

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED**  
**AND TWENTY THIRD**  
**ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**HELD WITH**  
**CAROLWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH OF TUSCALOOSA**  
**TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**  
**OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 1973**

**OFFICERS**

REV. J.H. TILLEY ..... MODERATOR  
REV. R.E. TILLEY ..... CLERK

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

W.N. JOYNER	L.B. KOON
M.P. GORE	L.D. TILLEY
HERMON SANFORD	

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

## MINUTES

The one hundred and twenty third session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Carolwood Free Will Baptist church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on October 13th and 14th 1973. The session was opened with singing and prayer. The Introductory sermon was given by Rev. Arlie Lynn.

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

Letters from each church were handed in and read. 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. O.L.Fields was welcome.

Rev. J.H.Tilley was elected as Moderator and R. E.Tilley as clerk.

The clerk gave an outline of the Union Meeting proceedings held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa.

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS- Bros. Dwain Acker, Billy Koon, Hermon Sanford, Murry perrigin, Calvin Wicker, Ezra Martin.

DEVOTION - Lewis Montgomery, Bobby Crowe, Wayne Bircheat, W.T.Driver, David Thadser, Fred Johnson, Marlin Burkhalter, Hugh Acker, Ganus Gray J. B.Tucker.

DECEASED \*- Dewey Walters, Gardner Cameron, James South, Lando Robertson.

TEMPERANCE - Vernice Tilley, Roy G. Plymon, Arline Meyers, Mary Shuttlesworth, Frances Dunn.

Moral and Reform - Stanly Sanford, Ira Jewell, Dan Turnipseed, Revis Guy.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - Fred Edgeworth, Sherry Oden, James Wharton, Donald Tilley, Reva Brown, Diane Dean.



SABBATH SCHOOL - Wilson Connell, Lillie May Capenter, William Quimby, S.D.Gray.

CHILDREN HIME - Buddy Lancaster, Milford McAdams, Carrie Hallman, Katie Harbin, Frances Epperson, Frank Sims.

FINANCE - V. F. Frazier, Rossell Dunn.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES - Sam Wright, C.H.Harbin, Bill Sanford, A.A.Harbin.

#### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the association to be held with Shiloh Church Pickens county Alabama and that Rev. Edgar Jones preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 A.M. and that Rev. Jessie Adcox 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. Dwain Acker, Chairman.

#### DEVOTION

We your committee on devotion recommend that the Sunday Service be conducted by the following. Rev. Arlis Barksdale preach at 9:30 with Rev. Grover Perkins as alternate.

Rev. Dewey Thomas preach at 11:00 with Rev. H.E. Crawford as alternate.

Rev. Roy Plymon preach at 2:15 with Rev. Byron Meyer as alternate.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Bro. Lewis Montgomery,  
Chairman.

#### DECEASED

MOUNT MORIAH - Sister Judah Potts

MACEDONIA - Bro. Jim Shaw, Mayfield Smith.

SHILOH - Sister Nannie Thomas, Susie Mae Latham

UNION - Sister Ruby Poole

PHILLIPS CHAPEL - Rev. Monroe Hallman, Bro. Author Fields, Grady Spencer, Arlie Watson, Lillie Pennington, Vergie Sanford Lolar Smith, Jody Trayweik.

MOUNT ZION - Sister Lela Smith, Sarah Walters.

1st. Tuscaloosa - Bro. Morris Crawford.

HUBBARD SPRINGS - Bro. Richard House.

#### TEMPERANCE

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

Report adopted committee discharged.

Vernice Tilley  
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 and example before them.



We also urge the educational department to institute programs on the importance of high morals.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Ira Jewell

Chairman

#### EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows: As Christians we should abstain from use and promotion of all literature of corruptness. We believe that this should begin at home with parents teaching and training their children as to the materials that they choose to read for our children today make up the church of tomorrow. While we rely on literature for basic guidelines and teaching principles, We should never accept its commentary wording to over-rule those of the scripture; The authorized king James version of both the old and new testament should be used in home and church.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Fred Edgeworth.

Chairman

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We know of no better application of the Scriptures than study to shew thy self approved. We find that some of our church people do not attend Sunday School. We therefore ask our Ministers to explain the importance of studying God's word to our people. We also find that our Fore Fathers approved studying God's word as stating in our Treatise and Church Covenant.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Wilson Connell

Chairman

#### CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: It is our sincere desire that each church and christian examine their heart and see if they are helping

our childrens home as they should. These children need spiritual help and guidance. They do receive this from Bro. Lambert and his staff. But they also need your financial support. It is our duty to help those in need. We strongly urge all churches to help in the financial area and especially in your prayers.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Buddy Lancaster, Chairman

An offering of \$131.21 was received for our Children Home at Eldridge, Alabama.

#### FINANCE

We your committee report as follows: We have collected a total of \$222.00 for minute funds during this session.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

V.F.Frazier, 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 Bro. Malone Cobb name be added to the list of licensed Ministers. We recommend that the deacons of Carolwood Church be ordained at this session of the association by request of the pastor.

Report adopted and committee retained.

W.N.Joyner, Chairman

#### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows: We wish to express to Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church our youngest Church for the most gracious manner and hospitality they have shown us. Also for the spirit of love that has been shown during this session. Their faith that they could undertake



the job as host to the Association proves their faith in God. May the richest blessings be yours in the future. May you also continue to be an inspiration to others in doing his will.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Sam Wright, Chairman.

Bro. Douglas Tilley was elected as chairman of the Ministers and deacons conference which meets on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday.

Bro. Lando McAdams, Associational Youth Chairman has done an excellent job of reaching our youth. Services were held during the year and climaxing with a singing on Saturday night of our Association.

Last year the delegated body voted to join the State Association this year they voted not to represent after which Bro. Malone ask that his name be dropped from the minutes. A donation of \$231.17 was received for Carolwood Church.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

The 9:15 message was preached by Rev. Arlis Barksdale taking his scripture reading from Matt. 24:4-11. Rev. Grover Perkins Alternate. The 11:00 sermon was delivered by Rev. Dewey Thomas reading from Romans I. 14. Rev. H. E. Crawford his alternate.

The 2:15 message was given by Rev. Roy G. Plymon. Byron Meyer His Alternate.

#### DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah - Dan Turnipseed, Buddy Lancaster,  
Roy Gene Plymon.

Macedonia - James Wharton, Milford McAdams,  
Loy Shaw.

Shiloh - Lester Koon, Billy Koon, Marlin  
Burkhalter.

Tabernacle - Calvin Wicker, Lewis Montgomery,  
V. F. Frazier.

Union - Ganus Gray, S. D. Gray, Ezra Martin.

Phillin Chapel - Hermon Sanford, Bill Sanford,  
Stanly Sanford.

1st. Ethelsville - Ira Jewell, Dewey Walters,  
Vermice Tilley.

Mt. Zion - James South, Alex Hallman, Carrie  
Hallman.

Union Hill - Sam Wright, Murry Perrigin, W.N.  
Joyner.

Pleasant Hill - Fred Edgeworth, William Quimby,  
Sherry Odum.

Brookwood - Diane Dean, Linda Barger, Jack  
Kizziah.

Sardis - Fred Johnson, Tommie Driver, Sunny  
Hudson.

Glen Echo - Hugh Acker, Reva Brown, Gardner  
Cameron/

1st. Tuscaloosa - Revis Guy, Dwain Acker,  
Donald Tilley.

Big Sandy - C. A. Harbin, A. A. Harbin, Kattie  
Harbin.

1st. Reform - Lawrence Carpenter, Lillie May  
Carpenter.

Hubbard Springs - Frances Epperson, George Shuttlesworth,  
Jackie Shuttlesworth.

Carolwood - Frances Dunn, Mary Shuttlesworth,  
Roswell Dunn.

#### MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. Edgar Jones, J.H. Tilley, R.E. Tilley, H.E. Crawford, W.L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G.P. Perkins, Lewis Cooley, Jessie Adcox, David Hayes, Byron Meyer, Dewey Thomas, Donald Keasler, Douglas Tilley, Ernest White, James Posey, Roy Gene Plymon.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. O. L. Fields

## DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Ellis Gore, J.T.Nabors, W.W.Pool, J.S.Henton  
W.R.Latham, Thomas Malloy, W.J.Coward, W.B.Mont-  
gomery, Wood Springfield, W.F.Pool, J.D.Byars,  
J.M.Perkinson, W.J.Harbin, J.M.Spincer, Amon Ke-  
lly, S.R.Lee, J.E.Tilley, T.LWalker, John More,  
J.N.Sanford, Murk Montgomery, T.A.Springfield,  
Monroe Hallman.

## TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward ..	\$667.80
Received for minute fund ...	\$222.00
Total Receipts .....	\$889.80
Total Expenditures ,,,	
Printing of Minutes .....	\$276.68
Clerk Services .....	0
Balance on hand .....	\$613.12

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Edgar Jones, Greensboro Hwy. Tuscaloosa, Al.  
Rev. J.H.Tilley 17 Howton Sub.Div. Tuscaloosa, Al.  
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 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. Jessie 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. Northport, Al.  
Rev. Donald Keasler Rt. 2, Box 20B Reform, Al.  
Rev. Douglas Tilley 3212-42St.E. Alpine Hills,  
Tuscaloosa, Al.  
Rev. Ernest White Greensboro Hwy. Tuscaloosa, Al.  
Rev. James Posey Elrod, Al.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Roy Gene Plymon Rt. 1 Ethelsville, Al.

*Reform, Ala.*



# HISTORY OF CHURCHES IN

## MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	YEAR	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
Phillios Chapel	1893	Rev. W.J. Harbin & Rev. W.B. Montgomery
1st Ethelsville	1902	Rev. Wood Springfield
Mt. Zion	1902	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 & Rev. E.M. Stamps
Sardis	1930	Rev. W.J. Harbin
Glen Echo	1936	Rev. T.L. Walker
1st. Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. J.H. Tilley & Rev. H.E. Crawford
Big Sandy	1958	Rev. Edgar Jones & Rev. Albert Montgomery
Lst. Reform	1958	Rev. O.L. Fields
Hubbard Springs	1960	Rev. V.R. Lay
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas

## Memorial to Bro. Morris Crawford

I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. Our Executive board member, Deacon, Christian friend and relative seemed to have an inner knowledge of this scripture. His faithfulness and dedication to the furtherance of the gospel was always foremost in his efforts. He possessed qualities of leadership and filled many positions in his church but he always preferred that others receive the credit or praise for the accomplishments. No matter how hard the task he tackled it with the faith that God would see him through. Although life on earth seemed unduly short it was an abundant life enriched with God's spiritual blessings. He had learned the fulness of living a Christian life was to obey his word. As stated in God's word we see Bro. Morris carrying out the command to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with God. This he truly did and as a result his fellow workers and friends saw Christ in his daily life. As his parents did before him he also set the example before his family in training them up in the way they should go. He proved the saying, Christian character is not an inheritance, each individual must build it for himself. At his last prayer meeting service he led the meaningful hymn, 'We'll work till Jesus comes'. If Bro. Crawford were here today it would be his warmest desire for us not to mourn because of our loss but to work with a greater zeal for the short time we all have left. May his life be a challenge to each of us.

Churches	Pastor	Clerk & Address	Ex-Pastor	Paid Pastor	Paid Ex-Pastor	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children Home	Paid Missions
✓ Mount Moriah	Malone Cobb	Mrs. Cherry Mullenix Rt. 2 Gordo, Ala.	Malone Cobb	\$4,584.00	\$165.00	1	4	1	0	0	0	FT	91	\$15	\$ 427.07	\$220.43
✓ Macedonia	G.P. Perkins	J.L. McAdams Rt. 1 Millport, Ala.	G.P. Perkins	\$1,935.00	\$208.44	2	2	1	0	2	0	1-3	179	\$10	\$1,202.57	\$168.00
✓ Shiloh	R.E. Tilley	Wilson Connell Rt. 5 Gordo, Ala.	R.E. Tilley	\$4,250.00	\$284.00	8 0	4	3	0	2	0	FT	159	\$12	\$1,58.00	\$206.50
Tabernacle	H.E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3 Tuscaloosa, Ala.	H.E. Crawford	\$ 939.51	\$150.00	0	1	0	0	0	0	1-3	155	\$20		
✓ Union	Donald Keasler	S.D. Gray Rt. 4 Gordo, Ala.	Donald Keasler	\$ 841.00	\$260.00	3	0	0	0	1	0	FT	85	\$15	\$ 93.13	
Philips Chapel	H.E. Crawford	Daniel Sanford Rt. 1 Coker, Ala.	H.E. Crawford	\$ 673.00	\$ —	4	2	5	0	8	0	2-4	334	\$15		\$535.00
1st. Ethelsville	Arlie Lynn	L.D. Tilley Rt. 1 Ethelsville, Ala.	Arlie Lynn	\$1,349.00	\$ 76.00	1	0	3	0	0	0	2-4	49	\$15		
Mount Zion	Lewis Cooley	James South Rt. 3 Box 459 Northport	Lewis Cooley	\$ 546.00	\$ —	2	4	2	0	2	0	1-3	100	\$12		
Union Hill	Jessie Adcox	W.N. Joyner P.O. Box Carrollton	Jessie Adcox	\$1,320.00	\$170.00	0	0	2	0	5	1	1-3	91	\$15	\$ 120.00	\$ 50.00
Pleasant Hill	Lewis Cooley	William Quimby	Lewis Cooley	\$ 512.39	\$100.00	1	4	2	0	0	0	2-4	104	\$ 8	\$ 208.10	
✓ Brookwood	<i>Roy Gene Bryon</i> Bryon Meyer	Charles R. Dean Brookwood, Ala.	Bryon Meyer	\$1,200.00	\$250.00	48	4	2	0	0	0	FT	86	\$15	\$ 225.00	\$111.00
Sardis	James Posey	G.D. Skelton Elrod, Ala.	James Posey	\$2,003.83	\$125.00	4	5	0	0	0	0	FT	75	\$10	\$ 105.00	
✓ Glen Echo	G.P. Perkins	Thelma Hill Rt. 2 Carrollton	G.P. Perkins	\$1,362.25	\$116.27	0	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	59	\$ 5	\$ 207.00	
1st. Tuscaloosa	J.H. Tilley	Western Fulgham 3611-2nd. Ave. Tuscaloosa	J.H. Tilley	\$7,800.00	\$325.00	7	1	3	0	1	0	FT	142	\$15		\$663.00
Big Sandy	Ernest White	C.H. Harbin Rt. 1 Box 430 Tuscaloosa	Ernest White	\$ 805.04	\$155.00	3	0	0	0	0	0	2-4	30	\$10		
1st. Reform	Duglass Tilley	Mrs. Julia Klostermsn Box 744 Reform, Ala.	Duglass Tilley	\$ 86.00	\$ 90.00	4	0	0	0	0	0	FT	58	\$10		
✓ Hubbard Springs	Clyde Oswalt	Mrs. Frances Epperson Rt. 1 Box 34 Duncanville	Clyde Oswalt	\$ 500.00	\$ 65.00	2	0	0	0	1	0	1-3	25	\$ 5		
Carolwood	Dewey Thomas	Lorene Bircheat Rt. Fayette, Ala.	Dewey Thomas	\$1,200.00	\$ —	14	22	0	0	0	0	FT	90	\$15	\$ 106.00	



## UNION MEETING

The eighty second sessoin of the Union Meeting was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala. on the 21st and 22nd of July. After the opening song and prayer. Rev. H.E. Crawford read 1st Tim. 2nd chapter. the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. Donald Keasler.

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, R.E. Tilley were reelected to serve in this session. After the reading and approval of the committee reports the congregation sang several songs.

The following committees were appointed

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bros. Lewis Montgomery, Murrt Perrigin, Gene Crowe, Hugh Acker, Ewell Watson, Ganus Gray.

### DEVOTION

Bro. James Wharton, Mervil Wheat, Bo. Griffin Robert Tilley, L.D. Reynolds, Osker Fulgham, Sister Merlene Hallman.

### TEMOERANCE

Sister Clara Cobb, Catherine Ogelsby, Vernice Tilley, Sercy Junkin, Wester Fulgham, Marshall Robertson, Donald Tilley.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

Bro. Brady Montgomery, Walter Ogelsby, Calvin Wicker, Clifton Maline, W.F. Sims, Revis Tra-week, George Harbin, Chestor South.

### CHILDREN HOME

Bro. Wilford Joyner, Ezra Martin, Tull Boswell Clyde Oswalt, Tony Tilley, Henry Lee, John Fair, Jack Wright, Durell Guy.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Fred Edgeworth, William Quimby, Percy Gray, Fred Meggs, Winston Robertson, Frances Epperson.

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with the First Free Will Bantist Church of Reform Alabama at 9.00 O'Clock Saturday before the forth Sundy in July. We recommend that Rev. Duglas Tilley preach the introduction message at 9:15 O'Clock with Rev. Arlis Barksdale be his alternate.

Lewis Montgomery, Chairman.

### DEVOTIONS

We, your committee on devotions recommend that the services be conducted by the following: Rev. Clyde Oswalt preach at 9:15 with Jessie Adcox his alternate. Rev. Dewey Thomas preach at 11:00 A. M. and Arlis Barksdale be his alternate. Rev. G.P. Perkins preach at 2:00 P.M. and James Posey be his alternate.

James Wharton, Chairman.

## TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance report as following: We believe temperance should be constantly practiced in all things that each of us partake of each day and in so doing we are obeying the word of God and setting examples before our children who will be the church of to-morrow. 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 drugs and alcohol which is our growing problem or today.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We know of no better applection of the scripture than to study to show thy self aproved 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 for get and will return if they went astray. We urge all churches who are not particepating in Sabbath school to orginize one and attend regulat.

Mrs.Brady Montgomery, Chairman.

## CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: We do stress that each individual visit the Children Home at least once. We also recommend that each church send a monthly offering to the home. We find that there children are being reared in a christian home. We recommend that each church elect a committee to go visit the home at least once a year.

W. N. Joyner, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows: WE wish to express to Firat Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa our sincere thanks for the good manner in which they have received and welcomed the ministers and delegates in this session of the union meeting. Our prayer is that each church would show the interest and spirit of love that has been shown here. We sincerly wish to thank the ladies for the nice lunch that was served. May God's blessings be with each of you.

Percy Gray, Chairman

## SUNDAY SERVICES

After singing by the congregation and prayer the 9:15 sermon was delivered by Rev. Clyde Oswalt. Rev. Jessie Adcox his alternate. Rev. Arlis Barksdale preached at 11:00 A.M. Rev. G.P.Perkins preached at 2:00 P.M. and Rev. James Posey was his alternate.

## DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mt. Moriah - Walter Ogelsby, Catherine Ogelsby, Clara Cobb.  
Macedonia - James Wharton, Frank Sims, Muruel Wheat.  
Shiloh - John Fair, Gene Crowe, Jack Wright.  
Tabernacle - Clifton Malone, Calvin Wicker, Lewis Montgomery.  
Union - Ezra Martin, Ganus Gray, Percy Gray.  
Philips Chapel - Jerry Montgomery, Carl Oswalt, Ewell Watson.  
Ethelsville - Vernice Tilley, Robert Tilley, Tony Tilley.  
Mt. Zion - Mrs. Chester South, Arlivia Hallman, Revis Traweek.  
Union Hill - W. N. Joyner, Murry Perrigin, R. D. Reynolds.



Pleasant Hill - Fred Edgeworth, William Quimby  
Tull Boswell.

Brookwood - No letter

Sardis - Marshall Robertson, Winston Robertson  
Archie Robertson.

Glen Echo - Hugh Acker, Oscar Fulgham, Wester  
Fulgham.

Tuscaloosa - Dural Guy, Revis Guy, Harse Pate.

Big Sandy - George Harbin, Carolyn Harbin,  
Dallas Hartley.

Reform - Sercy Junkin, Fred Meggs, Jay Kelly.

Hubbard Springs - Frances Shuttlesworth, Corrine  
Frances Epperson

Carolwood - No letter

#### MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. Edgar Jones, J.H. Tilley, R.E. Tilley, H.E.  
Crawford, J.L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Albert Mont-  
gomery, Clyde Oswalt, G.P. Perkins, Jessie  
Adcox, David Hayes, Dewey Thomas, Donald  
Keasler, Ernest White, James Posey.

#### 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 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 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.