

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred and Twenty Sixth
Annual Session
Of The
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held With
MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Northport, Alabama

October 9 and 10, 1976

OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Lavender Moderator
Rev. R. E. Tilley Clerk

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Hermon Sanford	M.P. Gore
W.N. Joyner	Ganus Gray
L.B. Koon	

The next session of the Association
will meet with Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist
Church, Ethelsville, Alabama on Saturday before the
Second Sunday in October at 9:30 O'Clock

The one hundred and twenty sixth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Northport, Alabama on Oct. 9 and 10 1976. The session was opened with singing and prayer. The Introductory Sermon was given by Rev. Dewey Thomas. It was moved and seconded that we go into the business of the Association. Delegates were listed as per role. It was moved and seconded to place delegates where any were absent. Rev. J. L. Lavender was elected as Moderator And Rev. R. E. Tilley as Clerk.

The following Committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Loy Shaw, Lewis Montgomery, Archie Robertson, Bo. Griffin E.P. Gray with the Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTION

Waymon Fields, Morris Gray, Calvin Wicker, James South, Searcy Mullenix, R.D. Reynolds with the deacons of the Church.

DECEASED

Brady Montgomery, Frances Epperson, Jackie Shuttlesworth, Pate Plass, James Wharton.

Temperance

Brady Montgomery, Marlin Burkhalter, Trim Guy, Fred Johnson, Allen Hager, Mike Thomas.

MORAL AND REFORM

Hugh Acker, Mike Brown, George Perrigin,

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Thurman Bagget, Gifford Winners, Robert Tilley, Kattie Harbin.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Jimmy Oden, Mike Brown, Thim Fulghum, Lillie M. Carpenter
Tammie Junkins, Lorella Carpenter.

CHILDREN HOME

Wilith Cook, Liston Sturdivant, Dan Turnipseed, James L.
Lancaster, William Quemby.

FINANCE

Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Robert Tilley, Eugene
Plymon.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Hermon Sanford 1 Year, W. N. Joyner 2 Years, M. P. Gore 3
Years, Ganus Gray 4 Years, L. B. Koon 5 Years.

RESOLUTION AND APPRECIATIONS

Dennis Sanford, Lindsey Watkins, Denny Johnson, Revis Guy.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We recommend that the next session of the association
be held at Mt Moriah Church and that Rev. Roy Plymon preach
at 9:30 and Rev. James Plass be his alternate.

We recommend that all business be completed on Saturday
and discontinue Sunday service due to changes in time
and need of Churches.

We recommend that an article 9 be added to our constitution
which is:

We recommend that an article 10 be added to our constitution which is: All Ministers and Deacons are standing delegates.

DEVOTION

We recommend that the Sunday Services be as following
Rev. Jerry Montgomery preach at 9:30 A.M. and that Rev. Douglas Tilley be his alternate.

Rev. Ben Logan preach at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Henry Crawford be his alternate.

Rev. James Pless preach at 2:00 P.M. and Rev. Lonnie Lynn be his alternate. If one is absent the deacons of the church will appoint one in his place.

Waymon Fields, Chairman.

DECEASED

Mt. Moriah - Bro. Will Jacobs

Macedonia - Bro. Tom Fields, Sis. Ida Dean.

Shiloh - Sis. Emily L. Burkhalter.

Tabernacle - Sis. Edna Ramsey, Bro. William Sullivan.

Phillips Chapel - Sis. Vada Phillips, Inez Hallman,

Bro. Fayette Montgomery.

Ethelsville - Bro. C. L. Tilley, Sis. Merdie Martin.

Union Hill - Sis. Virgie Martin.

Holman - Sis. Dollie Cooper.

Sardis - Bro. Belton Driver, Hillard Hudson,

Sis. Slota Holman. Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion - Bro. Burrie Clark.

Tuscaloosa - Bro. Roy Price.

Big Sandy - Bro. George Harbin.

Frances Epperson, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance report as follows:

We believe temperance should be used in all phases of life in our obligation to God as well as our obligation to man. We should study our bibles to be a worker that need not be ashamed unto God or man. But know what God demands of our conduct and stand by this in our everyday living.

Brady Montgomery, Chairman

MORAL AND REFORM

We recommend that as parents we should set a good christian example for our children to follow. We need to show our children that we love and care for them and want them to live a strong christian life and be able to set a good christian example for their children and friend. We feel if these very simple rules are practised this will raise the morals throughout the world.

Mike Brown, Chairman.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as following:

We think every christian Mother and Father should teach more of the bible than literature that don't come up to the standards of the bible and each church should know what kind of literature and bring the children up to understand the old and new testament. Their future is in our hands and we are responsible for them.

Thurman Baggett,
Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee feel that each Church member should take more interest in Sunday School. We feel that Sunday School is the begining of christian growth in Christ. We feel that Sunday School is not just for children but every christian. We encourage each of you To attend Sunday School and express your view on what is being taught.

Jimmy Oden,
Chairman.

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: It is our sincere desire that each church and christian consider how fortunate they are and remember the children in our children home do require monthly support, a harvest drive, visitation, and daily prayer. We ask that this association take up an offering for the home \$133.00 was collected.

Wilith E. Cook,
Chairman.

FINANCE

We your committee report as follows:
We have collected a total of \$253.00 for minute funds during this session.

Dewey C. Walters,
Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS

We your committee report as follows:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mt Zion Church for the manner in which they have made us welcome at this association. It is our sincere prayer that each church would continue to show complete interest in the furthering of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We would like to especially thank all the ladies who prepared the nice lunch that was served. May God bless and be with each one of you.

Dennis Sanford,
Chairman.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows:

We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know. We recommend that Brother Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Ben Logan and Willard Pless names be added to the Ordained Ministers list.

We recommend that Brother Leland Hagger, J.W.Acker and Alvin Wheat names be added to the licensed list.

W. N. Joyner,
Chairman.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt Moriah - Searcy Mullenix, Dan Turnipseed, Budy Lancaster
Macedonia - Loy Shae, James Wharton, Waymon Fields.
Shiloh - Marlin Burkhalter, Wilith Cook, Wilson Connell.
Tabernacle - Calvin Wicker, Lewis Montgomery, Eugene Sturdivant.
Union - Morris Gray, E.P. Gray, Lindsey Watkins.
Philip Chapel - Guin Galloway, Dennis Sanford, Boe Griffin.
Ethelsville - Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Robert Tilley.
Mt Zion - Thurman Bagget, James South, Gifford Winners.
Union Hill - W.N. Joyner, R.D. Reynolds, George Perrigin.
Holman - Jimmy Oden, Eugene Plymon, William Quemby.
Sardis - Archie Robertson, Fred Robertson, James Driver.
Glen Echo - Tim Fulghum, Hugh Acker, Pat Pless.
Tuscaloosa - Trim Guy, Denny Johnson, Revis Guy.
Big Sandy - C.H. Harbin, Katie Harbin, Claudie Mitchel
Reform - Lillie Carpenter, Lorella Carpenter, Tammie Junkin.
Hubard Spring - Mary, Jackie Shuttlesworth, Frances Epperson.
Carolwood Brady, Addie Montgomery, Kathleen A Watson.
Terminal for - Allen Hager, Mike Thomas.
Christ -

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. J.L. Lavender, R.E. Tilley, H.E. Crawford, Edgar Jones
J.L. Lynn, W.L. Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Willis Montgomery, Clyde
Oswalt, Lewis Cooley, Dewey Thomas, Douglas Tilley, Ernest
White, R.G. Plymon, Jerrell, Montgomery, Willard Pless,
Albert Montgomery, Ben Logan, Dennis Kizzire.

LICENSED

Bro. Leland Hagger, J.W. Acker, Alvin Wheat.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Jerry Montgomery preached at 9:30 A.M. and
Rev. Ben Logan preached at 11:00 A.M. and
Rev. James Pless at 2:00 P.M. on getting to
know your pastor.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Reverends Ellis Gore, J.T.Nabors, W.W.Pool, J.S.Henton,
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.Willey
T.L.Walker, John Moore, J.N.Sanford, Murk Montgomery, T.A.
Springfield.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$574.51
Received for minute fund	\$253.00
Total Receipts	\$827.51
Total Expenditures	\$232.71
Printing of Minutes	\$182.71
Clerk Services	\$50.00
Balance on hand	\$594.80

By request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of
Tuscaloosa a motion and second was made to dismiss
them from the Mt Moriah association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Edgar Jones, Greensboro Hwy. Tuscaloosa, Ala.
J.L.Lavender Aliceville, Ala.

R.E.Tilley, Rt. 1 Ethelsville, Ala.

J.L.Lynn, Morman Rd. Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

W.L.Lynn, Morman Rd. Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

Willis Montgomery, Berry, Ala.

Clyde Oswalt, Gordo, Ala.

W.R.Adams, 308 48th Ave. Northport, Ala.

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

Lewis Cooley, Golden Acres Cottondale, Ala.

Dewey Thomas, Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

Donald Keasler Rt. 2 Box 20b Reform, Ala.

Duglass Tilley, 3212 41st E. Alpine Hills.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Ernest White, Greensboro Hy Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Roy Gene Plymon, Rt. 2 Ethelsville, Ala.

Jerrell Montgomery, Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

Dennis Kizzire, Rt. 2 Ethelsville. Ala.

James Pless, Rt. 4 Gordo, Ala.

Ben Logan Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

Albert Montgomery Northport, Ala.

Arlie Lynn Northport, Ala.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	PAID PASTOR	PAID HELPER	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute fund	Paid Children Home	Paid Mission
NOUNT MORIAH	Dennis Kizzire Ethelsville, A	Mrs. Searcy Mullenix Rt. 2 Gordo, Ala.	\$5,545.66	\$285.00	0	5	2	0	1	1	FT	82	15	\$240.00	\$120.00
MACEDONIA	R.G. Plymon Millport, Ala.	J.L. McAdams Rt. 3 Millport, Ala.	\$2501.50	\$285.00	7	1	0	0	2	0	FT	129	25	\$1126.07	\$-
SHILOH	J.L. Lavender Aliceville, A	Wilson Connell Rt. 1 Gordo, Ala.	\$4080.00	\$337.30	1	0	1	0	1	0	FT	136	25	\$200.00	\$396.50
TABERNACLE	H.E. Crawford Northport, Al	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3 Tuscaloosa, Al.	\$1630.65	\$200.00	3	1	1	5	2	0	FT	155	15		
UNION	Ernest White Tuscaloosa, A	Ganus Gray Rt. 1 Gordo, Ala.	\$1275.00	\$250.00	3	4	8	0	0	0	FT	84	10		\$392.00
PHILIP CHAPEL	Jerrell Montgomery Northport, A	Stanly Sanford Star Rt. Elrod, Ala.	\$3852.24	\$260.00	19	9	2	0	9	9	FT	334	25		
1st. ETHELSVILLE	G.P. Perkins Columbus, Mis.	L.D. Tilley Rt. 1 Ethelsville, Al	\$1782.48	\$100.00	1	0	1	0	2	0	2-4	35	15		
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan Northport, A	James South Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.	\$ 575.00	\$ 62.00	0	3	0	0	1	0	FT	100			
UNION HILL	Arlie Lynn Northport, A	W.N. Joyner B. 62 Carrollton, Ala.	\$1325.00	\$260.00	2	1	2	0	1	1	FT	89	25	\$386.00	\$100.00
HOLMAN	J.L. Lynn Northport, A	William Quemby Rt. 2 Gordo, Ala.	\$1001.98	\$132.00	3	5	3	1	1	0	1-3	95	8	\$190.65	\$225.00
SARDIS	R.E. Tilley Ethelsville, A	Fred Johnson Rt. 1 Gordo, Ala.	\$1729.00	\$150.00	1	1	0	0	3	0	FT	72	15	\$150.00	
GLEN ECHO	James Pless Carrollton, A	Thelma Hill Rt. 2 Carrollton, Ala.	\$3841.19	\$180.00	5	3	1	0	0	0	FT	69	10	\$334.00	\$99.00
BIG SANDY	Willis Montgomery Berry, Ala.	C.H. Harbin Rt. 1 Tuscaloosa, Al.	\$ 547.95	\$170.00	0	0	2	0	1	0	FT	39	10		
1st. REFORM	Jessie Adcox Coker, Ala.	Julia Klosterman B. 744 Reform, Ala.	\$1305.00	\$365.00	0	5	1	0	0	0	FT	65	15		
HUBBARD SPRING	Clyde Oswalt Gordo, Ala.	Frances Epperson Rt. 1 Duncanville, Ala.	\$ 508.00	\$ 66.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	FT	29	8		
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas Northport, A	Lorene Bricheat Rt. 4 Northport, Ala.	\$4680.00	\$175.00	7	13	4	0	0	0	FT	132	15	\$150.00	\$708.52
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST F.W.B.	Duglas Tilley Tuscaloosa, Al	Otis Broyles Tuscaloosa, Ala.	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	FT	12	5		

UNION MEETING

The eighty fifth session of the Union Meeting was held with Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday in July. After the opening song and prayer by Ref. G.P.Perkins The introductory sermon was given by Rev. Dennis Kizzire .

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

Letters from the churches were handed in and read. Delegates were listed as per role.

Rev. J.L.Lavender was elected as Moderator and Rev. R.E.Tilley as Clerk.

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Brady Montgomery, Clifton Walters, Ira Jewell, Calvin Wicker, Guin Galloway, Robert Smith, Denny Johnson, With the Moderator and Clerk

DEVOTION

Clifton Malone, Wilson Connell, Hugh Acker, Robert Tilley, Dennis Sanford, Lindsey Watkins, Searcy Mullenix, with the Deacons of the Church.

TEMPERANCE

Lewis Montgomery, James Wharton, James Lancaster, Murvle Wheat, Morris Gray, J.W.Archer, Jimmy Oden, Eugene Plymon , William Quemby Loy Shaw.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Dan Turnipseed, Ruby Nicholes, Archie Robertson, Denny Atcherson,

CHILDREN HOME

Burns Brown, Lillie Mae Carpenter, Tammie Junkin, Belly Nell Creel George Perrigin, Wilith Cook.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

Edward Winters, Jackie Shuttlesworth, Frances Epperson, Hewey Price, Elsie Kay Price, Billy Koon, Luther Noland, James South, Katherine Watson, Clara South, J.B.Tucker.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We recommend that the next session of the union meeting convene With Carrolwood Free Will Baptist Church of Northport, Alabama. We recommend that Bro. Jerrell Montgomery preach the introductory Sermon at 9:15 A.M. and Bro. Ben Logan be his alternate.

Brady Montgomery, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee recommend that the services be conducted as follows: Bro. Willard Pless preach at 9:30 A.M. with Bro. Willis Montgomery his alternate. Bro. R.E. Tilley at 11:00 A.M. Bro. Ben Logan his alternate. Bro. Donald Keasler at 2:00 P.M. With Bro. Dewey Thomas his alternate.

Clifton Malone, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance feel that everyone should take part in teaching temperance to the young people. Also our churches should take a firm stand on temperance and we should let our voice be heard through out the community. We feel that the best way to teach temperance to everyone else is to live what we teach. People see our daily lives and we should live for Christ each day.

Lewis Montgomery, chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee feel that more study of the word would prove to be of great help in fulfilling the needs of all the Church. We feel that to go unto the field and strive to gain people to study the word would better improve us and give us a blessing. We further recommend that an award of some means be given to Sunday School members for perfect attendance.

Dan Turnipseed, 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 children home as they should. The home needs monthly support, visitation, and daily Prayer. The offering \$133:07

Wilith E. Cook,
Chairman

spiritual help and guidance. They do receive this from Bro. Lambert and his staff. They also need your financial support. It is our duty to help those in need. We strongly urge each church to encourage their members to join the Free Will Baptist Children Orphans Home club or to take a free will offering once a month to help support the children's home.

Burns Brown. Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows. We wish to express to Phillips Chapel Church our sincere thanks for the manner in which they have made us feel welcome at the Union Meeting and to the ladies for the fine lunch that was served. We commend the church and their beautiful building. May God's blessing be with each of you.

James South, Chairman.

SUNDAY SERVICES

After singing by the congregation and prayer the 9:15 sermon was delivered by Rev. Willard Pless Scripture reading Acts, chapter 16. Rev. Raymond preached at 11:00 A.M. And Rev. Donald Keasler preached at 2:00 P.M. to the Preachers from Ezekiel.

DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Mount Moriah- Searcy Mullenix, James Lancaster, Walter Oglesby
Macedonia - Loy Shaw, James Wharton, Murreil Wheat.
Shiloh - Wilith Cook, Billy Koon, Wilson Connell.
Tabernacle- Calvin Wicker, Claud Malone, Lewis Montgomery.
Union - Lindsey Watkins, Morris Gray, Erby Nichols.
Philips Chapel Robert Smith, Guin Galloway, Denis Sanford.
1st. Ethelsville - Clifton Walters, Robert Tilley, Ira Jewell.
Mt. Zion- Gifford Winters, James South, Clara South.
Union Hill- Huey Price, Elsie Kay Price, George Perrigin.
Pleasant Hill- Jimmy Oden, William Quemby, Eugene Plowman.
Sardis - Archie Robertson, Winaton Robertson, James Driver.
Glen Echo- Hugh Acker, Luther Noland, Burns Brown.
Tuscaloosa- Dural Guy, Denny Johnson, Denny Atcherson.
Reform - Lillie Mae Carpenter, Billy Nell Creel, Tamily Junkin.
Hubbard Springs- Jackie Shuttlesworth, Frances Epperson, J.W. Archer.
Carolwood- Brady Montgomery, J.B. Tucker, Kathleen Watson.

MINISTERS ATTENDING UNION MEETING

Rev. Edgar Jones, J/L/ Lavender, R.E.Tilley, H.E.Crawford, J.M.Kynn
W.L.Lynn, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G.P.Perkins, Lewis Cooley
Dewey Thomas, Donald Keasler, Ernest White, Jerrell Montgomery,
Dennis Kizzire, Albert Montgomery.

HISTORY OF CHURCHES

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.More
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.Harnin
GlenEcho	1936	Rev. T.L.Walker
Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. J.H.Tilley & Rev. H.E.Crawford
Big Sandy	1958	Rev. Edgar Jones & Rev.Albert Montgomery
Reform	1958	Rev. O.L.Fields
Hubbard Springs	1960	Rev. V.R.Lay
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Terminal for Christ	1975	Rev. Duglas Tilley

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 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.

ART. 9. Any minister pastoring a church or churches in the Mount Moriah Association shall be a regularly ordained minister in good standing and become affiliated with this Association.

ART. 10. All ministers and deacons shall be standing delegates in this Association.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love Him and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction and the use of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship, and by 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.