

MINUTES

Of The
One Hundred and Thirty-Second
Annual Session
Of The

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Held With
CAROLWOOD
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Northport, Alabama
OCTOBER 9, 1982

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The one hundred and thirty-second session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama on October 9, 1982. The opening song, "Victory in Jesus" was led by Brother Rayford Galloway. Brother Roy Plymon led in prayer.

Brother G. P. Perkins brought the opening message using Jeremiah 6:16. His subject was "Old Time Religion". Other scriptures were Acts 1:8 and Isaiah 40:28-31.

Brother Rayford Galloway led "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. Brother Thomas read the Rules of Decorum and the Church Covenant. He then called the roll of the churches, and delegates were seated. The General Board report was given. Ballots were passed out and the election held. The new officers are as follows: Moderator, Rev. William E. Atkinson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham; Clerk/Treasurer, Rev. Roy G. Plymon; Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Sue Plymon; Credentials Committee, Herman Sanford [5 year term], Larry Reynolds [completes Bro. Atkinson's term]; Home Missions Committee, Bro. James South. The Committees were assigned. Bro. Robert Crawford gave a report for the Free Will Baptist Bible Class in Nashville, Tennessee.

Bro. Tony Latham brought the 11:00 message. He used Zechariah 4:6, 1 Samuel 4:5-6, John 14:26, John 16:8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, John 16:13-14, Revelations 3:14-16.

Dismissed for lunch.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mt. Moriah - Dan Turnipseed, Cherry Mullenix, Ann Joyner

Macedonia - Steve McAdams, James Wharton, Steve Crowley

Shiloh - Wilith Cook, Gene Crowe, Kathleen Connell

Tabernacle - Lewis Montgomery, Archie Robertson, Leland Wheat

Phillips Chapel - Glen Bigham, Dennis Sanford, Terry Sanford

Mt. Zion - Myron Reed, James South, Gladys Hewitt

Union Hill - Bill Sudduth, Leon McKee, Harold Seymer

Holman - William Quimby, Jim Oden

Sardis - Jackie McAteer, Lewis Hudson, Marshall Robertson

Glen Echo - Hugh Acker, Thelma Hill

Hubbard Springs - Jamie Shuttlesworth, Wesley Cooley, C. W. Shuttlesworth

Carolwood - Judy Jones, Eulie Robertson, Ben Mills

First FWB Reform - Charlie Martin, Jessie Lee Kelley, Lillie Mae Carpenter

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

DEVOTION - Lewis Montgomery, Eulie Robertson, Dennis Sanford, Jim Oden, Bill Sudduth

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - Leland Wheat, James South, Ann Joyner, Jessie Lee Kelley, Wilith Cook

SABBATH SCHOOL - Kathleen Connell, Terry Sanford, Thelma Hill, Lewis Hudson

CHILDREN'S HOME - Ben Mills, Dan Turnipseed, Jackie McAteer

FINANCE - Gene Crowe, Marshall Robertson, Gladys Hewitt, Charlie Martin

TEMPERANCE - Cherry Mullenix, Myron Reed, Harold Seymer, Jamie Shuttlesworth

MORAL AND REFORM - Hugh Acker, Lillie Mae Carpenter, Glen Bigham

DECEASED - Judy Jones, Steve McAdams, C. W. Shuttlesworth, Archie Robertson

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS - William Quimby, Steve Crowley, Leon McKee, Wesley Cooley

AFTERNOON SERVICES

The service was opened with the song "At Calvary." Business began and the following reports were given:

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: It is our responsibility to start in infancy to teach our children Christian principles 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 be sure 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.

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: No change on the present report. Continue to visit as often as possible and certainly the children's home needs our prayers.

The association elected Bro. Waymon Fields as our member on the Children's Home Board.

FINANCE

We, your committee, report as follows: A collection of \$758.75 at the one hundred thirty-second 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.

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 revelings [boisterous activities and noisy merry makings]. 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.

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 that they should go with love and discipline, hoping and praying they will become workers for the Lord.

DECEASED

We, your committee, report as follows:

Mount Moriah - Brothers Earl Williams, J. D. Sansing and Roy Lee Lancaster
Macedonia - Brothers Banks Woods, Lou Bolling, Roby Whitt, and Mrs. Horace Byars
Shiloh - Sister Leonna Strickland and Brothers Fabe Koon and Lester B. Koon
Tabernacle - Sisters Marie Montgomery, Gennie Wallace and Rossie Lee
Montgomery and Brothers Homer Montgomery, Belton Frazier, Hollie
Barnett, Walter Collins Barrett and Lee Wheat
Phillips Chapel - Brother Early Sanford, Leland Hallman, Ewell Watson, Jake
Sanford, Milton Jones and Fleetwood Watson
Mount Zion - Sisters Brazzie Smith and Blonnell Clark
Union Hill - Sister Lucy Brazeal and Brother Andrew Jacobs

DEVOTION

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that the devotion time at the quarterly meeting in January be given to the three speakers from Nashville, Tennessee College. First message at 9:15, second at 11:00, and third at 2:00.

HOME MISSION

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that the January Quarterly Meeting be designated as a church growth and evangelism conference, and that we use speakers from our National Home Missions Board for this conference. We recommend that Rev. Roy Thomas, Rev. John Gibbs, and Trymon Messer be used in this conference. We also request that this conference be held on Friday night and Saturday, January 7 and 8. We would like to know if any of the churches would like to have these same speakers at their local church on Saturday night, Sunday morning or Sunday night. If so, please notify the Home Missions Board listing first, second and third choice as soon as possible.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, report as follows: We believe we should study the word of God to show ourselves approved unto God. We recommend that the selection of teachers be carefully and prayerfully considered. By all means be a borned again Christian, interested

in church work, faithful' to church.

We believe daily Bible reading and devotion should be held in each home.

We believe people of all ages should be encouraged to attend and participate in Sabbath School.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that the Youth 5th Sunday Meeting go to the following churches:

October 31 - Mt. Zion

January 30 - Tabernacle

May 29 - Union Hill

July 31 - Macedonia

In conjunction with the Home Mission Board, we will meet at Shiloh on the second Sunday in November [Nov. 14] at 2:00 p.m. to discuss plans for another year for our youth.

We wish to commend the churches for their participation in the youth programs and also the quality of the programs presented.

Bro. Larry Reynolds brought the 2:00 message from Acts 20:28 on "Beware, Take Heed Lest We Forget." He used verses from Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7, Revelations 5:8, Psalms 107:2, Matthew 16:18, Amos 7:14-15, 2 Timothy 2:3-4, Galatians 6:2, Acts 20:35, Luke 12:34-38, Revelations 12:10, Zechariah 3:1-4.

Bro. Thomas asked for visitors, old business and then new. The following reports were given and adopted.

GENERAL BOARD

We, your committee, report as follows: The General Board met September 25th at Carolwood and made the following recommendations:

Moderator - Rev. William E. Atkinson

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Tony Latham

Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Roy Plymon

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - Sue Plymon

Credentials Committee - Herman Sanford

Board of Christian Education - Sue Plymon

Home Mission Committee - Lewis Montgomery

The January quarterly meeting to be held at Phillips Chapel

The April quarterly meeting to be held at Mt. Zion.

The July quarterly meeting to be held at Glen Echo
The Annual October meeting to be held at Sardis
Each church nominate a delegate to the State Association
Give Moderator authority to fill vacancies of delegates to State Association

CREDENTIALS

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We recommend that Bro. Jamie Lancaster be added to roll of licensed ministers.
2. We recommend that the following names be added to roll of ordained ministers: W. E. Adams, William E. Atkinson, Lewis Cooley, Patrick Creel, Elzie Gilliam, Terrell Jones, Donald Keasler, Tony Latham, J. L. Lavender, Ben Logan, Harvey D. Luke, Arlie Lynn, Albert Montgomery, Jerry Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G. P. Perkins, George Perrigin, Roy G. Plymon, Dewey Thomas, Raymon Tilley, Delbert Townsend, Tommie Reed, Roger Lucas and Larry Reynolds.
3. We recommend that Union Church be dismissed from this body according to their request.
4. We have examined the letters of all churches and find them to be in order. We recommend that delegates from these churches be seated.
5. We recommend that Bro. Floyd Barber be granted a letter of recommendation to join the Gulf Coast Association.
6. We have examined Bro. J. B. Smith for a lengthy period of time. This committee cannot reach a decision as to whether or not he should be licensed to preach. We recommend that Carolwood Church make this decision.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

We, your committee, report as follows: The Mt. Moriah Woman's Auxiliary met March 27, 1982, at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church. The theme of the meeting was "Motive for Missions." The speakers were Racheal Barber, Sue Plymon and Jamie Lancaster. Special music was presented by Suzette Cain, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Barber.

The financial report was given for the year as follows: Missions \$165.00, Pre-Thanksgiving Offering \$20.00, Pre-Easter Offering \$113.25. State project \$50.00, Retired ministers fund \$59.00, WNAC general fund \$70.00, Local church activity \$535.67, Membership fees \$50.00, Total disbursement \$1167.67. Total membership 25.

The Mt. Moriah Woman's Auxiliary hosted the 1982 States Woman's Auxiliary at Shiloh on May 1. The theme was "Telling the Untold Millions" Romans 15:20a. Guest speaker was Dave Franks, missionary to Brazil. Total present was 128.

The Woman's Auxiliary was blessed by the Lord last year. This year we are looking forward to the blessing that we will receive as we participate in study courses, weeks of prayer, missionary activities and monthly meetings.

Janie Luke, President

Emogene Koon, Sec./Treas.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to express our kindest thanks to Carolwood Church for hosting this session of the Mt. Moriah Association. We thank Rev. Terrell Jones for the loving fellowship he has shown to each of the ministers and delegates also. We thank each of the ladies for the fine fellowship lunch served at the noon hour. Also, we enjoyed the messages of Bro. Tony Latham, Bro. Grover Perkins, and Bro. Larry Reynolds, very much. Each of the messages was inspiring, we think, to each one's soul and should live on in each of our hearts. We feel the day was enjoyed greatly by the kindness shown by the host church Carolwood.

William Quimby, Chairman

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Moderator - Rev. William E. Atkinson

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Tony Latham

Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Roy Plymon

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - Sue Plymon

Credentials Committee - Herman Sanford

Board of Christian Education - Sue Plymon

Home Mission Committee - Lewis Montgomery

The January Quarterly Meeting to be held at Phillips Chapel

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The July Quarterly Meeting to be held at Glen Echo

The Annual October Meeting to be held at Sardis

Each church nominate a delegate to the State Association

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held January 9, 1982, at Phillips Chapel. The service was opened with the song "Some Day," led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Lonnie Reed led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed everyone. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Clyde Oswalt. The scriptures were: Titus 2: 11-13 and Romans 10:1.

After intermission, Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed Rev. Roger Lucas, interim pastor at Macedonia. Rev. Jerry Montgomery, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone. Rev. Dewey Thomas read the list of Committees of the Association.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. J. L. Lavender. The scriptures were: John 14:1-6; Revelations 22:3; Romans 8:14; I John 1:6; I Corinthians 2:9; and Revelations 22:14.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "Jesus Saves", led by Brother Lando McAdams. Prayer was led by Rev. Harvey Luke. Churches participating in the Youth Program were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, and Carolwood. Tabernacle won the Attendance Banner. Churches represented at roll call of churches were Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Holman, Glen Echo, and Carolwood.

Rev. Lonnie Reed, newly licensed minister, gave testimony. The 2:00 message was brought by Rev. Harvey Luke. The scriptures were Colossians 1:24-29.

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

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The Credentials, Home Mission, and Devotion Committees gave their reports. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Brother Lando McAdams.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. Recommend that Brother Lonnie Reed's name be added to the Licensed Ministers list.

2. By request of Hubbard Springs Church, we recommend that Brother James Buttler's name be dropped from the Licensed Ministers list.
3. We are now in possession of a letter in good standing from the Progressive Association concerning Brother Roy G. Plymon. We recommend his name be added to the Ordained Ministers list.

Report adopted, committee retained, Leon McAdams, Chairman.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to thank each church that helped in the Home Mission work last year. We would like to expand our goal for soul winning in each church. We refer you to I Timothy 2:1-4 that supplications and prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. We are certainly ready to help any church concerning soul winning. Proverbs 11:30, he that winneth souls is wise. We, the Home Mission Committee, desire the prayers of the Association that our efforts might be fruitful and united in love for the harvest of the Lord.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lewis Montgomery, acting Chairman.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the April Meeting that Brother Albert Montgomery bring the 9:30 message and Brother Raymond Tilley be his Alternate; Brother Roy Plymon bring the 11:00 message and Brother William Atkinson be his Alternate; and for the afternoon message Brother Tony Latham and Brother Willis Montgomery be his Alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained, Searcy Mullenix, Chairman

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT MT. MORIAH

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held April 10, 1982 at Mt. Moriah. The service was opened with the song "At Calvary", led by Brother Leon McAdams. Brother Rayford Galloway led the opening prayer. The introductory message was brought by Rev. Albert Montgomery. The scriptures were Matthew 7:1-27.

Rev. Floyd Barber, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone. Rev. Dewey Thomas, moderator, called roll of churches and read the changes the General Board recommended on Articles 4 and 5 of the Constitution. Churches present at roll call were: Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union, Sardis, Glen Echo, Carolwood, and First FWB Reform. Rev. Dewey Thomas welcomed Rev. Charles Hollingshead, visiting minister.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Roy Plymon. The subject of his message was "Fire on the Altar." The scriptures were I Kings 18:17-46; Geneise 15:17; Exodus 19:18; Acts 2: 1-3; Luke 24:32; James 5:16; Matthew 3:11; I Peter 2:9-12; Titus 2:12-14; II Timothy 2:19; Romans 8:14; John 10:27-28; and Isaiah 59:1-2.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "At Calvary," led by Brother Lando McAdams. Prayer was led by Rev. Roger Lucas. The Youth Program was made up of all the youth of the Association that were present combining into one program led by the Board of Christian Education. Churches represented at the Youth Program were: Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Glen Echo, Carolwood, and First FWB Reform. Mt. Moriah won the Attendance Banner.

The 2:00 devotion was brought by Rev. Tony Latham. The scriptures were Hebrews 13:17 and I Kings 19:19-21.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The Credentials, Home Mission, and Devotion Committees gave their reports. Recommendations of General Board on Articles 4 and 5 of the Constitution were approved by vote. [See General Board Report] The closing song "Amazing Grace" was led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Ben Logan led the closing prayer.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend granting letter concerning Rev. Billy Ray Smith to the Jasper Association as requested.

Report adopted, committee retained, Leon McAdams, Chairman.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We see a need of a deeper understanding of the scriptural principles on the mission of the New Testament Church. We would like, with the support of the churches in the Association, to hold an Associational wide seminar on church outreach, visitation, and soul winning. Luke 10:2 says "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

We would especially request the support of all our preachers, deacons, and other church leaders in this type of training. We, with your support, would like to hold such a seminar at a time and place to be announced later.

Report adopted, committee retained, Lewis Montgomery, Acting Chairman.

GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met April 3, 1982 at Shiloh and recommended the following changes of the Constitution to be voted on April 10, 1982 at Mt. Moriah:

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; provided the same is presented in written form; presented in the morning session; and voted on in the afternoon session; and the decision shall be final.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session by a majority of votes.

To be voted on July 10, 1982 at Union Hill:

ART. 18. This Association shall be a member of The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT UNION HILL

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held July 10, 1982, at Union Hill. The service was opened with the song "Count Your Blessings," led by Brother Leon McAdams. Brother Herman Sanford led the opening prayer. Rev. Dewey Thomas, Moderator, welcomed everyone. The

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	EX-PASTOR	
MOUNT MORIAH			Floyd Barber	\$ 7.
MACEDONIA	Larry Reynolds	Frank Sims 106 Sylvan Rd. Columbus, MS 39701	Larry Reynolds	\$ 5.
SHILOH	William E. Atkinson	William H. Koon Rt. 1, Box 133 Gordo, AL 35466	William E. Atkinson	\$11.
TABERNACLE		Don Martin Rt. 3, Box 101 Northport, AL 35476	Tony Latham	\$ 5.
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Jerry Montgomery	Stanley Sanford Star Route Elrod, AL 35458	Jerry Montgomery	\$15.
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	James South Rt. 3, Box 341 Northport, AL 35476	Ben Logan	\$ 1.
UNION HILL	Roy G. Plymon	J. Harold Lowe Rt. 2, Box 107 Reform, AL 35481	Roy G. Plymon	\$ 6.
HOLMAN	Raymond Tilley	Ricky Brown Rt. 2, Box 172-A Gordo, AL 35466	Raymond Tilley	\$ 2.5
SARDIS	Tony Latham	Marvin Hudson Rt. 1 Gordo, AL 35466	Elzie Gilliam	\$ 5.
GLEN ECHO	J. L. Lavender	Mrs. Thelma Hill Rt. 2, Box 201 Carrollton, AL 35447	J. L. Lavender	\$ 4.
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Lewis Cooley	Frances Epperson Rt. 2, Box 32 Duncanville, AL 35456	Lewis Cooley	\$ 1.
CAROLWOOD	Terrell Jones	Gail Phillips #9 Lakeland Forest Northport, AL 35476	Dewey Thomas	\$ 6.
FIRST FWB REFORM	Delbert Townsend	Julia Klosterman Box 744 Reform, AL 35481	Delbert Townsend	\$ 2.
TOTALS				

Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Children's Home	Minute Fund & State Dues	Paid Missions	No. of Members	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter or Other	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased
\$ 7,540.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 45.00	\$1148.00	83	3	0	0	0	0	3
\$ 5,250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 57.50	\$3200.00	222	2	3	9	0	0	3
\$11,340.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 86.25	\$1626.00	140	6	0	2	0	0	3
\$ 5,188.46	\$ 525.00		\$ 82.50		151	3	7	3	0	0	8
\$15,556.44	\$ 501.75	\$1923.78	\$ 145.00		299	3	1	5	0	0	6
\$ 1,771.20	\$ 302.84	\$ 180.00	\$ 57.50		80	1	1	0	0	0	2
\$ 6,875.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 51.25	\$1075.00	109	5	8	7	0	0	2
\$ 2,535.45			\$ 32.50		103	0	0	1	0	0	0
\$ 5,200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 61.25		65	5	7	8	0	0	0
\$ 4,080.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 240.00	63	2	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 1,500.00			\$ 15.00		38	1	9	2	0	0	0
\$ 6,750.00	& Asst. Pastor \$3200.00	\$ 383.00	\$ 60.00	\$1104.00	144	1	4	5	0	0	0
\$ 2,800.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 40.00		75	5	2	0	0	0	0
		\$4221.78	\$758.75	\$8393.00	1,572	37	42	42	0	0	27

introductory message was brought by Rev. Floyd Barber. The message was on "What Is Destroying American and Our Churches Today?" The scriptures were Amos 4:12; II Timothy 4:1-4; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 6:13; Isaiah 30:10; and Isaiah 58:1.

Rev. Dewey Thomas, Moderator, read list of delegates and committees. It was moved and seconded to seat delegates for this meeting.

After intermission Rev. Roy Plymon, pastor of host church, welcomed everyone. The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. William Atkinson. The message was on "The Christian Home." The scriptures were Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Psalms 127:1-5; and I Corinthians 14:33.

The afternoon service was opened with the song "Take The Name of Jesus With You," led by Brother Lando McAdams. The devotion for the youth program was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. The youth program was made up of all the youth of the Association that were present combining into one program led by the Board of Christian Education. Churches represented at the youth program were: Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Mt. Zion, Union Hill, Sardis, Glen Echo, Carolwood, Terminal for Christ, and First FWB Reform. Mt. Zion won the Attendance Banner.

The 2:00 message was brought by Rev. Lonnie Reed. The scriptures were Hebrews 10:25 and II Samuel 22:1-7, 20-36, 50-51.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and seconded to go into the Business Session. The Devotion and Credentials committees gave their reports. Vote was taken on Art. 18, which is, this Association shall be a member of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists. The vote was 33 to 12 in favor of [73%].

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: For the Associational Meeting, we recommend that Brother Grover Perkins preach the 9:30 message and Brother Delbert Townsend be his alternate, Brother Tony Latham preach the 11:00 message and Brother Raymond Tilley be his alternate, and Brother Larry Reynolds preach the afternoon message and Brother Donald Keasler be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained, Searcy Mullenix, Chairman.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We recommend that a letter of good standing be sent to Northeast Mississippi Association on Brother Karl Novak.
2. We recommend that Rev. Larry Reynolds be accepted into this body as a minister in good standing, who comes to us from the Northeast Mississippi Association with a letter of recommendation.
3. We recommend that Rev. Roger Lucas, who comes to us with a letter of recommendation from the Vernon Association, be accepted into this body as a minister in good standing.
4. We recommend that, in accordance with the written request from Terminal For Christ Church, we dismiss them from this body. They do not request a letter from this body.

Report adopted, committee retained, Rev. William Atkinson, Chairman.

TREASURY REPORT

Balance brought forward.	\$ 702.68
Received from Associational Minute Fund. . .	\$ 758.75
Total Receipts.	<u>\$1,461.43</u>
Total Expenditures. . . Printing of Minutes. . . —	\$ 411.09
State Fees. —	<u>\$ 260.00</u>
Balance on hand.	\$790.34

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Elzie Gilliam

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CAROLWOOD

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Dewey Thomas

FIRST FWB REFORM

Patrick Creel

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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

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 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; provided the same is presented in written form; presented in the morning session; and voted on in the afternoon session; and the decision shall be final.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual 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 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:

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. LICENSED 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.

ART. 18. This Association shall be a member of The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR COMING YEAR

November 14, 1983 - 2:00 p.m. - Shiloh - To make plans for the Evangelism Conference to be held January 7th and 8th at Phillips Chapel. All Pastors, Deacons, General Board members, Home Mission Committee members, and Board of Christian Education members are urged to attend. It is important that all churches are represented at this meeting.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 7, 1983 - 7:00 p.m. - Phillips Chapel [Evangelism Conf.]

January 8, 1983 - 9:30 a.m. - Phillips Chapel [Evangelism Conf.]

April 9, 1983 - 9:30 a.m. - Mt. Zion

July 9, 1983 - 9:30 a.m. - Glen Echo

ANNUAL MEETING

October 9, 1983 - 9:30 a.m. - Sardis

YOUTH MEETINGS

October 31, 1982 - 2:00 p.m. - Mt. Zion

January 30, 1983 - 2:00 p.m. - Tabernacle

May 29, 1983 - 2:00 p.m. - Union Hill

July 31, 1983 - 2:00 p.m. - Macedonia



