in the Gore family cemetery near McShan.

HISTORY OF CHURCHES IN MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Church	Year Organized	Organized by
Mount Moriah	1846	Rev. Ellis Gore
Macedonia	1847	Rev. Ellis Gore
Shiloh	1874	Rev. Ellis Gore and Rev. Thomas Malloy
Tabernacle	1875	Rev. Ellis Gore and Rev. W. H. McGee
Union	1897	Rev. Wood Springfield
Phillips Chapel	1893	Rev. W. J. Harbin and Rev. J. W. Moore
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Wood Springfield
Mt. Zion	1902	Rev. W. J. Harbin and Rev. W. B. Montgomery
Glen Echo	1936	Rev. T. L. Walker
Pleasant Hill	1912	Rev. Wood Springfield
Sardis	1930	Rev. W. J. Harbin
1st FWB of Ethelsville	1902	Rev. Wood Springfield
Brookwood	1947	Rev. J. N. Sanford and Rev. S. R. Lee
1st FWB of Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. J. H. Tilley and Rev. H. E. Crawford
Big Sandy	1958	Rev. Edgar Jones and Rev. Albert Montgomery
1st FWB of Reform	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
Hubbard Springs	1969	Rev. W. L. Lynn
Carolwood	1971	Rev. Dewey Thomas

TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$707.25
Received from Minute Fund	\$183.00
Total Receipts	\$890.25
Total Expenditures . . . Printing of Minutes . . .	\$131.17
. . . Clerk's services	43.00
Balance on hand	\$716.08

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Rev. H. E. Crawford presided with the roll call of churches at each meeting and assigned the Fifth Sunday Meeting to the church who asked for the next meeting. He is happy and grateful to report the renewed interest in these meetings and gives God the praise for the blessings received by christian fellowship at these gatherings.

November 1970

Held at Phillips Chapel Church with 8 churches represented. Talk on the importance of Sunday School by Sister Vaudine Lancaster. Sermon by Rev. Willis Montgomery. Afternoon congregational singing.

May 1971

Held at Mount Moriah church - reporting 12 churches represented. Bro. M. P. Gore gave brief history of Mount Moriah Association. Bro. Dan Turnipseed gave devotional. Rev. Donald Keasler taught Sunday School lesson. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Tilley. Singing by congregation in the afternoon.

August 1971

Held at Union Hill Church with 12 churches represented. Rev. A. J. Lambert, Director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge gave a talk about the Home. Rev. Donald Keasler del-

livered the sermon. After lunch there was special youth singing and followed by congregational singing.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah: Sisters Ruby Gore, Clemence Turnipseed & Cherrie Alice Plymon

Macedonia: Bros. M.L. Wheat, Loy Shaw & Lewis McAdams

Shiloh: Bros. Gene Crowe, John Fair & Raiford Shepherd

Tabernacle: Bros. Clifton Malone, Calvin Wicker & Claude Malone

Union: Bro. Ezra Martin, Sisters Elaine Gray & Debbie Gray

Phillips Chapel: Bros. Herman Sanford, Raiford Gallaway & Ben Logan

Union Hill: Bros. M.E. Perrigin, W.H. Oglesby & R.D. Reynolds

Mt. Zion: Bros. Gifford Winters, Clint Traweek and G.T. Bagget

Glen Echo: Bros. Hugh Acker, Gardner Cameron & Burns Brown

Pleasant Hill: Bro. Vertice Tilley & Sisters Grace Tilley, Ruth Cooley

Sardis: Bros. Winston Robertson, Marvin Hudson & Lando Robertson

1st FWB of Ethelsville: Bros. Paul Tilley, Arlis Barksdale & Vernice Tilley

Brookwood: Bros. Tommy Jones, Buster Nicholson & Linda Barger

1st FWB of Tuscaloosa: Bros. Ernest White, Douglas Tilley & Ivory Bailey

Big Sandy: Bro. Donald Harbin, Sisters Katie Harbin & Janie Smith

1st FWB of Reform: Bro. Searcy Junkin, Sisters Lillie Mae Carpenter & Daisy Junkin

Hubbard Springs: Bros. James Epperson, Wesley Cooley & Sister Ollie Mae Montgomery

Carolwood: Bros. Bobby Crowe, Brady Montgomery & Sister Addie Montgomery

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Tom Springfield, Gordo, Alabama

Rev. Edgar Jones, Greensboro Hwy., Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Rev. J. L. Lavender, 1707 3rd Ave. NW, Aliceville, Ala.

Rev. J.H. Tilley, 17 Howton Sub. Div., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. R.E. Tilley, Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama

Rev. H.E. Crawford, 2321 9th St., Northport, Alabama

Rev. J.L. Lynn, Morman Road, Northport, Alabama

Rev. W.L. Lynn, Morman Road, Northport, Alabama

Rev. Arlie Lynn, 3 Williamson Dr., Northport, Alabama

Rev. W.R. Sullivan, Gordo, Alabama

Rev. Albert Montgomery, 2213-27th Ave., Northport, Ala.

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Alabama

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Alabama

Rev. W.E. Adams, 308-48th Ave., Northport, Ala.

Rev. G.P. Perkins, Star Rt., Box 101, Columbus, Miss.

Rev. Lewis Cooley, Cottondale, Alabama

Rev. Monroe Hallman, Fayette, Alabama

Rev. Jesse L. (Jackie) Adcox, 1524 E. Hargrove Rd.,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Rev. David Hayes, Alpine Hills, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Rev. Byron Myer, 4014 6th E.,

Rev. Dewey Thomas, Rt. 2, Northport, Alabama

Rev. Donald Keasler, Rt. 2, Reform, Alabama

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Reverends Edgar Jones, J.L. Lavender, J.H. Tilley, R.E. Tilley, H.E. Crawford, J.L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G.P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Jesse Adcox, David Hayes, Byron Meyer, Dewey Thomas, Donald Keasler

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Leander McAdams

DECEASED MINISTERS

Reverends Ellis Gore, J.T. Nabors, W.W. Pool, J.S. Hinton, W.R.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks & Adresses	Ex-Pastors	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptized	Received By Letter	Dismissed By Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	Number of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children's Home	Home Missions *Foreign Missions
MOUNT MORIAH	Jesse L. Adcox	Mrs. Cherry Mullenix Rt. 2, Gordo, Al.	Jesse L. Adcox	\$1,660.00	\$150.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	89	\$10.00	\$512.38	\$193.42
MACEDONIA	G. P. Perkins	J. L. Mcadams Rt. 1, Millport, Al.	G. P. Perkins	\$1,841.00	\$212.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	179	\$10.00	\$931.02	0
SHILOH	R. E. Tilley	Marlin Burkhalter Route, Gordo, Al.	J. L. Lavender	\$2,400.00	\$217.00	0	2	0	2	2	0	FT	150	\$12.00	\$357.70	\$361.06
TABERNACLE	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3, Tuscaloosa, Al.	H. E. Crawford	860.86	150.00	1	2	1	0	4	0	1-3	148	\$10.00	0	0
UNION	Donald Keasler	E. P. Gray Rt., Gordo, Al.	R. E. Tilley	659.00	102.00	0	1	0	0	5	0	FT	97	8.00	0	34.00
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	H. E. Crawford	E. J. Watson Rt. 3, Box 18, Northport, Al.	H. E. Crawford	800.13	70.00	0	2	3	0	4	0	2-4	329	\$15.00	0	0
UNION HILL	Jesse L. Adcox	W. N. Joyner Carrollton, Al.	R. E. Tilley	\$1,015.00	185.00	0	0	1	0	3	0	1-3	100	\$12.00	\$190.86	25.00
MOUNT ZION	Lonnie Lynn	Gifford Winters Rt. 3, Bx. 331, Northport, Al.	Arlie Lynn	450.00	41.00	0	1	1	0	2	0	1-3	98	\$10.00	0	0
GLEN ECHO	G. P. Perkins	Miss Diane Harcrow Rt. 1, Carrollton, Ala.	G. P. Perkins	\$1,085.00	127.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	2-4	56	5.00	197.00	0
PLEASANT HILL	Lewis Cooley	William Quimby Elrod, Al.	Lewis Cooley	\$1,150.85	60.00	3	0	1	0	0	0	FT	96	\$10.00	\$236.69	0
SARDIS	Lonnie Lynn	G. D. Skelton Elrod, Al.	Lonnie Lynn	531.93	100.00	0	0	2	0	1	0	2-4	64	\$10.00	0	0
FIRST FWB ETHELSVILLE	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley Rt. 2, Ethelsville, Al.	Arlie Lynn	841.00	71.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	49	\$10.00	0	0
FIRST FWB TUSCALOOSA	J. H. Tilley	David Tilley 20 Broadview, Tusc., Al.	J. H. Tilley	\$6,500.00	250.00	2	3	4	0	0	0	FT	126	\$15.00	0	\$131.80 *100.00
BROOKWOOD	Byron Meyer	Charles R. Dean Brookwood, Al.	W. E. Adams	613.00	153.00	3	3	0	0	0	0	FT	27	\$15.00	85.60	0
BIG SANDY	Arlie Lynn	C. H. Harbin Rt. 1, Bx. 430, Tusc., Al.	Lonnie Lynn	413.50	105.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	29	\$10.00	0	0
FIRST FWB REFORM	James M. Pickett	Mrs. Julia Klosterman Box 744, Reform, Al	Charles Dozier	680.00	90.00	0	0	7	0	0	0	FT	55	\$10.00	95.00	50.00
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Clyde Oswalt	Mrs. Frances Epperson Rt. 1, Box 34, Duncanville, Al.	Clyde Oswalt	330.00	-----	0	0	2	0	2	0	1-3	26	8.00	0	0
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Mrs. Lorene Bircheat Rt. 1, Fayette, Al.	-----	-----	-----	12	22	0	0	0	0	FT	34	7.00	0	0

Latham, O.M. Archey, E.W. Harbin, T.V. Wheat, J.E. Mathis, W.R. Robertson, Thomas Malloy, W.J. Coward, W.B. Montgomery Wood Springfield, E.F. Pool, J.D. Byars, J.M. Perkinson, W.J. Harbin, J.M. Spencer, Amon Kelley, S.R. Lee, Clint Hallman, J.E. Tilley, T.L. Walker, John Moore, J.N. Sanford, Murk Montgomery

MEMORIAL TO REV. MURK MONTGOMERY

"And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Although these were great words of Peter showing his dedication and affirmation of Jesus as the Son of God, they could very easily apply to our departed minister, Brother Murk Montgomery as the basis of his christian doctrine. Deeply dedicated to his beliefs he did not falter but stood firm until the end.

His great strength is evidenced by his influence on those about him and he never failed to let them know the Source of his strength.

Bro. Murk was always dependable and was an asset to our Association - taking great pride in being a Free Will Baptist. Although he did not always agree on every issue, he discussed his viewpoint openly and in an orderly manner.

As he stood in the pulpit to exhort God's great Word, we see him as he gestures with his hand cupped over his ear as if to get clearer sounds from God, his messenger. We also see him as the Holy Spirit engulfs him as he would shout out the praises of God as he sung his favorite old hymns.

This voice is quiet today. The silence and emptiness remains but God doeth all things well. We can be assured that Bro. Montgomery left this world saying as Paul, *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day"* . . . And we know a crown surely awaits this Child of the King.

UNION MEETING

The eightieth session of the Union Meeting was held with Glen Echo Church in Pickens County, Carrollton, Alabama, on the tenth and eleventh of July, 1971. After song and prayer the introductory sermon was given by Rev. J. H. Tilley, basing his sermon

from scripture taken from the 16th chapter of Matthew.

The business session began by the Moderator, Rev. Henry Crawford, reading the first chapter of Psalms.

He appointed Bros. James South and Lacy McAdams as Reading Clerks.

Letters from the various churches were handed in and read.

It was moved and seconded that we seat the delegates and place in any that were absent.

The delegated body elected Rev. Henry Crawford as Moderator and Rev. Raymond Tilley as Clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rev. J.H. Tilley, Bros. Lacy McAdams, W.L. Burkhalter, W.F. Sanford, S.D. Sanford, and M.E. Perrigin, with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTION

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Bros. J.G. Cameron, J.L. McAdams, E.P. Gray, Sr., Revis Guy, G.D. Skelton, Hugh B. Acker, Donald Tilley, and Sister Ruby Gore with Deacons of the Church.

TEMPERANCE

Rev. Arlie L. Lynn, Bros. James Wharton, Sam Mitchell, L.B. Koon G.W. Harbin, Sisters Lillie Mae Carpenter, Jessie Lee Kelly.

SABBATH CHOOOL

Rev. Jesse L. Adcox, Bros. S.D. Gray, Louie Cooper, William Quimby, Vernice Tilley, Archie Robertson, Ezra Martin and Sister Sue Plymon.

CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Charles Dozier, Bros. James South, Donald Keasler, Herman Sanford, Felton Wicker, Clifton Malone, Emmett Doughty.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Rev. Albert Montgomery, Bros. W.H. Joyner, R.D. Reynolds, M.W. Connell, T.L. Boswell, and Sister Gladys Noland.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Union Church, Pickens County, Alabama, on the fourth Sunday and the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1972 at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that Rev. Raymond Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 and Rev. Arlie Lynn be his alternate.

Rev. J. H. Tilley, Chairman

DEVOTION

We your committee, recommend that Bro. Lonnie Lynn preach at 9:00 and Rev. Lewis Cooley be his alternate; Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 11:00 and Rev. Albert Montgomery be his alternate; Rev. Donald Keasler preach at 2:00 p.m. and Rev. Raymond Tilley be his alternate.

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend Sabbath School as a basic need of our church. We too, realize that Sabbath School begins in the home. We believe that we should be greatly concerned in selecting our teachers, that the teacher not only teach but be dedicated and concerned about the spiritual needs of the child.

We feel a need for Sabbath School and urge each church to start one if you haven't already.

Rev. Jesse L. Adcox, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee, report as follows: We wish to express to Glen Echo Church, our thanks for the most hospitable manner in which they received and welcomed each of us; and for the interest they have in our Free Will Baptist Association.

May God's riches and most bountiful blessings shower you through the coming days.

Rev. Albert Montgomery, Chairman

SUNDAY SERVICES

As suggested in the Devotion Committee report, the Sunday sermons were preached with five minutes given for each alternate to speak also. The 9:00 sermon was given by Rev. Lonnie Lynn with Rev. Lewis Cooley as alternate; the 11:00 sermon was given by Rev. Willis Montgomery with Rev. Albert Montgomery as alternate; and the 2:00 sermon was given by Rev. Donald Keasler with Rev. Raymond Tilley as alternate.

Special prayer was given for those who had requested to be remembered at the Union Meeting. Requests made were:

Big Sandy Church for their many sick and bereaved.

Rev. Lawrence Lynn who had suffered a heart attack.

Rev. W. E. Adams who had a stroke.

Hubbard Springs request prayer from all churches for their growth as a new church.

The day was adjourned by the letter of thanks for the manner in which Glen Echo received the delegates and the fellowship of christian love at this Union Meeting.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mount Moriah: Sisters Ruby Gore, Sue Plymon, Vaudine Lancaster

Macedonia: Bros. James Wharton, Lacy McAdams, Lewis McAdams

Shiloh: Bros. W.L. Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, L. B. Koon

Tabernacle: Bros. Calvin Wicker, Clifton Malone, Felton Wicker

Union: Bros. Ezra Martin, S.D. Gray, E.P. Gray

Phillips Chapel: Bros. Herman Sanford, Stanley Sanford, Bill Sanford

Union Hill: Bros. W.N. Joyner, M.E. Perrign, R.D. Reynolds

Mount Zion: Bros. Chester South, James South

Glen Echo: Bros. Hugh Acker, J.G. Cameron, Sister Gladys Noland

Pleasant Hill: Bros. T.L. Boswell, William Quimby, Louis Cooper

Sardis: Bros. Archie Robertson, G.D. Skelton

First FWB Ethelsville: Bros. Vernice Tilley, Louis Tilley

Brookwood: Not Represented

First FWB Tuscaloosa: Bros. Emmit Doughty, Revis Guy, Donald Tilley

Big Sandy: Bros. C.H. Harbin, G.W. Harbin, Sam Mitchell

First FWB Reform: Bro. Donald Keasler, Sisters Lillie Mae Carpenter, Jessie Lee Kelly

Hubbard Springs: Bros. James Epperson, Wesley Cooley, Sister Ollie Montgomery

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Reverends J.H. Tilley, R.E. Tilley, H.E. Crawford, J.L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, Charles Dozier, Jesse L. Adcox, Donald Keasler, J.L. Lavender, G. P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Edgar Jones

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Leander McAdams

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 facilities 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 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, Heb. 3:11-12-13; Rom. 13:14; Mark 13:33; Eze. 18:24; Rev. 2nd and 3rd chapters; Eze. 33:13-18; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:6; 1 Cor. 10:12-22; 1 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 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 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, 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 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 uses 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 Mod-

erator 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 heresy, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines or not in keeping with our Articles of Faith, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

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

ART. 4. All questions of Doctrines and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association and the decision shall be final.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

ART. 6. This Association shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed at a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

ART. 7. Churches wishing to become members of the Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usage.

ART. 8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influences to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.

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 self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and in 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 works.

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 in 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 enterprises, 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.