

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred and Thirty-Sixth
Annual Session
Of The
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With
TABERNACLE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tuscaloosa, County, Alabama
OCTOBER 11, 1986

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"Joy Unspeakable" was sung to open the one hundred and thirty-sixth session of the Mount Moriah Association on October 11, 1986, held at Tabernacle Church. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Mike Rogers. Congregational singing of "I Would Not Be Denied" was led by Milford McAdams with Helen Lucas at the piano, who filled these positions throughout the day.

The welcome was given by the Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, who introduced our first speaker, Rev. Jerry Montgomery. Bro. Montgomery asked that Lewis Montgomery lead in prayer. Bro. Jerry Montgomery then read his scripture - the 23rd chapter of Joshua. He compared today's preaching to that of Joshua's era, our past blessings, future blessings, and our responsibility to God. His emphasis was that any good in our Association comes from God - not man. The invitational songs "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "Where the Soul Never Dies" were sung, then prayer was given by Rev. Roy Plymon preceding the intermission.

"Power In The Blood" was sung, followed by introducing our special guest, Rev. Richard L. Hendrix, our new Alabama missionary. He spoke on the possibility of locating and starting a mission church in Mobile or Huntsville.

The business session of the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. The roll call of ministers was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. Next the delegates were seated and alternates were filled in where needed. Rev. Tony Latham, Moderator, then had

forms passed out to the delegates of the proceedings and recommendations made at the General Board meeting held at Shiloh on September 27, 1986. The Clerk had not printed enough copies to be given to all delegates and this caused a lengthy discussion on which would be the best procedure to follow. Since everyone did not have a list of the names recommended for the open positions, it was agreed that we would vote by acclamation.

The following are the recommendations made by the General Board at their meeting on September 27. These were accepted by the delegated body by voting for each item separately and by acclamation instead of using the forms prepared for this.

Moderator: Rev. Larry Reynolds

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Terrell Jones

Clerk: Vaudine Lancaster

Assistant Clerk: Sue Plymon

Credentials Committee: Rev. Donald Keasler

Board of Christian Education: Rev. Roy Plymon

Home Mission Committee: Douglas Watson

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 9 & 10, 1987 - Phillips Chapel

April 11, 1987 - 1st FWB Ethelsville

July 11, 1987 - Glen Echo

October 10, 1987 - Carolwood

YOUTH MEETINGS

November 30, 1986 - Eastside

March 29, 1987 - Tabernacle

May 31, 1987 - Union Hill

August 30, 1987 - Shiloh

The second sermon was preached by Rev. Larry Reynolds. He prefaced his message by showing a 1902 minute and mentioned it recommended having a fulltime evangelist and would pay him \$1.50 a day for his services. Bro. Reynolds preached from 2 Peter 1:1 using his subject "When Faith Is Precious." He emphasized we must hold standards true to God. God has power to hold us but we must be

steadfast unto the end. He closed with a poem about Jesus is still saving and keeping men whole. The song "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" was sung. Rev. Arlis Barksdale, host pastor, invited the congregation to eat and fellowship with them during the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation assembled for the afternoon service by singing "Just Over In The Gloryland," followed by prayer by Rev. Pat Creel. The Finance Committee served as ushers for the General Offering. The offertory prayer was given by Lando McAdams. The devotion was rendered by Rev. Donald Keasler, reading his scripture from Joshua 7:2-6. Entitled "God's Plan," he stressed we must follow Him, have courage, don't accept defeat, get sin out of the camp, then God will give us victory. His closing remarks were that nothing is more precious and priceless than souls being saved.

Rev. William Atkinson, chairman for the northern half of Alabama, gave his report on the ADVANCE program, stating some of the funds had already been used to benefit the missionaries in Uruguay.

The offering for the General Fund treasury was \$145.05.

The offering for the Children's Home was \$91.99.

The song "Precious Memories" was sung in memory of our loved ones.

Special recognition was given our youth who participated in the CTS competition on district, state or national levels. They were commended and gratitude was expressed to all youth who make up our Association.

Rev. Larry Reynolds gave a report on the proposed cost of a Youth Camp. Rev. and Mrs. George Perrigin had the deed to be signed if our Association feels it is feasible to build a youth camp (they were donating 20 acres of land near Macedonia Church). It was voted by the body to discuss this in the individual churches and come back and make the decision at the January Quarterly meeting.

Sue Plymon gave the annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Rev. Larry Reynolds, Moderator, presented a plaque from the Credentials Committee to the outgoing Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, for the excellent job he did while he served as Moderator.

Bro. Latham and Bro. Creel (who rejoined our Association) were asked to come front for a handshake by the congregation. The song "I'm Not Ashamed" was led by Lando McAdams.

Bro. Reynolds requested our Assistant Moderator, Rev. Terrell Jones, be our General Board member at the State Association. Also, delegates would be selected from those who attended the State Association.

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

MOUNT MORIAH:	Beth Rogers, Cherry Alice Plymon, Catherine Oglesby
MACEDONIA:	Lando McAdams, Milford McAdams, Frank Sims
SHILOH:	Albert Burkhalter, Wilith Cook, Houston Latham
TABERNACLE:	Lewis Montgomery, Cecil Wheat, Curtis Snow
PHILLIPS CHAPEL:	Terry Sanford, Milton Bailey, Everett Bryant
MT. ZION:	James South, Thurman Baggett, David Jones
UNION HILL:	Leon McKee, Lottie Sudduth, Bill Sudduth
HOLMAN:	Jimmy Oden, Jewel O'Hanlon
SARDIS:	Harold Weekly, Robert Malone
GLEN ECHO:	Reva Brown, Ora Lee Camerson, David Fulgham
CAROLWOOD:	Joe Taylor, Millard Austin
1ST FWB REFORM:	Lillie Mae Carpenter, Daisy Junkin, Julia Klostermann
1ST FWB ETHELSVILLE:	James Jackson, Rodney Moore, Hobbie Tilley
EASTSIDE:	George McJenkins, Mary South

COMMITTEES

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

DEVOTION:	Milford McAdams*, Louis Tilley, Glenn Bigham
EDUCATION, PUBLICATION & LITERATURE:	Frank Sims*, Curtis Snow, Robert Malone, Everett Bryant

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND

C. T. S.:

Lewis Montgomery*, Albert
Burkhalter, Milton Bailey, Reva Brown, Jewel
O'Hanlon

CHILDREN'S HOME: Wilith Cook*, Leon McKee, Lillie Mae
Carpenter, James Jackson

FINANCE: Lando McAdams*, Hobbie Tilley, Bill Sudduth,
Terry Sanford, Millard Austin

TEMPERANCE: Beth Rogers*, David Jones, Houston Latham,
Rodney Moore, Harold Weekly

MORAL AND REFORM: Cecil Wheat*, Catherine Oglesby,
Jimmy Oden, Thurman Baggett,
Joe Taylor

DECEASED: James South*, Mary South, David Fulgham,
Ora Lee Cameron

RESOLUTIONS & APPRECIATION: Cherry Alice Plymon*,
George McJenkins, Julia Klostermann, Lottie
Sudduth, Daisy Junkin

* - Chairman

This session of our association was closed by Rev. Albert Montgomery leading the benedictory prayer.

The following are the committee reports given during the business session. All reports were approved as read and committees retained until the next annual session.

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 our Church Growth and Evangelism Conference to be held on Friday evening, January 9 and Saturday, January 10, 1987. We are looking forward to seeing the home mission team again this year. We solicit your support.

We need for each church that wants a speaker for Sunday morning or evening service to send their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of service. Please contact Rev. Ben Logan, Rt. 4, Box 161, Fayette, AL 35555. These requests need to be in by November 15.

We need to know if any of our churches want to be included in the Missionary Conference. We also need this information by October 30, 1986.

Sunday School and C. T. S.

We, your Sunday School and C. T. S. Committee, report as follows:

Sunday School and C. T. S. should be a time of learning about GOD and His Word for each member, especially for the young. We urge that all Sunday School and C. T. S. members read and study the lessons.

We urge that careful consideration be given to the recruitment of teachers. The Sunday School and CTS teacher should be one of the most important examples of Christian living.

As a point of information: All 14 churches have Sunday School with a total enrollment of 726. The average attendance is 43.

Nine churches have C. T. S. with a total enrollment of 295. The average attendance is 27.

Twelve of our churches have Mid-week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study with an average of 28 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. (An offering of \$91.99 was received).

Bro. Levy Corey has taken over for Bro. Carlton Lambert, who resigned after several years of good leadership.

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 would go, but be a living example for them to follow.

Temperance

We, the Temperance Committee, report as follows: We as Christians see the need to live a holy and righteous life. We should abstain from all appearance of evil and follow the code of conduct outlined in the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. We will hold for the examples of our Lord as we labor for the promotion of our denomination.

Education, Publication and Literature

We, the committee, recommend the Holy Bible as the primary guide to Christian Education and Literature in Sunday School and church worship. Also, VBS is necessary for teaching and getting our young people interested. The basis for Christianity begins in the home first.

We recommend that you use any Free Will Baptist literature that goes along with the guidelines of the Holy Bible.

Deceased

We, your committee, report as follows:

Mount Moriah.....	Sister Evie Hall
Shiloh.....	Bro. George Simmie Free
Tabernacle.....	Rev. Henry Crawford Bro. Aubrey Wicker Sis. Dovie Montgomery
Phillips Chapel.....	Rev. Willis Montgomery Bro. Carl Oswalt Bro. Ellis Hallman Bro. Jessie Phillips Bro. Jim Henry Watson
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Holman.....	Sis. Susie Nichols Sis. Violet Tilley
Eastside.....	Bro. Walter Phillips Bro. Woodrow Bryant

We will have a memorial reading in memory of Rev. Willis Montgomery to be placed in the minutes at a later date.

Board of Christian Education

We, your Christian Education Board, feel that the Associational year of 1985 - 86 has been a fruitful one. The success of all our endeavors has been rewarding. When we look at the youth of our association, our hearts are made to beat rapidly not with a feeling of pride, but with a feeling of thanksgiving, for God not only working in their hearts, but the response they have given Him.

The year began with our annual Fellowship Banquet at Charley's Restaurant in Millport. Bro. Jack Rollins from the Forestdale Church was a thrill. We were also glad to be able to provide a fellowship time with the younger ages as well as the teens.

April was an exciting time with Rev. Richard Adams from Elizabethton, Tennessee. He blessed our hearts and the Christian fellowship was one of which we can't forget. This was our 4th Youth Crusade. Plans are already being made for the crusade next year.

CTS Activities were in May as a district. We had 38 entries from Mt. Zion, Phillips Chapel, Tabernacle and Macedonia.

Those going to State Competition were:

Bible	Grade 1 - Paul Jones - Phillips Chapel
Memorization:	*Grade 3 - <u>Adam Jones</u> - Phillips Chapel
Bible Sword	*Grade 4 - <u>Kelly Smith</u> - Phillips Chapel
Drill:	Grade 5 - Keith Smith - Phillips Chapel
	*Grade 6 - <u>Tina Jones</u> - Mt. Zion
Vocal Solos:	Grade 4-6 - Tina Jones - Mt. Zion
	Grade 7-9 - Doris Ann Jones - Mt. Zion
	Grade 10-12 - Pam Bailey - Phillips Chapel
Bible Tic	Tammy Watkins, Tim Watkins, Bryan Sanford,
Tac Toe:	Norman Smith - Phillips Chapel
Vocal	Tina Jones & Beverly Rodgers - Mt. Zion
Ensembles:	Doris Ann Jones & Misty Smith - Mt. Zion
	Tim & Tammy Fields - Macedonia
	Pam Bailey & Norman Smith - Phillips Chapel
Keyboard	*Adventurer - <u>Amanda Lowery</u> - Tabernacle
Solo:	(Number 1 rating)
	Crusader - Pam Bailey - Phillips Chapel
Creative Art:	** <u>Doris Ann Jones</u> - Mt. Zion

Trio: Tonya Pennington, Tiffany Reynolds, & Melissa Cook
- Macedonia

*Quartet: Tabernacle Singers - Diana, Melissa, Lana, Barbara
and Kim - Tabernacle

*State Winners

**National Winners - Doris Ann Jones was the only entry
in entire competition with a perfect
rating.

Congratulations to all of you!

God bless you and we're looking forward to the year of
1986 - 87 in the field of CTS Competition.

Our thanks go out to Bro. Roger Lucas and Bro. Mike
Rogers for the planning and coordination of the Six Flags trip.
The youth and the "young at heart" enjoyed this important
outing.

Words cannot express the meaning our youth meetings
have begun to bring. You, as the Mt. Moriah Association have
been wonderful to support our youth meeting. Our average
for the year was 207. Praise the Lord! Great things He has
done!

Our latest recommendation was the forming of a comm-
ittee to check out the feasibility of a youth camp. Pray for
this committee as they check on this project.

Tentative plans for the 1986 - 87 year are:

Fellowship Banquet in February
Youth Revival in March or April
CTS Competition (District - last of April)
Six Flags trip in June

Our finances are as follows:

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 334.27
Total Deposit.....	2036.91
Total receipts.....	<u>\$2371.18</u>
Expenses: Valentines Banquet.....	\$ 140.00
Youth Revival.....	878.39
CTS Competition.....	850.97
Checks.....	<u>5.95</u>
Balance on Hand.....	\$495.87
	<u>\$1875.31</u>

We're looking forward to a great year ahead with the Lord
and with you, our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Credentials Committee

Committee Chairman - Rev. Terrell Jones

Secretary - Jackie McAteer

Partial Report:

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mt. Moriah Association, submit to the body our partial report. We recommend that the delegates of our sister churches whose letters have been reviewed be seated in this 136th annual session and that alternates be placed where needed. Exception: Our sister church, Northside FWB of Columbus, Mississippi, has not reported.

Final Report:

Item #1:

We report to the body as information that we have received a letter of good standing for Eastside FWB Church from the Vernon Association.

Item #2:

Having checked the minister's attendance record, we recommend that cards of good standing from our Association be issued to all the ordained ministers of our Association.

Item #3:

Having examined Bro. Patrick Creel, we your committee, recommend that his name be added to the list of ordained ministers pending receipt of a letter of good standing from the Gulf Coast Association.

Woman's Auxiliary

The seventh annual Woman's Auxiliary of the Mount Moriah Association convened on March 22, 1986, at Shiloh FWB Church with the Shiloh women hosting. Our theme, "God's Wonders for Tomorrow" was taken from Joshua 3:5. Linda Wheeler, from the Carolwood Auxiliary, gave our morning devotion, which was followed by a skit by Gay Pate of the Union Hill FWB Church. The morning message was given by Sue Plymon from the Ethelsville Church. The message was entitled "Liberate or Separate, Which Do You Generate?" Our afternoon program was inspired by Bro. Jaimie and Sis. Tammy Lancaster, with special music and a slide presentation of his trip as a summer missionary to Japan.

We ask that you, as an Association, please join with us in special prayer for all of our missionaries. Pray that God will open doors of witness for them to the lost that precious souls may be saved. Also, pray for the health of our missionaries. Pray that our Woman's Auxiliary will continue to be "Labourers Together With God."

We now have six churches with a Woman's Auxiliary program - Mt. Moriah, Macedonia, Shiloh, Carolwood, 1st FWB of Ethelsville and Eastside.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Reynolds,
District President

Resolutions and Appreciation

We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to the people of the 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 meet again.

Finance Committee

We, your committee, report as follows: We move to give the Children's Home at Eldridge \$100 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 have received a total of \$1,318.75. (This was given in the following amounts from each church:

Minute Fund - \$1.25 times number of minutes
requested.

Associational Fund - \$25 per church

State Dues - \$20 per church

Other - \$15 per church - donation to State Association to help with expense of hosting National Association in Birmingham in 1987.

This also includes an extra \$30 by Sardis who paid entire amount of donation to National Association (\$45) this year. Also, Eastside did not pay any since they had already given \$100 to this account in the Vernon Association.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minutes Requested</u>	<u>Amount Sent</u>
Mount Moriah	20	85.00
Macedonia	25	91.25
Shiloh	33	101.25
Tabernacle	50	122.50
Phillips Chapel	80	160.00
Mount Zion	30	97.50
Union Hill	25	91.25
Holman	12	75.00
Sardis	20	115.00
Glen Echo	12	75.00
Carolwood	12	75.00
1st FWB Reform	12	75.00
1st FWB Ethelsville	25	91.25
Eastside	15	63.75
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ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,261.77
Interest during 1986 fiscal year	74.58
Offerings at Quarterly Meetings.....	306.53
Phillips Chapel (Evangelism Conference)	
Mt. Moriah: \$70.05	
Sardis: \$82.43	
Tabernacle: \$145.05	
Associational Minute Funds, State Dues, etc. . .	<u>\$1,318.75</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,961.63

Expenditures:

State Associational Dues (\$20 per church)	\$ 280.00
Contribution toward expense of '87 National at Birmingham (\$15 per church). . .	210.00

Donation to Children's Home.	100.00
Donation to Missionary Jerry Bank's Acct.	100.00
Donation to Free Will Baptist Bible College	100.00
Donation to AreaWide Youth Revival. . . .	79.05
Supplies (stamps, envelopes, Ministerial cards)	59.94
Clerk's Services	125.00
Printing of Minutes	495.23
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Total Expenditures	\$1,549.22
Balance on hand.	\$1,412.41

MINISTERS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

MOUNT MORIAH:	Michael Rogers Jaimie Lancaster
MACEDONIA:	Larry Reynolds
SHILOH:	William E. Atkinson William Pate J. L. Lavender
HOLMAN:	Raymond Tilley
SARDIS:	Roger Lucas
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
PHILLIPS CHAPEL:	Terrell Jones Ben Logan Arlie Lynn Albert Montgomery
FWB ETHELSVILLE:	Roy G. Plymon
EASTSIDE:	Jerry Montgomery

CHURCH	PASTOR Ex-Pastor	PAID PASTOR	Paid Children's Home	Paid Missions F. Foreign
MT. MORIAH	Michael Rogers	\$7,020 plus house & utilities	305.00	F- 69 H-1, 69
MACEDONIA	Larry Reynolds	15,840.00	490.00	F-2,74 H-2,2
SHILOH	William Pate	11,950.00	500.00	F-1,09 H-1,0
TABERNACLE	Arlis Barksdale	11,233.17	300.00	H-590
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Terrell Jones	21,884.59	2,328.00	F- 43 H-2,5
MOUNT ZION	Ben Logan	1,702.07	180.00	F- 21 H- 72
UNION HILL	Tony Latham	8,000.00	350.00	F- 52 H-114
HOLMAN	Delbert Townsend Ex-Raymond Tilley	2,654.00	—	—
SARDIS	Roger Lucas Ex-Elzie Gilliam	7,400.00	200.00	—
GLEN ECHO	Donald Keasler	5,275.00	240.00	F-525 H-690
CAROLWOOD	Willard Pless	8,125.00	618.00	F-640 H-490
1ST FWB REFORM	Lonnie M. Reed	2,650.00	—	—
1ST FWB ETHELSTVILLE	Roy G. Plymon	12,250.00	303.84	F- 90 H-13
EASTSIDE	Jerry Montgomery	17,225.00	64.00	F-36 H-11
	TOTALS	133,208.83	5,878.84	20,6

H-Home	Paid Bible College	Sunday School		C. T. S.		Prayer Meeting Attendance	Baptized	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter *Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership
00 1.50	89.00	40	30	20	15	10	0	0	3	1	77
0.66 1.84	600.00	128	102	60	40	30	9	7	0	0	130
0.38 0.13	400.00	65	49	33	33	32	10	5	1	1	141
06		45	47			25	8	3	1	3	179
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0.18 0.11	96.51	54	45	30	23	25	2	2	*1	3	107
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	—	29	29	—	—	35	4	1	8 *1	0	78
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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, Willis Montgomery

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 ETHELVILLE	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
EASTSIDE	1964	Rev. Dewey Thomas

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING
AT
PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH

"Now Is The Time" (Romans 13:11 - 14) provided the basis of the fourth Church Growth and Evangelism Conference by the National Home Missions Board of Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Roy Thomas, Bro. Trymon Messer and Rev. John Gibbs were with us again at Phillips Chapel Church on Friday night, January 10, 1986. Rev. John Gibbs led the opening song from their leaflet "Old Time Camp Meeting" - "I Feel Like Traveling On," followed by "I'll Fly Away."

The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, welcomed the congregation and asked Rev. William Pate to lead the opening prayer. He recognized the visiting pastors who were Rev. Rick Cash, Rev. Dickey Dees and Rev. Harold Pitts. Rev. Rick Cash requested special prayer for Jerry Fowler.

Since this was Youth Emphasis night, Bro. Gibbs asked the youth to assist him in singing the following songs - "I'm Gonna Live Forever" and "He's The Master of the Sea."

Bro. Trymon Messer brought the first message from Deuteronomy 30:14, 15 & 19, entitled "The Power of Choice." He compared biblical people who made the right choice with those who made the wrong choice in life.

Bro. Gibbs praised Bro. Waymon Fields as a layman and for his input in the missions work. The prayer for the offering was given by Rev. Ben Logan. Bro. Gibbs sang the song "It's My Desire To Live for Jesus."

Rev. Roy Thomas delivered the second sermon "Search for Happiness" using for his key scripture Ecclesiastes 12:1 - 13. He showed the emptiness of man if he does not possess God. Bro. Gibbs sang the invitational song "Softly and Tenderly" followed by prayer.

Rev. Terrell Jones, pastor of Phillips Chapel invited the congregation to stay for refreshments in the basement. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Harold Pitts.

Saturday, January 11

Rev. John Gibbs presided again as he opened the service with singing "This World Is Not My Home." Next he sang the solo, "I've Got A Reservation."

The first sermon was rendered by Rev. Roy Thomas. He used Genesis 13:1 - 13 and entitled it "The Cost of Compromise."

He used Lot for an example. Following his sermon he led the prayer.

We were dismissed for a short intermission. Rev. William Atkinson led the prayer. We assembled again with singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Special prayer requests were made with Rev. Larry Reynolds leading the prayer.

Visitors recognized were Rev. Dennis Kizzire, Rev. Buddy Henry, Rev. Lamar Cox and Rev. James Walden. Bro. Gibbs led the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," followed by his singing "The Next Time He Comes." He then preached the sermon from I Peter 2:20 - 25 - "The Cross - Calvary." He revealed how our Savior who had no shame in His life died in shame that we might have life.

The prayer for the morning meal was given by Rev. Lamar Cox.

The afternoon session began with Leon McAdams leading the song "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Kizzire. A time was given for announcements. A special treat followed as all ministers were requested to sing "I Feel Like Traveling On."

It was moved and seconded that we go into conference. Reports were given by committees. A handshake was given to Rev. William Pate who is the new pastor at Shiloh. Waymon Fields gave an oral report from the Home Missions Board. He expressed his thanks to all those who made the conference a success, to the visitors, and especially to the pastors who assisted. He gave information on the places the National Home Missions staff would preach Sunday and coordinated the pick-up places for them. He stressed that each church promote Roll Call Sunday which will be March 23.

An offering was received for the Church Growth and Evangelism Conference. Bro. Gibbs sang "I Will Meet You In The Morning." Bro. Messer concluded the afternoon with giving practical and important information on Church Growth and Evangelism by using charts to explain how it can be done through motivation. He stressed reaching souls is the main reason. He used scripture from Matthew 25:14 and I Peter 4:10 & 11. Bro. Gibbs gave additional information on Roll Call Sunday.

The dismissal prayer was given by Rev. Roy Plymon.

Home Mission Committee

(Oral Report given by Waymon Fields)

Board of Christian Education

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. Fellowship Banquet to be held at Charley's Restaurant in Millport on February 14 or 15, tentative of speaker. Age - 1 year to 24. We ask that your youth be properly chaperoned. Time is 7:00 p.m. We ask your entries to be made to Rev. Roger Lucas by February 9 after 8:30 p.m. These ages will be divided for the banquet. If the restaurant won't be able to handle both groups, we will meet with the younger ages at Macedonia Church.

2. Our youth meeting date for March is being changed to March 23 due to Easter being on the 30th.

3. Our Associational Youth Crusade date will be April 16 - 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium in Reform with Rev. Richard Adams from Elizabethton, Tenn. as the evangelist.

Credentials Committee

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

9:30 - Rev. Mike Rogers

Alternate - Rev. Lonnie Reed

11:00 - Rev. William Pate

Alternate - Rev. Larry Reynolds

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Elzie Gilliam

Alternate - Rev. Dewey Thomas

Resolutions and Appreciation

We, the Resolution and Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Phillips Chapel Church for hosting this great conference. We express our appreciation to Rev. Terrell Jones as host, and each of the ladies for the delicious meal. The food and fellowship, as well as the messages were just wonderful.

Again, thank you and may the Lord bless and keep you until we meet again.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING AT MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH

The Mount Moriah Association held its Quarterly meeting at Mount Moriah Church on April 12, 1986, with services beginning at 9:30. The opening song "Jesus Saves" and other songs throughout the morning service was led by Waymon Fields. Helen Lucas served as the pianist. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Jerry Montgomery, pastor of Eastside Church in Tuscaloosa. Following was a congregation song "To God Be The Glory."

The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham, welcomed the people and introduced the host pastor, Rev. Mike Rogers, who had the first sermon. His key verse was 2 Timothy 3:1 and his topic "Doing Our Best In The Worst Of Times" emphasized Timothy's admonition to turn away from the world and continue in what we have learned and are assured of.

"Just As I Am" was sung as an invitation. A fellowship handshake with all ministers was given as the song "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" was sung, followed by singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Rev. J. L. Lavender led the prayer before intermission time.

"Joy Unspeakable" was sung. Next Rev. Larry Reynolds gave the roll call of ministers, noting that we had 20 ministers present. Rev. Roger Lucas and Rev. Mike Rogers did a count of attendance, reporting 123 at the present time. Rev. William Pate preached the 11:00 sermon using Genesis 18 to preach on "Good News, Bad News and More Bad News." He stated from Ezekiel 3:17, that our greatest responsibility was to give out a warning to a dying world. The invitation song was "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." The altar prayer was led by Rev. Terrell Jones.

The Moderator gave out committee report forms. He recognized our visiting preacher, Rev. Jerry Montgomery. The host pastor, Rev. Mike Rogers, gave information concerning the noon meal. The invocation for the meal and dismissal prayer was given by Rev. Roger Lucas.

The afternoon session opened with Bro. Lando McAdams leading the song "Showers of Blessings." Rev. Grover Perkins led in prayer.

The general offering was received by the Finance Committee. They requested the amount received (\$79.06) be given to the Board of Christian Education to be used on the expense of the Youth Crusade.

Linda McAteer sang a special which was a medley of songs on the blood of Jesus. Rev. Elzie Gilliam brought the afternoon devotion using scripture from Matthew 7:24. "The Home" was his subject and he pointed out that our schools and churches

suffer because the home is gone, stating that Christians should be in the altar to help turn the world around. The invitation song, "Is Your All On The Altar?" followed.

A motion and second was made to go into the business session. Committee reports were given.

Waymon Fields expressed his heartfelt appreciation for each person who helped in any phase of the work during the Church Growth and Evangelism Conference and Missionary Conference. He stressed it was the cooperative effort of the people that made it a success. Rev. Roy Plymon announced the Youth Choir Practice would be at Sardis at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 13.

Pastor's Fellowship on April 26 was announced and it was boiced that this was a great asset to the ministers to have this opportunity to fellowship with each other.

It was requested that each church participate in the Foreign Missions Call-a-thon on April 27.

A right hand fellowship was extended to Rev. Jerry Montgomery who requested to come into the Mount Moriah Association.

The closing prayer was given by Rev. William Atkinson.

Home Mission Committee

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. We would like to express our appreciation to all our churches for their support during our "Church Growth and Evangelism Conference" as well as our "Missionary Conference."

2. We recommend that the January Quarterly Meeting be set aside for another Church Growth Conference in 1987 to be held on Friday night and Saturday, January 9, 10 at Phillips Chapel.

3. We recommend that our churches participate in our Missionary Conference in January 1987. We need a list of those churches who wish to participate by our Annual Meeting in October.

4. We ask that churches wishing to have one of the speakers from the Evangelism Conference in their churches on Sunday morning or Sunday evening provide us with a list of your preference of speaker and time. Please get your choices to Rev. Ben Logan, Rt. 4, Box 161, Fayette, AL 35555 by our Annual Meeting in October (10 - 5 - 86). If you would like to keep a missionary in your home during the Missionary Conference, please contact Waymon Fields, P. O. Box 174, Millport, AL 35576.

Board of Christian Education

We, your committee report as follows:

Our revival will be next week April 16 - 19 at the Reform High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. each evening and at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning with Rev. Richard Adams.

There will be two banners given - one for the largest percentage of Sunday School attendance and one for the most attending from their church. The winners will be announced on Saturday morning.

Promotional materials can be picked up to be distributed.

There will be a picnic on Saturday at the 1st FWB Church in Reform following the services.

We will receive an offering each night to cover the expense of the revival.

We designate that tomorrow, April 13, be a day of prayer for the revival.

District competition will be at the Union Hill Church on May 10 at 2:00 p.m. An informational letter will be sent concerning fees, etc.

We thank God for our Mount Moriah Association and the support given by its people. We're looking forward to the revival and the upcoming events. May God continue to give us a great year!.

Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee of the Mt. Moriah Association, report as follows: We recommend to the body that the Eastside FWB Church of Tuscaloosa, AL, belonging to the Vernon Association, in good standing, having petitioned our Association for membership, having voted in their church conference to do so, therefore be granted full rights and privileges as a member of our Association. The action will be finalized upon receipt of a letter of good standing from the Vernon Association.

Devotion Committee

We recommend the following to preach at the designated time:

9:30 - Rev. Lonnie Reed

Alternate - Rev. Donald Keasler

11:00 - Rev. J. L. Lavender

Alternate - Rev. Roger Lucas

Afternoon Devotion - Rev. Albert Montgomery

Rev. G. P. Perkins

Finance Committee

We, your committee, report as follows: We have received \$79.05 to be placed in the General Fund. We request that this fund be given to the Board of Christian Education to be used for the areawide crusade.

Resolutions and Appreciation

We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee, would like to thank Mt. Moriah Church for hosting this session of the Quarterly Meeting. We express our appreciation to Rev. Mike Rogers as host.

Our thanks are given to the Speakers for their inspirational messages and to the ladies for the delicious meal. Again, thank you and may the Lord bless and keep you until we all meet again.

JULY 12, 1986

The July 12th session of the Mount Moriah Associational Quarterly meeting met at Sardis Church. The opening song was led by Lando McAdams with Helen Lucas at the piano. The opening prayer was given by Wilson Connell, followed by a congregational song "Blessed Assurance." The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham gave a welcome to all and introduced the first speaker, Rev. Lonnie Reed. He preached a sermon using the title "Christians, A Separated People." Much of his scripture was taken from Deuteronomy 4, stressing that a Christian is not a 2nd class citizen and that we should stand up for what is right. The invitational song was "That Heavenly Home." A moving testimony service followed. Visitors were recognized. Bro. Tingle, a visitor, stood and gave his testimony. A short intermission followed with Rev. Ben Logan dismissing in prayer.

Services continued with singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer was led by Rev. Roy Plymon. Next was the roll call of ministers given by Rev. Terrell Jones. Rev. William Atkinson gave some insight on the ADVANCE program - a foreign missionary outreach program of praise and challenge to reach a million dollars for missions above our present program. Bro. Atkinson is responsible for training leaders for this program in the northern part of the state and Rev. E. B. Ledlow will represent this position in the southern section of the state. A training session is set up for August 2nd and each pastor is requested to bring two laymen from his church as leaders for the Advance Program.

The clerk told about the dire need of assistance the Jerry Banks family is experiencing on the missionary field in Japan largely because of the devaluation of the dollar in Japan. Later in the day a donation of \$100 was given for the Jerry Banks Account.

The second sermon of the morning was delivered by Rev. J. L. Lavender from I Samuel 30:1 - 15. His topic was "To Whom Belongest Thou?" He portrayed the cycle of the sin as - forsaken, famished, found, fed, forgiven and free. He admonished Christians to be strong in the Lord. During the invitation song, Rev. Lonnie Reed and Rev. Lavender stood at the front for congregational handshake. The Moderator passed out committee reports. Winston Robertson, deacon of the host church welcomed people to eat and fellowship with them during the noon hour. Rev. Jerry Montgomery gave the dismissal prayer for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the song "Revive Us Again," followed by prayer by Rev. William Pate. The offertory prayer was given by Rev. Willard Pless. The devotional was rendered by Rev. Albert Montgomery who spoke on "Lift Up The Church"

with scripture from II Corinthians 5:1 - 11. He stressed living right, let the redeemed say so, and that there is only one way to be saved and that is through Jesus Christ. The song "Just As I Am" was sung at the end of the devotion.

The Moderator, Rev. Tony Latham presided over the business session. The following committee reports were given:

Devotion

We recommend the following preach at the designated time during our next session of the Quarterly Meeting:

9:30 Rev. Jerry Montgomery
 Alternate - Rev. G. P. Perkins

11:00 Rev. Larry Reynolds
 Alternate - Rev. Roger Lucas

P. M. Devotion - Rev. Donald Keasler
 Alternate - Rev. Arlie Lynn

Credentials Committee

We, your committee, report as follows: Having received a letter of good standing from the Jasper Association, we your Credentials Committee recommend that Bro. William Pate's name be added to the list of ordained ministers.

Finance Committee

We have received \$82.43 to be placed in the General Fund. We recommend that we give \$100 to the Jerry Banks Account, Missionary to Japan, to help with his deficit account.

We also recommend that the Association consider giving to other missionaries as the Lord blesses us financially.

Board of Christian Education

1. We praise the Lord for our Youth Crusade held in April at Reform with Rev. Richard Adams, evangelist. We thank you for your support in all areas for making this a great success. You are some of the best people in the world to work with.

2. We propose that the Moderator appoint a Study Committee to study the feasibility of the Association building a youth camp. This study would consist of location, finances, etc.

3. We propose that the Board of Christian Education give \$100 to each church who has participants in the CTS competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma to help offset their expenses.

Resolutions and Appreciation

We, the Resolutions and Appreciation Committee, report as follows: We would like to express our thanks to the people of Sardis Church for hosting this session of the Mt. Moriah Quarterly meeting and to the pastor, Bro. Gilliam. Our thanks to the speakers are given for their inspirational messages and to the ladies of the church for the delicious meal.

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

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At the conclusion of the committee reports a motion was made by Rev. Arlis Barksdale to give the Moderator permission to get a committee to study the feasibility of a Youth camp. Those selected were: James South, Lewis Montgomery, Wilson Connell, Rev. Roy Plymon, Rev. Larry Reynolds.

Special prayer was requested for our National Association and for those traveling to attend it.

Rev. George Perrigin stated he sponsored a radio program each Sunday morning at 8:30 on WRAG (following Rev. Leander McAdams, another Free Will Baptist minister).

August 2nd was given for the date to meet at Shiloh Church for a briefing on the ADVANCE Program by Rev. William Atkinson. All pastors and a representative from each church are urged to attend.

The General Board meeting will also meet on September 27 at Shiloh.

"Amazing Grace" was sung with the closing prayer given by Louis 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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 9, 10 - Phillips Chapel Church (Evangelism Conference)

April 11 - 1st FWB Ethelsville

July 11 - Glen Echo

ANNUAL MEETING

October 10 - Carolwood

YOUTH MEETINGS

November 30, 1986 - Eastside

March 29, 1987 - Tabernacle

May 31, 1987 - Union Hill

August 30, 1987 - Shiloh

ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH REVIVAL

Plans have been confirmed to have Rev. Richard Adams from Elizabethton, Tennessee as the evangelist. The revival will begin April 15 - 18 with a Youth Rally on Saturday morning.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 26, 1987 at Shiloh Church at 2:00 p.m.