

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED**  
**AND TWENTY SECOND**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**HELD WITH**  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH OF ETHELSVILLE**  
**Ethelsville, Alabama**

**OCTOBER 7th AND 8th, 1972**

**OFFICERS**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>L. B. Koon</b>	<b>W. N. Joyner</b>
<b>M. P. Gore</b>	<b>L. D. Tilley</b>
<b>Morris Crawford</b>	

**The Next Session Of the Association**  
**Will Meet With Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, On Saturday**  
**Before The Second Sunday In October at 9:30 O'clock**

## MINUTES

The one hundred and twenty-second session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with First Free Will Baptist Church of Ethelsville, Ethelsville, Alabama, on October 7th and 8th, 1972. This session was opened with singing and prayer. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. J. H. Tilley, reading from the first chapter of Jude, and using verse 3 for his key verse. He exhorted each christian to stand steadfast in the faith of our Father.

It was moved and seconded that we go into the business of the Association. Bros. Wester Fulgham, Jr. and Bill Lewis were appointed as Reading Clerks by the Moderator.

Letters from each church were handed in and read. It was most uplifting to hear seven churches in our Association request the next session of the Association at their church. Churches asking for the Association were: Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mount Zion, Pleasant Hill, Sardis and Carolwood. Other achievements and points of interest listed in the letters were:

Pleasant Hill and Phillips Chapel have started having prayer meeting.

Union feels that being a full time church has attributed to the spiritual growth of their church.

Macedonia and Shiloh have Bible study along with their regular prayer meeting service.

Phillips Chapel has organized a Sunday School which is growing.

Mount Moriah, Shiloh, Union Hill and Glen Echo participated in a Walk-a-thon at Shiloh Church and raised nearly \$900 to help our Home and Foreign Missions.

Pleasant Hill, 1st FWB of Ethelsville, Union Hill, and 1st FWB of Tuscaloosa had a request for a member of their church to be licensed or ordained as a minister in our Association.

Tabernacle is in the process of building Sunday School rooms and installing water in the building.

Union, Brookwood, Hubbard Springs and Carolwood churches asked that changes be made in connection



with the history of their church. (these corrections will appear in this minute.)

Our statistics showed we added 120 members this year in comparison to 62 added last year. We lost 45 members this year in comparison to 47 lost last year.

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Delegates were listed as per role.

It was moved and seconded to place delegates where any were absent.

Invitation was given for new churches. There were none.

The call for visitors to be seated with us was made. Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. V. R. Lay, Rev. Norman Farley and Rev. Jerry Edgil were welcomed.

Rev. J. H. Tilley was elected as Moderator and Rev. R. E. Tilley as Clerk by the delegated body. Rev. R. E. Tilley asked that Sister Vaudine Lancaster assist him again this year as Clerk. Request was granted.

The Clerk gave an outline of the Union Meeting proceedings held at Union Church.

The following committees were appointed:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS - Bros. Herman Sanford, Bo Griffin, James L. Lancaster, Murry Perrigin, Boyd Koon and Richard Dean with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTION - Bros. Calvin Wicker, T. L. Boswell, Ezra Martin, Lewis Robertson and Sisters Jessie Kelly and Linda Barger with Deacons of Church.

DECEASED - Bros. Elliot Gray, Clifton Malone, Thurmon Baggett, Gardner Cameron and Wilson Connell.

TEMPERANCE - Bros. Ganus Gray, Lacy McAdams, Roy Gene Plymon, Claude Malone and Sister Addie Montgomery.

MORAL REFORM - Bros. David Tilley, Searcy Junkin, Hobbie Tilley, Loy Shaw, Winston Robertson, Oscar Fulgham, Raiford Shepherd and Sister Ann Joyner.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - Bros. Jerry Montgomery, James Wharton, Vernice Tilley, Jesse Marquis, and James Epperson.

SABBATH SCHOOL - Bros. Frank Atchenson, Wesley Cooley and Sisters Elaine Owings, Katie Harbin, Lou Ella Carpenter, and Bernice Reynolds.

CHILDREN'S HOME - Bros. Burns Brown, Chester South, Wayne Bircheat, and Buster Nicholson.

FINANCE - Bros. James South, Paul Tilley and R. D. Reynolds.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES - Bros. Lando Robertson, William Quimby, and Steve Harless.

## DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama; and that Rev. Arlie Lynn preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 and that Rev. James Posey 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 to the minute fund in relation to the number of minutes required. We recommend that one of the delegates of each church read their letter to the Association.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Herman Sanford  
Chairman

## DEVOTION

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

Rev. James Posey will preach at 9:15 a.m. with Rev. Ottis Jacobs as alternate.

Rev. Henry Crawford will preach at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Jerry Edgil will preach at 2:15 p.m. and Bro. Arlis Barksdale will be his alternate.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Calvin C. Wicker  
Chairman

## DECEASED

Mount Moriah: Bros. L. V. Cowart, Sr., and J. W. St. John

Macedonia: Bro. Fred Bell and Sister Nettie Mae Chain

Tabernacle: Bro. Gim Wilder and Sister Mattie Sullivan

Union: Rev. T. A. Springfield, Bro. J. S. Powell and Sister Lizzie McCool

Phillips Chapel Church: Bros. Virgil Holloway, Dice Sanford, Holley Taylor and Sister Delie Trawick

Union Hill: Bro. Olin Hall

Mount Zion: Sister Mary Watkins

Glen Echo: Sister Lillie Carr

Pleasant Hill: Bro. Ed Nichols and Sister Odel Harless

Brookwood: Sister Nora Winningham

Hubbard Springs: Sister Kelly Owens

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. E. P. Gray  
Chairman

## 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 church of tomorrow. We would like to impress on each church of our Association and especially each parent to constantly remind our youth of the danger and harm of alcohol and drugs which is our growing problem of today.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Ganus Gray  
Chairman

## MORAL AND REFORM

We, your committee, report as follows: There seems to be a laxity in the moral standards today. We recommend

that parents set a high standard of morals in the home, not only teaching their children high morals but living an example before them. We challenge all christians to hold a high moral standard than ever before that the world might see Christ in our daily life.

Report adopted and committee discharged

Bro. David Tilley  
Chairman

## EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: As christians we should 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 literature is made available to our people.

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

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

In final, the Bible is to be the true guide in all our teaching.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Jerry Montgomery  
Chairman

## SABBATH SCHOOL

We, the committee report as follows: We know of no better application of the scripture than to study to show thyself approved, than in the worship of Sabbath School. We believe that we should be greatly concerned in selecting our teachers, since children at young ages are not likely to forget and will return if they went astray. We urge all churches who are not participating in Sabbath School to organize one.

Report adopted and committed discharged.

Bro. Frank W. Atchenson  
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.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Burns A. Brown  
Chairman

(An offering of \$126 was received for our Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama.)

## FINANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: We have collected a total of \$204.00 for minute funds during this session.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

James South  
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 Douglas Tilley's and James S. Posey's names be added to the list of ordained ministers and that Arlis Barksdale, Ottis Earl Jacobs, Jr. and Ernest White's names be added to the list of licensed ministers. Ernest White is to be ordained, Sunday, October 8, 1972 by the Association. The Clerk will add his name after ordination to the list of ordained ministers.

Reported adopted and committee retained.

M. P. Gore  
Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee, report as follows: We wish to express to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ethelsville, our thanks for the most hospitable manner in which they have received and welcomed each of us; and for the interest they have in our Free Will Baptist Association. They have shown that they really express interest and appreciation by acting as host this session.

May God's riches and most bountiful blessings shower on you and your community through the coming days. God only can be glorified through each of our efforts.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Lando Robertson  
Chairman

The business session continued following the reading of the committee reports with the Moderator presiding.

A report of our Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, was given by our Associational board member, Bro. Wilson Connell.

Rev. J. L. Lavender requested his letter to join the Midway Free Will Baptist Association in Georgia since he is pastor of Patmos FWB Church of Leary, Georgia. This letter was granted to Bro. Lavender.

It was approved by the delegated body to reinstate in the State Association. Ninety dollars was collected to pay the five dollars fee for each church. Delegates appointed to represent our Association were Bro. James L. Lancaster and Sister Vaudine Lancaster. The State Association will be held at St. James FWB Church in Phenix City, Alabama.

Volunteers were asked to represent our Association at the Vernon Association to convene at Union Chapel FWB Church at Crossville, Alabama.

The recommendation made concerning the Ministers and Deacons Conference was discussed and voted on as a part of our Association. Rev. Dewey Thomas was elected as chairman and Rev. Herbert Tilley as co-chairman. These meetings will be held on a quarterly basis. The place of each meeting will be at the church which will host the 5th Sunday Meeting



the following day. Services will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night before the 5th Sunday. All ministers, deacons and their wives, and anyone who is interested in their church was urged to attend these meetings.

Bro. Lando was elected again this year as chairman of the youth phase of work in our Association.

A song and prayer was given in memory of our departed loved ones. A memorial to Rev. T. A. Springfield, one of our pioneer preachers, was read and voted on to be placed in the minutes.

### ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES

Bro. Lando McAdams, Associational Youth Chairman, has done an excellent job of reaching our youth. We are very grateful for his dedicated services rendered for our youth.

Our first youth meeting was a weekend revival with Rev. Rickey Cash as the evangelist. God richly blessed in this revival and souls were saved.

Two area Singing Schools were taught by Bro. McAdams in which six churches in our Association took part. These schools were held at Union Church and 1st FWB of Ethelsville.

On Saturday night of our Union Meeting, a youth singing was held. Representation of our churches was good. Many churches provided specials at this service.

In August, a Youth Choir was organized by Bro. McAdams. He appointed the following officers:

Chaplain - Bro. Ottis Jacobs

Song Director - June Price

Sec. & Treas. - Melanie Lancaster

This group meets each third Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

The climax of this year's youth services was at the Saturday night session of our Association. A record crowd attended. A devotional was given by Bro. Arlis Barksdale. The youth sang group songs and specials. Those participating ranged from preschool age to teenagers. In conclusion, the youth had a testimony service which made us see how fortunate we are to have these christian youth in our Association.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

The 9:15 message was preached by Rev. James Posey taking his scripture reading from 1st John 1:15. He used for his text, "God is The Light." Rev. Ottis Jacobs, alternate, added to his sermon using his scripture from St. John 4:35, "*Lift up your eyes, and look on the field; for they are white already to harvest.*"

Prayer Request time was given for all present to make known their request for loved ones and friends. Prayer was then given by Rev. J. L. Lavender.

The 11:00 sermon was delivered by Rev. H. E. Crawford from the 2nd Book of Thessalonians reading from the 2nd chapter. His topic was, "Give Most Earnest Heed To These Things."

Communion Services were conducted by Rev. Arlie Lynn and Rev. J. H. Tilley. Scripture reading was from Matthew 26: 26-29. Assisting in the Lord's Supper were the following deacons: Louis Tilley, Clifton Walters, Searcy Junkin and S. D. Gray.

At 1:45, ordination services were held for Rev. Earnest White to become an ordained minister in our Association.

The 2:15 p.m. sermon was given by visiting minister, Rev. Jerry Edgil of Eastside FWB Church of Tuscaloosa. He read scripture from Ephesians 5:25 and from Isaiah. He spoke on the responsibilities of being a christian and stressed the need of carrying the Word to the unsaved. He quoted from Isaiah, "*For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty.*"

The closing song was sung and all ministers stood at at the parting handshake. As the benediction was given it was evident that God had poured his richest blessings on this session of our Association.

"*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*" Ephesians 1:3

## 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 & Rev. Thomas Malloy
Tabernacle	1875	Rev. Ellis Gore & Rev. W. H. McGee
Union	1891	Rev. Wood Springfield
Phillips Chapel	1893	Rev. W.J. Harbin & Rev. J. W. Moore
1st FWB of Ethelsville	1902	Rev. Wood Springfield
Mount Zion	1902	Rev. W.J. Harbin & Rev. W.B. Montgomery
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Wood Springfield
Pleasant Hill	1912	Rev. Wood Springfield
Brookwood	1914	Rev. W.R. Weaver & E. M. Stamps
Sardis	1930	Rev. W. J. Harbin
Glen Echo	1936	Rev. T. L. Walker
1st FWB of Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. J.H. Tilley & Rev. H.E. Crawford
Big Sandy	1958	Rev. Edgar Jones & Rev. Albert Montgomery
1st FWB of Reform	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
Hubbard Springs	1960	Rev. V. R. Lay
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas

## TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	\$716.08
Received from Minute Fund—	
Association. . . \$204.00	
State. . . . . 90.00 .....	294.00
Total Receipts .....	\$1,010.08
Total Expenditures . . .	
Printing of Minutes . . . \$205.28	
Clerk's Services. . . . . 37.00	
State Association. . . . . 90.00 .....	332.28
Balance on hand .....	\$667.80

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Rev. H. E. Crawford continued his faithfulness in promoting these meetings. Interest continues to be good and different churches are responding well to asking for a Fifth Sunday Meeting at their church. If you have services at your church on the fifth Sunday, it is requested that you send a delegate to represent the church.

### JANUARY 30

Held at Union Church with 12 churches represented. Sunday School was taught by Bro. Elliot Gray, Jr. Preaching was by Rev. H. E. Crawford. A soul stirring testimony service was given by many members present. Afternoon congregational singing with the Royal Masters Quartet as special guest.

### APRIL 30

Held at Phillips Chapel with 12 churches represented. The devotional was given by Bro. Lewis Montgomery. Preaching was by Rev. Doug Tilley. There was afternoon congregational singing.

### JULY 30

Held at Pleasant Hill with 11 churches represented. There were 8 ministers present at this meeting. Each depart-



ment had Sunday School. Preaching was by Rev. Donald Keasler. Afternoon congregational singing.

#### DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MOUNT MORIAH: Bros. James L. Lancaster, Roy Gene Plymon and Sister Ann Joyner

MACEDONIA: Bros. James Wharton, Lacy McAdams and Loy Shaw

SHILOH: Bros. Wilson Connell, Raiford Shepherd and Boyd Koon

TABERNACLE: Bros. Claude Malone, Clifton Malone and Calvin Wicker

UNION: Bros. Ezra Martin, Ganus Gray and Elliot Gray

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Bros. Jerry Montgomery, Herman Sanford and Bo Griffin

UNION HILL: Bros. M.E. Perrigin, W.H. Oglesby and Sister Bernice Reynolds

MOUNT ZION: Bros. Thurmon Baggett, James South and Chester South

PLEASANT HILL: Bros. Steve Harless, Tull Boswell and William Quimby

GLEN ECHO: Bros. Burns A. Brown, Gardner Cameron and Oscar Fulgham

SARDIS: Bros. Lando Robertson, Lewis Robertson and Winston Robertson

1st FWB OF ETHELSVILLE: Bros. Robert H. Tilley, Ver-Tilley and Paul Tilley

BROOKWOOD: Bros. Richard Dean, Buster Nicholson, and Sister Linda Barger

1st FWB OF TUSCALOOSA: Bros. Frank Atchenson, Jesse Marquis and David Tilley

BIG SANDY: Sister Katie Harbin

1st FWB OF REFORM: Bro. Searcy Junkin and Sisters Jesse Lee Kelly & Lou Ella Carpenter

HUBBARD SPRINGS: Bros. James Epperson and Wesley Cooley

CAROLWOOD: Bro. Wayne Bircheat and Sisters Elaine Owens and Addie Montgomery

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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

Rev. H.H. Tilley, 17 Howton Sub. Div., Tuscaloosa, Al.

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

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

Rev. J.L. Lynn, Morman Rd., Rt. 3, Northport, Al.

Rev. W.L. Lynn, Morman Rd., Rt. 3, Northport, Al.

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

Rev. W.R. Sullivan, Gordo, Al.

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

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry, Al.

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Al.

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

Rev. G.P. Perkins, Star Rt., Box 201, Columbus, Miss.

Rev. Lewis Cooley, Golden Acres, Cottondale, Al.

Rev. Monroe Hallman, Fayette, Al.

Rev. Jesse L. (Jackie) Adcox, 2 Lake Robin Wood, Coker, Al.

Rev. David Hayes, Alpine Hills, Tuscaloosa, Al.;

Rev. Byron Meyer, 4014 6th E., Tuscaloosa, Al.

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

Rev. Donald Kealser, Rt. 2, Box 20B, Reform, Al.

Rev. Douglas Tilley, 3212-42 St. E., Alpine Hills, Tuscaloosa, Al.

Rev. Ernest White, Greensboro Hwy., Tuscaloosa, Al.

Rev. James Posey, Elrod, Ala.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Arlis Barksdale, Rt., Ethelsville, Al.

Rev. Ottis Jacobs, 127 Mobile Rd. SW, Aliceville, Al.



Churches	Pastors	Clerks & Addresses	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 Hom	Home Missions * Foreign Missions ** Walk-a-thon
MOUNT MORIAH	Malone Cobb	Mrs. Cherry Mullenix Rt. 2, Gordo, Al.	Jesse L. Adcox	\$1,556.00	\$150.00	5	0	3	0	2	0	FT	89	\$10	\$598.29	\$355.49 * 31.36 ** 211.30
MACEDONIA	G. P. Perkins	J. L. McAdams Rt. 1, Millport, Al.	G. P. Perkins	1,950.38	330.36	0	0	1	1	2	0	1-3	176	10	942.09	242.00
SHILOH	R. E. Tilley	Marlin Burkhalter Rt. 5, Gordo, Al	R. E. Tilley	2,860.00	310.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	Ft	151	12	182.62	**240.00
TABERNACLE	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3, Tuscaolisa	H. E. Crawford	1,082.00	150.00	6	2	2	0	2	0	1-3	153	10	-----	-----
UNION	Donald Keasler	S. D. Gray Rt. 4, Gordo, Al	Donald Keasler	803.00	202.00	10	6	2	0	3	0	FT	83	10	-----	45.00
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	H. E. Crawford	Daniel Sanford Rt. 1, Box 142CC Coker, Al.	H. E. Crawford	664.30	-----	9	5	4	0	4	0	2-4	340	20	103.68	734.00
1ST FWB OF ETHELSVILLE	Arlie Lynn	L. D. Tilley Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Al.	Arlie Lynn	1,236.40	175.00	4	1	0	0	0	0	1-3	52	12	-----	-----
MOUNT ZION	Lewis Cooley	James South Rt. 3, Box 459, Northport	Lonnie Lynn	466.51	60.00	0	1	0	0	1	0	1-3	98	10	-----	-----
UNION HILL	Jesse L. Adcox	W. N. Joyner P.O. Box 62, Carrollton	Jesse L. Adcox	1,300.00	163.00	0	1	1	1	1	0	1-3	99	15	212.00	**75.85
PLEASANT HILL	Lewis Cooley	William Quimby	Lewis Cooley	953.73	100.00	2	7	1	1	2	0	2-4	101	10	166.96	-----
BROOKWOOD	Bryon Meyer	Charles R. Dean Brookwood, Al.	Byron Meyer	925.00	250.00	10	2	0	0	1	0	FT	36	15	-----	261.16
SARDIS	James Posey	G. D. Skelton Elrod, Al.	Lonnie Lynn	700.00	100.00	0	2	0	0	0	0	FT	66	10	60.00	-----
GLEN ECHO	G. P. Perkins	Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Box 201 Carrollton, Al.	G. P. Perkins	1,202.11	159.80	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-4	59	5	214.00	**339.60
1ST FWB OF TUSCALOOSA	J. H. Tilley	Wester Fulgham, Jr. 3611-2nd Ave. Tuscaloosa, Al.	J. H. Tilley	6,500.00	440.00	11	2	1	0	0	0	FT	138	15	-----	1,123.00
BIG SANDY	Ernest White	C. H. Harbin Rt. 1, Box 430, Tuscaloosa	Arlie Lynn	325.00	33.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	28	10	-----	-----
1st FWB OF REFORM	Douglas Tilley	Mrs. Julia Klosterman Box 744, Reform, Al.	James Pickett	670.00	90.00	2	5	8	0	0	0	FT	54	10	-----	25.00
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Clyde Oswalt	Mrs. Frances Epperson Rt. 1, Box 34, Duncanville	Clyde Oswalt	300.00	55.00	2	1	2	0	1	0	1-3	26	10	15.00	-----
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Lorene Bircheat Rt. 1, Fayette	Dewey Thomas	1,200.00	-----	4	15	0	0	0	0	FT	54	10	15.00	-----
				\$24,694.43	\$2,768.16	67	50	25	3	20	0		\$1,803	\$204	\$2,493.64	\$3,583.73

## MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Reverends J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, J. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G. P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Jesse Adcox, David Hayes, Byron Meyer, Dewey Thomas, Donald Keaster, Douglas Tilley, Ernest White, Arlis Barksdale, Ottis Jacobs, James Posey and W. L. Lynn.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Leander McAdams, Rev. V. R. Lay, Rev. Jerry Edgil and Rev. Norman Farley.

## DECEASED MINISTERS

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

## MEMORIAL TO

### REV. THOMAS ALDEN SPRINGFIELD

The prayer for "God give us men - faithful, unwavering men," was answered by Bro. Tom Springfield being a part of our Mt. Moriah Association. Through his Godly life he not only helped build our Association but made our country a better place.

It has been said "Prayer is the key to Heaven and faith unlocks the door." Many years ago Bro. Springfield learned this and practiced it throughout his ministry.

Whether at a regular worship service or a stirring revival, he would open his heart and mind in his meditation with God.

Many times his most effective sermons were preached with his eyes closed - in prayer. In the quietness and reverence of the congregation, he would touch the hearts of many by his praises, pleas, and thanks to God for his mercy and goodness.

Another attribute of Bro. Tom was, as admonished in Ephesians, chapter 5, - he ruled his house well . . . "Proving what is good and acceptable unto God . . . Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Today the words of the beautiful old hymn have new meaning as we think of the loss of Bro. Springfield, but if he were here today, I am sure he would earnestly offer these words to each of us:

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and grief to bear!  
What a privilege to carry,  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry,  
Everything to God in prayer!*



## UNION MEETING

The eighty-first session of the Union Meeting was held with Union Church in Pickens County, Gordo, Alabama, Rt. 2, on the 23rd and 24th of July, 1972. After the opening song, Rev. Clyde Oswalt gave prayer. Rev. H. E. Crawford read Psalm 106. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Raymond Tilley with scripture reading from Matthew 20: 1-7.

Reading clerks appointed were Bros. Ben Logan and James Wharton.

Letters from the churches were handed in and read. Explanations were given for churches whose letter was not handed in at this time.

It was moved and seconded that we seat the delegates and fill the vacancy of the ones who were absent.

The Moderator - Rev. H. E. Crawford, and Clerk-Rev. Raymond Tilley were re-elected to serve in this session.

After the reading and approval of the committee reports, the congregation sang several songs.

As recommended in the Childrens' Home Committee report, an offering of \$72.85 was received for the Childrens' Home of Eldridge, Alabama.

It was also recommended by Rev. J. H. Tilley to bring the suggestion before the Association that a "Ministers and Deacon's Conference" be organized. This meeting would give ministers and deacons (and also their wives) a chance to meet together and discuss their goals, problems, methods, and needed changes for spiritual growth.

The 2:00 P.M. sermon was given by Rev. J. L. Laverder, using for his topic, "Volunteers." His scripture reading was taken from Isaiah 6: 9-10.

After this challenging sermon we were adjourned with prayer to meet back at 7:30 p.m. for the Associational Youth Service.

The following committees were appointed:

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Stanley Sanford, James Wharton, M.E. Perrigin, Claude Malone, Clifton Walters, and Gene Crowe with Moderator and Clerk.

## DEVOTION

Bros. Herman Sanford, James South, Ben Logan, Clifton Malone, Waymon Fields, Bill Lewis, and Sister Jewel Smith with Deacons of the Church.

## TEMPERANCE

Bros. Ezra Martin, Lewis McAdams, Hugh Acker, Huey Price, James Posey, R. D. Reynolds, Jack Wright, and Sisters Lillie Mae Carpenter and Jerry Gray.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

Bros. Wester Fulgham, Jr., William Quimby, Sisters Clemence Turnipseed, Daisy Junkin, Rita Hopkins, Violet Tilley, Leola Acker, Carrie Hallman.

## CHILDRENS' HOME

Bros. Dan Turnipseed, Wesley Cooley, Gardner Cameron, Archie Robertson, Lando Robertson, Ernest White, Sisters Ann Joyner and Mary Shuttlesworth.

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Bros. Winston Robertson, Luther Noland, Vernice Tilley Willoth Cook, and Sister Jessie Kelly.

## DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with First Free Will Church of Tuscaloosa in Tuscaloosa County on the fourth Saturday and Sunday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1973 at 9:00 a.m.

We recommend that Rev. Donald Keasler preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 a.m. and that Rev. Douglas Tilley be his alternate.

We recommend that each church estimate how many minutes they need in their letter to the Association so churches can get the amount they need.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Stanley Sanford, Chairman



## DEVOTION

We, your committee on Devotion, recommend that the services be conducted by the following: Saturday: Rev. J. L. Lavender, who will preach at the end of the Saturday session with Rev. Lonnie Lynn as alternate.

Sunday: Rev. J. H. Tilley who will preach at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Jesse L. (Jackie) Adcox as alternate.  
Rev. James Posey who will preach at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Douglas Tilley as alternate.  
Rev. Rickey Hopkins who will preach at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Henry Crawford as alternate.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Herman Sanford, Chairman

## 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. The liberty God gives each of us should not be abused. Galatians 5:13, states "*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*"

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Ezra Martin, Chairman

## SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that each church have Sunday School. If your church does not have one, we urge you to organize one. We recommend that each member do personal work to encourage parents to bring their children, and not send them to Sunday School. We believe that each teacher and student, as christians, should study to show themselves approved. We rec-

ommend that you use Free Will Baptist literature and also that you make use of all teaching aids available.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Wester Fulgham, Chairman

## CHILDRENS' HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: We have a deep concern for the support of our Childrens' Home by the churches in our Association. We recommend that every church send an offering to the Home each month. We also recommend that each church, who does not support the Home at the present time, send a delegation to visit the Home. After the visit, a report of their visit is to be given in their next letter.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Dan Turnipseed, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We, your committee, report as follows: We wish to express to Union Church, our sincere thanks for the good manner in which they have received and welcomed each of us, and for the interest they have shown in our Union Meeting, as well as our Youth Night.

Our prayer is that each church would show the interest and spirit of love that has been shown here. May God's blessings be with each of you.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Bro. Winston Robertson, Chairman

## SUNDAY SERVICES

After the singing by the congregation and prayer, the 9:30 sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Tilley, using for his topic "Incontinent." His scripture was taken from II Timothy 3:1-5. Rev. Jesse L. Adcox was his alternate.

Rev. James Posey used for his subject for the 11:00 sermon "Love The Lord Thy God With All Thine Heart." Scripture used was St. Luke 8:11-16. Rev. Douglas Tilley



served as alternate.

At 2:00 p.m., Bro. Rickey Hopkins preached from the Book of Acts using for his theme, "Lord, What Will Thou Have Me To Do?" Rev. Arlis Barksdale also preached using the 3rd chapter of Daniel as his reference.

The day adjourned after the letter of appreciation to Union Church for the gracious and able manner in which they served as Host of this session of the Union Meeting.

#### DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

MOUNT MORIAH: Bro. Dan Turnipseed, Sisters Clemence Turnipseed and Ann Joyner

MACEDONIA: Bros. James Wharton, Lewis McAdams, Waymon Fields

SHILOH: Bro. Gene Crowe

TABERNACLE: Bros. Clifton Malone, Claude Malone, Sister Jewel Smith

UNION: Bro. Ezra Martin, Sisters Jerry Gray and Leola Acker

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Bros. Ben Logan, Herman Sanford, Stanley Sanford

UNION HILL: Bros. M. E. Perrigin, Huey Price, R. D. Reynolds

MOUNT ZION: Bro. James South, Sister Carrie Hallman

GLEN ECHO: Bros. Luther Noland, Hugh Acker, Gardner Cameron

PLEASANT HILL: Bros. William Quimby, James Posey, Sister Violet Tilley

SARDIS: Bros. Archie Robertson, Lando Robertson, Winston Robertson

FIRST FWB ETHELSVILLE: Bros. Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Sister Rita Hopkins

BROOKWOOD: Not represented

FIRST FWB TUSCALOOSA: Bros. Wester Fulgham, Ernest White, Bill Lewis

BIG SANDY: Represented by Letter

FIRST FWB REFORM: Sisters Jessie Kelly, Lillie Mae Carpenter, Daisy Junkins

HUBBARD SPRINGS: Bro. Wesley Cooley, Sister Mary Shuttlesworth

CAROLWOOD: Represented by Pastor

#### MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Reverends J. L. Lavender, J. H. Tilley, R. E. Tilley, H. E. Crawford, J. L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Lawrence Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G. P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Jesse L. (Jackie) Adcox, David Hayes, Dewey Thomas, Donald Keasler

#### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Leander McAdams and Rickey Hopkins

## 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 or 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 all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created holy under the law of the maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover from that fallen state in which they are by nature.

ART. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by any absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

ART. 5. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering, made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

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

ART. 7. We believe in the general application of the Grace of God for fallen man, sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty — James 1:25, this is to act saving faith; John 1:9, however, none but those who believe 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 Moderator be confined to ministers and delegates composing the Association.

## CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This Association shall be known as the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 2. The body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches

unless they depart from the Articles of Faith of the Association. In case any church departs from the Articles of Faith and supports doctrines or 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 observances 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.