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Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church of Pickens County, Gordo, Alabama hosted the one hundred and thirty-fourth session of the Mount Moriah Association on October 13, 1984. Leon McAdams served as songleader and led the congregation in the first song "At Calvary." Opening prayer was given by Rev. Roy G. Plymon, followed by the song "Praise Him, Praise Him." The introductory message was rendered by Rev. Dewey Thomas, using Luke 12:16 as his key scripture. His text, "Our Help Is In The Lord" emphasize we should not leave God out of our plans but practice Psalm 121:1 and lift up our eyes from whence cometh our help. The invitational song was "Have Thine Own Way."

The Moderator, Rev. William Atkinson, called to order this session. He recognized the preachers and deacons and stated their voting rights. Rev. Larry Reynolds, Chairman of Credentials Committee, made a motion that delegates from respective churches be seated and alternates be placed where needed. The Clerk, M. P. Gore, read the recommendations voted upon during the General Board Meeting held at Shiloh Church on September 29, 1984. The voting body approved all items of the General Board's report. They were as follows:

1. Meeting Places for 1985:  
January 11 - 12 - Phillips Chapel Church (Evangelism Conference)  
April 13 - Union Hill Church  
July 13 - Tabernacle Church  
October 12 - Macedonia Church (Annual Session)
2. Pay Clerk same as last year; and that this item, along with item affecting Article 18, page 29, become part of the Constitution as adopted in October of 1983.
3. That we receive an offering during the annual session and in each quarterly meeting for associational expense.
4. That we give at least \$15.00 per church for the next three years toward the expense of entertaining the 1987 session of the National Association in Birmingham.
5. That Rev. Terrell Jones replace Rev. Raymond Tilley on the Credentials Committee.
6. That Waymon Fields be re-elected to the Home Missions Board.
7. That Vaudine Lancaster be re-elected to the Board of Christian Education.

8. That the Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings be given to the following churches: Phillips Chapel - December 30, 1984  
Tabernacle - March 31, 1985  
Shiloh - June 30, 1985  
Mount Zion - September 29, 1985

Nominated as officers were:

Moderator - Rev. Tony Latham  
Asst. Moderator - Rev. Larry Reynolds  
Clerk - Vaudine Lancaster  
Asst. Clerk - M. P. Gore

After the song "Sunlight" the roll call of ministers was given. "I Am Thinne O Lord" was followed by the offertory prayer by Rev. William Atkinson. An offering of \$152.05 was received for this session.

The 11:00 message was preached by Rev. Larry Reynolds stressing "Power In Our Churches" using Acts 11:22 - 26 as key verses. He quoted there are no great preachers - but preachers preaching about a GREAT GOD, who should leave a heritage of the pure word of God. Before dismissing for the lunch hour, the Moderator assigned delegates to committees, also as host pastor, he welcomed the body to a bountiful meal spread outside on the tables.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with congregation singing of "I Want To Be A Worker" Rev. Arlis Barksdale led in prayer, then a thank-you note was read from our missionary appointees to Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones. They expressed their appreciation for the offering given to them at the July session. Rev. G. P. Perkins had the devotional. His scripture was from John 3. He challenged Christians to make sure of their salvation in this time of turmoil in our sinful world. Committee reports were given. All reports were adopted with the committees retained until the next annual session.

### DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MOUNT MORIAH: Beth Rogers, Catherine Oglesby, Vaudine Lancaster

MACEDONIA: Lando McAdams, James Wharton, Frank Sims

SHILOH: Houston Latham, Ferman Porter, Ruth Free

TABERNACLE: Lewis Montgomery, MacArthur Walters



PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Glenn Bigham, Terry Sanford, Stanley Sanford

MOUNT ZION: James South, David Jones

UNION HILL: Bill Sudduth, Leon McKee, Luranee McKee

HOLMAN: None

SARDIS: Sonny Hudson, James Pearson

GLEN ECHO: Thelma Hill, Kate Fulgham

CAROLWOOD: Bennie Bardon, Millard Austin, Eulie Robertson

FIRST FWB REFORM: None

NORTHSIDE OF COLUMBUS: Bankston Edwards, Harold Mason, Larry Graham

### COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following committees who will be retained until the next annual session of the Association.

DEVOTION: Raiford Shepherd\*, Douglas Watson, Lando McAdams

EDUCATION, PUBLICATIONS & LITERATURE: Houston Latham\*, MacArthur Walters, Catherine Oglesby

SABBATH SCHOOL: Stanley Sanford\*, Lewis Montgomery, David Jones

CHILDREN'S HOME: Terry Sanford\*, Frank Sims, James Wharton

FINANCE: James South\*, Glenn Bigham, Millard Austin

TEMPERANCE: Eulie Robertson\*, Ferman Porter, Cecil Wheat

MORAL AND REFORM: Bill Sudduth\*, Wallace Lowery, Hugh Acker

DECEASED: Bennie Bardon\*, Marlin Burkhalter, Leon McKee

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION: Beth Rogers\*, Sue Plymon, Sherry Reynolds

\*Chairman

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### DEVOTION

We your committee, report as follows: We recommend that the devotions at the Quarterly meeting in January be given to the Home Mission speakers.

### HOME MISSION BOARD

We your committee, report as follows: We want to remind our churches of the "Church Growth and Evangelism Conference" which will be held at Phillips Chapel on January 11, 12, 1985. We ask that all pastors encourage their people to attend this worthy conference. We will have with us, Rev. John Gibbs, Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. Roy Thomas, and Trymon Messer.

Any church that would like to have either of these speakers in their church on Saturday night, Sunday morning or Sunday evening, please contact Rev. Ben Logan, Rt. 4, Box 161, Fayette, AL 35555. Please specify 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of speakers AND time. Your request must be received by November 1, 1984.

### SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee, report as follows: We believe we should set examples, first as parents, and as teachers and families. Sunday School should be something each member in each family takes seriously. What could be more important in life than teaching your family and your neighbors about the word of God?

We also suggest that each church consider where its Sunday School material comes from.

### DECEASED

We, your committee, report as follows:

MACEDONIA: Sister Myrtle Fields, Bro. Hiram Homan

SHILOH: Sister Mary Walters

PHILLIPS CHAPEL: Sister Ovie Turner, Sister Dicie Hallman,  
Bro. Rufus Traweek

MOUNT ZION: Sister Donna Harless, Sister Arlivia Cainfield



UNION HILL: Sister Bertha Mullins

HOLMAN: Sister Alberta Coleman, Bro. Bill Duren

SARDIS: Sister Minnie Skelton

GLEN ECHO: Bro. Gardner Cameron, Bro. Leo Harcrow

## MEMORIAL

to

### MRS. MYRTIE CRAWFORD

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above  
rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

Mrs. Myrtie Crawford - a loving helpmate, a caring mother, a capable housewife, a concerned friend. The previous titles would be adequate to describe most women; but, the main attribute that excelled above all others in the life of Mrs. Crawford was: she was a dedicated Christian.

As a minister's wife, she possessed the qualities given in the Scriptures. She was truly an example for younger women to emulate. She is probably best remembered for her kind, loving manner with those she was associated with at the churches she attended. When a meal was served at the church, she would bring enough delicious homecooked food to serve many people. Though she was hungry, you could be sure she would not eat until she saw that everyone around her was served.

God's house was to her a place of reverent worship and her delight was to go to God's house. It was very rare to see Bro. Crawford without the presence of his dear wife. Although she did not speak out in church, she was supportive of each Christian endeavor.

Mrs. Crawford believed in looking her best at church, and her attire attested to that. During the era when hats were stylish, she would be decked out in an outfit with a matching hat and accessories. She was always in good taste in her modest dress and manners.

She could also be described as a fragrant flower expelling her spiritual fragrance to the world around her. Not long ago this flower went back to the dust of Mother Nature; but, from the testimony of her life she is assured of a heavenly home that awaits her. She is now gone from her earthly friends, but we can acclaim of her as in the words of the poet: "The sweetest remembrance of the just shall flourish when she sleeps in dust."

So it is with the memory of Mrs. Myrtie Crawford.

## 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 home if possible. We also recommend that an offering be taken up for the Children's Home.

Bro. Waymon Fields, trustee, reported on the Children's Home, stating that we now have about 20 children. There has been no staff changes and Bro. Carlton Lambert still has not found an assistant to help him. He urged people to visit the Home and also take the children on home visits, for activities, and possibly buy clothing and other needed things for them. An offering of \$82.10 was received for the Children's Home.

## 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 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 abide 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.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This has been a wonderful year for us. The Lord richly blessed us in each phase of our work, especially the Youth Crusade conducted by Rev. Mickey Kirkland. Presently we hope to get Rev. Connie Cariker for our Spring Youth Crusade. Tentative plans are to schedule a Wednesday - Friday revival in April, with a Youth Rally on Saturday morning.

Because of much interest, plans are being made for a Youth Retreat sometime this year, which will be on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Congratulations to each youth who participated in local, state or national youth CTS competition. We had two churches who had national winners - from Macedonia, The Macedonia Quartet; and from Mount Zion, Misty Smith for her first place poem, "When I Meet My Mother."

We are truly grateful for the cooperation shown at our Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings. The attendance has averaged nearly 200 at each meeting with 10 of the 12 churches participating. We urge you to go back to your church and orally express our appreciation for us.

Your prayers and continued support are requested for the ensuing year.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association report as follows:

1. We recommend that Rev. Willard Pless be received into our fellowship on the basis of our examination and his letter of good standing from the Vernon Association.

2. We recommend to the body that the Northside Free Will Baptist Church be received into our fellowship as one of our sister churches on the basis of our examination and their approved request



by the majority of their members, and with the recommendation of their pastor, Rev. Roger Lucas, also into our fellowship.

3. Having received all the available information we find all the ministers in good standing except for those in violation of Article 17, 30: This is the sole basis for the following recommendation.

We recommend that our brother, Rev. Lewis Cooley, be dropped from the ordained ministers list.

4. We recommend that Rev. Patrick Creel and Rev. Jerry Montgomery be taken off our ordained ministers' list due to their moving to another association.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

"Enriched by Knowledge of Missions" was the theme of the 5th annual Mt. Moriah District Woman's Auxiliary meeting. The district meeting was hosted by The Aggie Fields Auxiliary of Macedonia F.W.B. Church. Sister Sue Plymon gave our devotional and Sister Janie Aldridge was the guest speaker for the day.

Carolwood F.W.B. Church Woman's Auxiliary joined our district. This brings a total of four churches composing our district auxiliary. The local and district auxiliaries of our Association continue to support our missionaries with special offerings throughout the year.

God has truly blessed our district work. We have doubled in size since our organization. Pray for our missionaries both foreign and home, and pray that God will strengthen all of us to better serve Him.

Respectfully,  
Delphia Brown  
District President

### RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee would like to thank the Shiloh Church for hosting the 134th session of the Mount Moriah Association. We express our appreciation to Bro. William Atkinson as host, and each one of the ladies for the delicious meal. The food and fellowship, as well as the messages, were wonderful. Again, thank you and may the Lord bless and keep you until we all meet again.

After the Credentials Committee report was read, a standing vote was given to accept Rev. Roger Lucas' church into our Association. The Moderator welcomed Northside FWB Church of Columbus, Miss., the pastor and members of this church who were given a Christian handshake by the Moderator and Clerk.

Special prayer was given by the entire body for our sick ministers and other loved ones. Tabernacle Church requested a memorial of Mrs. Myrtie Crawford be read and placed in the minutes. It was read by Vaudine Lancaster. The body voted to grant this request. The District Woman's Auxiliary report was read by Kathleen Connell.

Other business included:

\*That the Clerk be responsible for keeping an accurate account of the roll call of ministers. This record will be given to the Credentials Committee at the annual session.

\*The Mount Moriah Association recommends that our Moderator, Rev. William Atkinson be added to the General Board of the Alabama State Association.

\*Delegates were appointed for the State Association. They were: Pat Pless, Lewis Montgomery, Ruth Atkinson, Ruthie Mae Shepherd, Sue Plymon, Bill Sudduth, James South and Vaudine Lancaster.

\*The Moderator requested that people go back to individual churches and tell them about the insurance trust providing medical coverage for many of our pastors that recently went bankrupt, leaving them without needed medical assistance. The National Association is asking that we help these pastors with a gift, because they have no means of meeting these expenses, unless we help.

## MINISTERS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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### MACEDONIA

Larry Reynolds

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Willis Montgomery  
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**NORTHSIDE FWB**

Roger Lucas

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: A total of \$981.25 has been turned in for the Minute Fund, State and Mount Moriah Association dues.

CHURCH	Minutes Requested	Minute Fund, State Dues and Other
Mount Moriah	20	60.00
Macedonia	30	140.00
Shiloh	33	86.25
Tabernacle	50	82.50
Phillips Chapel	100	180.00
Mount Zion	30	97.50
Union Hill	20	60.00
Holman	15	40.00
Sardis	18	70.00
Glen Echo	15	40.00
Carolwood	25	76.25
First FWB Reform	12	40.00
Northside FWB of Columbus	15	63.75
	383	\$1,036.25

Minute Fund - \$1.25 x number of minutes requested

State Dues - \$20.00 per church

Other - \$15.00 per church - donation to State to help with expense of hosting National Association in 1987.

## JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL

Phillips Chapel hosted the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting in January. This was conducted by staff of the National Home Missions Department. Rev. William Atkinson gave the introduction and welcome. Music was conducted by Milford McAdams, with Steve McAdams in charge of special music by the Youth Choir. Mr. Trymon Messer presided over the Evangelism Conference on Revival and Church Growth. On this Friday night service Rev. Connie Cariker and Rev. Roy Thomas delivered great sermons inspired by God. At the close of the service refreshments were served.

### Saturday, January 7

Milford McAdams led the congregation in "Joy Unspeakable" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Mr. Trymon Messer presided and brought the 9:30 message. Rev. Roy Thomas brought the 11:00 message after which we were adjourned for lunch.

Rev. William Atkinson presided over the afternoon session. A check for \$900 was presented to the National Home Missions Department from our Association. The Devotion Committee, Resolutions and Appreciation Committee and the Credentials Committee read their reports. Rev. Roy Plymon gave an oral report for the Board of Christian Education. He stated that the Youth Revival is scheduled for April 9 - 13 with Rev. Mickey Kirkland, evangelist. Also, he urged the youth to be working toward the C.T.S. competition in May. Waymon Fields reported for the Home Mission Committee and thanked everyone for the fine meeting and for the work of the National Home Missions Department, the labors of our Home Mission Committee, the cooperation of the pastors, and for the music rendered. A roll call of the ministers was given by the Clerk, M. P. Gore. Rev. Connie Cariker concluded the day with a Church Growth Seminar on how to build up your local church.

## DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend for the April meeting that Rev. Arlie Lynn bring the 9:30 message; Rev. Mike Rogers bring the 11:00 message and Rev. Clyde Oswalt be his alternate; and for a short devotion in the afternoon Rev. Roger Lucas with Rev. Larry Reynolds as his alternate.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mount Moriah Association submit to you the following recommendations:

1. That Rev. Jerry Montgomery be granted a letter of good standing from our Association to the Vernon Association.
2. That Rev. Harvey Luke be granted a letter of good standing from our Association to the Vernon Association.

## RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to Phillips Chapel Church for hosting this Quarterly Meeting and Evangelism Conference. We would like to thank Rev. Roy Thomas and his National Home Missions staff for taking the time to come and spend this time with us. We would like to thank the ladies for the delicious meal. Thanks again to Phillips Chapel Church.

## **APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT FIRST FWB OF REFORM**

On April 7, 1984, the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Associational Quarterly Meeting was held at First FWB of Reform. Leon McAdams selected "Old Time Power" as the opening song. Prayer was led by the host pastor, Rev. Delbert Townsend. After another congregational song "When I See The Blood" the message was brought by Rev. Arlie Lynn. His scripture was taken from 1st Corinthians chapter 10, using the 5th verse - "But with many of them God was not well pleased."

The song "Are You Washed In The Blood" was sung. Next was the roll call of ministers. The voting body was seated. All churches were represented at this session. Myree Galloway was asked to replace Mrs. Lillie Mae Carpenter on the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee since Mrs. Carpenter is a member of the host church.

CHURCH	PASTOR Ex - Pastor	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist
MOUNT MORIAH	Michael Rogers Ex - Same	7,020.00	300.00
MACEDONIA	Larry Reynolds Ex - Same	14,050.00	660.00
SHILOH	William E. Atkinson Ex - Same	13,505.00	850.00
TABERNACLE	Arlis Barksdale Ex - Same	6,801.62	300.00
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Terrell Jones Ex - J. H. Tilley	13,247.54	583.63
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan Ex - Same	2,032.00	473.70
UNION HILL	Tony Latham Ex - Roy G. Plymon	8,450.00	658.00
HOLMAN	Raymond Tilley Ex - Same	2,455.00	225.00
SARDIS	Elsie Gilliam Ex - Tony Latham	5,300.00	1,100.00
GLEN ECHO	Donald Keasler Ex - Same	4,955.00	175.00
CAROLWOOD	Willard Pless Ex - Terrell Jones	7,800.00	426.00
FIRST FWB REFORM	Delbert Townsend Ex - Same	2,650.00	250.00
NORTHSIDE OF COLUMBUS	Roger Lucas Ex - Same	10,400.00	275.00
TOTALS		\$98,766.16	\$6,276.33



Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions	Paid Bible College	Baptized	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members
255.00	1,610.00	75.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	86
480.00	4,851.18	550.00	2	3	2	0	3	2	104
500.00	2,701.05	400.00	2	1	1	0	0	1	131
75.00	225.00	—	2	1	0	0	0	0	175
1,195.02	1,462.10	—	0	3	5	0	0	3	298
180.00	573.10	—	0	0	0	0	0	2	76
300.00	934.30	235.00	0	2	0	0	1	1	111
—	—	—	1	2	1	0	0	2	92
150.00	175.00	—	0	2	0	0	0	1	62
240.00	308.00	—	0	0	0	0	0	2	55
389.00	1,378.00	389.00	2	5	1	0	0	0	146
—	—	—	2	1	4	0	0	0	69
400.00	800.00	400.00	7	9	4	0	0	0	50
\$4,164.02	\$15,017.73	\$2,049.00	19	29	18	0	4	14	1,456



Two special guests recognized by the Moderator were Rev. Connie Cariker, Director of Evangelism for the National Home Missions Department. He stated that we have 60 Home Missionaries at present. The other guest, Rev. Rick Bowling, a native Alabamian, is a missionary appointee to Uruguay. He stressed the need of the world today is for people to come to Jesus Christ. After "Victory In Jesus," Rev. J. H. Tilley led in prayer.

The Body voted to make time on the program for Rev. Cariker and Rev. Bowling to preach. Bro. Cariker preached from 1st Corinthians, chapter 4; in which he stated the three judgments we have to deal with: 1 - Be found faithful. 2 - Other people's opinions (you can't judge yourself), and 3 - God's opinion. Bro. Bowling used for his scripture, I Corinthians 15, pointing out the realization of heaven, the realization of hell and the cross of Calvary. "I Want To Be A Worker" was then sung.

Before Rev. Roger Lucas brought the 11:00 message, Rev. Atkinson commended Bro. Lucas for his assistance during his years in our Association. He leaves to accept a pastorate at Northside Church in Columbus, Miss.

Bro. Lucas took his cripture from Psalm 16:11 and Acts 5:20, using for his topic, "The Path Of Life."

After lunch, Leon McAdams led the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises." Prayer was given by Rev. Lonnie Reed. After "Bringing In The Sheaves" a devotion was given by Rev. Michael Rogers. He used Jeremiah 8:20 for his scripture in which he brought out (1) the need for revival, (2) the grossness of sin, and (3) the soon return of Jesus. Rev. William Atkinson presided over the business session. Committee reports were read with Rev. Roy Plymon giving a verbal report for the Board of Christian Education. The business session was adjourned.

### DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Donald Keasler preach at 9:30 and that Rev. George Perri-gin be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Lavender preach at 11:00 and that Rev. William Atkinson be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. Jaimie Lancaster give a short devotion at 2:00 and that Rev. Dewey Thomas be his alternate.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists, recommend the following:

1. We recommend that Rev. Herbert Tilley be received into the fellowship of the Mount Moriah Association and placed on the ordained minister's list.
2. We recommend that a letter of good standing be granted from our Association to Rev. Roger Lucas to the Northeast Association of Mississippi.
3. We recommend that a letter of good standing be granted from our association to Rev. Patrick Creel to the Gulf Coast Association.

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We would like to thank the churches of the Association for supporting the Evangelism Conference at the January Quarterly Meeting.
2. We recommend the January, 1985 meeting be set aside for the same type conference on Friday night and Saturday; and that the Association make a decision on the matter at this meeting in order to give adequate time for planning.
3. We would like to encourage all churches in our Association to participate in a Missions Conference in 1985. If our churches choose to participate, we will assist in arranging the conference. Your request to participate will need to be turned in to us by the next Quarterly Meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to express our kindest thanks to Reform Free Will Baptist Church for hosting this session of the Mount Moriah Association. We thank each of the ladies for the delicious meal and fine fellowship. We feel each one here has been inspired by the good messages we have heard.

## JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT MACEDONIA

The Quarterly meeting was held July 7, 1984 at Macedonia Church. Leon McAdams led the opening song "Standing On The Promises." The Moderator, Rev. William Atkinson, called the meeting to order. Rev. Larry Reynolds, host pastor, led in prayer, followed by congregational singing "At Calvary". Rev. Donald Keasler brought the 9:30 message using Matthew 22:34 - 41. Next was the roll call of ministers. Rev. Fred Jones, pastor of Free Water Church of Guin, who is a missionary appointee to Mexico, made a talk.

During intermission, the General Board met and set a meeting of the Board for 2:00 p.m. on September 29 at Shiloh Church. The congregation sang "At The Cross" followed by prayer by Rev. Fred Jones, then another song "When I See The Blood."

Rev. J. L. Lavender brought the message from Romans 13:1 with his emphasis on "Let Every Soul Be Subject Unto The Higher Powers." The sermon was followed by "There Is Power In The Blood." Rev. Fred Jones then sang a solo "The Haven Of Rest." After prayer by Rev. William Atkinson, an offering of \$161.22 was received for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Jones toward their missionary expenses. Leon McAdams led the song "Joy Unspeakable" and "Amazing Grace."

At 1:00 p.m. the body convened with the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer was led by Rev. Roger Lucas, then another song was sung, "Count Your Blessings." The devotion was given by Rev. Jaimie Lancaster using scripture from Matthew 28:19. The committee reports were read, with Lando McAdams giving an oral report on the Board of Christian Education and Waymon Fields giving an oral report on the Childrens Home. All reports were accepted as read. "I Am Thine, O Lord" was sung while an offering was received to give to the Macedonia Quartet toward their expenses at the National Youth Conference to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas at the National Association in July. The meeting was closed with the benediction by Wilson Connell.

### DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Dewey Thomas preach at 9:30 and Rev. Arlis Barksdale be his alternate; Rev. Larry Reynolds preach at 11:00 and Rev. Tony Latham be his alternate. At 2:00, Rev. G. P. Perkins will bring a short devotion and Rev. Lonnie Reed will be his alternate.



## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We appreciate the support we have received from the Association during the past few years. We are pleased with the success of our Church Growth and Evangelism Conference; however we would like to improve in these conferences each year. We are open to any suggestions you may have for us to work together and help one another.

We recommend that each church participate in a Missionary Conference each year. We also recommend that our pastors lead in the effort to evangelize our own local church communities.

## RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to Macedonia Church for hosting this Quarterly Meeting of the Mount Moriah Association. We would like to express our appreciation to the ladies for the food that was prepared. The sermons were inspirational and challenged our hearts to live more dedicated lives for the Lord.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward.....	\$742.54
Deposit 4 - 21 - 84.....	612.66
Deposit 5 - 5 - 84.....	78.40
Deposit 7 - 29 - 84.....	41.59
Deposit 10 - 4 - 84.....	100.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,574.79</b>

### **Expenditures:**

Stamps and supplies.....	40.00
Hand bills (posters for revival).....	30.00
Rent for auditorium.....	45.00
Board for Evangelist (Bro. Kirkland).....	75.00
Paid Evangelist (Bro. Kirkland).....	500.00
Plaque for Bro. Roger Lucas.....	43.02

Radio Broadcast.....	225.00
Love offering for Bro. Kirkland.....	203.42
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,161.44</b>
<b>Balance on hand.....</b>	<b>\$413.35</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$728.29
(\$728.29 put in Money Market acct. on 2/14/84)	
Interest accumulated on \$728.29	29.79
Offering at Assoc. Mtg. at Shiloh	152.05
Offering for Children's Home	82.10
Assoc. Minute funds, State dues and other	1,036.25
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,028.48</b>

#### Expenditures:

State Associational dues (\$20 per church)	\$ 260.00
Contribution toward expense of '87 National at B'ham (\$15 per church)	195.00
Donation to Children's Home	82.10
Supplies (stamps, etc.)	22.00
Printing of minutes	489.90
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,049.00</b>
<b>Balance on Hand.....</b>	<b>\$ 979.48</b>



## DECEASED MINISTERS

Reverends: Ellis Gore, J. T. Nabors, W. W. Pool, J. S. Hinton, W. R. Latham, O. M. Archey, E. W. Harbin, T. V. Wheat, J. E. Mathis, W. R. Robertson, Thomas Malloy, W. J. Coward, W. B. Montgomery, Wood Springfield, W. F. Pool, J. D. Byars, J. M. Pinkerton, W. J. Harbin, J. M. Spencer, Amon Kelley, S. R. Lee, Clint Hallman, Monroe Hallman, J. E. Tilley, T. L. Walker, John Moore, N. M. Sanford, Murk Montgomery, T. A. Springfield, J. L. Lynn, Edgar Jones, W. L. Lynn.

## HISTORY OF CHURCHES

Church	Year Organized	Organized by
MOUNT MORIAH	1846	Rev. Ellis Gore
MACEDONIA	1847	Rev. Ellis Gore
SHILOH	1874	Rev. Ellis Gore Rev. Thomas Malloy
TABERNACLE	1875	Rev. Ellis Gore Rev. W.H. McGee
UNION	1891	Rev. Wood Springfield
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	1893	Rev. W.J. Harbin Rev. J. W. Moore Rev. C.J. Blake Rev. J.S. Hinton
MOUNT ZION	1902	Rev. W.J. Harbin Rev. W.B. Montgomery
UNION HILL	1908	Rev. Wood Springfield
HOLMAN	1912	Rev. Wood Springfield
SARDIS	1930	Rev. W. J. Harbin
GLEN ECHO	1936	Rev. T.L. Walker
FIRST FWB REFORM	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
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 & 3rd chapters; Eze. 33:13-18; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:6; I Cor. 10:12-22; I 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 Asso-



ciation, 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-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 en-



titled 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 matter 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. The Clerk shall be paid \$125.00 each year, plus expenses, incurred in carrying out his duties. Each church send each year to the annual session the sum of \$25.00 as associational funds.

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. It is expected that each church will send the necessary fee for representation in the State body.

### 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 11 - 12, 1985 - Phillips Chapel Church (Evangelism Conference)

April 13, 1985 - Union Hill Church

July 13, 1985 - Tabernacle Church

### ANNUAL MEETING

October 12, 1985 - Macedonia Church

### YOUTH MEETINGS

December 30, 1984 - Phillips Chapel Church

March 31, 1985 - Tabernacle Church

June 30, 1985 - Shiloh Church

September 29, 1985 - Mt. Zion Church

Tentative plans are to have Rev. Connie Cariker hold an Associational Youth Revival at the High School Auditorium in Reform in April, Wednesday through Friday with a Youth Rally on Saturday.

### GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 28, 1985 at Shiloh Church - 2:00 p.m.

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