

# MINUTES

Of The

One Hundred and Twenty Fourth

Annual Session

Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST

Gordo, Alabama

OCTOBER 12 AND 13, 1974

## 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 Sardis Free Will Baptist  
Church Elrod, Alabama on Saturday Before  
The Second Sunday In October at 9:30 O'clock



The one hundred and twenty fourth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church of Gordo, Alabama on October 12th and 13th 1974. The session was opened with singing and prayer. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. Edgar Jones.

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. M.H. Hollis was welcome.

Rev. J. H. Tilley was elected as Moderator and Rev. R.E. Tilley as Clerk.  
The Clerk gave an outline of the Union Meeting Proceedings held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform.

The following Committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS - Bro. Henry Lee, Stanly Sanford, Clifton Malone, James Lancaster, S. D. Gray, G. D. Skelton, Sis. Brady Montgomery.

DEVOTION - Lewis Montgomery, David Turnipseed, C. H. Harbin, Archie Robertson, Elaine Noland, Kathleen Watson.

Deceased - Calvin Wicker, Oscar Fulgham, Hugh Acker, Ira Jewell

TEMPERANCE - Robert Tilley, Richard Hayes, Wilson Connell, Sis. Julia Klosterman, Lucilee Gray.

MORAL AND REFORM - Dural Guy, Raiford Galloway, Bobby Lygin, Jemmy Odum, Sis. Oler Latham, Daisy Junkin.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - James South, Loy Shaw, Luther Noland, F. R. Shepherd, Searcy Mulinex.

SABBATH SCHOOL - Lacy McAams, M. E. Perrigin, Tull Boswell.

CHILDREN HOME - Muruel Wheate, Clifton Walters, Arlivia Hallman.

FINANCE - Roy Guy, William Quimby, R. D. Reynolds, Jerry Posey, Sam Wright.

We your committee recommend that the next session of the association to be held with Sardis Church Tuscaloosa County and that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 A. M. and Rev. Dewey Thomas be his alternate. We recommend that 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. P.S. We ask that each church think about haveing the Association at two different churches, one day at each church.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Bro Henry Lee, Chairman.

## DEVOTION

We your committee recommend that the Sunday Service be conducted by the following. Rev. Donald Keasler preach at 9:30 Rev. J.L. Lavender at 11:00 and Rev. Duglass Tilley At 2:15. In case one of these is not able to fill his place the deacons of Shiloh Church will appoint someone.

## DECEASED

MACEDONIA - Bro. E. L. Fields, Tom K. Fields.  
Tabernacle- Bro. McKinley Montgomery, Sister Myrtis Hall.  
Union Hill - Ellie May Vaughn.  
Phillip Chapel - Bro. Willis Spain, Early Watson, Jeff Sanford.  
Hubbard Springs - Bro. Marshall Smith.  
Union - Sister Arizona Jones, Emmer Lindsey  
Shiloh - Bro. Thomas Wheat.  
Big Sandy - Bro. Howard Harbin, Sis. Estela Harbin.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Bro. Calvin Wicker, Chairman.

## TEMPERANCE

We your committee report as follows: We believe that each individual should be aware and careful of temperance in their life to set the example that Christ set for us here while he walked on earth. The liberty God give each of us should not be abused. Temperance can be summed up by doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Robert Tilley, Chairman.

## MORAL AND REFORM

We your committee report as follows: We recommend that parents live a real christian life in front of our children. Show our children we love them and have confidence in them. Search for ways of commucation between parents and a child. When this is praticed in home we fell this will raise the morals in ever walk of life we undertake.

Report adopted committee discharged.  
Dural Guy, 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 material that they choose to read for our children today make up the church of tomorrow. We believe the authorized king james version of both the old and new testament should be used in home and church.

Report adopter and committee discharged.  
James South, Chairman.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee feel that one of the best ways to study God's word and learn more of his will is in Sunday School and we encourage each one to attend Sunday School. We realize it is some of the best training our children can get and some of our churches are half time and we want to encourage full time Sunday School.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Lacy McAdams, Chairman.

### CHILDREN HOME

We your committee recommend that each church send an offering to the home at least once a year. We recommend that we take up an offering during this session for the children home. If you can not send finance you can remember them in yours prayers.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
Murvle Wheat, Chairman.

### FINANCE

We your committee report as follows: We have collected a total of \$205.50 for minute funds during this session.

Report adopted and committee discharged.  
William Quimby, Chairman.

An offering of \$130.50 was received for the Children Home

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows; We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know. We recommend that Rev. J.L. Lavender, Rev. Roy Plymon, and Rev. Jerrell Montgomery names be added to the list of ordained Ministers and Rev. W.R. Sullivan Name be dropped from the list.

Report adopted and committee retained.  
W. N. Joyner, Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows; We wish to express to Shiloh Church and community for the manner of hospitality and charity that they have shown us in this session of the Association. May God richly bless you in the coming year.

Report adopted and committee discharged.

Willis Montgomery, Chairman.

Rev. J. L. Lavender was elected to represent the Mount Moriah Association for the children Home.

Bro. Lando McAdams was elected as the Associational Youth Chairman indefinitely. He has done an excellent job of reaching our youth.

The election of the Ministers and Deacons meeting was postponed until the next meeting in order that they might elect their own Chairman.

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Donald Keasler preached at 9:30 A.M. taking his scripture reading from Joshua 6:1-5. Rev. J. L. Lavender preached at 11:00 A.M. taking his scripture reading from Heb. 12:1,2. Rev. Douglass Tilley preached at 2:00 P.M. taking his scripture reading from Matt. 5:13.

## DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mo unt Moriah - James Lancaster, David Turnipseed, Searcy Mullenix  
Macedonia - Lacy McAdams, Maruel Wheat, Loy Shaw.  
Shiloh - F. R. Shephered, Olar Latham, John Fair.  
Tabernacle - Clifton Malone, Lewis Montgomery, Calvin Wicker.  
Union - Elaine Noland, Lucille Gray, S. D. Gray.  
Phillip Chapel- Bobby Lynn, Stanly Sanford, Raiford Galloway.  
1st. Ethelsville- R.H.Tilley, Ira Jewell, D.C.Walters.  
Mt.Zion - James South, Clara South, Orliva Hallman.  
Union Hill - M.E.Perrigin, S.H.Wright, R.D.Reynolds.  
Pleasant Hill-Tull Boswell, Jenny Oden, William Quemby.  
Glen Echo - Hugh Acker, Oscar Fulgham, Lurher Noland.  
1st. Tuscaloosa- Dural Guy, Roy Guy, Richard Hayes.  
Big Sandy - George Harbin, G.W.Harbin, Cindy Harbin.  
1st. Reform - Searcy Junkin, Daisy Junkin, Julia Klosterman.  
Hubbard Spring- Wesley Cooley, Henry, Lee, Frances Epperson.

## MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

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



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 &<br>Rev. Thomas Malloy      |
| Tabernacle             | 1875           | Rev. Ellis Gore &<br>Rev. W.H. McGee         |
| Union                  | 1891           | Rev. Wood Springfield                        |
| Phillips Chapel        | 1893           | Rev. W.J. Harbin &<br>Rev. J.W. More         |
| 1st FwB of Ethelsville | 1902           | Rev. W.J. Harbin &<br>Rev. W.E. Montgomery   |
| Union Hill             | 1908           | Rev. Wood Springfield                        |
| Pleasant Hill          | 1912           | Rev. Wood Springfield                        |
| Sardis                 | 1930           | Rev. W.J. Harbin                             |
| Glen Echo              | 1936           | Rev. T.L. Walker                             |
| 1st FwB of Tuscaloosa  | 1957           | Rev. J.H. Tilley &<br>Rev. H.E. Crawford     |
| Big Sandy              | 1958           | Rev. Edgar Jones &<br>Rev. Albert Montgomery |
| 1st FwB of Reform      | 1958           | Rev. O.L. Fields                             |
| Hubbard Springs        | 1960           | Rev. V.R. Lay                                |
| Carolwood              | 1970           | Rev. Dewey Thomas                            |

## UNION MEETING

The eighty third session of the Union Meeting was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform, Ala. on the 27th and 28th of July. After the opening song and prayer, Rev. H.E. Crawford read scripture from Nehemiah. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. Douglass Tilley.

Letters from the churches were handed in and read. explanations were given for churches whose letters 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. R. E. Tilley were re-elected to serve in this session.

The following committees were appointed

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bro. Lester Koon, Dan Turnipseed, R. D. Reynolds, Clifton Malone Felton Wicker, Bobby Acker Gene Crowe, with the Moderator and Clerk.

### DEVOTION

Sister Ruby Gore, Bro. Stanly Sanford, Ganus Gray, Eula Parker, Fred Meggs, Lawrence Carpenter, James Galloway, James South with the deacons of the Church.

### TEMPERANCE

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

Sister Judy Harbin, Patricia white, Janice White, Clara South, Carrie Hallman, Mervele Wheat, James Wharton, willis Montgomery.

#### CHILDREN HOME

Clyde Oswalt, Tull Boswell, Jenny Oden, George Perrigin, Dwight Tilley, J. G. Cameron, Buddy Lancaster, Wilson Connell, Lillie Mae Capenter.

### RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Vernice Tilley, Frank Atcherson, Dural Guy, Robert Tilley.

| CHURCHES         | PASTOR         | CLERK & ADDRESS                                 | EX-PASTOR      | PAID PASTOR           |
|------------------|----------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|
| Mount Meriah     | Dennis Kizzire | Mrs Searcy Mullenix<br>Rt.2 Gerde, Ala          | Malone Cobb    | \$6,055.00            |
| Macedonia        | G.P.Perkins    | J.L.McAdams<br>Rt. 1 Millport,Ala.              | G.P.Perkins    | \$2,295.37            |
| Shiloh           | J.L.Lavender   | Wilson Connell<br>Rt.5 Gerde, Ala.              | R.E.Tilley     | \$3,925.00            |
| Tabernacle       | H.E.Crawford   | Lewis Montgomery<br>Rt.3 Tuscaleesa,Ala.        | H.E.Crawford   | \$1,017.18            |
| Union            | Donald Keasler | S.D.Gray<br>Rt.4 Gerde, Ala.                    | Donald Keasler | \$1,300.00            |
| Philips Chapel   | H.E.Crawford   | Stanly Sanford<br>Star Rt. Elred,Ala.           | H.E.Crawford   | \$1,462.16            |
| 1st. Ethelsville | Jessie Adcox   | L.D.Tilley<br>Rt.1 Ethelsville,Ala.             | Arlie Lynn     | \$1422.45             |
| Mount Zion       | Lewis Cooley   | James South<br>Rt.3 Box459 Northport            | Lewis Cooley   | \$ 614.00             |
| Union Hill       | Jessie Adcox   | W.N.Jeyner<br>Carrollton, Ala.                  | Jessie Adcox   | <del>\$1,549.00</del> |
| Pleasant Hill    | James Pesey    | William Quemby<br>Elred, Ala.                   | Lewis Cooley   | <del>\$2,569.66</del> |
| Sardis           | R.E.Tilley     | Fred Johnson<br>Sardis, Ala. Rt.1               | James Pesey    | \$2,110.00            |
| Glen Echo        | G.P.Perkins    | Thelma Hill<br>Rt.2 Carrollton,Ala.             | G.P.Perkins    | \$1,567.75            |
| 1st. Tuscaleesa  | J.H.Tilley     | Wester Fulgham<br>3611-2nd.Ave.Tuscaleesa       | J.H.Tilley     | \$7,800.00            |
| Big Sandy        | Ernest White   | C.H.Harbin<br>Rt.1 Box430 Tuscaleesa            | Ernest White   | \$1,058.48            |
| 1st. Reform      | Duglas Tilley  | Mrs Julia Klesterman<br>Box744 Reform, Ala.     | Duglas Tilley  | \$ 971.79             |
| Hubbard Springs  | Clyde Oswalt   | Mrs Frances Epperson<br>Rt.1 Box 34 Duncanville | Clyde Oswalt   | \$ 500.00             |
| Carelwood        | Dewey Thomas   | Lorene Bircheat<br>Rt.4 Northport, Ala.         | Dewey Thomas   | \$1,800.00            |

| paid<br>Ex-paster | Baptized | Received by Let | Dismissed by Let | Restored | Deceased | Excluded | Meeting Days | No. of Members | Minute Fund | Paid Children Home | Paid Missions |
|-------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| \$605.00          | 0        | 2               | 3                | 0        | 0        | 0        | FT           | 90             | 15          | \$427.07           | \$220.43      |
| \$296.92          | 0        | 0               | 1                | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1-3          | 122            | \$15        | \$351.08           |               |
| \$420.00          | 0        | 5               | 4                | 0        | 1        | 5        | FT           | 144            | \$12        | \$176.80           | \$239.00      |
| \$150.00          | 0        | 0               | 2                | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1-3          | 151            | \$15        |                    |               |
| \$340.00          | 0        | 1               | 0                | 0        | 2        | 0        | FT           | 84             | \$15        | \$715.00           |               |
| \$200.00          | 4        | 0               | 3                | 1        | 3        | 0        | 2-4          | 333            | \$15        |                    | \$313.22      |
| \$100.00          | 0        | 0               | 3                | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2-4          | 46             | \$10        |                    | \$25.00       |
|                   | 0        | 1               | 0                | 0        | 2        | 0        | FT           | 99             | \$12        |                    |               |
| \$275.00          | 4        | 3               | 0                | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1-3          | 98             | \$15        | \$275.00           | \$100.00      |
| \$100.00          | 0        | 1               | 0                | 0        | 0        | 0        | FT           | 98             | \$8         | \$312.49           |               |
| \$150.00          | 3        | 7               | 2                | 0        | 0        | 0        | FT           | 74             | \$10        | \$85.00            | \$100.00      |
| \$136.50          | 4        | 3               | 1                | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2-4          | 65             | \$5.50      | \$294.00           |               |
| \$425.00          | 1        | 3               | 7                | 0        | 0        | 10       | FT           | 129            | \$15        | \$77.10            | \$841.00      |
| \$160.00          | 9        | 4               | 2                | 0        | 2        | 0        | FT           | 41             | \$10        |                    | \$100.00      |
| \$125.00          | 0        | 2               | 0                | 0        | 0        | 0        | FT           | 60             | \$10        |                    | \$75.00       |
| \$56.00           | 0        | 3               | 0                | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1-3          | 28             | \$8         |                    |               |
| \$220.00          | 14       | 3               | 8                | 0        | 0        | 0        | FT           | 98             | \$15        |                    |               |

## DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Tabernacle Church in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. We recommend that Bro. Jerry Montgomery preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 A.M. and Bro. Herbert Tilley be his Alternate.

Lester Koon, Chairman.

## DEVOTIONS

We your committee recommend that services be conducted as follows: Rev. Jerry Montgomery preach at 9:15 A.M. and that Jessie Adcox be his alternate.

Ruby Gore, Chairman.

## TEMPERANCE

We your committee 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 word of God and setting examples before our children who will be the church of tomorrow. We believe parents should be more positive in teaching the children obedience. Parents should be more careful how they live before their children especially showing respect to the elder people.

W.L. Lynn, Chairman.

## SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee report as follows: We know of no better scripture than to study to show thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth 2nd Tim. 2:15. We also ask that each pastor of their church attend Sunday School and that each family carry their children to Sunday School and not send them; for Christ said "thou shall not live by bread alone."

Willis 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 the children are being reared in a Christian home. We recommend that each church elect a committee to visit the home at least once a year. We recommend the person represent the Mt. Moriah Association be given something at the union meeting and the association to report on the children home.

Clyde Oswalt, Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows: We wish to express to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform our sincere thanks for the manner in which they have made us feel welcome at this Union Meeting. Our prayer is that each church would show the sincere interest and spirit of love that has been shown here. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the ladies for the nice lunch that was served. May God's blessings be with each of you.

J.L. Lynn, Chairman.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

After singing by the congregation and prayer the 9:15 sermon was delivered by Rev. Jerry Montgomery Scripture reading Ezekiel chapter 33. Rev. Jessoe Adcox his alternate. Rev. James Posey preached at 11:00 A.M. and Donald Keasler his alternate. Rev. Earnest White preached at 2:00 P.M.

### DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mount Moriah-Dan Turnipseed, Buddy Lancaster, Ruby Gore.  
Macedonia- Loy Shaw, James Wharton, Merriel Wheat.  
Shiloh- Gene Crowe, Wilson Connell, Lester Koon.  
Tabernacle- Claud Malone, Clifton Malone, Felton Wicker.  
Union- E.P. Gray, Ezra Martin, Ganus Gray.  
Philip Chaper-Raiford Galloway, Stanly Sanford, Bill Sanford.  
Ethelsville - Vernice Tilley, Melinda Tilley, Robert Tilley.  
Mt. Zion - Carrue Hallman, Alex Hallman, James South.  
Union Hill - W.N. Joyner, R.D. Reynolds, George Perrigin.  
Pleasant Hill-Eula Parker, Dwight Tilley, Jemmy Odem.  
Brookwood- None.  
Sardis - James Driver, Jerry Posey, Marshall Robertson.  
Glen Echo - Gardner Cameron.  
Tuscaloosa - Dural Guy, Frank Atcherson, Dwayne Acker.  
Reform - Fredd Meegs, Lawrence Carpenter, Lillie Mae Carpen.  
Big Sandy - Judy Harbin, Gary Black, Janice White.  
Hubbard Springs-Wesly Cooley, Frances Epperson, James Epperson.  
Carolwood - None.

### MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. J.H. Tilley, R.E. Tilley, H.E. Crawford, W.L. Lynn  
Arlie Lynn, Willis Montgomery, Clyd Oswalt, G.P. Perkins,  
Lewis Cooley, Jessie Adcox, Donald Keasler, DuEglas Tilley,  
Ernest White, James Posey.

LICENSED \* - Jerry Montgomery.

## 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 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.



