

MINUTES
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Of The
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Convening for its 135th annual session the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists was hosted by Macedonia Church in Pickens County on October 12, 1985. Helen Sanford served as pianist and Leon McAdams as song leader. He led the opening song "At Calvary." Rev. J. L. Lavender prayed the opening prayer. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves." The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, gave his welcome remarks, then prayer, followed by the introductory sermon. His scripture taken from Revelation 3: 14 - 19 related that in this fast pace it is man who is changing, not God's Word. The invitational song "Just As I Am" was sung, then prayer by Rev. Larry Reynolds.

The Moderator recognized our visitors - Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, representing the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, TN and Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Kizzire of the State Mission Board and editor of our State Publication, The Alabama Digest.

The Credentials Committee gave the following report: "The Credentials Committee would like to bring a partial report to the Associational body having viewed all church letters of the Mt. Moriah Association we recommend their delegates be seated at this 135th annual session. Respectfully submitted this 12th day of October 1985." A short business session was conducted to seat the delegates and fill in absentees. Roll call of ministers was read by Rev. Larry Reynolds who asked special prayer for several who were absent because of illness.

The Moderator gave a report of the General Board's recommendations from their meeting held at Shiloh on September 28. All recommendations were approved as recorded by the votes. The following churches requested a meeting and were given one. Northside and Carolwood requested a meeting also, but letter was not received before the General Board meeting.

1. Quarterly Meetings: January 10,11 (Evangelism Conference)
 — Phillips Chapel
 April 12 - Mount Moriah
 July 12 - Sardis
 October 11 - (annual session) - Tabernacle
2. 5th Sunday Youth Meetings:
 December 29, 1985 - Phillips Chapel
 March 30 - Macedonia
 June 29 - Mount Moriah
 August 31 - Sardis
3. Jackie McAteer replaced Wilson Connell (term expires) on the Credentials Committee.
 Rev. Arlis Barksdale replace Rev. Tony Latham (term expires) on the Home Missions Board.
 Rev. Roger Lucas replace Lando McAdams (term expires) on the Board of Christian Education.
 Rev. Willard Pless replace Vaudine Lancaster (resigned) on the Board of Christian Education
4. The other issues - possiblity of a State Promotional Secretary and possibility of an Associational Missionary Conference were discussed later in the day

After a short intermission the congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. Roy Plymon brought the second message - asking the question "Where Is Joy Found?" He used Nehemiah 8: 10 which proves that our attitudes show our source of strength which should reflect "the joy of the Lord is my strength." Repeating the invitation song "Just As I Am" the morning session was concluded.

The host pastor, Rev. Larry Reynolds welcomed the body to the bountiful noon meal which was served outside in a beautiful autumn setting. He also gave the result of the voting body. Rev. G. P. Perkins asked permission to speak to give praise to God because of seeing him safely through surgery and permitting him to attend this session. He asked for prayers for his wife and him and especially for another chance to get to preach God's Word again. Rev. Dennis Kizzire gave the dismissal prayer at the noon hour and for the meal.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Committees met during the lunch hour and then convened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him." The devotional was given by Rev. Raymond Tilley who gleaned from the beautiful words

of John 14:15. Bro. Tilley emphasized the importance of obedience, loving the Lord, and keeping his commandments.

A general offering of \$108.90 was received. The offertory prayer was given by MacArthur Walters. Rev. Robert Crawford from the Free Will Baptist Bible College commended previous and present ministers who have dedicated their lives to the work of the Lord. He challenged us as an Association to become greater soul winners. He also reported a correspondence course is now available to fulltime ministers.

Committee reports were given. The Devotion Committee gave an oral report stating the Evangelism Conference will be using the National Home Missions team. Following the Deceased Committee report the song "God Will Take Care of You" was sung in remembrance of our deceased members. Rev. Roy Plymon, after giving the Board of Christian Education report, said Sue Plymon wishes to be taken off the Board because of her recent ill health. It was recommended to act on this at the next Quarterly Meeting. After the reading of the Credentials Committee report Rev. Elzie Gilliam led in prayer for the sick ministers and others for whom prayer was requested.

Rev. Dennis Kizzire spoke for the State Home Mission Board and the Alabama Digest. He was also asked to give some information concerning the possibility of Alabama Free Will Baptists getting a State Promotional Secretary. This matter will be taken up at the State Association. Waymon Fields offered motion to give positive support to getting a State Promotional Secretary. MSC.

Delegates appointed for the State Association were: Mrs. Lillie Mae Carpenter, Sherry Reynolds, Arlene Keasler, James South, Lewis Montgomery, Everleen Montgomery, and Vaudine Lancaster. The Association also recommended that our Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham be added to the General Board of the Alabama State Association. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Glory To His Name" and the benediction was given by Louis Tilley.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MOUNT MORIAH: Beth Rogers, Catherine Oglesby

MACEDONIA: Lando McAdams, Milford McAdams,
Harrison Sullivan

SHILOH: Albert Burkhalter, Wilson Connell

TABERNACLE: MacArthur Walters, Lewis Montgomery,
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UNION HILL: Leon McKee, Luranee McKee, Lottie Sudduth
HOLMAN: Jewel O'Hanlon, Ethel Wilburn, Grace Tilley
SARDIS: Jackie McAteer, Harrell Weekley, Leon Beams
GLEN ECHO: Thelma Hill, Reva Brown, Ora Lee Cameron
CAROLWOOD: Millard Austin
FIRST FWB REFORM: Jessie Lee Kelley, Lillie Mae Carpenter
NORTHSIDE: Jane Mason
FIRST FWB ETHELSVILLE: James Jackson, Rodney Moore,
Hobbie Tilley

COMMITTEES

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

DEVOTION: Lewis Montgomery*, Terry Sanford, Cecil Wheat
EDUCATION, PUBLICATION & LITERATURE: Reva Brown*,
Jane Mason, Albert Burkhalter, Leon Beams
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.: Lando McAdams*, Beth Rogers,
Ethel Wilburn, Jim Beard
CHILDREN'S HOME: Harrison Sullivan*, Debra Rogers, Grace Tilley
FINANCE: MacArthur Walters*, Jackie McAteer, David Jones,
Rodney Moore
TEMPERANCE: Milford McAdams*, Douglas Watson, Hobbie Tilley,
Harvey Harless, Millard Austin
MORAL AND REFORM: Leon McKee*, Harold Jones, Harold Week-
ley, Lottie Sudduth
DECEASED: Lillie Mae Carpenter*, James Jackson, Ora Lee Cameron,
Jessie Lee Kelley, Jewel O'Hanlon
RESOLUTIONS & APPRECIATION: Thelma Hill*, Catherine Oglesby,
Luranee McKee

*Chairman

*No matter what may be the test,
Lean, weary one, upon His breast
God will take care of you,
Through every day, O'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

These words were a living reality to Bro. Oswalt. God did take care of him, through every day, o'er all the way. . . even to the end of this life. But even greater joy awaits him as he goes to his Heavenly Father - who cares for His own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DEVOTION

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

HOME MISSION BOARD

We, your Home Missions Board, report as follows: We want to remind our churches of our "Church Growth and Evangelism Conference" to be held on Friday evening, January 10, and Saturday, January 11, 1986. We encourage all pastors to assist us in making this conference a success. Encourage all your members to attend. We will have back with us, Rev. Roy Thomas, Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. John Gibbs and Trymon Messer.

Any church wishing to have these men in your church on Sunday morning or evening after the conference, please contact Rev. Ben Logan, Rt. 4, Box 161, Fayette, AL 35555. Please specify 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of speakers AND preferred time. Your request will need to be received by November 15, 1985.

We would also like to know all churches who would like to have a "Missions Conference" in your church. If you would be interested, let us know and also which dates you would prefer. We would be glad to coordinate this with our National Foreign and Home Missions Departments. We also need information on this by November 15, 1985.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C. T. S.

We, the Sabbath School Committee, report as follows: We would like to make a suggestion that the name of this committee be changed to Sunday School and C.T.S. (Church Training Service) Committee.

Sunday School and C.T.S. should be a time of learning about God and His Word for each member. Because of this, we urge that careful consideration be given to the recruitment of teachers. The

DECEASED

We, your committee, report as follows:

Macedonia: Bro. James L. Fields, Bro. Ethel Fields, Sis. Faustine Hardin, Sis. Kitty Strawn

Shiloh: Bro. M.M. Koon, Bro. J. W. (Bill) Latham, Sis. Julia C. Connell, Sis. Ola S. Latham, Sis. Ellen Pugh

Tabernacle: Sis. Lily Montgomery Watkins

Phillips Chapel: Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Bro. Raiford Pennington

Mount Zion: Bro. Cecil Harless, Bro. Raymond Rodgers

Union Hill: Bro. Edd Perrigin, Bro. Earlie Robinson, Sis. Mamie Robinson, Sis. Essie Britt, Sis. Virgie Hollingsworth

Holman: Bro. Preach Wilburn, Bro. Elliott Gray, Sister Annie Laura Bonner

Sardis: Sis. Ruth Bell Robertson

First FWB Reform: Bro. Lawrence E. Carpenter

We request that a memorial to our deceased minister, Rev. Clyde Oswalt, be read by the Clerk and be placed in the minutes.

MEMORIAL TO REV. CLYDE OSWALT

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you. 1st Peter: 6 & 7

An humble servant, living under the mighty hand of God! This is so descriptive of Bro. Clyde Oswalt. He was a man who realized God had called him into His service and he wanted to let those about him know he depended solely on His guidance. Many years of his life were spent in the ministry and through this Godly life he preached the Word and also lived by the Word. His heart especially reached out to those who were less fortunate. His love and compassion were instrumental in reaching many for the Lord.

Bro. Oswalt's favorite song was "God Will Take Care Of You." And if he were here today I'm sure he would want to hear the beautiful words of consolation the song tells of:

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
Beneath His wings of love abide,
Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail
When dangers fierce your path assail,
All you may need He will provide,
Nothing you ask will be denied,*

Sunday School and C.T. S. teacher should be one of the most important examples of Christian living.

During the course of the coming year we would like to request that a workshop-type meeting be held in order to help church leaders and teachers become more effective. Capable leaders should be recruited for this workshop.

We urge that each church uphold Sunday School and C.T.S. that our members may become more knowledgeable workers for God.

As a point of information: All churches have Sunday School with a total enrollment of 692. Our average attendance is 42.

Eight churches have C.T.S. with a total enrollment of 263. The average attendance is 28.

Twelve of our churches have Mid-week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study with an average of 25 in attendance.

CHILDREN'S HOME

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that you support the Children's Home with your finances and prayers, and visit the Home, if possible.

We also recommend that an offering be taken for the Children's Home today and that each church give regular donations.

Bro. Waymon Fields reported on the Children's Home, stating that we have 16 children - 6 girls and 10 boys. There has been a staff change since we last met. Rev. Carlton Lambert has found a staff assistant to help him who is Asst. Supt., John Kruger, from Texas. Bro. Lambert urges that we visit the home and take the children on home visits and possibly buy clothing and other items for them.

MORALS AND REFORM

We, your committee, report as follows: As parents, we should set a Christian example for our children to follow. We must realize that the children of today will be the church of tomorrow. In this present time the world seemingly offers much to the child, but as parents we must offer more than the world can offer through family devotions, love, discipline, and patience. As parents we must not only teach our children the way they should go, but be a living example for them to follow.

TEMPERANCE

We realize that this is the wording from last year's committee but we feel the wording is excellent and so timely that it is worthy of repeating. We challenge everyone to read and adopt this in your personal lives.

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

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION & LITERATURE

We, your committee, report as follows: Christian Education is a vital part of home and church. We recommend this be done through church seminars on Sunday School and V.B.S. which will better equip teachers and leaders. This is also an excellent way to increase the spiritual outreach in the community.

We recommend FWB publications be available such as books, doctrinal writings and autobiographies written by FWB. This list should be displayed so members will be aware of it.

We recommend the use of FWB literature. Our printing house, Randall House Publications, has catalogs available and a toll free line (1-800-251-5762) which make them accessible at all times. Stress that teachers use good scriptural aids and most important-use the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ, as your guide for teaching.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thirty entries from Mt. Zion, Macedonia, Tabernacle, Phillips Chapel, Shiloh and First FWB Ethelsville churches brought a sense of humble pride to our Association in the CTS competition. Winning in the District Competition and competing at State were:

Bible Memorization - Tiffany Reynolds

Bible Sword Drill - Tina Jones (State Winner), Beverly Rogers,
Angela Rogers
Bible Tic Tac Toe - Mike Winters, Doris Ann Jones, Greg
Nelson and Misty Smith
Vocal Solo - Landy Plymon
Instrumental Solo - Amanda Lowery

Winners on the National level were:

Vocal Solo - Kristy McAdams - 1st
Chorale - Macedonia Chorale - #1 rating
Choir - Macedonia Choir - #1 rating
Instrumental Solo - Kristy McAdams - 1st
Creative Art (painting) - Doris Ann Jones - 1st
Creative Writing (poem) - Misty Smith - 1st
Vocal Ensemble (quartet) - Macedonia - 1st
(Steve McAdams, Tim Fields, Andy Mullins, Tammy
Pennington)

We end this year with a note of praise for the wonderful participation shown in our youth meetings, also for the great Youth crusade conducted by Rev. Rick Cash, and for the tremendous response of the Saturday Youth Rally. Without your cooperation this could not have succeeded.

Our gratitude to Rev. Mike Rogers and Rev. Roger Lucas for planning and coordinating the youth trip to Six Flags.

The Board of Christian Education on behalf of the entire Assoc. is very grateful to the 15 years Bro. Lando McAdams so faithfully gave in working with the youth of our Association. As inscribed on your plaque from us we say again to you, Bro. Lando - 'For your unwavering faith in our youth' we say thanks and God's continued blessings.

We recommend that the Association look into having a workshop sometime the next year so our Free Will Baptist adults and youth will be more enlightened in how to become better Christian workers.

Plans are already underway in securing an evangelist for our Youth Revival next Spring.

Our committee ends with a balance of \$342.06 in the treasury.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mt. Moriah FWB Association, report as follows:

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

We recommend that our Brother, Herbert Tilley, be dropped from the ordained ministers list.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Macedonia Church for hosting the 135th session of the Mt. Moriah Association. We express our appreciation to Rev. Larry Reynolds 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

We move to give \$100 to the Children's Home at Eldridge out of the general fund of the Mt. Moriah Association.

We move to give the Free Will Baptist Bible College \$100 out of the general fund of the Mt. Moriah Association.

For point of information, we received a total of \$1,218.75 for the Minute Fund, State and Mount Moriah Association dues and for the National Association in 1987.

We would like to give the Home Mission Board's financial report (posted in minutes).

Church Clerks can use the following as a guide as to the amount to send with their Associational letter:

Minute Fund - \$1.25 x number of minutes requested

Associational Fund - \$25 per church

State Dues - \$20 per church

Other - \$15 per church - donation to State Assoc. to help with expense of hosting National Assoc. in B'ham in 1987.

CHURCH	MINUTES REQUESTED	AMOUNT SENT
Mount Moriah	20	\$85.00
Macedonia	30	97.50
Shiloh	33	101.25
Tabernacle	50	122.50
Phillips Chapel	100	185.00
Mount Zion	30	97.50
Union Hill	25	91.25

Holman	15	53.75
Sardis	20	70.00
Glen Echo	15	78.75
Carolwood	16	60.00
First FWB Reform	10	87.50
Northside	15	63.75
First FWB Ethelsville	20	25.00
TOTALS	<u>399</u>	<u>\$1,218.75</u>

FINANCIAL REPORTS

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Balance brought forward.	\$ 413.35
Total deposits for year.	<u>2,224.22</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,637.57
Expenditures:	
Jaimie Lancaster (Summer Missionary).	\$100.00
Valentine Banquet.	28.99
Youth Revival.	658.09
C.T.S. Competition.	571.22
Six Flags trip.	895.00
Gift to Sulligent Youth Group (Sept.).	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,303.30
Balance on hand.	\$334.27

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Balance brought forward.	\$ 45.46
Received during year.	<u>1,349.43</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,394.89

Disbursements:	
Gift to National Home Missions.	\$1,200.00
Alabama Digest (State FWB newspaper)	25.00
Catalina Inn.	120.64
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Total Expenditures	\$1,345.64
Balance remaining.	\$49.25

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY

Balance brought forward.	\$ 979.48
Year to date interest accumulated	44.65
Offerings received at Quarterly Meetings	362.44
Phillips Chapel - \$56.37	
Union Hill - \$76.48	
Tabernacle - \$120.69	
Macedonia - \$108.90	
Association funds, minute funds, State dues, Nat. '87.	\$1,218.75
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Total Receipts	\$2,605.32

Expenditures:	
State Association dues (\$20 per church).	\$ 280.00
Contribution to '87 Nat. (\$15 per church)	210.00
Donation to Eldridge Children's Home.	100.00
Donation to FWB Bible College	101.00
Clerk's Services.	125.00
Supplies (stamps, printing, etc.).	27.00
Printing of Minutes.	500.55
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Total Expenditures	\$1,343.55
Balance on hand.	\$1,261.77

MINISTERS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Mount Moriah: Michael Rogers
Jaimie Lancaster

Macedonia: Larry Reynolds
 Shiloh: William E. Atkinson
 J. L. Lavender
 Holman: Raymond Tilley
 Sardis: Elzie Gilliam
 Carolwood: Willard Pless
 Dewey Thomas
 Mount Zion: Delbert Townsend
 Lonnie Reed
 Union Hill: Tony Latham
 Donald Keasler
 G. P. Perkins
 George Perrigin
 Tabernacle: Arlis Barksdale
 W. E. Adams
 Henry Crawford
 Phillips Chapel: Terrell Jones
 Ben Logan
 Arlie Lynn
 Albert Montgomery
 Willis Montgomery
 Northside FWB: Roger Lucas
 First FWB Ethelsville: Roy G. Plymon
 Todd Nevins

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, Clyde Oswalt

CHURCH	PASTOR Ex-Pastor	Paid Pastor	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions F- Foreign H- Home
MOUNT MORIAH	Michael Rogers	\$ 7,020.00 plus house & utilities	\$ 180.00	F- 723.00 H-1,126.00
MACEDONIA	Larry Reynolds	\$14,990.00	480.00	F-2,214.84 H-1,328.30
SHILOH	Ex-William Atkinson	\$13,140.00	500.00	F-1,185.00 H-1,729.00
TABERNACLE	Arlis Barksdale	\$ 8,113.19	300.00	—
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Terrell Jones	\$16,320.16	2,291.31	2,663.48
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	\$ 2,000.85	180.00	F- 222.00 H- 332.00
UNION HILL	Tony Latham	\$ 8,150.00	325.00	F-1,124.73 H- 507.60
HOLMAN	Raymond Tilley	\$ 2,395.00	-----	—
SARDIS	Elsie Gilliam	\$ 7,500.00	150.00	—
GLEN ECHO	Donald Keasler	\$ 5,240.00	204.00	306.00
CAROLWOOD	Willard Pless	\$ 7,150.00	497.21	F- 366.31 H- 489.31
FIRST FWB REFORM	Lonnie Reed Ex-Delbert Townsend	\$ 2,830.00	-----	58.00
NORTHSIDE	Roger Lucas	\$10,400.00	-----	F- 325.00 H- 325.00
FIRST FWB ETHELSTVILLE	Roy C. Plymon	\$10,075.00	321.10	F- 822.18
TOTALS		\$115,324.20	\$5,464.20	\$15,840.80

H-Home	Paid Bible College	Sunday School		C.T.S.		Prayer Meeting Attendance	Baptized	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Deceased	Total Membership
		Enrlmt.	Av. Atn.	Enrlmt.	Av. Atn.						
3.00 6.00	\$ 80.00	40	35	25	20	10	0	0	1	0	86
4.84 8.30	600.00	120	102	60	45	30	6	10	1	4	123
5.00 9.00	400.00	50	38	27	23	15	0	0	1	5	126
	—	46	42	—	—	25	1	2	6	1	171
3.48	60.00	87	75	—	—	50	7	3	5	2	305
2.00 2.00	—	22	22	8	8	—	0	0	0	2	74
4.73 7.67	186.37	66	58	38	38	20	0	6	5	5	107
	—	29	20	—	—	—	2	0	0	3	93
	—	27	25	—	—	40	4	6	7	1	82
6.00	—	35	30	30	28	18	0	0	0	0	55
0.31 9.31	320.32	35	32	—	—	25	3	2	5	0	146
8.00	—	35	30	25	20	15	0	0	0	1	68
5.00 5.00	—	35	27	—	—	10	3	4	0	0	60
2.18	—	65	55	50	45	38	0	7	0	0	62
40.82	\$1,646.68	692	591	263	227	296	26	40	31	24	1,558

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
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	1893	Rev. W. J. Harbin Rev. J. W. Moore Rev. C. J. Blake Rev. J. S. Hinton
FIRST FWB ETHELSVILLE	1902	Rev. Wood Springfield
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
NORTHSIDE	1958	Rev. M. L. Hollis

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING AT PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH

A giant banner displayed across the altar area, with the comm- and "GO FORWARD" and the opening song "Onward Christian Soldiers" was the beginning of the third Church Growth and Evangelism Conference held at Phillips Chapel. The four man team from the National Home Missions Board in Nashville, Tenn. brought a series of messages emphasizing our need for evangelizing the people around us which in turn would result in church growth.

Rev. Tony Latham, Moderator, gave the welcome and recognized visitors from other associations which included people from Piney Grove, Belk, Fayette, Windham Springs and Northport Churches. Rev. John Gibbs sang three specials - "Sweet Hallelujah," "Zacchaeus" and

"Thanks to Calvary." Bro. Trymon Messer, a layman known as the Master Soul Winner, brought the first message from II Timothy 4 on how to do the work of an evangelist. The offering for missions was received with Rev. Rick Cash, pastor of First FWB of Fayette giving the offertory prayer.

Rev. Connie Cariker presented two churches - Tabernacle and Phillips Chapel - with a set of New testament tapes for having over 30 people from their church in the service. Rev. John Gibbs sang a solo "Hallelujah Square." Rev. Roy Thomas brought the closing message "Personal Soul Winner" using scripture from Acts 8:26, pointing out that we can't win the lost to Christ unless we are saved.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship followed in the basement of the church.

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The opening song was led by Rev. Gibbs "We're Marching To Zion." Prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Pastor of Cooper FWB Church. Rev. Gibbs sang "Look For Me" and "That Will Be A Happy Day." Rev. Connie Cariker preached the first sermon using Luke 11:1 - 13. He gave an alarming statistic that it takes about \$10,000 to get one adult saved.

Rev. John Gibbs led the congregation in "Higher Ground." Prayer was led by Rev. Larry Reynolds. Waymon Fields of the Home Mission Board gave comments concerning the work of our Evangelism team, followed by an offering for them. Prayer was led by Rev. Tony Latham.

The 11:00 message was rendered by Rev. Roy Thomas. His topic was "The Twelve Gates" reading from Revelation 21:9 - 27, with verse 13 as his key verse. He used several biblical examples of the number twelve. The invitational song "Must I Go?" was led by Rev. Gibbs.

Rev. Tony Latham presided over the business session and committee reports were given. The roll call of ministers was called by Rev. Larry Reynolds. The roll call of churches was given. The general offering was \$56.37.

The opening song for the afternoon session "Lord, Give Me A Double Portion" was led by Raiford Galloway. Prayer was led by Rev. Albert Montgomery. Guests were recognized from Liberty, Cedar Grove, Carbon Hill, Dovertown and also Rev. James Walden, Home Missionary in Alabaster.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to Phillips Chapel for again hosting the conference. Rev. Connie Cariker gave information on Roll Call Sunday.

Bro. Trymon Messer gave the final sermon using Acts 1:8 on "A Soul Winning Ministry." He had survey sheets to be used in our local churches as an aid in soul winning. "When We All Get To Heaven" was led by Bro. Galloway. Rev. Roy Plymon led the dismissal prayer.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, would like to thank all who helped to make our Evangelism Conference a success. We certainly appreciate your cooperation and your prayers.

We would like for all our churches to participate in a Sunday School growth campaign during the month of March 1985, to climax with a special effort on March 31 to have a 15% increase over last year's attendance. We request that your churches report to us your attendance and we will make the report to the National Home Missions Board of your attendance on "Roll Call" Sunday, March 31.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Roy Plymon gave an oral report concerning the following:

A fellowship banquet for the youth in February possibly at Charley's Restaurant in Millport.

An update on the Spring Youth Crusade. Rev. Rick Cash will be the evangelist.

Requested each church to submit the Youth Worker, address and phone number to Vaudine Lancaster.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that the following preach at the designated time:

9:30 a.m. - Rev. Willard Pless

Alternate: Rev. Terrell Jones

11:00 a.m. - Rev. William Atkinson

Alternate: Rev. Roy Plymon

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Ben Logan

Alternate: Rev. Larry Reynolds

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee, would like to express our appreciation to the members of Phillips Chapel Church for hosting this Evangelism Conference and Quarterly Meeting. We would also like to express our thanks to Rev. Roy Thomas, Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. John Gibbs and Bro. Trymon Messer for their messages and the encouragement of spiritual uplifting to "Go Forward" in 1985.

Thanks to the ladies for the meals and refreshments, also to Rev. Terrell Jones. Again, thanks to all!!

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT UNION HILL CHURCH

The Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association Quarterly Meeting was held on April 13, 1985 at Union Hill Church. The opening song "At Calvary" and the congregation songs throughout the day were led by Leon McAdams. After prayer, Rev. Willard Pless brought the sermon "Charge To Evangelize" with scripture from II Timothy 4:5. He stressed the need for preaching the true Word. The song "Have Thine Own Way" was sung during the altar call. Prayer was led by Rev. Tony Latham. The roll call of churches and ministers was read. Before a short intermission, prayer was led by Rev. Larry Reynolds.

The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," followed by prayer by Jackie McAteer. Rev. Roy Plymon gave plans relating to the Area Wide Youth Revival. Jaimie Lancaster expressed his gratitude for the generous giving of the Association toward the expenses of his trip to Japan as a Summer Missionary. He requested the amount received above his expenses to be given to other Summer Missionaries who are unable to raise their requested amount or to Dr. Ken Eagleton who is planning to go to the Ivory Coast as a doctor and desperately needs finances to enable him to go.

Prior to the 11:00 sermon the congregation sang "Jesus Saves." Rev. William Atkinson brought the message - "The Evangelization of the World." He used scripture from Matthew 28:16, Matthew 24:14, Acts 1:8 and Luke 19:13. He stressed the need to mobilize our Christian army and stay busy; and that the need of the hour is intercessory prayer. After the sermon, the song "Rescue The Perishing" was sung.

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight," followed by "Sunlight." Rev. Terrell Jones led in prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, presided over the business session. Delegates were seated. Reports were given by the following committees: Devotion, Home Mission, Credentials, Board of Christian Education, and Resolutions and Appreciation. On the Home Mission Committee, Waymon Fields brought before the body, as per Jaimie's request, to send the money raised by him, above the \$3,000, to Dr. Ken Eagleton. This was voted on and approved. Rev. Roy Plymon of the Board of Christian Education stated the price of the bus ride and ticket to Six Flags will be about \$27.00. He discussed all aspects of the trip and June 21 was stated as a possible date since this would not conflict with any revivals. Rev. Larry Reynolds gave an oral report on the Credentials Committee. The report given on Roll Call Sunday was the following:

13 Association Churches:	1,754
Ethelsville Church	67
Total Attendance	<u>1,821</u>

The congregation sang "Tell It To Jesus." Prayer was led by Rev. G. P. Perkins. Rev. Ben Logan brought the afternoon devotion using scripture from Psalm 23 and II Cor. 4:1-11. He told of the importance of Godly living and separation. "Trust and Obey" was sung at the close of the devotion. Douglas Watson led the closing prayer.

The offering received for the day was \$76.48.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Arlis Barksdale preach at 9:30 and Rev. Albert Montgomery be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. Terrell Jones preach at 11:00 and that Rev. Delbert Townsend be his alternate. We recommend that Rev. George Perrigin give a short devotion at 2:00 and Rev. Roy Plymon be his alternate.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We would like to express our appreciation to all our churches for their support of our Church Growth and Evangelism Conference at the January Quarterly meeting.

2. We recommend that the January Quarterly Meeting in January 1986 be set aside for another conference to be held on Friday night and Saturday January 10 and 11.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mt. Moriah Association, having met on July 13, 1985 at the Tabernacle FWB Church recommend to the body the following:

1. Having met with Rev. Elzie Gilliam, pastor of Sardis FWB and finding him in good standing with the Progressive Association, we recommend he be received into our fellowship. (point of information for reason of clarification - unintentional oversight committed at our last annual session while convening at Shiloh.)

2. Having met with Rev. Roy G. Plymon, with the deacons and the delegates from the First FWB of Ethelsville, we recommend to the body that their church be received into our fellowship with our full appreciation.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend the following preachers and alternates:

9:30 a.m. - Rev. Tony Latham

Alternate: Rev. J. L. Lavender

11:30 a.m. - Rev. Roy G. Plymon

Alternate: Rev. William E. Atkinson

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Raymond Tilley

Alternate: Rev. Lonnie Reed

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Oral report given by Rev. Roy Plymon.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, the Resolution and Appreciation Committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to the people of Tabernacle FWB Church for hosting this session of the Mt. Moriah Association. Our thanks are given to the speakers for their inspirational messages and to the ladies of the church for preparing meals.

May the Lord bless and keep each one until we all meet again.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We urge each person to pray and participate in our Area Wide Youth Revival with Rev. Rick Cash as the evangelist. Our theme is Holiness Unto The Lord. Let's make this our greatest spiritual awakening in our Association.

We want to commend the Adult Youth Leaders who are working with the youth of their church and for their support and participation in our youth activities.

We recommend that the Youth Leaders be elected by the church at the end of the Associational year and their name, address and phone number be sent in with the letter to the Association to be placed in the minutes.

The dates of the District CTS Competition is May 11 at Shiloh at 2:00 p.m. April 28 is deadline for registration date. The state competition is at Forestdale Church in B'ham on May 31 and June 1.

Bro. Roger Lucas and Bro. Mike Rogers met with us and discussed the possibility of a chartered bus tour for the youth of our Association to Six Flags. They would coordinate the plans and get adequate Christian chaperones. We will need to get the voice of the body on this.

The voting body approved the trip to Six Flags.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

We, your committee, report as follows: We would like to thank the Union Hill Church for hosting our April Quarterly Meeting. Your hospitality has been warm and sweet. The food was delicious. We would like to share that we are appreciative of the spiritual food received also.

Bro. Pless, Bro. Atkinson, we say thanks for your charge of evangelism at home and abroad!

And I pray we would now be doers of the Word to accomplish that charge in our everyday lives.

Thank you Mount Moriah Association for your togetherness and love shown in this meeting.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING AT TABERNACLE CHURCH

On July 13, 1985, the Mount Moriah Associational Quarterly Meeting convened with Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Lando McAdams led the opening song with Sue Plymon at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Lavender. The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, gave a call to worship God. The first message was

brought by Rev. Arlis Barksdale who used his topic scripture from Proverbs 29:18 - Where There Is No Vision. . . The invitational song was "Where He Leads Me."

The roll call of ministers was read by Rev. Larry Reynolds. Prayer was given by Lewis Montgomery, followed by the congregation song "He Is Able To Deliver Thee." Prayer was given by Clifton Walters. Next, the roll call of churches was given. Two songs were sung by the congregation - "When We All Get To Heaven" and "Count Your Blessings." Several people took part in an inspirational testimony service. An offering was received with Rev. Elzie Gilliam giving the offertory prayer. The song "Tell It To Jesus" was then sung.

The second message was preached by Rev. Terrell Jones who used Ephesians 5:22-33. He used the comparison of a marriage and our relationship concerning the church, stating that Christ will never leave us - the bond can only be broken on one side. The invitational song "Just As I Am" was sung.

Before we were dismissed for lunch, information concerning the Missionary Conference was given. Prayer was requested for our President - Ronald Reagan. The blessing on the food was given by Rev. Roy Plymon.

The afternoon session began with the song "I'll Fly Away" led by MacArthur Walter. Prayer was led by Rev. William Atkinson. A general offering of \$120.69 was received. The congregation sang "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Rev. George Perrigin brought the afternoon devotion from Mark 5: 18 & 19 using "Need For A Testimony" as his theme. He stressed the words "go home to thy friends and tell them." "Softly and Tenderly" was sung as the song of invitation.

The business session was opened by the Moderator. Reports were given as listed. The song "Jesus Hold My Hand" was sung and a Christian handshake was given to First FWB Church of Ethelsville and Rev. Elzie Gilliam as they became a part of our Association. A report on Jaimie Lancaster, who is in Japan as a Summer Missionary, was given by his mother. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Raymond Tilley.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ART. 1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, self existent Creator of all things and revealed under the personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distant but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

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

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

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

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

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

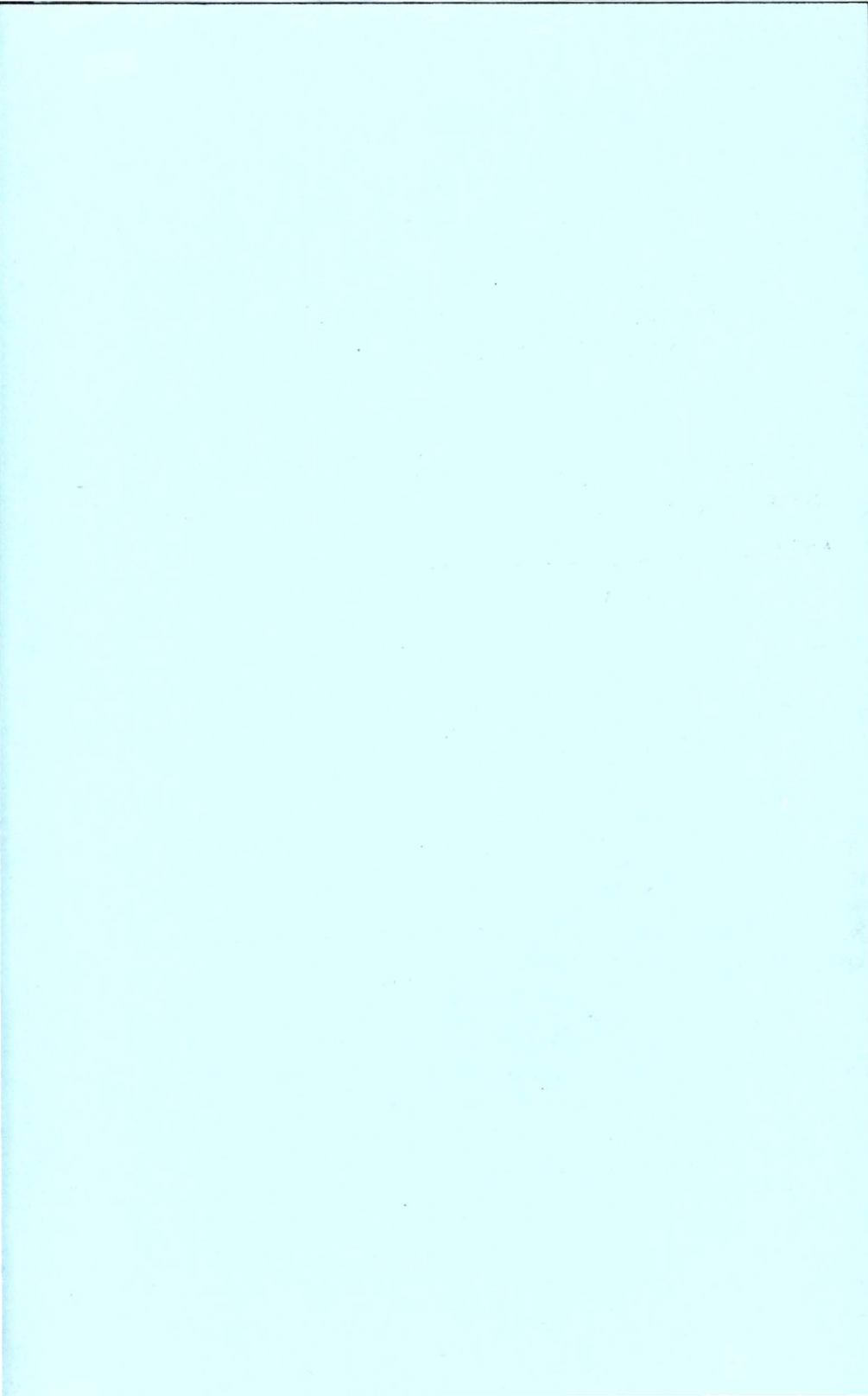
We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the 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.

NOTES





IMPORTANT DATES FOR COMING YEAR

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 10, 11 - Phillips Chapel Church (Evangelism Conference)

April 12 - Mount Moriah Church

July 12 - Sardis Church

ANNUAL MEETING

October 11 - Tabernacle Church

YOUTH MEETINGS

December 29, 1985 - Phillips Chapel Church

March 30, 1986 - Macedonia Church

June 29, 1986 - Mount Moriah Church

August 31, 1986 - Sardis Church

ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH REVIVAL

Plans have been confirmed to have Rev. Richard Adams from Elizabethton, Tennessee as the evangelist. The revival will begin April 16 - 19 with a Youth Rally on Saturday morning.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 27, 1986 at Shiloh Church - 2:00 P.M.