

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**One Hundred and Twenty Eighth**  
**Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**  
**Of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**Held With**  
**MACEDONIA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Millport, Alabama**  
**October 7, 1978**

**OFFICERS**

Rev. Roy Gene Plymon ..... Moderator  
Rev. Dewey Thomas ..... Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Raymond Tilley ..... Clerk  
Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster ..... Assistant Clerk

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

W. N. Joyner	M. P. Gore
Lewis McAdams	L. B. Koon
J. B. Tucker	

The next session of the Association  
will meet with Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church  
of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on the Saturday  
before the Second Sunday in October at 9:30 o'clock.

The one hundred and twenty-eighth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Macedonia Church in Pickens County, Alabama on October 7, 1978. The opening song, "At Calvary", was led by Leon McAdams which was followed by prayer by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

Rev. Tony Latham preached the introductory sermon using the subject of "Compromise in Today's Churches". His scripture was from Ephesians 6:10-18. He stressed that we must ever be aware that we are projecting to the world our image as christians and that we must call upon the Lord for guidance during these wicked times.

Prayer was led by Rev. Clyde Oswalt.

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

Delegates were listed as per role. Reading clerks appointed were Bro. W. N. Joyner and Bro. Lando McAdams.

Rev. Byron Meyer and Rev. M. H. Hollis of the Vernon Association were recognized as our visiting ministers.

Rev. Roy Gene Plymon was elected as Moderator with Rev. Dewey Thomas, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Raymond Tilley was elected as Clerk, and Vaudine Lancaster as the Assistant Clerk.

Roll call of the churches was given and churches who did not have a full representation of delegates were given the opportunity to fill in the absentees.

The following are delegates who attended:

#### DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah - Searcy Mullenix, Buddy Lancaster, and Dan Turnipseed  
Macedonia - Milford McAdams, Leon McAdams and James Sims  
Shiloh - Marlin Burkhalter, Raiford Shepherd and Billy Koon  
Tabernacle - McArthur Walters, Lewis Montgomery and Buddy Sturdivant  
Union - Elaine Noland  
Phillips Chapel - Douglas Watson, Robert Smith and Guin Galloway  
Mt. Zion - James South Thruman Baggett, Clara South  
Union Hill - Joe E. Oglesby, George Perrigin and R. D. Reynolds  
Holman - Merle Duren, Pauline Watts and William Quimby  
Sardis - Winston Robertson and James Driver  
Glen Echo - Hugh Acker, Gardner Cameron and Burns Brown  
Big Sandy - Ophelia Watson, Clinton Harbin and Katie Harbin  
Hubbard Springs - Betty Epperson, Bill Epperson and Wesley Cooley  
Carolwood - Addie Montgomery, Lorene Bircheat, Lonie Franks  
Terminal for Christ - No representation

The Moderator appointed the delegates to serve on the following committees:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Guin Galloway, Burns Brown, Addie Montgomery, Raiford Shepherd, Leon McAdams, with Moderator and Clerk

DECEASED

Lonie Franks, Katie Harbin, Winston Robertson and Pauline Watts

TEMPERANCE

George Perrigin, Elaine Noland, McArthur Walters and Betty Epperson

MORAL AND REFORM

Clara South, Merle Duren and Wesley Cooley

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Lorene Bircheat, Searcy Mullenix, Ophelia Watson and William Quimby

SABBATH SCHOOL

James Driver, Buddy Sturdivant, Douglas Watson and Joe E. Oglesby

CHILDREN'S HOME

R.D. Reynolds, Marlin Burkhalter, Thurman Baggett and Hugh Acker

FINANCE

Frank Sims, Clinton Harbin and Robert Smith

DEVOTION

Billy Koon, James South, Milford McAdams and Buddy Lancaster

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

Bill Epperson, Gardner Cameron, Lewis Montgomery and Dan Turnipseed

The Moderator's Message was given by Rev. Roy Plymon using the third chapter of Titus as his scripture. He challenged the congregation to use the following as a guide - "If Christ were doing this, what would He do?"

The host church provided the delicious noon meal outside in the sunshine with the beauties of God's handiwork of nature all around. A time of fellowship was enjoyed along with the meal.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

The first hour of the afternoon service was delegated to the youth phase of the Association. Churches participating in the youth program were: Mount Moriah, Macedonia, Phillips Chapel and Holman.

The song, "Victory in Jesus", was led by Milford McAdams. Bro. Lando McAdams was in charge of the youth program. He urged each church to work with the youth in their congregation and participate in the Associational Youth Program.

The Moderator presided as we went into the reading of the committee reports. Each report was read and approved. The committees were discharged with the exception of the Credentials Committee. Bro. Wilford Joyner who had completed his five year term was elected to fill in the remaining two years of Ganus Gray's term.

The committee reports were read and approved as follows:

#### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee report as follows:

1. Change Union Meeting to regular quarterly meeting as was recommended at Union Meeting.
2. Have a committee to study by-laws and Constitution for purpose of up-dating an/or defining. This committee will consist of one delegate from each church and the Moderator will set time and place. It is the responsibility of each church to send name of delegate to Moderator as soon as possible.
3. We recommend the next Association be held with the Tabernacle Church in Tuscaloosa County.
4. We recommend the January Quarterly meeting be held with the Union Hill Church.
5. We recommend the April Quarterly Meeting be held with Glen Echo Church.
6. We recommend Rev. Ben Logan preach the introductory sermon and Rev. Ottis Jacobs be his alternate.

Leon McAdams, Chairman

#### DEVOTION

We, your committee report as follows: We recommend that -  
Rev. Ottis Jacobs preach at 9:30 with Rev. Jerry Parker as his alternate;  
Rev. Ben Logan preach at 11:00 with Rev. Dewey Thomas as his alternate; and  
Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 2:00 with Rev. H. E. Crawford as his alternate.

James South, Chairman

#### EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

We, your committee report as follows: We think the basic fundamental teaching of our children starts in the home. If your church does not have CTS (Church Training Service) and Sunday School, we recommend that you start this.

We should be careful in choosing all our literature and let our Holy Bible be our guide.

We recommend that more of our young people attend our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Searcy Mullenix, Chairman

We, your committee, report as follows: We have a memorial to Bro. Brady Montgomery we would also like to have read and submitted into minutes.

Mount Mqriah - Sis. Lydia Hughes and Bro. Ellis Burgess

Macedonia - Sisters Pearl Fields, Bannie M. Leonard and Eulah Stokes

Union Hill - Brothers J. L. Perrigin and W. D. Perrigin

Phillips Chapel - Sis. Dora Dunn and Bro. William Lee Hallman

Holman - Bro. Sam Wilburn

Hubbard Springs - Sis. Melvinie Tittle

Carolwood - Bro. Brady Montgomery

Union - Sis. Sara Springfield

Mount Zion - Bro. Carson Logan

Big Sandy - Sis. Odelia Holley and Sis. Claudie Mitchell

Shiloh - Bro. Albert J. Latham

Lonie Franks, Chairman

#### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: We believe temperance should be used in all phases of life and in our obligations to God and our obligations to man. We, the committee, strongly urge parents to teach temperance to their children, especially the teenagers; and not be ashamed to teach our fellowman to stand up for temperance and to know what God demands of us in this respect.

George Perrigin, Chairman

#### MORAL AND REFORM

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that as parents we should have family devotions. As parents we should set a christian example for our children to follow.

We should provide them with love, care and discipline, hoping they will become christians and live a life pleasing to God.

As christians, we should always live what we teach.

Clara South, Chairman



## SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, feel that each church member should take more interest in Sunday School by attending regularly and asking others to attend when possible. We feel that we should attend Sunday School and study the Lord's Word together that we might be able to grow in the knowledge of the Lord's Word.

We encourage each of you to attend Sunday School and express your view on what is being taught.

Buddy Sturdivant, Chairman

## CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: that the Free Will Baptists of our Association support our Children's Home and that each church send an offering each month since the home does have an increase in expenses. We also ask each member to visit the home when possible.

We ask that this Association take up a love offering for the Home.

R. D. Reynolds, Chairman

## FINANCE

We, the Finance Committee, report a collection of \$255.00 at the one hundred and twenty-eighth session of the Mount Moriah Association for the Minute Fund.

We suggest each church increase its fund by five dollars (\$5.00) to cover the expense of printing of the minutes and the clerk's services.

Frank Sims, Chairman

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We find all our preachers in good standing so far as we know.

We recommend that the following names be added to the ordained ministers list - Robert D. Franks

Jeffery Brown

Jerry Parker

Ottis Jacobs

We recommend that Bro. George Perrigin and Bro Wayne Watson's names be added to the licensed minister's list.

We recommend that the Association elect Bro. Joyner to fill the remainder of Bro. Ganus Gray's term which is two years; and elect a new member to serve for a five year term.

W. N. Joyner, Chairman

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (con't)

Credential Committee Status - M. P. Gore - 1 year, W. N. Joyner - 2 years (to fill remainder of Ganus Gray's term), L. B. Koon - 3 years, J. B. Tucker - 4 years, Lewis McAdams - 5 years.

## RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Macedonia Church for the manner in which they have made us welcome at this Association.

We would like to ask each church to continue steadfast in prayer for one another that our Association might continue to grow and that we might have a greater love for one another.

We would also like to thank the ladies for the nice lunch that was served. May the Lord bless and be with each of you.

Bill Epperson, Chairman

## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The delegated body approved the recommendation to change the Union Meeting to a regular quarterly meeting; thus having only the October session for the annual business meeting.

A committee will study the by-laws and the Constitution for the purpose of updating and/or defining. Each church is to send the name of a qualified member to the Moderator as soon as possible who will represent their church in this study.

Bro. W. N. Joyner's 5 year term expired this year. The Credentials Committee asked that he be retained on this committee.

Some of the delegates thought this rule should be strictly enforced. Rev. Willard Pless made a motion that Bro. W. N. Joyner step down from this term and fill in the unexpired term of Bro. Ganus Gray. This was voted on and approved.

Bro. Lewis McAdams was voted to replace Bro. W. N. Joyner for a 5 year term.

The Constitution was read by the Assistant Clerk by request of the Moderator.

The song, "When We All Get To Heaven" was sung in memory of our deceased members. Prayer was given by Rev. J. L. Lavender. A memorial was read in memory of Bro. Brady Montgomery who was a deacon and charter member of Carolwood Church. It is to be submitted in this edition of the minutes.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, board member of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama encouraged churches to give to Mrs. Lorene Sides, who had given 30 years as a faithful worker at the Home and was now retiring. These gifts would be presented to her at the State Association.

An offering of \$108.02 was given to the Children's Home.

The spiritual love and the interest shown at this session of the Association was very evident that God has great things in store for us. His blessings were poured out so bountifully.

May the parting handshake of this session inspire us this coming year to follow the guide given to Timothy by Paul to...."be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January Quarterly Meeting - On January 7, Phillips Chapel hosted the first quarterly meeting. The pastor, Rev. Jerry Montgomery, gave a welcome to everyone. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. Willard Pless on "Spiritual Gifts God Gives", with scripture taken from 1st Corinthians, chapter 12.

Special singing from the church, Rev. Tony Latham and wife and from youth from other churches provided a blessing. Each minister was also given a chance to speak. Prayer Request time ended with a prayer by Rev. Ottis Jacobs for those who asked an interest in prayer.

Rev. J. L. Lavender brought the 11:00 sermon from 1st Corinthians, chapter 3:1-9. He spoke on "Our Needs of Today - In Homes, Association and In Our Lives."

The youth gave an inspirational program after lunch representing several churches. The attendance banner went to Phillips Chapel.

Bro. Jerry Parker brought the final message. He preached from the book of Jonah and used as his subject, "Patience vs Anger."

All churches in the Association were represented.

April Quarterly Meeting - The second quarterly meeting met with Shiloh Church on April 8. Rev. Roy Flymon, "Associational Moderator, called the meeting to order. The welcome was given by Rev. J. L. Lavender, pastor of the host church. The first sermon was rendered by Bro. Jerry Parker who preached from 2nd Peter 3:3 concerning the unconcern of people in the last days.

The Moderator gave recognition to ministers and gave each a chance to give his testimony. There were 15 ministers present. All churches were represented except Sardis and Hubbard Springs.

The 11:00 sermon was preached by Rev. Dewey Thomas. His topic was "Moving to Perfection", from Hebrews 4:14. The lunch and fellowship hour was enjoyed by more than 200 who attended this session.

After special singing and prayer the afternoon program was presented by the youth. Churches whose youth participated were: Mount Moriah, Macedonia, Phillips Chapel, Glen Echo, Mount Zion, Union, Shiloh and Carolwood. Phillips Chapel Church received the attendance banner.

Rev. Doug Tilley brought the last sermon using John 1:14 for his scripture. His topic was "The Glory of God".



## LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. J. W. Archer, Bro. George Perrigin and Bro. Wayne Watson

## 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. Pinkerton, W. J. Harbin, J. M. Spencer, Amon Kelley, S. R. Lee, Clint Hallman, Monroe Hallman, J. E. Tilley, T. L. Walker, John Moore, N. M. Sanford, Murk Montgomery, T. A. Springfield, J. L. Lynn

## MEMORIAL TO BRO. BRADY MONTGOMERY

"Love will roll the clouds away, turn the darkness into day". These words well fit Bro. Brady Montgomery as he did love everyone and his humor did turn darkness into light for everyone that he knew.

Bro. Brady was a charter member and deacon of Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church, and was a big backbone in helping get the the church organized.

He dearly loved his church and the Association and we have missed him greatly and know that he will be missed by the Association.

As a memorial to Bro. Brady Montgomery we close with these words:

"Love will roll the clouds away  
Turn the darkness into day.  
I'm so glad I now can say  
Love has rolled the clouds away".

## TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$685.00
Received from Associational Minute Fund . . . . .	<u>\$255.00</u>
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$940.00
Total Expenditures - Clerk's services . . . . .	--
Supplies for Association 15.00	
Printing of Minutes <u>\$253.00</u>	
	- <u>\$268.00</u>
Balance on hand . . . . .	\$672.00

# ORDAINED MINISTERS

## Attended Union Meeting - U

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

Jeffery Brown (A)  
#10 East Ave.  
Rockland, Illinois

Lewis Cooley (UA)  
Golden Acres  
Cottondale, AL

H. E. Crawford (UA)  
2321 9th  
Northport, AL

Robert Franks (A)  
Rt. 4 Box 176 D  
Northport, AL

Edgar Jones  
Greensboro Hwy  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Donald Keasler (UA)  
At. 2 Box 20B  
Reform, AL

Ottis Jacobs (UA)  
Rt. 4 Box 80G  
Columbus, Miss

Anthony Latham (UA)  
Rt. 5  
Gordo, AL

J. L. Lavender (UA)  
1707 3rd Ave. NW  
Aliceville, AL

Ben Logan (UA)  
Rt. 4 Box 162  
Fayette, AL

Arlie Lynn (A)  
3 Williamson Drive  
Northport, AL

W. L. Lynn (UA)  
Rt. 3 Mormon Road  
Northport, AL

Albert Montgomery  
2213 27th Ave  
Northport, AL

## Attending Association - A

Jerry Montgomery (UA)  
Rt. 3  
Northport, AL

Willis Montgomery (UA)  
Route  
Berry, AL

Clyde Oswalt (UA)  
Route  
Gordo, AL

Jerry Parker (A)  
Elrod, AL

G. P. Perkins (U)  
Star Route Box 201  
Columbus, Miss

Willard Fless (UA)  
Rt. 1  
Ethelsville, AL

Roy Gene Plymon (UA)  
Box 427  
Millport, AL

Dewey Thomas (A)  
Rt. 3  
Northport, AL

Douglas Tilley  
3212 41st E., Alpine Hills  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Raymond Tilley (UA)  
Rt. 1  
Ethelsville, AL

Ernest White (UA)  
Rt. 4  
Gordo, AL

## LICENSED MINISTERS

George Perrigin (UA)  
Rt. 1  
Ethelsville, AL

Wayne Watson (UA)  
3702 Woodland Road  
Tuscaloosa, AL

Church	Pastor	Clerk & Address	Paid Pastor	Paid Helper	Baptised.	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	No. of Members	Minute Home Fund	Paid Children's Home	Paid to Missions
MOUNT MORIAH	Willard Pless	Mrs. Searcy Mullenix Rt. 2, Gordo, AL	\$5,305.00	\$200.00	1	4	18	0	2	0	92	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$ 501.55
MACEDONIA	R. G. Plymon	Harwood McAdams Rt. 3, Box 155, Millport	9,288.00	325.00	11	5	0	0	3	0	154	25.00	300.00	
SHILOH	Dewey Thomas	Wilson Connell Rt. 1, Box 167, Gordo	5,015.00	350.00	0	4	2	0	1	0	137	25.00	220.00	200.00
TABERNACLE	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3, Tuscaloosa, AL	2,215.36	200.00	1	3	1	0	0	0	150	15.00	83.74	
UNION	Donald Keasler	Ganus Gray Rt. 1, Gordo, AL	1,500.00	300.00	0	0	2	0	1	0	80	10.00	0	270.50
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Jerry Montgomery	Stanley Sanford Star Rt., Elrod, AL	5,674.59	301.00	12	4	2	0	2	0	326	50.00	900.88	
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	James South Rt. 3, Box 288, Northport	1,225.95	204.50	7	1	4	0	1	0	78	15.00	20.00	
UNION HILL	Tony Latham	W. N. Joyner Box 62, Carrollton	3,840.00	550.00	2	6	0	0	2	3	90	25.00	694.75	1,401.91
HOLMAN	Jerry Parker	William Quimby Rt. 2, Gordo, AL	2,043.00	483.00	0	4	1	0	1	0	95	10.00	100.00	150.00
SARDIS	Arlie Lynn	Fred Johnson Rt. 1, Gordo, AL	2,115.00	250.00	10	3	6	0	0	0	71	15.00	150.00	
GLEN ECHO	Ottis Jacobs	Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Carrollton, AL	3,795.00	150.00	3	2	1	0	0	4	73	15.00	240.00	296.00
BIG SANDY	W. L. Lynn	C. H. Harbin Rt. 1, Tusc., AL	532.00	65.00	0	3	2	0	2	0	40	10.00	0	140.00
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Clyde Oswalt	Frances Epperson Rt. 1, Duncanville, AL	806.00	57.00	2	3	0	0	1	0	30	10.00	0	
CAROLWOOD	Robert Franks	Lorene Bircheat Rt. 4, Box 175B, N'port, AL	6,272.16	530.00	1	8	17	0	1	0	126	15.00	159.68	245.15
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST	(No information received)													
TOTALS					1	50	56	0	17	7	1,532	\$255.00	\$3,009.05	\$3,205.11

## HISTORY OF CHURCHES

<u>Church</u>	<u>Year Ogranized</u>	<u>Organized by</u>
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 Rev. C. J. Blake Rev. J. S. Hinton
Mount Zion	1902	Rev. W. J. Harbin W. B. Montgomery
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Wood Springfield
Holman	1912	Rev. Wood Springfield
Sardis	1930	Rev. W. J. Harbin
Glen Echo	1936	Rev. T. L. Walker
Big Sandy	1958	Rev. Edgar Jones Rev. Albert Montgomery
Hubbard Springs	1960	Rev. V. R. Lay
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Terminal For Christ	1975	Rev. Douglas Tilley

## UNION MEETING

The eighty-seventh session of the Union Meeting was held with Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Pickens County, Alabama, on Saturday, July 22, 1978.

After the opening song and prayer the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Roy Plymon. He took his message from Matthew 28:18&19 on the Great Commission.

Our visiting minister, Rev. Leander McAdams was welcomed.

It was moved and seconded to place delegates where there were absentees.

Letters from churches were handed in and read. Reading Clerks were W. N. Joyner and S. D. Gray.

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

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Lewis Montgomery, Herman Sanford, Gene Crowe, Searcy Mullenix, Buddy Lancaster, James Wharton, James Driver, and Wayne Watson with Moderator and Clerk.

### DEVOTION

Calvin Wicker, Milford McAdams, Joe Earl Oglesby and Dan Smith with deacons of church.

### TEMPERANCE

Lindsey Watkins, Lucille Gray, Alice White, William Quimby, Jimmy Oden, Frances Epperson and Wilford Robertson

### SABBATH SCHOOL

James South, Timothy Fulgham, Gardner Cameron, Robert Smith and Winston Robertson, and Clifton Malone

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Alver Free, Daniel Sanford, Frank Sims, Dan Turnipseed and Florence Rodgers

### RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

Wilson Connell, Ora Lee Cameron, Arlene Keasler and Betty Epperson

The following reports were read, adopted and the committees discharged:

### DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We recommend the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Union Church in Pickens County.

We recommend that a third quarterly meeting be adopted to take the place of the Union Meeting.

We recommend that Rev. Raymond Tilley preach the introductory sermon at 9:15 if the recommendation is not accepted and Rev. Ottis Jacobs be the alternate.

We recommend that Brother Leon McAdams be in charge of the singing of the next session.

Lewis Montgomery, Chairman



## DEVOTION

We, your committee on Devotion, report that Rev. Jerry Montgomery preach at the close of this session.

W. N. Joyner, Chairman

## TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance, report as follows: We believe temperance should be practiced in our everyday lives. Christians should live every day in a way that the world can see they are true christians. The way we live has more influence on people than anything we say. Our daily lives should be our testimony.

Lindsey Watkins, 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 churches.

We recommend that each Sunday School teacher live and practice what they teach. Also encourage each person to read the Bible daily and study each lesson.

James South, Chairman

## CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee on the Children's Home, report as follows: The scripture teaches that it is more blessed to give than receive. Christ has taught that if a cup of water is given in His name to one of these children He will in no way lose his reward.

We recommend that an offering be taken at this session; that every church in the Association make a pledge to send an offering to the Children's Home each month, and be faithful in the pledge. We also recommend that the pastor of the church support this cause.

We recommend that all churches take home to your own church that Mrs. Lorene Sides who has completed 30 years of service is retiring in November. Please send from your church (or personal) a gift for her in November.

We are asking each church to please participate in the "Harvest Drive" for the Children's Home in November.

Alver Free, Chairman

## RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We wish to thank the brothers and sisters of Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and the christian manner in which we have been received. We wish to thank the ladies of the church for the wonderful lunch we enjoyed.

May God bless each of you.

Wilson Connell, Chairman

## UNION MEETING PROCEEDINGS

The Moderator ruled that officers elected serve for this session since Documents and Order of Business committee did not state when the date begins on the new ruling from last year that an officer could serve only four consecutive years.

Rev. Roy Plymon made a motion which was passed that the minutes include the minister's address and phone number.

The afternoon service began with Bro. Lando McAdams in charge of the youth portion of the Union Meeting. Special singing was conducted by youth of Macedonia and Phillips Chapel.

A collection of \$141.57 was received for the Children's Home at Eldridge which now has 22 children.

The final message was given by Rev. Jerry Montgomery which was taken from Revelation, chapter 21, relating on a new Heaven and a new earth.

Closing remarks were given by Bro. Wayne Watson, Bro. Lewis Montgomery and Rev. Lawrence Lynn.

It was also stated that one of our elderly ministers, Rev. Edgar Jones, would be honored on the 5th Sunday at Tabernacle Church.

## DELEGATES ATTENDING UNION MEETING

MOUNT MORIAH: Searcy Mullenix, Dan Turnipseed and Buddy Lancaster  
MACEDONIA: Frank Sims, Milford McAdams and James Wharton  
SHILOH: Wilson Connell, Gene Crowe and Alver Free  
TABERNACLE: Calvin Wicker, Lewis Montgomery and Clifton Malone  
UNION: Lindsey Watkins, Lucille Gray and Alice White  
PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Herman Sanford, Robert Smith and Dennis Sanford  
MOUNT ZION: James South, David Jones and Florence Rodgers  
UNION HILL: Joe E. Oglesby, Tom F. Clardy and Dan F. Smith  
HOLMAN: Jimmy Oden, William Quimby and Wilford Robertson  
SARDIS: James Driver, Winston Robertson and Arlene Keasler  
GLEN ECHO: Timothy Fulgham, Gardner Cameron and Ora Lee Cameron  
BIG SANDY: By Letter  
HUBBARD SPRINGS: Effie Lee Fountain, Betty Epperson and Frances Epperson  
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST: No representation  
CAROLWOOD: No representation

## 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 not 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.