

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred and Thirty-Third
Annual Session
Of The
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held With
SARDIS
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tuscaloosa County, Alabama
October 8, 1983

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The one hundred and thirty-third session of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association convened with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, on October 8, 1983. The opening song, "I Am Thine, O Lord," was led by Brother Leon McAdams. Rev. Grover Perkins led in prayer. Brother McAdams led the song "Tell It To Jesus."

Rev. Terrell Jones brought the opening message using I Kings, chapter 19, verses 1-4, on Ahab and Jezebel. His subject was "Days of discouragement and persecution will come" and "Trust in the Lord with all thy might and He will direct thy paths." Brother Leon McAdams led the song "Have Thine Own Way." Rev. Tony Latham, pastor, welcomed everyone to Sardis Church.

It was moved to go into the business session. Rev. William E. Atkinson, former moderator, moderated and Rev. Roy Plymon served as clerk. The moderator called the roll of the churches and the delegates were seated. The moderator recognized all ministers and deacons present. The General Board's report was given and ballots were passed out. The new officers elected are as follows: Moderator, Rev. William E. Atkinson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Tony L. Latham; Clerk-Treasurer, Brother M. P. Gore; Assistant Clerk, Sister Vaudine Lancaster; Credentials Committee, Brother James L. Lancaster (5 year term); Home Missions Committee, Rev. Ben Logan (5 year term); and Board of Christian Education, Sister Cevalon Latham (5 year term).

Brother Robert Crawford gave a report for the Free Will Baptist Class in Nashville, Tennessee, which has 467 students. It was moved to take an offering for the class later, in which \$100.35 was collected and passed on to Brother Crawford.

The General Board recommended that the clerk be paid \$125.00 and expenses each year; and that each church send \$25.00 extra for Minute Fund and State Fees. The question was tabled until the afternoon session.

The committees were assigned. Brother McAdams led "Victory in Jesus," after which Brother Waymon Fields led in prayer. Rev. Roy Plymon brought the 11:00 a.m. message. He used Hosea, chapter 5, verses 5-15, and chapter 6, verse 1, and I Peter, chapter 2, verse 9. His subject was "Come and let us return unto the Lord" and "A chosen generation, a peculiar people." After Brother Leon McAdams led a song, "Near The Cross," we were dismissed for lunch.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MOUNT MORIAH: M. P. Gore, Searcy Mullenix

MACEDONIA: James Wharton, Frank Sims, Lando McAdams

SHILOH: Albert Burkhalter, Wilith Cook, Ruthie Shepherd
TABERNACLE: Lewis Montgomery, McArthur Walters, Jennifer Barksdale
PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Glenn Bigham, Terry Sanford, Stanley Sanford
MOUNT ZION: David Jones, James South, Gladys Hewitt
UNION HILL: Leon McKee, Bill Sudduth, Dan Turnipseed
HOLMAN: Jimmy Oden
SARDIS: Marshall Robertson, James Pearson, Sonny Hudson
GLEN ECHO: Tim Fulgham, Oscar Fulgham, Thelma Hill
CAROLWOOD: Eulie Robertson, Ben Mills, Dennis Sanford
REFORM FIRST FWB: Lillie Mae Carpenter, Jessie Lee Kelley,
Julia Klostermann

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

DEVOTION: James South, Jackie McAteer, Albert Burkhalter, W. N. Joyner,
Dan Turnipseed
EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS & LITERATURE: Grady Bigham, Wilith Cook,
Hugh Acker
SABBATH SCHOOL: McArthur Walters, Edith Sanford, Ben Mills
CHILDREN'S HOME: Searcy Mullenix, Oscar Fulgham, Claude Malone
FINANCE: Searcy Junkin, Arlie Lynn, Mike Rogers, George Perrigin, Stanley
Stanford
TEMPERANCE: Willis Montgomery, G. P. Perkins, Lonnie Reed, Lewis Mont-
gomery, R. D. Reynolds
MORAL & REFORM: Terry Sanford, Jimmy Oden, Bill Sudduth
DECEASED: Raiford Galloway, Dewey Thomas, Roger Lucas
RESOLUTIONS & APPRECIATION: Eveleen Montgomery, Myron Reed,
Lillie Mae Carpenter

CHURCH DEACONS

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M. P. Gore	McShan, Alabama
James L. Lancaster	Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama
Frank Perrigin	Reform, Alabama
Walter Oglesby	Rt. 1, Ethelsville, Alabama
Searcy Mullenix	Rt. 2, Box 9, Gordo, Alabama

MACEDONIA:

Loy Shaw	Millport, Alabama
Waymon Fields	Millport, Alabama
Leon McAdams	224 Meadow Dr., Columbus, Mississippi

SHILOH:

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F. R. Shepherd	Rt. 5, Gordo, Alabama
Marlin Burkhalter	Rt. 5, Gordo, Alabama
William H. Koon	Rt. 1, Box 133, Gordo, Alabama
Wilson Connell	Rt. 1, Box 167, Gordo, Alabama
John Fair	Rt. 1, Box 88, Gordo, Alabama

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PHILLIPS CHAPEL:

Carl Oswalt	Vestavia Hills, Northport, Alabama
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Raiford Galloway	Rt. 3, Northport, Alabama
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AFTERNOON SERVICES

The afternoon service was opened with the song, "When We All Get To Heaven" by Bro. Leon McAdams, and prayer by Bro. Lewis Cooley. Rev. Albert Montgomery brought the Devotion from the 14th chapter of St. Luke with the 17th verse as his text, "Come for all things are now ready", after which Bro. McAdams led the song, "Have Thine Own Way". It was moved to go into the business session. The committees gave their reports. The moderator took up the amendments which were tabled and it was voted on them. They passed.

Sister Vaudine Lancaster read the Women's Auxiliary Report. Bro. Larry Reynolds made a move to pay clerk Roy Plymon \$125.00 which was passed. The Resolutions Committee gave their report thanking Sardis Church for their kindness and the good meal. After the song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," we were dismissed by Rev. Arlis Barksdale.

DEVOTION

We, your committee report as follows: We recommend that the devotion at the quarterly meeting in January be given to the Home Mission Speakers.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

We, your committee report as follows: We want to remind our churches of our "Church Growth and Evangelism Conference" which will be held at Phillips Chapel on January 6 & 7, 1984. We ask that all pastors encourage their people to attend this Conference. We will have to minister to us the following: Rev. John Gibbs, Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. Roy Thomas and Tryman Messer.

Any church that would be interested in having either of these speakers to preach at their church on Saturday night, Sunday morning or evening, please contact Rev. Ben Logan, Rt. 4, Box 162, Fayette, AL 35555. Please specify 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice of speaker and time. Please let your choice be known by Nov. 1, 1983.

Also, any church wishing to be added to those participating in the Alabama Area Missions Conference in late January may contact Waymon Fields, P.O. Box 174, Millport, AL 35576.

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.

DECEASED

We, your committee report as follows:

MACEDONIA: Bro. Lewis McAdams, Bro. Carlos Dawkins, Sister Lizzie Mathis

SHILOH: Sister Naome Burkhalter, Bro. Rubert Latham

TABERNACLE: Bro. Murray Montgomery, Sis. Donnie Sturdivant, Sis. Myrtie Crawford, Sis. Nancy Ivy Sullivan, Sis. Theo Skelton

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Sis. Gertrude Spain, Sis. Nola Guin, Sis. Lydia Montgomery, Bro. Ricky Campbell

MT. ZION: Sis. Lizzie Lee Smith, Bro. Howard Brown

UNION HILL: Sis. Mary Perrigin, Bro. W. T. Peaks, Sis. Ida Reynolds

HOLMAN: Bro. W. L. Duren

SARDIS: Bro. Sam Sullivan, Sis. Effie Oden

GLEN ECHO: Bro. Jack Smith

The song "Precious Memories" (page 160) was sung in memory of deceased ones.

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee report as follows: We recommend that you support the Children's Home with your finances and prayers. Visit the children's home if possible. We also recommend that an offering be taken up for the Children's Home.

Bro. Waymon Fields, trustee member of the Children's Home gave a report. Bro. Lambert has been Superintendent of the Home for 25 years. They have from 20 to 30 children there. It abides by State and Federal guidelines. The \$152.25 offering collected has been sent to Bro. Lambert.

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.

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 those 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

We, your committee report as follows: The tentative date for the area-wide Youth Revival will be the week of April 9-13 with Rev. Mickey Kirkland as evangelist to be held at the High School Auditorium in Reform. We urge each church to start praying and working toward the success of this Revival.

We would like for each church to get the interest of their members toward the idea of a Youth Camp. We will, at a later date, send out a survey sheet to see how many youth and adult workers will attend.

We recommend this session receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. The committee appreciates Bro. Crawford for taking time to enlighten us on the spiritual side of this school. The collection of \$100.35 was given to Bro. Crawford.

We recommend that the next Youth Services be held at:

Phillips Chapel on January 29, 1984

Carolwood on April 29, 1984

Reform on July 29, 1984

Mt. Moriah on September 30, 1984

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee report as follows:

1. We recommend that the request of Hubbard Springs to withdraw from our Association.
2. Having received all the available information we find all the ministers to be in good standing.
3. In order to carry out the order of Art. 17, Sec. 3 D. (concerning the ministers attendance of the Associational Meetings) we recommend the following: that the Associational Clerk read a roll call of ministers at each Associational Meeting.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

To the members and pastors composing the 133 session of the Mt. Moriah Association: Greetings in the name of Christ. Thank you for prayers and offerings for missions across the world.

The 4th Annual Mt. Moriah Associational District Woman's Auxiliary met at Mt. Moriah F. W. B. Church, March 26, 1983. Sister Barbara Fletcher was our guest speaker for the day.

As a District Auxiliary we are now composed of three churches with the following membership: Shiloh - 16 members; Mt. Moriah - 8 members; Aggie Fields (Macedonia) 16 members.

Financial Report: 1982:
Cash receipts & Disbursements:

\$112.81 on hand	
446.93 collections	
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\$559.74 Total	

\$121.66 local expenses	
420.58 dues & offerings	
to State & special	
projects	

We encourage our Associational members to organize and support the local Woman's Auxiliary. Join us as "Labourers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9), in this missionary service of the church.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee report as follows: We would like to express our kindest thanks to Sardis Church for hosting this session of the Mt. Moriah Association. We thank Rev. Tony Latham for the loving fellowship he has shown during the day. We thank each of the ladies for a delicious meal and fine fellowship. We, the committee think Mt. Moriah have the best cooks in Alabama. We also think the messages were as good as the meal. We feel all have been inspired by this day. May God Bless all until we meet again.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held at Phillips Chapel in January.

This was a special two-day service conducted by the National Home Missions Department. The first service was January 7, at 7:00 p.m. The second service was January 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Roy Thomas, Bro. Trymon Messer, and Rev. John Gibbs were the guest speakers for the conference on "Church Growth and Evangelism."

The Friday evening service began with Rev. John Gibbs leading "Showers of Blessings." Rev. William Atkinson, our moderator, introduced the guest speakers from Nashville, then had the various churches and pastors to stand. Several visiting churches and pastors were present; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Pitts (First Church, Tuscaloosa), Rev. Rick Cash (First Church, Fayette), Rev. Dwight Fletcher (First Church, Northport) Rev. Charles Hollingshead, Rev. E. B. Ledlow (Cordova FWB Church), Rev. Don Taggart (Mt. Harmony FWB) were some of the visitors.

Rev. John Gibbs sang two special songs and Bro. Trymon Messer brought the first message of the evening. His text was Psalms 85: 1-9, his subject was "Revival, The Kind We Need." Rev. John

Gibbs led a song, "Higher Ground" as an offering for the expense of the conference was taken. Bro. Gibbs sang two specials and Rev. Roy Thomas brought the last message of the evening. His text was Eze. 34:16, his subject was, "The Purpose of the Church." Refreshments were enjoyed by all at the close of the service.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Rev. Roy Thomas, Director of the National Home Mission Dept. opened the service by introducing Home Mission printed material. Rev. John Gibbs led the song, "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" Prayer was by Rev. Roy Plymon. Rev. John Gibbs sang two specials, "Eastern Gate" and "The Sun's Coming Up In The Morning." Rev. Roy Thomas introduced the first speaker, Bro. Trymon Messer. Rev. James Walden, home missionary to Alabaster, led in prayer. Bro. Messer then brought the first message. His text was Prov. 29:18 and Phil. 2:13, his subject, "Vision." The service closed with altar of prayer with a large number of pastors and laymen alike asking God for a blessing!

The second part of the service was opened by Rev. John Gibbs as he led "Glad Reunion Day." A second offering was then received and Rev. Gibbs sang "Hallelujah Square." Rev. Roy Thomas brought the second message. His text was Neh. 12:27-43, his subject, "Twelve Gates."

The afternoon service was opened with the song, "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer was led by Rev. Dewey Thomas. Rev. William Atkinson then declared the business session open.

The Credentials, Devotion, Resolutions and Appreciations, and Christian Education Committees gave their reports. Rev. Larry Reynolds gave an oral report concerning the Pastors' and Worker's Conference. With no other business, the business session was closed by prayer.

The Rev. John Gibbs was in charge of the Youth Meeting. He sang special songs, "A New Song" and "The Church Of the Living God." He then brought a message entitled, "Dealing With The Devil." His text was Luke 22:31-32.

The last part of the service was begun by singing "Victory In Jesus," led by Waymon Fields. Rev. John Gibbs sang "When I Got Saved." The final message was delivered by Bro. Trymon Messer. His text was I Samuel 9:6, his subject, "The Man Of God."

The service closed with a welcome handshake given to Rev. Arlis Barksdale, the new pastor of Tabernacle.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We, the Credentials Committee of the Mt. Moriah Association, after having examined our requesting brother, Rev. Arlis Barksdale, recommend him to this body to be placed on the list of our ordained ministers and be accepted into our association as a member of good standing. A request has been rendered by his church, Tabernacle, and a letter of good standing has been received from his former association, The Progressive Association.

Report adopted, committee retained.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Lonnie Reed preach at 9:30 and Rev. Ben Logan be his alternate. Rev. Arlis Barksdale preach at 11:00 and Rev. J. L. Lavender be his alternate. Rev. Albert Montgomery preach at 2:00 and Rev. G. P. Perkins be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained. Lewis Montgomery, Chmn.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We resolve that in the spirit of this conference we dedicate ourselves to greater efforts of soul-winning and evangelizing the lost through not only our own efforts personally, but also through our churches.

2. We, the Mt. Moriah Association, resolve that we go on record as being against the sale of alcoholic beverages in Pickens County and our churches work to the defeat of the current petition legalizing the same.

3. We offer our appreciation for the speakers of this conference; Bro. Roy Thomas, Bro. Trymon Messer, and Bro. John Gibbs for their coming to minister to us. Also, we offer appreciation to the Associational Home Mission Committee for their efforts in this conference. We ask that we give a rising vote of thanks for these brethren

4. We offer our appreciation to Phillips Chapel FWB Church for use of their church for this conference and for the fine meal and refreshments. We ask that we give a rising vote of thanks to Phillips Chapel Church.

Report adopted, committee retained. Bro. Harvey Luke, Chmn.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We received in offering the following: \$216.00 Friday night and \$256.00 on Saturday. There were also offerings sent in from various churches. Our expense for Motel room was \$66.56. We have left the sum of \$850.00 for our guest speakers to take back for Home Missions.

Report adopted, committee retained.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

We, your committee, report as follows: We have secured the following information concerning our area youth revival. The National Guard Armory in Reform is available during the week of April 11-15. The price for use of the armory was quoted as possible \$125 per day. Rev. Mickey Kirkland, Home Missionary in Montgomery is available during this week.

If this meets the approval of the body, we recommend a special meeting to assign committees and organizational structures. This meeting is scheduled for Feb. 6, 1983 at Shiloh Church at 2:00 p.m. We urge the pastors and representatives of each church to be present for this very important meeting.

Report adopted, committee retained.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT MT. ZION

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held April 9, 1983 at Mt. Zion. The service was opened with the song "Gloryland Way" led by Bro. Waymon Fields. Bro. Atkinson and Bro. Lavender had prayer. Bro. Waymon Fields led the song "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". Bro. Lonnie Reed preached the 9:30 message "God's People." The scriptures were Deu. 7:6-8; Romans 10:12,13,19.; I Peter 2:9-10; Luke 1: 67, 68, 77; Eze. 34: 11-16; Heb. 3:12-14; Eze. 3:20-21. Bro. Waymon Fields led the song "Kneel At The Cross."

Bro. Barksdale brought the 11:00 message. The scriptures were Eze. 33:1-9; Pro. 11:30; Psa. 116:5-6; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 3:19; Acts 4:4,32; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 8:1-8. Bro. Fields led the song "Are You Ready?" Bro. Atkinson led in prayer.

The 1:00 message was brought by Bro. Lavender, "Trusting In The Lord", with scriptures Proverbs 3:5-6; I Peter 5:7; Romans 8:12-14. Bro. Milford led the congregation in "Only Trust Him."

The Resolutions & Appreciation, Devotion, Credentials and Christian Board Reports were read and accepted as read. The closing song was "Blest Be The Tie". The closing prayer was by Bro. Leon McAdams.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We, the Credentials Committee of the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists recommend to the body that Rev. Micheal E. Rogers be accepted into our Association on the recommendation of Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Church and his letter of good standing from the Vernon Association of which he was a member.

DEVOTION

We, your committee report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Delbert Townsend preach at 9:30 a.m. and that Rev. Terrell Jones be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. Jerry Montgomery preach at 11:00 and that Rev. Ben Logan be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. Raymond Tilley preach at 2:00 and that Rev. George Perrigin be his alternate.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We would like to thank the churches of the association for their support of the evangelism conference at the January Quarterly Meeting.

2. We would like to recommend that this same type conference be held next January in conjunction with the January Quarterly Meeting. We would like to put the matter up for vote to determine the wishes of the people.

3. We would like to encourage all churches in our association to participate in a Missions conference, which is held in the North Alabama Area each January. Any churches not presently involved, if interested, we will arrange to have your church included. You will need to make your request by the next quarterly meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The Youth Revival was held Monday, April 11 at Pickens County High School in Reform, AL, with Rev. Mickey Kirkland as the evangelist. Services started at 7 p.m. with special singing by our youth

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CAROLWOOD	Terrell Jones	Gail Phillips 9 Lakeland Forest Northport, Al 35476	Terrell Jones
FIRST FWB REFORM	Asst. Pastor - Lonnie Reed Delbert Townsend	Julia Klostermann Box 744 Reform, Al 35481	Delbert Townsend
TOTALS			

	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Children's Home	Minute Fund & State Dues	Paid Missions	No. Members	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased
	\$ 6,500.00	\$300.00	\$277.00	\$ 45.00	\$1,386.00	86	0	2	3	0	0	0
	\$11,700.00	\$806.65	\$360.00	\$ 50.00	\$2,308.60	193	2	5	2	0	0	3
	\$12,675.00	\$750.00	\$240.00	\$ 61.25	\$2,172.80	130	1	5	10	0	4	2
	\$ 5,793.71	\$650.00	0	\$ 82.50	\$ 215.00	172	24	6	4	0	0	5
ery	\$18,417.56	\$951.92	\$2087.95	\$125.00	\$1,555.21	306	17	1	4	0	1	4
	\$ 2,004.08	\$367.45	\$180.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 180.00	78	1	0	0	0	1	2
	\$ 6,975.00	\$505.35	\$300.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 823.47	111	1	4	0	0	0	3
	\$ 2,302.52	0	0	\$ 40.00	0	130	0	0	1	0	0	1
	\$ 5,200.00	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$ 42.00	0	78	1	7	3	0	0	2
	\$ 2720.00	\$197.00	\$240.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 240.00	62	0	0	0	0	0	1
	\$ 7,850.00	\$300.00	\$369.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 738.00	140	1	4	2	0	0	0
1	\$ 2,750.00	\$268.60	\$250.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 139.00	70	0	0	5	0	0	0
			\$4,453.95	\$665.75	\$9,758.08	1556	48	34	35	0	6	23

each night. We especially urge and plead that each person in our Association attend the Youth Crusade on Monday night.

We would like a feedback on this item: Since it was not feasible to have a Youth Camp this year because of the time factor, we recommend to have a 2-day retreat on July 7 & 8 (the week of July 4). This would begin Thursday a.m. through Friday after lunch.

We urge each church to participate in the youth competition on the local level. At the May 29 Youth Meeting, we will have the Associational CTS Youth Competitive Activities.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to Mt. Zion Church for hosting this quarterly meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association. We would also like to express our appreciation to the ladies for the food that was prepared.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT GLEN ECHO

The Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held July 9, 1983, at Glen Echo. The service was opened with the song "At Calvary," led by Brother Leon McAdams. Brother Herman Sanford led the opening prayer. Brother William Atkinson, moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The introductory message was brought by Brother Delbert Townsend. The message was on "Blood On Our Hands." The scriptures were Ezekiel 3:16-18; Malachi 3:8-10; Micah 3:9-12; Luke 19: 45-46; and Acts 3:6.

Brother William Atkinson, moderator, recognized ministers and deacons of the Mt. Moriah Association and he also recognized the elected delegates.

Bro. Atkinson appointed substitutes to fill in the places of those that were absent on the committees.

We voted to take an offering for the Mt. Zion group to Columbus, Ohio. Bro. Leon McAdams then led us in "At Calvary."

After intermission, Bro. Atkinson had the congregation stand while Bro. McAdams led us in "Kneel At The Cross." Bro. Atkinson then asked Bro. J. L. Lavender to lead in prayer. After prayer, Bro. McAdams led us in "When We All Get To Heaven."

Bro. Atkinson set a date for the Annual Board Meeting. September 24, 1983. Bro. Atkinson asked both of Mt. Zion's group to sing. Bro. Atkinson then asked the Phillips Chapel Group to sing.

Bro. Atkinson announced the next speaker, Jerry Montgomery. The message was on "Be A Separated People." The scriptures were: I Peter 5:1-11; Revelation 12:12; and Acts 11:8. At the close of the sermon, Bro. Jerry Montgomery asked Bro. Larry Reynolds to lead in prayer.

Bro. Leon McAdams led us in "How Firm A Foundation" while we had an Old Fashion Handshake. Bro. McAdams led us in the closing song, "I Am Thine, O Lord" and Bro. Leon McAdams led us in the closing prayer.

After lunch, Bro. Leon McAdams led us in "Bringing In The Sheaves" and Bro. Waymon Fields led us in prayer. Bro. Atkinson asked Bro. Sammy Noland to sing. He sang "I Can't Walk Over Heaven Without You Holding My Hand."

There were no youth to participate in the youth program. Bro. Lando McAdams invited everyone to the Fifth Annual Meeting at Macedonia at 2:00 p.m.

Bro. Atkinson announced Bro. Raymond Tilley to preach the afternoon message. The message was on "If Thou Doest All, Shalt Thou Not Be Accepted?" The scripture was Genesis 4:5-7.

BUSINESS SESSION

It was moved and accepted to go into the Business Session. The Devotion, Christian Education, and Resolutions and Education Committees gave their reports. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Brother W. H. Joyner.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the October Meeting that Brother Terrell Jones bring the 9:30 message and Brother Tony Latham be his alternate; Brother Roy Gene Plymon bring the 11:00 message and Brother Ben Logan be his alternate; and for the afternoon message, Brother Albert Montgomery and Brother Arlie Lynn be his alternate.

Report adopted, committee retained.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Each church who has had outstanding youth accomplishments, relating to building their character and knowledge, submit the names of these youth to this Committee at our next youth meeting. Again, we commend our youth for the outstanding job they did during our youth revival with Bro. Mickey Kirkland, as evangelist.

Report adopted, committee retained.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATIONS

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of Glen Echo for the hospitality and the delicious meal that was served. We have also enjoyed the messages brought by Bro. Townsend, Bro. Montgomery, and Bro. Tilley.

Report adopted, committee retained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward.	\$ 790.34	
Deposit 9/26/83.	473.75	
Deposit 10/21/83.	192.00	
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Total Receipts	\$1,456.09	
Expenditures:		
B. R. Cook (xeroxing)	-\$ 50.00	
State Fees	-\$240.00	
Blank Checks	-\$ 2.21	
Printing of Minutes	-\$435.59	
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Total Expenditures	\$1,020.01	727.80
Balance on Hand	\$436.08	728.29

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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
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 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 appoint 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-third 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

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 7, 1984 - Phillips Chapel (Annual Evangelism Conference)

April 14, 1984 - First Free Will Baptist Reform

July 14, 1984 - Macedonia

ANNUAL MEETING

October 13, 1984 - Shiloh

YOUTH MEETINGS

January 29, 1984 - Phillips Chapel

April 29, 1984 - Carolwood

July 29, 1984 - First FWB Reform

September 30, 1984 - Mt. Moriah

Area Wide Youth Revival at the High School Auditorium in Reform,
April 9 - 13 by Rev. Mickey Kirkland of Montgomery.



