

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred and Thirty-First
Annual Session

Of The
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held With
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
OCTOBER 10, 1981

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The next session of the Association will meet with
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The one hundred and thirty first session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Terminal For Christ Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on October 10, 1981. The opening song, "There is Power In The Blood," was led by Brother Leon McAdams. Brother Lewis Montgomery led the opening prayer.

Rev. Terrell Jones gave the opening message using the scriptures Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 24:45-51. Rev. Raymond Tilley, alternate for opening message, read II Timothy 3: 16 and led prayer.

A welcome was extended to everyone by Rev. Douglas Tilley, pastor of the host church.

Rev. Dewey Thomas read the Rules of Decorum. It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. Rev. Dewey Thomas read the nominations of the General Board as follows: Moderator - Rev. Dewey Thomas; Assistant Moderator - Rev. William E. Atkinson; Clerk - James South; Assistant Clerk - Vaudine Lancaster; Credentials Committee Member - Rev. William E. Atkinson; Board of Christian Education Member - Rev. Jerry Montgomery; and Home Mission Committee Member - Lonnie Reed. Rev. Jerry Montgomery declined the nomination for Board of Christian Education and Brother Lonnie Reed declined the nomination for Home Mission Committee. Rev. Roy G. Plymon was nominated from the floor for Board of Christian Education. Brother Douglas Watson was nominated from the floor for Home Mission Committee.

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.

Ballots were passed out for the election of officers.

After intermission, the 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Dewey Thomas. The scriptures were I Peter 5:11; Romans 12: 1-2; Acts 21: 10-13; Romans 1:16; Titus 3:1; and I Peter 3: 15. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed all visitors. They were Rev.

Dave Franks, Rev. James Walden, Rev. Hank Hollis, Rev. David Hayes, Rev. Ray Lewis, Rev. Byron Myer, Brother Dean and Brother Averette.

Dismissed for lunch.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah - Dan Turnipseed, Searcy Mullenix, and James Lancaster

Macedonia - Robert Pennington, Tony Tilley, and Lando McAdams

Shiloh - Gene Crowe, Houston Latham, and Wilson Connell

Tabernacle - Wallace Lowery, Donald Martin, and Lewis Montgomery

Union - Lynn Watkins, Mary Watkins, and Sue Acker

Phillips Chapel - Douglas Watson, Herman Sanford, and Grady Bigham

Mount Zion - David Jones, Lynne Nelson, and Jewell South

Union Hill - W. N. Joyner, R. D. Reynolds, and Bill Sudduth

Holman - Jewel O'Hanlon, Ruth Terry, and Juliet Elmore

Sardis - Marvin Hudson, Alonzo Hudson, and Jerry Robertson

Glen Echo - Thelma Hill and Hugh Acker

Hubbard Springs - Annie Ruth Cooley and Wesley Cooley

Carolwood - Ben Mills, Bobby Keeth, and Judy Jones

Terminal For Christ - Alice Tilley, Dub Sumner, and Thomas Tilley

First FWB Reform - Searcy Junkin, Daisy Junkin, and Jessie Lee Kelley

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

DEVOTION

Gene Crowe, Searcy Mullenix, Herman Sanford, Lewis Montgomery, and W. N. Joyner

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

R. D. Reynolds, Tony Tilley, Thomas Tilley, Daisy Junkin, and Lynn Watkins

SABBATH SCHOOL

Mary Watkins, Grady Bigham, Houston Latham, Wallace Lowery, and Ruth Terry

CHILDREN'S HOME

Searcy Junkin, Ben Mills, Annie Ruth Cooley, James Lancaster and Jerry Robertson

FINANCE

Dan Turnipseed, Thelma Hill, Alonzo Hudson, Bobby Keeth, and Jessie Lee Kelley

TEMPERANCE

Lando McAdams, Donald Martin, Juliet Elmore and Alice Tilley

MORAL AND REFORM

Douglas Watson, Lynne Nelson, Bill Sudduth, Hugh Acker and Marvin Hudson

DECEASED

Robert Pennington, Wesley Cooley, Jewell South, Jewel O'Hanlon and Judy Jones

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS

Wilson Connell, David Jones, Sue Acker, and Dub Sumner

AFTERNOON SERVICES

Brother Raiford Galloway opened the Youth Program with the song "Jesus Use Me." Rev. Billy R. Smith led the opening prayer. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Mount Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mount Zion, Union Hill, Carolwood, and Terminal For Christ. Mount Zion won the attendance banner. Rev. Jerry Montgomery, alternate for the 11:00 message, led the prayer closing the Youth Program.

The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Douglas Tilley. The scriptures were Job 5:17-27 and Ephesians 2:1-4. Rev. J. L. Lavender, alternate for the afternoon message led the prayer. Rev. Dave Franks, Foreign Missionary and Rev. James Walden, Home Missionary both made reports.

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 Donald Keasler bring the 9:30 message and Brother Clyde Oswalt be his alternate, Brother J. L. Lavender bring the 11:00 message and Brother Ernest White be his alternate, and Brother Harvey Luke bring the 2:00 message and Brother Albert Montgomery be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained, Gene Crowe, Chairman

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: It is our responsibility to start in infancy to teach our children christian princi-

ples and to give them a good and basic understanding of God's word.

Each church should provide suitable literature for each age group so that as they mature physically they will also mature spiritually. We must be very careful in choosing materials and to see that qualified teachers are in each class.

Our Free Will Baptist doctrines should be taught to each church member, especially our new converts.

We should support and provide christian education at elementary, high school and college levels for our children if at all possible.

Report adopted, committee retained, R. D. Reynolds, Chairman

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, report as follows: 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, Mary Watkins, Chairman

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: We request that an offering is taken at this session for our Children's Home. We recommend that each church send a regular monthly offering. We feel that it would be a great benefit to the Children's Home and staff for each church to visit the home as often as possible.

We recommend an individualized effort on each one's part to write, call or visit the home for encouragement to the staff and that we may be more and better aware of the needs of the home. Let each of us pray each day for our Children's Home.

Report adopted, committee retained, Searcy Junkin, Chairman

FINANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: A collection of \$506.10 at the one hundred and thirty first session of the Mount Moriah Association for the Minute Fund.

We, the committee, looked over the books of the Clerk and found them in good order.

Report adopted, committee retained, Dan Turnipseed, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: We, as christians recognize that we must live a holy life as we are living epistles read of men abstaining from all appearances of evil. We must be led by the spirit as recorded in the holy scriptures in Galatians 5:19-21. We will not indulge in these works of the flesh which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, which is pornography, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, and revellings (boisterous activities and noisy merry making). But we will endeavor to produce the fruit of the spirit which are these love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Brethren, let us dwell together in love. Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is love.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lando McAdams, 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 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, Douglas Watson, Chairman

DECEASED

We, your committee, report as follows:

Mount Moriah - Brother Hubert Plymon

Macedonia - Sisters Minnie Fields, Aggie Fields, and Laudice Foxall

Shiloh - Brothers Vannie Walters, Earnest Latham, and John Timothy Burkhalter

Tabernacle - Sister Julie Montgomery

Union - Brother Percy D. Gray

Phillips Chapel - Sisters Erma Kyzer and Velma Thomas and Brother Gaither Watson

Mount Zion - Sisters Velma Pratt, Sarah Harless, Eliza Jones, and Susan Ramsey

Union Hill - Brother W. M. Harris

Sardis - Sister Thelma Sullivan

Carolwood - Brother Lyman Dunn

Report adopted, committee retained, Robert Pennington, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend Brother Roy Plymon's name be added to the Ordained Ministers list pending letter from the Progressive Association.

According to recommendation made by the Credentials Committee and adopted by the Association January 10, 1981, that a minister who does not attend any Associational meeting or who makes no contact in any one year, their name be dropped from the Ordained Ministers list. In reference to this Article, we recommend the names of 1. Brother Henry Crawford and 2. Brother Jeffery Brown be dropped from the Ordained Ministers list.

Report adopted, committee retained, Jerry Montgomery, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATUS: J. B. Tucker - 1 year; Leon McAdams - 2 years (to fill remainder of Lewis McAdams' term); Rev. Raymond Tilley - 3 years (to fill remainder of Rev. Dewey Thomas' term); Wilson Connell - 4 years; Rev. William E. Atkinson - 5 years.

GENERAL BOARD

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend the January Quarterly Meeting be held at Phillips Chapel, the April Quarterly Meeting be held at Mount Moriah, the July Quarterly Meeting be held at Union Hill, and the Association be held at Carolwood.

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

We also remind the churches that it was approved to pay \$1.25 per minute requested.

Report adopted, committee retained, Terrell Jones, Chairman

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We want to commend the churches on the manner they have encouraged their youth to participate in the youth meetings. The near 200 in attendance at our last meeting was an inspiration to us.

We recommend each church to evaluate the youth program and submit to the Christian Education Committee any suggestions on improving it.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lando McAdams, Chairman

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: From our recent survey of the churches in our Association, we have been made aware of the serious need for our pastors, deacons, and lay members to become involved in "soul winning visitation." In the early New Testament Church, as recorded in the book of Acts, Christians went about daily in the temple as well as from house to house, spreading the gospel. We seem to have lost, to some degree, our vision of the harvest in much the same way as the prophet described as he recorded "And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30.

As the New Testament Church members were scattered, they went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:34). As Paul taught in the school of Tyrannus, instructing Christian workers for some two years, all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks (Acts 19:9,10).

We recommend that all pastors secure materials and teach a class on evangelism (soul winning) in the churches in our Association. An example of suitable material is "Biblical Evangelism In Action" or "Evangelism: The Church On Fire," both by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, D.D. Biblical Evangelism, P. O. Box 157, Brownsbury, Ind. 46112. We recommend that new converts class be taught to all new Christians. Other help-

ful teaching materials may be purchased at any Christian Book Store or from our National Home Missions Department.

We recommend that all of our churches participate in an Annual Missions Conference. Our National Missions Departments can assist in arranging these conferences. Let us put into practice the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28.

Report adopted, committee retained, Waymon Fields, Chairman

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

On March 28, 1981, the Mount Moriah Association District Woman's Auxiliary met for its second annual meeting at the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Church. Vaudine Lancaster presided over the meeting with the theme "Blessed To Be A Blessing." In attendance were eleven delegates, nineteen visitors and one minister representing seven churches.

Speakers included Rev. Floyd Barber for the morning message, and a variety of female denominational leaders from different churches giving their inspirational thoughts on the Beatitudes for the afternoon worship.

Our District was honored to accept the opportunity to host the State Woman's Auxiliary Meeting on May 1, 1981 at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. An executive committee and Interest Tea will be held at the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Church on October 25, 1981 from 2-4 p.m. All churches interested in forming a Woman's Auxiliary are encouraged to be with us at this meeting as we plan for the state and promote the work of the Auxiliary.

Report adopted, committee retained, Diane Plymon, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Terminal For Christ Free Will Baptist Church for their kindness, allowing us to meet at their church. We would also like to thank their pastor, Rev. Douglas Tilley and the ladies of the church for the fine meal and preparing a place to serve it. We appreciate the Moderator, Rev. Dewey Thomas, for the way he conducted this meeting. We enjoyed the messages brought by Rev. Terrell Jones, Rev. Dewey Thomas, and Rev. Douglas Tilley. We also appreciate the talents of the youth and their leaders.

We would like to see each church to pray daily that the will of God be done in everything we do. May the Lord bless all our efforts.

Report adopted, committee retained, David Jones, Chairman

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

In remembrance of our deceased members, everyone stood in silent prayer after which Rev. Dewey Thomas led in prayer.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Moderator - Rev. Dewey Thomas; Assistant Moderator - Rev. William E. Atkinson; Clerk - James South; Assistant Clerk - Vaudine Lancaster; Credentials Committee - Rev. William E. Atkinson; Board of Christian Education - Rev. Roy G. Plymon; and Home Mission Committee - Douglas Watson.

The recommendations of the General Board were approved. They are as follows: Rules of Decorum, Article 5, Constitution, Articles 16 & 17, and to change the July Meeting to Saturday before the second Sunday.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to drop the Youth Program at Annual Association (October).

An offering of \$172.20 was taken for the Children's Home.

Brother Leon McAdams led the closing song, "He Lives" and Brother Lonnie Reed led the closing prayer.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held January 10, 1981 at Phillips Chapel. The service was opened with the Song "Victory In Jesus", led by Brother Leon McAdams. Brother Lewis Montgomery led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. W. E. Adams. The scriptures were Luke 15:11-14 and Luke 16:20-21.

After intermission, the opening song "Heavenly Sunlight," was led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Jerry Montgomery, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone. Rev. Dewey Thomas recognized visiting preacher, Rev. Ray Lewis, pastor of Eastside Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Dewey Thomas read Board of Christian Education and Home Mission Committee reports in minutes.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. William E. Atkinson. The scriptures were Mark 11:1-11. The theme of the message was "Whom Will The Lord Send."

Dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Rev. Ray Lewis.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "I'll Fly Away", led by Teresa Galloway. Prayer was led by Brother Lando McAdams. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Phillips Chapel, Shiloh, Mt. Zion, Macedonia, and Tabernacle.

Phillips Chapel won the Attendance Banner. At the close of the Youth Program, all young people participating in the program stood in front of the congregation and sang "When We All Get To Heaven." Churches represented at roll call of churches were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Sardis, Glen Echo, Hubbard Springs, Carolwood and First FWB Reform.

The 2:00 message was brought by Rev. Billy R. Smith. The scriptures were Isaiah 12:1-6.

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, Credentials, and Home Mission Committees and Board of Christian Education gave their reports.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. Tony Latham.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the April Quarterly Meeting that Brother Delbert D. Townsend bring the 9:30 message and Brother Tony Latham be his Alternate, Brother Ben Logan bring the 11:00 message and Brother Floyd C. Barber be his Alternate, and Brother Elzie Gilliam bring the 2:00 message and Brother Arlie Lynn be his Alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained, Douglas Watson, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Brother Elzie Gilliam's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List, upon receipt of letter from the Progressive Association.

Hubbard Springs requested that Brother Johnny Archer's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List. We, as your Credentials Committee, cannot recommend Brother Archer be added to the Ordained Ministers List because of conflict in the faith of the Free Will Baptist.

We recommend that any minister who is on the Ordained Ministers List, that does not attend an Associational Meeting in any one year or who makes no contacts, will be dropped from the Ordained Ministers List.

Report adopted, committee retained, Jerry Montgomery, Chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that a Youth Meeting be held on each fifth Sunday from 2:00 until 4:00. Also a Youth revival be held at Shiloh, April 20 through 24. We recommend that we use our own preachers for the Youth Revival.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lando McAdams, Chairman

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to thank Mt. Zion and Tabernacle Churches for the hospitality given on our visit to their churches. It is a pleasure to share with other Christians on ways we can be a missionary in our own communities.

We have meetings planned at Shiloh on the second Sunday night in February and at Macedonia on the second Sunday night in March. We hope to be able to share with all our churches during this Associational year. Any church interested may contact the Committee to set up an appointment.

We would like to see more people involved in spreading the gospel. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest," John 4:35. Again Jesus said "The harvest is truly great, but the labourers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send labourers into his harvest," Luke 10:2.

Report adopted, committee retained, Waymon Fields, Chairman

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT SHILOH

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held April 10, 1981 at Shiloh. The service was opened with the song "At Calvary," led by Brother Lando McAdams. Brother George Perrigin led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Delbert Townsend. His text was "A Greater Experience." The scriptures were Psalms 23:1-6; John 10:27; Psalms 4:8; John 7:37-38; and Revelations 20: 11-15.

After intermission, Rev. William Atkinson, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Ben Logan. The scriptures were Titus 2:11-14; I Corinthians 8:9; Romans 6:1-15; John 14:6; Acts 17:30-31; Numbers 15:24-25, 30-31; and the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	EX-PASTOR	PAID PASTOR	PAID HELPER	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter & Other	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Number of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions
MOUNT MORIAH	Floyd Barber	Mrs. Searcy Mullenix Rt. 2, Box 9 Gordo, Al. 35466	Floyd Barber	\$ 7,210.00	\$ 300.00	1	0	0	0	1	0	87	\$ 25.00	\$ 269.00	\$1,114.95
MACEDONIA		Frank Sims 106 Sylvan Rd. Columbus, Ms. 39701	Karl Novak	\$ 8,730.00	\$ 825.00	7	2	4	0	3	0	224	\$ 12.50	\$ 300.00	\$3,792.19
SHILOH	William E. Atkinson	William H. Koon Rt. 1, Box 133 Gordo, Al. 35466	William E. Atkinson	\$10,960.00	\$ 405.00	1	1	1	0	3	0	139	\$ 41.25	\$ 404.55	\$1,290.45
TABERNACLE	Tony Latham	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3, Box 232 Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401	Tony Latham	\$ 6,575.00	\$ 737.00	2	10	1	0	1	0	152	\$ 62.50		
UNION	Ernest White	Mrs. Jerry Gray Rt. 4 Gordo, Al. 35466	Ernest White	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 200.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	80	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 512.85
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Jerry Montgomery	Stanford Sanford Star Route Elrod, Al. 35458	Jerry Montgomery	\$18,962.95	\$ 350.00	2	2	10	0	3	0	309	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,486.76	
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	James South Rt. 3, Box 341 Northport, Al. 35476	Ben Logan	\$ 1,638.88	\$ 257.45	6	5	0	0	4	0	80	\$ 37.50	\$ 180.00	
UNION HILL	Roy G. Plymon	J. Harold Lowe Rt. 2, Box 107 Reform, Al. 35481	Billy R. Smith	\$ 7,525.00	\$ 500.00	0	0	3	0	1	0	96	\$ 31.25	\$ 300.00	\$ 418.33
HOLMAN	Raymond Tilley	Gene R. Brown Rt. 2, Box 172-A Gordo, Al. 35466	Raymond Tilley	\$ 2,546.55		0	0	3	0	0	0	104	\$ 15.00		
SARDIS	Elsie Gilliam	Marshall Robertson Rt. 1, Box 93 Gordo, Al. 35466	Elsie Gilliam	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 300.00	2	11	0	0	1	0	69	\$ 41.10	\$ 150.00	
GLEN ECHO	J. L. Lavender	Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Box 201 Carrollton, Al. 35447	J. L. Lavender	\$ 3,865.00	\$ 297.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	\$ 25.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Lewis Cooley	Betty Epperson Rt. 2, Box 62-D Duncanville, Al. 35456	Lewis Cooley	\$ 200.00		0	5	0	0	0	0	40	\$ 15.00		
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Gail Phillips Rt. 4, Box 608 Northport, Al. 35476	Dewey Thomas	\$ 5,750.00	\$4,175.00	6	5	17	0	1	0	137	\$ 35.00	\$ 503.00	\$2,406.46
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST	Douglas Tilley	Maxine McDonald 620 38th St. Tuscaloosa, Al. 35401	Douglas Tilley	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 430.00	5	14	1	0	0	0	89	\$ 10.00		
FIRST FWB REFORM	Delbert Townsend	Julia Klostermann P.O. Box 744 Reform, Al. 35481	Patrick Creel	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 270.00	0	0	3	0	0	0	71	\$ 20.00		\$ 122.00
TOTALS						32	55	43	0	19	0	1738	\$506.10	\$3,873.31	\$9,897.23

Brother Leon McAdams led the song "Rock Of Ages" in memory of the deceased of our Association. Dismissed for lunch with prayer led by Rev. J. L. Lavender.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "Revive Us Again" led by Brother Lando McAdams. Prayer led by Rev. Douglas Tilley. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Shiloh, Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, and Carolwood. Churches represented at roll call of churches were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Sardis, Glen Echo, Carolwood, and Terminal For Christ. Shiloh won the attendance banner.

The 2:00 message was brought by Rev. Elzie Gilliam. The scriptures were I Timothy 5:17-18 and Titus 3:10-11.

Special singing for the day was by the Phillips Chapel Quartet.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. Discussed the July Quarterly Meeting date. Decided to have the Meeting July 25, 1981. The Home Missions and Devotion Committees and the Board of Christian Education gave their reports.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We wish to thank each church for the hospitality at services the Home Mission Committee has attended.

We recommend that each church organize a visitation and soul winning program. We feel this was the reason for the success of the spreading of the gospel in the book of Acts.

We recommend that all pastors within the Association teach a class on witnessing and soul winning. We recommend that a time each week be set for visitation.

Report adopted, committee retained, Waymon Fields, Chairman

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the July Quarterly Meeting that Brother G. P. Perkins bring the 9:30 message and Brother George Perrigin be his Alternate, Brother Jerry Montgomery bring the 11:00 message and Brother Karl Novak be his Alternate, and Brother J. L. Lavender bring the 2:00 message and Brother Lewis Cooley be his Alternate.

Report adopted committee retained, Douglas Watson, Chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. Encourage all churches to take part in the Quarterly Meetings.
2. Evaluate the Youth Program. Offer any suggestions for it's improvement.
3. Ask each church to participate and publicize the Youth Revival and to especially pray for it's success.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lando McAdams, Chairman.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT MT. MORIAH

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held July 25, 1981 at Mt. Moriah. The service was opened with the song "At Calvary," led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Leander McAdams led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed everyone. Rev. George Perrigin, alternate for the introductory message, gave testimony. The introductory message was brought by Rev. G. P. Perkins. The scriptures were: Psalms 1:1-6; John 7:37-38; Matthew 5:16; and Romans 12:1-2.

After intermission, Rev. Floyd Barber, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone. The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Jerry Montgomery. The scriptures were: Ezekiel 33:1-20, 30-33; and Ezekiel 34:1-10.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "When We All Get To Heaven," led by Brother Lando McAdams. Prayer led by Rev. Ben Logan. Churches represented at roll call were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Holman, Glen Echo, Hubbard Springs, Carolwood, and First FWB Reform. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, and Carolwood. Mt. Zion won the Attendance Banner.

The 2:00 message was brought by Rev. Lewis Cooley. The scriptures were II Timothy 4:6-7.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The General Board, Board of Christian Education, and the Devotion and Credentials Committees gave their reports. After these reports, Rev. Terrell Jones was ordained. The ordination council consisted of: Rev. Dewey Thomas, Chairman; Rev. Jerry Montgomery; and Rev. Ben Logan. All other ordained ministers that were present participated in the laying on of hands.

GENERAL BOARD

We, your committee, report as follows: We request that each church send as liberal a donation as possible for the minute fund and other expenses of the Association. We request a minimum of \$1.25 per minute requested if possible.

Report adopted, committee retained, Leon McAdams, Chairman.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, report as follows: Our committee was pleased with the cooperation of the Association in conducting our area Youth Revival. The attendance was good among the adults. We urge churches to devote more time in training our youth.

We urge you to submit any suggestions toward building a stronger and more spiritual youth program.

We earnestly request each church who is not conducting a Vacation Bible School to start now preparing to participate in one next year.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lando McAdams, Chairman.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the October Meeting that Brother Terrell Jones bring the 9:30 devotion and Brother Raymond Tilley be his Alternate, Brother Dewey Thomas bring the 11:00 message and Brother Jerry Montgomery be his Alternate, and Brother Douglas Tilley bring the 2:00 devotion and Brother J. L. Lavender be his Alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained, Douglas Watson, Chairman.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. That Brother James Buttler's name be added to the licensed ministers list. Requested by Hubbard Springs.
2. That Brother Delbert Townsend's name be added to the ordained ministers list. Requested by Mt. Zion.
3. That Brother Patrick A. Creel's name be added to the ordained ministers list. Requested by First FWB Reform.
4. That Brother Terrell Jones be ordained at the Quarterly Meeting the 25th day of July 1981.

Report adopted, committee retained, Jerry Montgomery, Chairman.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward.	\$ 677.43
Received from Associational Minute Fund	\$ 506.10
Total Receipts	\$1,183.53
Total Expenditures. . . Printing of Minutes.	- \$ 418.55
Balance on hand.	\$ 764.98

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MACEDONIA
Karl Novak

SHILOH
William E. Atkinson
J. L. Lavender
Harvey D. Luke

TABERNACLE
W. E. Adams
Tony Latham

UNION
Ernest White

PHILLIPS CHAPEL
Ben Logan
Arlie Lynn
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Raymond Tilley

SARDIS
Elzie Gilliam

HUBBARD SPRINGS
James Buttler
Lewis Cooley

CAROLWOOD
Terrell Jones
Dewey Thomas

TERMINAL FOR CHRIST
Douglas Tilley

FIRST FWB REFORM
Patrick Creel

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.

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 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 faculties and powers, or from the force and operation of the free will since man in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of either thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

ART. 7. We believe in the general application of the Grace of God for fallen man, sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty — James 1:25, this is to act saving faith; John 1:9, however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32; Romans 2:9; John 3:19.

ART. 8. We believe in the free and moral agency of man, by the Grace of God, before and after conversion that he is under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act in a given way that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and therefore, man is always a proper subject of admonition and exhortation, Heb. 3:11-12-13; Rom. 13:14; Mark 13:33; Eze. 18:24; Rev. 2nd and 3rd chapters; Eze. 33:13-18; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:6; 1 Cor. 10:12-22; 1 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the Gospel observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His work; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistle of Timothy and Titus.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are proper subjects.

ART. 11. We believe the Lord's supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

ART. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgement and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

ART. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches to commune with us at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM

ART. 1. 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, all questions of doctrines, and matters pertaining to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, 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 Nom-

inating 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 year's 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:** To be ordained, he must be elected by the church of which he is a member. 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. The ordination council shall consist of at least one ordained minister and two deacons of the Mount Moriah Association.

ART. 17. **MINISTERS:** The authority to ordain or license ministers has its source in the local church.

1. **LICENSE MINISTERS:** Must be a member of a church which belongs to the Mount Moriah Association. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. The ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year but is renewable annually. He must have his license renewed annually by said church and kept enforced until ordination. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of pastoring a church and officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.

2. **ORDINATION:** He must follow the guidelines for licensed ministers. A minister must meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy verses 1-7. 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. After he has been licensed and has proven his worth to the local church, the local church has the authority to ordain or ask the Association to ordain. The place of ordination and ordination council will be selected by the candidate. The ordination council shall consist of at least three ordained ministers from the Mount Moriah Association.

3. **RULES FOR MINISTERS:** A. Ministers wishing to transfer from another Free Will Baptist Church or Association into the

Mount Moriah Association, shall present a letter of good standing from the church or Association of which he is a member, be examined by the Credentials Committee, and be approved by this Association.

B. Ministers of other denominations who unite with our churches shall be as a member and if they wish to preach, they must follow the procedure required of our licensed ministers.

C. Ministers of this Association, that are in good standing, shall be granted a card annually, signed by the Clerk and Moderator with the minister's name, address, and the church of which he is a member.

D. Any minister who is on the ordained ministers list and does not attend an Associational meeting in any one year or who makes no contacts, will be dropped from the ordained ministers list.

E. Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his calling into the ministry of the gospel shall be reported by the Credentials Committee to the Association, who shall deal with him.

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.

DATES AND PLACES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

January 9, 1982.....Phillips Chapel

April 10, 1982.....Mount Moriah

July 10, 1982.....Union Hill

ASSOCIATION:

October 9, 1982.....Carolwood

DATES AND PLACES FOR YOUTH MEETINGS:

November 29, 1981.....Macedonia

January 31, 1982.....Carolwood

May 30, 1982.....Phillips Chapel

August 29, 1982.....Shiloh