

# **MINUTES**

Of The  
One Hundred and Thirtieth  
Annual Session

Of The

## **MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION**

Of

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Held With

**UNION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Carrollton, Alabama

**OCTOBER 11, 1980**

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The next session of the Association  
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The one hundred and thirtieth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Pickens County, Alabama on October 11, 1980. The opening song, "Old Time Power" was led by Brother Waymon Fields. Rev. Jerry Montgomery led the opening prayer.

Rev. Terrell Jones gave the opening devotion using the scriptures Matthew 6:5-13 and Mark 11:23-24

A welcome was extended to everyone by Rev. Billy Smith, Pastor of Union Hill.

Rev. Dewey Thomas read the Rules of Decorum. It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session.

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 First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform, requested membership into the Association. After discussion, this request was given to the Credentials Committee to make recommendation of.

Ballots were passed out for the election of Officers of the Association. After voting, these ballots were given to the Credentials Committee.

After intermission, the 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Dewey Thomas. His scriptures were from 2 Corinthians 4:1-10 and Acts 1:8.

Dismissed for lunch.

## DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah - Dan Turnipseed, Mike Plymon, and M. P. Gore

Macedonia - Leon McAdams, Lando McAdams, and Frank Sims

Shiloh - Gene Crowe, Wilson Connell, and Franacas Cunningham

Tabernacle - Mac Arthur Walters, Leland Wheat, and Robert Malone

Union - Ganus Gray and Mary Watkins

Phillips Chapel - Douglas Watson, Terrell Jones, and Rayford Galloway

Mount Zion - Cecil Harless, Muriel Harless, and Thurman Baggett

Union Hill - R. D. Reynolds, James Sudduth, and George Perrigin

Holman - E. P. Gray, Lifford Robertson, and Jimmy Oden

Sardis - Winston Robertson

Glen Echo - Burns Brown, Thelma Hill, and Hugh Acker

Hubbard Springs - Wesley Cooley, Betty Epperson, and Sharon Epperson

Carolwood - Danny Posey, Wilford Barrentine, and Gail Phillips

Terminal For Christ - Patricia Cabiness, Lorene Williams and Malone Williams

First FWB Reform - Lawrence Carpenter, J. B. Montgomery and Lillie Mae Carpenter

The Moderator appointed the delegates to serve on the Committees as follows :

#### DEVOTION

Douglas Watson, Winston Robertson, Gene Crowe, Jimmy Oden, and Robert Malone

#### EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

Dan Turnipseed, R. D. Reynolds, George Perrigin, and Rayford Galloway

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

Terrell Jones, Thurman Baggett, Mary Watkins, Lifford Robertson and Wilson Connell

#### CHILDREN'S HOME

Leon McAdams, Gail Phillips, Cecil Harless, and Wilford Barrentine

#### FINANCE

Mike Plymon, Frank Sims, and Betty Epperson

#### TEMPERANCE

Hugh Acker, James Sudduth, Lando McAdams, and Patricia Cabiness

#### MORAL AND REFORM

M. P. Gore, Ganus Gray, Thelma Hill, and Sharon Epperson

#### DECEASED

Leland Wheat, Franacas Cunningham, E. P. Gray, Lorene Williams, and Wesley Cooley

#### RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS

Muriel Harless, Burns Brown, Danny Posey, Mac Arthur Walters, and Malone Williams

## AFTERNOON SERVICES

The first hour of the afternoon service was delegated to the youth of the Association. Brother Lando McAdams opened the Youth Program with the song "Let Him In." Sister Melanie Lancaster led the opening prayer. Churches participating in this program were: Mount Moriah, Shiloh, Tabernacle, and Phillips Chapel. The attendance banner went to Tabernacle. At the close of the Youth Program, Brother Lando McAdams led the song "Amazing Grace."

The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Floyd Barber. His scriptures were from 1 Corinthians 4:11-14; Romans 3:14-18, 23; and Romans 10:13-16.

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

The Committee reports were read and approved as follows:

### DEVOTION

We, your Committee, report as follows: We recommend for the January Quarterly Meeting that Brother W. E. Adams bring the 9:30 message and Brother Willis Montgomery be his Alternate, Brother Douglas Tilley bring the 11:00 message and Brother W. E. Atkinson his Alternate, and Brother Billy R. Smith bring the 2:00 message and Brother Clyde Oswalt his alternate.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Douglas Watson, 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 retained. Dan Turnipseed.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your Committee, report as follows: That we should study the word of God to show ourselves approved unto God because it is the power of God unto Salvation unto those that believe.

We recommend that the selection of teachers be carefully and prayerfully considered. Those who have been faithful to the cause of the upbuilding and ongoing of God's Kingdom should be selected to teaching positions in all cases.

We believe that the family unit should have a daily devotion.

We also believe that persons of all ages should be encouraged to attend and participate in Sabbath School, especially those who have made a profession of faith.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Terrell Jones, Chairman.

### CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your Committee, report as follows : We take up an offering at this session for our Children's Home. We recommend that each church send in a regular monthly offering. We also feel it would be in the best interest of everyone involved, for each church to visit, by group or representation, so that they might better be aware of the needs and accomplishments of our Home.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Leon McAdams, Chairman.

### FINANCE

We, your Committee, report as follows : A collection of \$295.00 at the one hundred and thirtieth session of the Mount Moriah Association for the Minute Fund.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Mike Plymon, Chairman.

NOTE: Macedonia sent \$5.00 more than their letter stated, First FWB Reform sent \$15.00, and Rev. George Perrigin gave \$5.00 making a total of \$320.00.

### TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee, report as follows: We see the need of practicing temperance in our every day life more than ever before, because the world has so many things to draw us away from the word of God. Our every day life is the greatest testimony we have. What we live everyday is what we are. Does the world see Jesus in you?

Report adopted, Committee retained. Hugh Acker, 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 and that they should not provoke them to wrath. We recommend that children should 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 retained. M. P. Gore, Chairman.

## DECEASED

We, your Committee, report as follows :

Mount Moriah:	Sister Mary Alice Cowart
Shiloh:	Brothers Walter Hannah and G. A. Free
Tabernacle:	Sister Velma Montgomery, and Brothers James O. Wicker and Liston Sturdivant
Union:	Brother Edgar Driver
Phillips Chapel:	Sisters Spicy Hallman, Dora Watson, and Essie Sullivan
Mount Zion:	Sister Mary C. Smith
Holman:	Sister Pauline Watts and Brother Vertice Tilley
Sardis:	Brothers G. D. [Cap] Skelton and Audie Driver
Glen Echo:	Brother Cecil Green Sellers

Report adopted, Committee retained. Leland Wheat, Chairman.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, report as follows:

1. We recommend Brother Wayne Watson's name be dropped from the Ordained Ministers List, because the church of which he is a member left the Association.
2. We recommend Big Sandy Church be granted a letter of dismission in good standing at their request.

3. We recommend Brother Jerry Parker's name be dropped from the Ordained Ministers List at his request.
4. We recommend the Ministers of this Association, that are in good standing, be granted a card annually, signed by the Clerk and Moderator with Minister's name, address, and the Church of which he is a member.
5. We recommend Brother Billy Smith's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.
6. We recommend Brother Elzie Gilliam be held over until the January Meeting, because he was not present to be examined.
7. We recommend Brother Ottis Jacobs' name be dropped from the Ordained Ministers List at his request.
8. We recommend Brother Harvey Luke's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.
9. We recommend First FWB Reform be received into the Association with Brother Pat Creel as Supply Pastor.
10. We recommend Brother Pat Creel's name be added to the Licensed Ministers List.
11. We recommend Brother W. E. Adams' name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.
12. We find all other Ministers in good standing so far as we know.

The results of the election of Officers for the coming year are as follows: Rev. Dewey Thomas, Moderator; Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Assistant Moderator; James South, Clerk; Vaudine Lancaster, Assistant Clerk.

Report adopted, Committee retained. W. N. Joyner, Chairman.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATUS:** Rev. Jerry Montgomery - 1 year [to fill remainder of L. B. Koon's term]; J. B. Tucker - 2 years; Leon McAdams - 3 years [to fill remainder of Lewis McAdams' term]; Rev. Raymond Tilley - 4 years [to fill remainder of Rev. Dewey Thomas' term]; Wilson Connell - 5 years.

### GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met September 27, 1980 and made the following nominations : Moderator - Rev. Dewey Thomas; Assistant Moderator - Rev. Jerry Montgomery; Clerk - James South; Assistant Clerk - Vaudine Lancaster; Credentials Committee Member - Wilson Connell.

We, your Committee, report as follows : We recommend the January Quarterly Meeting be held at Phillips Chapel, the April Quarterly Meeting be held at Shiloh, the July Quarterly Meeting be held at Mount Moriah, and the Association be held at Terminal For Christ.

We recommend Brother Wilson Connell for the 5 year term on the Credentials Committee and Brother Leon McAdams replace Brother Lewis McAdams on this Committee with 3 years remaining on his term.

We recommend paying the Clerk \$50.00 for extra expenses involved in the job.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Leon McAdams, Chairman.

**GENERAL BOARD STATUS:** 1 year term - Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Union Hill, Sardis, Carolwood, and First FWB Reform. 2 year term - Mount Moriah, Shiloh, Union, Mount Zion, Holman, Glen Echo, Hubbard Springs, and Terminal For Christ.

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee, report as follows : We, the newly organized Committee on Christian Education, believe that training and moulding our children's lives is a very important factor. Telling them how to do is not enough; they must be showed how to do. Our Christian Education program can help them to become the christians they should be by getting them actively involved in roles of leadership.

At our first meeting we formulated plans for a better youth program. We also made a check sheet to help determine the type of youth program we need. We ask each church to fill out this form and return it.

The Christian Education Committee recommends the following for this associational year: 1. Area Free Will Baptist Youth Revival. 2. Monthly or Quarterly youth meetings. 3. Adult key worker from each church. 4. Participation of Bible competitive events.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Lando McAdams, Chairman.

#### HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, report as follows: We feel the "Great Commission" as given in Matthew 28 includes ALL christians. We see an increasing need for more christians to become involved in spreading the word to all people. In the Bible, we have record of

many who were not preachers working to spread the gospel.

Phillip, a deacon witnessed to the Ethiopian Eunuch and he was saved. The Samaritan woman witnessed and "Many believed on Him for the saying of the woman" . . . John 4:39.

The Bible warns against failure to warn the lost. "But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. . . Ezekiel 33:6

We see a need for christian workers in each church in the Association who are prepared to take the Bible and show a lost person the plan of salvation. The "Romans Road" or other scripture should be memorized in order to be effective missionaries within our own communities.

We would like the opportunity for members of our board to visit each church in the Association during the next associational year to present our plan on missions. We would prefer time during the evening service. We plan to have available "salvation plan" scripture references which can be placed in the front of our Bibles. We will be prepared to suggest other ministries which need attention. In addition to the lost, a need to minister to youth, elderly, and shut-ins.

We request your prayerful support as we in the Association seek to expand our home missions efforts.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Waymon Fields, Chairman.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The first annual Mount Moriah Association District Woman's Auxiliary, comprised of Mount Moriah and Shiloh churches, was a tremendous success. Shiloh was the host church with Rev. William Atkinson the guest speaker. Members from Mount Moriah presented an inspirational play. Other churches represented were Macedonia and Glen Echo. Mrs. Harold Pitts, Mrs. J. L. Lavender and Mrs. Willard Pless were presented gifts in recognition of the part they had played in helping organize the local district auxiliaries. Over 30 people attended this meeting. Officers for the ensuing year are: President - Vaudine Lancaster; President Elect - Diane Plymon; Sec. - Treas. - Imogene Koon; Field Worker - Kathleen Connell; Mission Action Chairman - Ruth Free; Mission Prayer Chairman - Cherry Alice Plymon; Mission Study Chairman - Donna Latham.

Six members attended the State meeting at Sylacauga. Mrs. Pless, District President, was elected to the State Board. A Missionary team working in Uruguay, Brother Paul Robinson and his wife, Amy, were the guest speakers.

The highlight of the year was the State Prayer Retreat held at the Youth Camp near Winfield. Mount Moriah, Macedonia and Shiloh churches were represented. Mrs. Marcia Ellison, missionary to Brazil told of her 15 years of work in missions. Over 100 women took part in the inspiring testimony and prayer services.

Each church is urged to consider organizing a Woman's Auxiliary so you can share with us in our slogan, "Laborers together with God."

Report adopted, Committee retained. Vaudine Lancaster, Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your Committee, report as follows : We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church for their welcome. We would like to thank the ladies for the delicious food. We would also like to thank the Moderator for the way this Meeting is being conducted. We also enjoyed the messages by Brother Thomas, Brother Jones, and Brother Barber. 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. May the Lord bless and be with each one of you.

Report adopted, Committee retained. Muriel Harless, Chairman.

### SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

An offering of \$186.18 was taken for the Children's Home.

Memorials were read in memory of Rev. Lawrence Lynn and Rev. Edgar Jones. The congregation stood in silent prayer, after which Brother Stanley Sanford led in prayer, followed by the song "Precious Memories" which was sung in memory of our deceased members.

Education, Publications and Literature Committee asked the General Board to drop this Committee in the future.

Big Sandy was granted a letter of dismission from the Association upon their request.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform was accepted into the Association.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Rev. Dewey Thomas, Moderator; Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Assistant Moderator; James South, Clerk; and Vaudine Lancaster, Assistant Clerk.

Upon approval of the General Board's report, Brother Wilson Connell will serve five years on the Credentials Committee and Brother Leon McAdams will fill the remainder of Brother Lewis McAdams' term [3 years].

It was moved and seconded that in the future, as each church makes their request for the number of minutes, that they base their minute fund on cost per copy.

Brother Douglas Watson led the closing prayer.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF 1980

### JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT MACEDONIA

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting was held January 12, 1980 at Macedonia. The service was opened by the song "At Calvary," led by Brother Milford McAdams. Rev. Roy Plymon gave a welcome to everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Jerry Parker. The scriptures were Galatians 1:3.- 5; Galatians 1: 6 - 11; 1 Peter 4: 17; Matthew 9: 35 - 38; Ezekiel 3:17-20; Ezekiel 33:3-6; and Ezekiel 34:2-6.

Visitors were welcomed - they were Mrs. Harvey Luke from First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform and Rev. William E. Atkinson, new pastor at Shiloh.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Jerry Montgomery. The scriptures were John 4:35 - 38; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 1 Corinthians 3:1-23; and 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 3.

The lunch hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Welcome to Afternoon services by Rev. Roy Plymon, after which Brother Lando McAdams took charge for the Youth Program. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Mt. Moriah, Shiloh, Macedonia, Phillips Chapel and Holman. Macedonia won the Attendance Banner. Other churches represented by attendance were Mt. Moriah, Shiloh, Union, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Holman, Glen Echo, Big Sandy, and Carolwood.

The final message was brought by Rev. Tony Latham. The scriptures were Hebrews 5:12 - 14.

### BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the business meeting. The Devotion Committee gave their report. Each church was asked to turn in name of General Board Member to Clerk. The Credentials Committee gave their report. Rev. Roy Plymon resigned

as Moderator. Rev. Dewey Thomas took over as Moderator. The General Board met and recommended that Rev. Raymond Tilley replace Rev. Dewey Thomas on the Credentials Committee and Rev. Jerry Montgomery replace Rev. Dewey Thomas as Assistant Moderator. This was approved by vote of the body. Moved and seconded to adjourn the business session.

Special singing for the day was by Teresa Galloway, Phillips Chapel Quartet, Fields Family, and Macedonia Quartet.

This meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rev. Roy Plymon.

### DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee, report as follows : We recommend for the April Quarterly meeting at Phillips Chapel Church. The speaker to bring the 9:30 message, Brother Raymond Tilley and his Alternate Brother G. P. Perkins. The 11:00 message by Brother William E. Atkinson and his Alternate Brother Willard Pless. The 2:00 message by Brother George Perrigin and his Alternate Brother Wayne Watson.

Report adopted, committee retained, Mike Plymon, Chairman.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Brother William E. Atkinson be added to the Ordained Ministers List at request of Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church and a letter from the Northeast Mississippi Association recommending Brother Atkinson to our Association.

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

### APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting was held April 12, 1980 at Phillips Chapel. The service was opened with the song "Amazing Grace," led by Brother Douglas Watson. Rev. Ben Logan led the opening prayer. Rev. Jerry Montgomery gave a welcome to everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Raymond Tilley. The scriptures were Romans 7:12; Jeremiah 7:23; Romans 6:16; Proverbs 3:5; Mark 12 30; II Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 4:12; Hebrews 11:6; I Peter 4:17; Isaiah 55:7; II Chronicles 7:14; Romans 12:2; Proverbs 15:9; Psalms 9:17; Hebrews 2:1; II Timothy 3:16; Matthew 11:28; Hebrews 4:9; Romans 8 :14, 16; Phillipians 2 :5; Psalms 121 :1; Psalms 34 :

7; Proverbs 15 :1; Revelations 1 :3; James 1:12; Revelations 22 :14; and Galatians 6 :7.

After intermission the opening song "Jesus Saves," was led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Karl Novak, new pastor at Macedonia, was welcomed as a visitor.

The 11 :00 message was brought by Rev. William Atkinson. His message was entitled "The Singing Army." The scriptures were II Chronicles 20 :1-17, 22, 24-25, 30. The three points of the message were : 1. How they saw help. 2. How they received it. 3. How they behaved.

The Moderator instructed all Committees to meet during lunch.

The lunch hour was enjoyed by everyone.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "Old Time Power," led by Brother Lando McAdams. At this time Brother McAdams turned the Youth Program over to Teresa Galloway. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Shiloh, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Moriah, and Union Hill. At the close of the Youth Program, all young people participating in the program stood in front of the congregation and sang "Amazing Grace." Phillips Chapel won the Attendance Banner. Other churches represented by attendance were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Union, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Glen Echo, Big Sandy, Hubbard Springs, and Carolwood.

The final message was brought by Rev. George Perrigin. The scriptures were Matthew 12:33-37; Matthew 18:23; and Luke 12:20, 48.

Special singing for the day was by Vickie Smith, Pam Bailey, and Teresa Galloway.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The Devotion Committee, Credentials Committee, and the General Board gave their reports.

As each minister stood in front of the congregation, this meeting was closed with a prayer led by Rev. Clyde Oswalt.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	EX-PASTOR	PAID PASTOR
MOUNT MORIAH	Floyd Barber	Mrs. Search Mullenix Rt. 2, Box 9 Gordo, Al 35466	Floyd Barber	\$ 5,220.
MACEDONIA	Karl Novak	Frank Sims 106 Sylvan Rd. Columbus, Ms. 39701	Karl Novak	\$ 8,842.
SHILOH	William E. Atkinson	William H. Koon Rt. 1, Box 133 Gordo, Al 35466	William E. Atkinson	\$ 9,908.
TABERNACLE	Tony Latham	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3, Box 232 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401	H. E. Crawford	\$ 1,000.
UNION	Ernest White	Mrs. Ganus Gray Rt. 4 Gordo, Al 35466	Ernest White	\$ 1,500.
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Jerry Montgomery	Stanley Sanford Star Route Elrod, Al 35458	Jerry Montgomery	\$16,517.
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	James South Rt. 3, Box 459-A Northport, Al 35476	Ben Logan	\$ 1,659.
UNION HILL	Billy R. Smith	J. Harold Lowe Rt. 2 Reform, Al 35481	Tony Latham	\$ 5,425.
HOLMAN	Raymon Tilley	Gene R. Brown Rt. 2 Gordo, Al 35466	Jerry Parker	\$ 2,713.
SARDIS	Elsie Gilliam	Fred Johnson Rt. 1, Box 102 Gordo, Al 35466	Arlie Lynn	\$ 1,240.
GLEN ECHO	J. L. Lavender	Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Box 201 Carrollton, Al 35447	J. L. Lavender	\$ 3,299.
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Lewis Cooley	Betty Epperson Rt. 2, Box 62-D Duncanville, Al 35456	Clyde Oswalt	\$ 876.
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Gail Phillips Rt. 4, Box 608 Northport, Al 35476	Dewey Thomas	\$ 6,600.
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST	Douglas Tilley	Carol Broyles 613 25th Street Tuscaloosa, Al 35401	Douglas Tilley	\$ 2,550.
FIRST FWB REFORM	R. P. Ritch	Julia Klostermann P. O. Box 744 Reform, Al 35481	Harvey Luke	\$ 2,400.

TOTALS

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
5,220.00	\$ 855.00	0	4	8	0	1	0	87	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$879.68
8,842.00	\$1,290.00	5	5	4	0	0	0	228	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$2,865.81
9,908.00	\$ 350.00	4	3	2	0	2	1	141	\$25.00	\$240.00	\$356.77
1,700.27	\$ 200.00	5	1	0	0	3	0	145	\$25.00		
1,500.00	\$ 225.00	0	2	0	0	1	0	80	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$211.00
16,517.68	\$ 310.00	1	2	6	0	3	0	318	\$50.00	\$1,300.26	
1,659.15	\$ 289.25	5	3	0	0	1	0	73	\$20.00	\$120.00	
5,425.00	\$ 600.00	5	14	2	0	0	0	110	\$25.00	\$300.00	\$231.85
2,713.67	\$ 150.00	3	5	2	0	2	0	108	\$10.00		
1,240.00	\$ 300.00	0	2	5	0	2	0	62	\$25.00	\$150.00	
3,293.00	\$ 200.00	2	1	4	0	1	0	61	\$15.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
876.50	\$ 118.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	\$10.00		
6,600.00	\$ 225.00	6	11	5	0	0	0	144	\$25.00	\$211.00	\$602.00
2,550.00	\$ 600.00	6	7	1	0	0	0	73	\$10.00		
2,400.00	\$ 150.00	5	1	2	0	0	0	74	\$15.00		\$1,027.34
		48	61	41	0	16	1	1,734	\$315.00	\$3,021.26	\$6,414.45

## DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the July Quarterly Meeting to be held at Mt. Zion Church, the speaker to bring the 9 : 30 message, Brother Ernest White and his Alternate Brother Tony Latham, the 11 : 00 message by Brother Karl Novak and his Alternate Brother Doug Tilley, and the 2 : 00 message by Brother Willis Montgomery and his Alternate Brother Clyde Oswalt. We recommend that the 2 : 00 message be a short devotion.

Report adopted, committee retained, Mike Plymon, Chairman.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Wayne Watson's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.

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

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We feel that as we did not have a full delegation and that proper planning had not been done, that we meet in July before the next Quarterly Meeting to get a slate of Officers for the Christian Board of Education and Home Mission Committee. We plan to send letters to all churches before then to make sure there are no misunderstandings.

Report adopted, committee retained, Leon McAdams, Chairman.

## JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT MT. ZION

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting was held July 26, 1980 at Mt. Zion. The service was opened with the song "When We All Get To Heaven," led by Brother Waymon Fields. Rev. Leander McAdams led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas extended a welcome to everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Tony Latham. The scriptures were Ephesians 4:1-16.

After intermission, Rev. Ben Logan, Pastor of Mt. Zion Church extended a welcome to everyone.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Karl Novak. The scriptures were I Timothy 4:12; Matthew 12:36; James 3:1; and 1 Peter 1:22.

The lunch hour was enjoyed by everyone.

The Youth Program was opened with the song "Revive Us Again," led by Brother Lando McAdams. Churches participating in the Youth Program were: Mt. Moriah, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, and Terminal For Christ. Phillips Chapel won the Attendance Banner. Other churches represented by attendance were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Holman, Glen Echo, Hubbard Springs, Carolwood, and Terminal For Christ.

The final message was brought by Rev. Willis Montgomery. The scriptures were I John 3:1-2; I Timothy 1:5; and I John 3:18-24.

Special singing for the day was by Teresa Galloway and the Phillips Chapel Quartet.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The Devotion Committee gave their report. The Credentials Committee gave their report. The Body approved each part of this report individually. The Body voted to accept the General Board's nominations of July 11, 1980.

The Meeting was closed with prayer.

## **DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the October Meeting to be held at Union Hill Church, the speaker to bring the 9:30 devotion Brother Terrell Jones and his Alternate Brother Tony Latham, the 11:00 message by Brother Dewey Thomas and his Alternate Brother Jerry Montgomery, and the 2:00 devotion by Brother Floyd C. Barber and his Alternate Brother J. L. Lavender.

Report adopted, committee retained, Mike Plymon, Chairman.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We recommend Brother Karl Novak's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.
2. We recommend Brother Floyd C. Barber's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.
3. We recommend Brother Delbert D. Townsend's name be added to the Licensed Ministers List.

4. We recommend Brother Terrell Jones' name be added to the Licensed Ministers List.
5. We recommend a Letter be granted to the Progressive Association for Brother Roy Gene Plymon.
6. We recommend a Letter be granted to the Vernon Association for Brother Willard Pless.

We find all Ministers in good standing except Brother Otis Jacobs. Committee will investigate further.

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

### GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met on July 11, 1980 and made the following nominations: Christian Board of Education: 5 years - Lando McAdams; 4 years - Vaudine Lancaster; 3 years - Mrs. Tony Latham; 2 years - Teresa Galloway; 1 year - Rev. Karl Novak. Home Mission Committee: 5 years - Rev. Tony Latham; 4 years - Waymon Fields; 3 years - Rev. Ben Logan; 2 years - Lewis Montgomery; 1 year- Rayford Shepherd.

### DATES AND PLACES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

JANUARY 10, 1981..... Phillips Chapel

APRIL 11, 1981 ..... Shiloh

JULY 25, 1981 ..... Mount Moriah

### ASSOCIATION:

OCTOBER 10, 1981 ..... Terminal For Christ

### 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 REV. EDGAR JONES

Rev. Edgar Jones, a man of small stature, did not let his physical size determine his spiritual size. He could be compared with Zacchaeus who did not let a physical disadvantage hinder his being with Jesus. Brother Edgar, too, realized when "Jesus passed by" and let Him come into his heart. He then asked Jesus to come to his house and abide - the beginning of a Christian home for him and his wife.

His love for God and His Son, Jesus, was so great he wanted to share it with others, so he surrendered his life to the ministry of the gospel. Although poor health prevented him from preaching regularly during his latter years, he always welcomed the opportunity to preach on special occasions.

He realized after the suffering and pain in this earthly life, his heavenly home was awaiting. Just as Jesus told Zacchaeus he was going to his house today, we can almost hear Brother Jones as he departed this life, looking to Jesus and saying, "Make haste, Jesus, because I'm going to your house today!" And there Rev. Edgar Jones will abide in his heavenly home, a place of joy and bliss.

## MEMORIAL TO REV. LAWRENCE LYNN

Rev. Lawrence Lynn was a prayer warrior for God! At each Association this man of God stood up and requested the Christian's prayers for guidance in his spiritual life that he could be an instrument in saving his lost friends and loved ones. He also prayed in humbleness that his life would always be what God wanted it to be.

This man is no longer with us - his voice is silent - no more prayers or tears for the lost will be made by him. But if Brother Lynn could speak today he would ask for continued concern and prayers because the world is still lost and needs the Saviour more than ever.

Brother Lawrence was an inspiration to our Association. He did not ask for high places but always in his humble manner wanted this position to go to someone else. His friendly manner made him loved by his fellow ministers and lay members alike. He was never too busy to stop and give an encouraging word and tell of God's great love for us.

Although he didn't see all the things accomplished in his lifetime he had hoped to see, he labored for the Master until he was called home.

Heaven is a better place with the presence of our late Rev. Lawrence Lynn, who is now in his awaited mansion in Heaven.

### TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward. . . . .	\$ 747.79
Received from Associational Minute Fund . . . . .	\$ 320.00
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$1,067.79
Total Expenditures. . . Printing of Minutes . . . . .	<u>\$ 390.36</u>
Balance on Hand. . . . .	\$ 677.43

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Jeffery S. Brown  
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Harvey D. Luke

**TABERNACLE**  
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**UNION**  
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Lewis Cooley

**CAROLWOOD**  
Dewey Thomas

**TERMINAL FOR CHRIST**  
Douglas Tilley

**FIRST FWB REFORM**  
W. E. Adams  
Patrick Creel

## 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
FIRST FWB REFORM	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
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 of redemption.

**ART. 2.** We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principle by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

**ART. 3.** We believe that man was created holy under the law of the maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover from that fallen state in which they are by nature.

**ART. 4.** We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by any absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

**ART. 5.** We believe that Christ by His death and suffering, made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

**ART. 6.** We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural 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 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.



