

MINUTES

Of The
One Hundred and Twenty Ninth
Annual Session
Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With
TABERNACLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Northport, Alabama

October 13, 1979

OFFICERS

Rev. Roy Gene Plymon. Moderator
P. O. Box 427, Millport, Al. 35576 Phone: 662-3488
Rev. Dewey Thomas. Assistant Moderator
Rt. 2, Box 236, Northport, Al. 35476 Phone: 339-4654
James South Clerk
Rt. 3, Box 459-A, Northport, Al. 35476 Phone: 339-9332
Rev. Raymond Tilley. Assistant Clerk
Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Al. 35461 Phone: 658-2459

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

W. N. Joyner
Rev. Jerry Montgomery
J. B. Tucker
Lewis McAdams
Rev. Dewey Thomas

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

The one hundred and twenty-ninth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on October 13, 1979. The opening song, "At Calvary," was led by Leon McAdams which was followed by prayer by Rev. G. P. Perkins.

Rev. Ben Logan preached the introductory sermon using the subject of "Blessed is the Man Whom God Chooseth." His scriptures were from Psalms 65:4; John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:28; 2 Peter 1:4; and 1 Peter, Chapter 2.

After a short recess, it was moved and seconded to go into the business session of the Association.

Brothers Raiford Shepherd and James South were appointed as reading clerks. Letters from each church were handed in and read. Delegates were listed as per roll.

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.

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

James South was elected as Clerk, and Rev. Raymond Tilley, Assistant Clerk.

The following are delegates who attended:

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah - Searcy Mullenix, Mike Plymon, and Dan Turnipseed
Macedonia - Frank Sims, Leon McAdams, and Robert Pennington
Shiloh - Wilson Connell, Raiford Shepherd, and Kathleen Connell
Tabernacle - Mac Arthur Walters, Lewis Montgomery, and Cleburn Wylie
Union - Lucille Gray, Alice White, and S. D. Gray
Phillips Chapel - Herman Sanford, Douglas Watson, and Stanley Sanfor
Mount Zion - James South, Florence Rodgers, and Gladys Hewitt
Union Hill - Nell Perrigin and R. D. Reynolds
Holman - Janette Gray, Jimmy Robertson, and Jimmy Oden
Sardis - James Driver, James Posey, and Winston Robertson
Glen Echo - Hugh Acker and Thelma Hill
Big Sandy - C. H. Harbin, Katie Harbin, and Ophelia Watson
Hubbard Springs - Charistine Fields, Leonard Henley, and Frances Epperson

Carolwood - Eulie Robertson, J. B. Tucker, and Eloise Robertson
Terminal for Christ - Malone Williams, Julius Hale, and Patricia
Cabiness

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

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Leon McAdams, Florence Rodgers, Herman Sanford, Raiford Shepherd,
with Moderator and Clerk.

DEVOTION

Mike Plymon, Kathleen Connell, and Stanley Sanford

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Wilson Connell, Katie Harbin, Leonard Henley, and Winston Robertson

SABBATH SCHOOL

Robert Pennington, Eulie Robertson, Gladys Hewitt, and Jimmy
Robertson

CHILDREN'S HOME

Nell Perrigin, Charistine Fields, Jimmy Oden, and Cleburn Wylie

FINANCE

Frank Sims, Ophelia Watson, and Mac Arthur Walters

TEMPERANCE

Douglas Watson, R. D. Reynolds, James Driver, and Hugh Acker

MORAL AND REFORM

Lewis Montgomery, Alice White, Malone Williams, C. H. Harbin, and
Frances Epperson

DECEASED

Dan Turnipseed, Thelma Hill, Lucille Gray, James Posey, and Janette
Gray

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS

Searcy Mullènix, Julius Hale, and Patricia Cabiness

It was moved and seconded to vote on Study Committee Report on defining and updating the Constitution and By-Laws during lunch break and turn ballots in at the beginning of the afternoon service.

A delicious noon meal and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

AFTERNOON SERVICES

The first hour of the afternoon service was delegated to the youth of the Association. Brother Lando McAdams was in charge of the youth

program. Churches participating in this program were: Phillips Chapel, Macedonia, and Tabernacle. The attendance banner went to Phillips Chapel.

The Moderator presided as we went into the reading of the Committee reports.

The committee reports were read and approved as follows:

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We recommend the next Association be held with Union Hill Church.
2. We recommend the January Quarterly meeting be held at Macedonia Church, the April Quarterly meeting be at Phillips Chapel Church, and the July Quarterly meeting be at Mt. Zion Church.
3. We recommend that Brother Willard Pless preach the introductory message at the next Association.
4. We recommend paying the Clerk \$50.00 for consolidating and printing Association material.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Leon McAdams, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the January Quarterly meeting that Brother Jerry Parker bring the 9:30 message and that Brother Willis Montgomery be his alternate, Brother Jerry Montgomery bring the 11:00 message and Brother Ben Logan be his alternate, and Brother Tony Latham bring the 2:00 message and Brother George Perrigin be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained. Mike Plymon, Chairman.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: We think the basic fundamental teachings of our children starts in the home. We recommend that all churches have CTS (Church Training Service) and Sunday School.

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.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Wilson Connell, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, feel that the Bible which is the Divine Word of God, should be first above all for the truth, but we do feel that Bible study aids prove to be very helpful, especially for our young people.

We recommend that every Sunday School teacher be faithful, also live and practice what they teach.

Also a daily Bible reading and family devotion is recommended.

Our practice should be faithfulness with the love of God in our hearts and seek to see others saved.

God's word says, train up a child in the way he should go and he'll not depart from it. Church training is important also we feel.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Robert Pennington, Chairman.

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: The scripture teaches it is more blessed to give than to receive.

We recommend that we take a love offering at this session for our Children's Home. Also that each church in our Association please try to make a love offering every month to the home.

Please mention at your home church the Harvest Drive to be made in November.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Nell Perrigin, Chairman.

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, report a collection of \$290.00 at the one hundred and twenty-ninth session of the Mount Moriah Association for the Minute Fund.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Frank Sims, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, 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.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Douglas Watson, Chairman.

MORAL AND REFORM

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that as parents, we should have family devotion. As parents we should set

a Christian example for our children to follow.

We think all parents should have patience and understanding with their children that they would not provoke them to wrath.

We recommend that children would be brought up in the way they should go with love and discipline, hoping and praying they will become workers for the Lord.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Lewis Montgomery, Chairman.

DECEASED

We, your committee, report as follows:

Mount Moriah - Sister Bertha Ward

Macedonia - Sisters Aggie Branyon, Clemmie Kyles, and Asilee Smith, and Brother Jim Ruffin

Shiloh - Sister Dulie Koon, and Brothers George Connell and Jonas Strickland

Tabernacle - Sister Zannie Sullivan and Rev. Edgar Jones

Union - Brother F. H. Acker

Phillips Chapel - Sisters Lucy Watson, Lizzie Sanford, Mary Rogers, Gladis Falls, Alma Taylor, Velma Watson, Ada Hollo-way, and Rosetta Maddox, and Brothers C. L. (Boe) Griffin, Mit Keith, Jesse Davis, Glenn Garner, Perry Sanford, and Rev. Lawrence Lynn

Holman - Brother Dan Morrison

Terminal For Christ - Sister Ophelia Tilley

Report adopted, committee discharged. Dan Turnipseed, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

We recommend that the following name be added to the ordained ministers list - George Perrigin.

We recommend that Big Sandy have Wayne Watson ordained if they wish to.

We recommend that Brother J. W. Archer's name be removed from the licensed ministers list, as he has joined another Association.

Report adopted, committee retained. M. P. Gore, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATUS: W. N. Joyner - 1 year (to fill remainder of Ganus Gray's term); Rev. Jerry Montgomery - 2 years (to fill remainder of L. B. Koon's term); J. B. Tucker - 3 years; Lewis McAdams - 4 years; Rev. Dewey Thomas - 5 years.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

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

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

We would like to thank the ladies for the delicious lunch.

May the Lord bless and be with each one of you.

Report adopted, committee discharged. Searcy Mullenix, Chairman.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

An offering of \$184.20 was given to the Children's Home. Rev. J. L. Lavender, board member of the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama, gave a short report concerning the Children's Home.

It was recommended to give everyone the opportunity to help Tabernacle on their new church, after the Association was dismissed.

A memorial was read in memory of Brother Frestus Acker, who was a deacon of Union Church. The congregation stood in silent prayer, after which the song, "Precious Memories" was sung in memory of our deceased members.

The results of the voting on the Study Committee Report on defining and updating the Constitution and By-Laws were given. With the exception of Articles 9 and 10 of the Constitution, all were approved.

Brother M. P. Gore's 5 year term on the Credentials Committee expired this year. Rev. Dewey Thomas was elected. Brother Lester Koon resigned from the Credentials Committee, with 2 years remaining on his term. Rev. Jerry Montgomery was elected to fill the remainder of his term.

At the request of Rev. Douglas Tilley, the Credentials Committee met on Article 3 of the Constitution and made the report as follows: Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs in the matters of discipline, etc., and each church reserves the right to retain ownership of their

property and buildings should the church split or decide to sell. Each church should control its internal affairs concerning all property under their name. It may, however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches, but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine. This change of Article 3 was approved by the delegated body.

The Moderator stated that with the adoption of Article 12 of the Constitution, (General Board), each church should elect a member to serve. To start the General Board, he appointed the following churches to serve 1 year terms: Mount Moriah, Shiloh, Union, Mount Zion, Holman, Glen Echo, Hubbard Springs, and Terminal For Christ; the following churches to serve 2 year terms: Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Union Hill, Sardis, Big Sandy, and Carolwood, in order to have one-half of the members being elected each year.

Everyone was given the opportunity to shake hands with each minister present, who was standing in front of the congregation, at the close of this session.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF 1979

The January quarterly meeting was held on the 13th, at Union Hill. The messages were brought by Rev. Ottis Jacobs, Rev. Ben Logan, and Rev. J. L. Lavender. Also, Rev. John Edwards, Moderator of the Alabama State Association, gave a brief devotion.

The April quarterly meeting was held on the 7th, at Glen Echo. The messages were brought by Rev. George Perrigin, Rev. Dewey Thomas, and Rev. Willard Pless.

The July quarterly meeting was held on the 21st, at Union. The messages were brought by Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Rev. Tony Latham, and Rev. Roy Plymon.

DATES AND PLACES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

- January 12, 1980.....Macedonia
- April 12, 1980.....Phillips Chapel
- July 26, 1980.....Mount Zion

ASSOCIATION:

- October 11, 1980.....Union Hill

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, Edgar Jones, W. L. Lynn.

MEMORIAL TO BROTHER FRESTUS ACKER

On February the 2nd, 1979, God took a very special person home to live with him. He was Uncle Freck to all the children and a friend to all that knew him. He had a smile and a word of cheer for everyone. When you visited in his home you always left spiritually enriched. He was a dedicated christian and served as a deacon in our church for many years. Brother Frestus Acker will always be remembered here at Union Church and some day we will join him. The words to his favorite song says it better than we can.

"Since I heard about a better land, I would leave this old world and all it owns. Just slip away most any day to Heaven's shore, I'll find sweet rest beyond the gates forevermore."

TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 748.97
Received from Associational Minute Fund.....	\$ 290.00
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,038.97
Total Expenditures...Printing of Minutes.....	\$ 291.18
Balance on Hand.....	\$ 747.79

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Attending Association - A

W. E. Adams
308 48th Ave.
Northport, Al. 35476
Phone: 752-8197

Jeffery Brown
#10 East Ave. Dr.
Rock Island, Ill. 61201
Phone: 309/794-5710

Lewis Cooley (A)
Rt. 1, Box 606
Cottondale, Al. 35453
Phone: 553-2040

H. E. Crawford (A)
2321 9th
Northport, Al. 35476
Phone: 752-6678

Ottis Jacobs
Rt. 4, Box 80G
Columbus, Miss. 39701

Donald Keasler (A)
Rt. 2, Box 20B
Reform, Al. 35481
Phone: 375-2227

Tony Latham (A)
Rt. 5
Gordo, Al. 35466
Phone: 364-8773

J. L. Lavender (A)
1707 3rd Ave. N. W.
Aliceville, Al. 35442
Phone: 373-8425

Ben Logan (A)
Rt. 4, Box 162
Fayette, Al. 35555
Phone: 932-4025

Arlie Lynn (A)
2114 2nd Ave.
Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401
Phone: 345-7790

Albert Montgomery (A)
2213 27th Ave.
Northport, Al. 35476
Phone: 752-8092

Jerry Montgomery (A)
Rt. 3, Box 292
Northport, Al. 35476
Phone: 339-4202

Willis Montgomery (A)
Rt. 1
Berry, Al. 35546
Phone: 932-4331

Clyde Oswalt (A)
Rt. 1
Gordo, Al. 35466
Phone: 339-3876

Jerry Parker (A)
Elrod, Al. 35458
Phone: 339-0288

G. P. Perkins (A)
Star Route, Box 201
Columbus, Miss. 39701
Phone: 601/328-6688

George Perrigin (A)
Rt. 1
Ethelsville, Al. 35461
Phone: 375-2839

Willard Pless (A)
Rt. 1, Box 436
Ethelville, Al. 35461
Phone: 375-6175

Roy Gene Plymon (A)
P. O. Box 427
Millport, Al. 35576
Phone: 662-3488

Dewey Thomas (A)
Rt. 2, Box 236
Northport, Al. 35476
Phone: 339-4654

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	EX- PASTOR
MOUNT MORIAH	Willard Pless	Mrs. Searcy Mullenix Rt. 2, Box 9 Gordo, Al 35466	Willard Pless
MACEDONIA	Roy G. Plymon	Frank Sims 106 Sylvan Rd. Columbus, Ms. 39701	Roy G. Plymon
SHILOH	William E. Atkinson	William H. (Billy) Koon Rt. 1, Box 133 Gordo, Al. 35466	Dewey Thomas
TABERNACLE	H. E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3 Tuscaloosa, Al 35401	H. E. Crawford
UNION	Ernest White	Ganus Gray Rt. 4 Gordo, Al 35466	Ernest White
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Jerry Montgomery	Stanley Sanford Star Route Elrod, Al. 35458	Jerry Montgomery
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	James South Rt. 3, Box 459-A Northport, Al 35476	Ben Logan
UNION HILL	Tony Latham	W. N. Joyner P. O. Box 62 Carrollton, Al 35447	Tony Latham
HOLMAN	Jerry Parker	William Quimby Rt. 1, Box 124 Coker, Al 35452	Jerry Parker
SARDIS	Arlie Lynn	Fred Johnson Rt. 1 Gordo, Al 35466	Arlie Lynn
GLEN ECHO	J. L. Lavender	Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Box 201 Carrollton, Al 35447	Ottis Jacobs
BIG SANDY	Wayne Watson	C. H. Harbin Rt. 1, Box 430 Tuscaloosa, Al 35401	W.L. Lynn
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Clyde Oswalt	Betty Epperson Rt. 1, Box 62-D Duncanville, Al 35456	Clyde Oswalt
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Eloise Robertson Rt. 3, Box 483-A Northport, Al 35476	J. L. Lavender
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST	Douglas Tilley	Mary T. Hardy 936 25th Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, Al 35404	Douglas Tilley

PAID ASTOR	Paid Helper	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	No. of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions
370.00	\$350.00	1	7	6	0	1	0	92	\$ 20.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 798.00
045.00	\$523.25	9	5	0	0	4	0	164	\$ 30.00	\$ 300.00	\$2,452.59
400.00	\$360.00	3	8	1	0	3	2	141	\$ 25.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 300.00
612.85	\$100.00	0	0	2	0	2	0	144	\$ 15.00		
500.00	\$205.00	5	0	3	0	1	0	83	\$ 10.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 145.00
426.41	\$375.55	13	4	1	0	14	0	324	\$ 50.00	\$1,553.09	
383.80	\$237.00	0	1	2	0	0	0	67	\$ 20.00	\$ 287.00	
700.00	\$640.00	0	2	0	0	0	1	91	\$ 25.00	\$ 311.00	\$1,191.22
193.00	\$150.00	9	11	3	0	1	0	112	\$ 10.00		\$ 100.00
763.00	\$250.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	\$ 15.00	\$ 150.00	
295.00 preachers 500.00	\$178.90	4	1	0	0	0	1	63	\$ 15.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
640.00	\$ 60.00	3	0	0	0	0	0	42	\$ 10.00		
059.00	\$115.00	3	1	1	0	0	0	32	\$ 10.00		
530.00 ert Franks 752.00	\$335.00	2	4	4	0	0	0	126	\$ 25.00	\$ 76.00	
800.00		6	20	0	0	1	0	73	\$ 10.00		
		58	64	23	0	27	4	1,624	\$290.00	\$3,470.09	\$5,226.81

Douglas Tilley (A)
 7 Arrowood
 Tuscaloosa, Al. 35405
 Phone: 553-7634

Raymond Tilley (A)
 Rt. 1
 Ethelsville, Al. 35461
 Phone: 658-2459

Ernest White (A)
 Rt. 2
 Gordo, Al. 35466

LICENSED MINISTERS
 Wayne Watson (A)
 3702 Woodland Road
 Tuscaloosa, Al. 35405
 Phone: 556-6570

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. Moore Rev. C. J. Blake Rev. J. S. Hinton
MOUNT ZION	1902	Rev. W. J. Harbin Rev. 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

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. a. The Association shall be called to order and officiated by the Moderator, who was elected at the last session.

b. The new officers (Moderator and Clerk) will take office at the close of the annual session and serve through the annual session of the following year.

ART. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

ART. 3. a. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes, by delegates present, elect.

b. The Moderator and Clerk cannot serve more than four years in succession.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the letter its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Also that we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credentials Committee report and omit public reading of the letters. All letters be mailed with minutes fee to the Clerk of this Association two (2) weeks prior to the annual session of the Association. 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 by two-thirds vote.

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 five (5) 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 he deems necessary or 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 elected 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., and each church reserves the right to retain ownership of their property and buildings should the church split or decide to sell. Each church should control its internal affairs concerning all property under their name. It may however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches, but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine.

ART. 4. All questions of doctrines and matters pertaining to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum 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 by ballot at each session by a majority of votes.

ART. 6. a. 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.

b. There shall be a short business session and a report from all standing committees at each quarterly meeting.

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.

ART. 11. We adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptist.

ART. 12.

SECTION ONE: GENERAL BOARD

A. COMPOSITION: The General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and one member from each local church that is a part of this body. Each member from a local church shall serve a two-year term with one-half of the members being elected each year.

B. DUTIES: The General Board shall formulate all ideas of business during the annual session of the Association, act as a Nominating Committee, as well as any other responsibility so delegated by the body. It shall not have power to commit the Association to any cause or policy not authorized by the Mount Moriah Association, nor to reverse any action of the Mount Moriah Association.

SECTION TWO: BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. COMPOSITION: The Christian Board shall be composed of five members. These are elected to serve a 5-year term with one expiring each year.

B. DUTIES: 1. The Christian Board shall act in an Advisory capacity to the youth organization of the Association.

2. The Christian Board shall work with all churches in the Association to promote the youth work and other related projects.

3. The Christian Board, along with the youth officers and host church, shall plan the program.

ART. 13. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

SECTION ONE: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A. The Credentials Committee shall consist of three lay brethren and two ordained ministers, elected at the annual session of the Association, each serving a five (5) year term, the Senior member coming off each year. A committee member cannot serve more than one term without a years' leave.

B. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to ex-

B. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to examine letters coming to this body from churches, ministers, and other Associations. This committee shall also examine all ministers who become a part of this body, either by ordination or by letter, and make recommendations to the Association.

C. It shall be the duty of this committee to make an annual report to the Association as to the standing, character, and orthodoxy of the ministers and churches of this Association.

SECTION TWO: HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

A. The Home Mission Committee shall consist of three lay brethren and two ordained ministers elected at the annual session of the Association, elected for a five-year term, the senior member coming off each year.

B. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to take charge of the Home Mission work of this Association, to promote the cause of Home Missions, and to take oversight of any mission church so organized.

C. The Home Mission Committee shall have a Secretary-Treasurer and use funds given for Home Mission work.

D. The Home Mission Committee shall make a report to the annual session of the Association.

ART. 14. The Moderator of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees.

ART. 15. No person shall be allowed to serve on more than one Standing Board or Committee, with the exception of the General Board. A person may be a member of the General Board and still be eligible for a Standing Board or Committee.

ART. 16. **DEACONS:** A deacon must meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy verses 8-13. The term "husband of one wife" means he shall not have more than one living wife, that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage. The same shall apply to the wife, she shall have only one living husband.

RULES OF DECORUM FOR CONFERENCE

The conference shall be called to order by the Pastor who is the Moderator. The clerk shall be seated in order.

1. Invite visiting members to seat with us and aid in council
2. Open the door of the church for members
3. Call for reference
4. Calls for communications
5. Calls for new business
6. Calls for miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment

LETTER OF DISMISSION

This certifies that _____ is a regular member of _____ Free Will Baptist Church in good standing up to the date of this certificate and is hereby dismissed.

This the _____ day of _____

Rev. _____ Moderator

_____ Church Clerk

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 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 of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness 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 Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



