

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
TABERNACLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 10, 1998
9:30 A.M.

OFFICERS

Rev. Jerry T. Smith – Moderator
Rev. Scott Montgomery – Assistant Moderator
Vaudine Lancaster –Clerk
Karen Brasher – Assistant Clerk
Jewell South - Treasurer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Billy Ray Smith
Wallace Lowery
Rev. Jerry Montgomery
Searcy Mullenix
Stanley Sanford

IMPORTANT UP-COMING EVENTS
FOR THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 9, 1999	Mt. Zion
April 9, 10, 1999	Phillips Chapel
July 10, 1999	Holman

ANNUAL MEETING

October 9, 1999	Carolwood
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FIFTH SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS

November 29, 1998	Phillips Chapel
January 31, 1999	Shiloh
May 30, 1999	Union Hill
August 29, 1999	Mt. Moriah

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 18, 1999	Shiloh Church – 2:00 p.m.
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OFFICERS FOR 1998-99

Rev. Jerry T. Smith	Moderator	
4212 38 th Ave., Northport, AL 35473		333-2557
Rev. Scott Montgomery	Assistant Moderator	
14732 Hwy. 171, Northport, AL 35476		333-1083
Vaudine Lancaster	Clerk	
Rt. 1, Box 425, Ethelsville, AL 35461		375-6876
Karen Brasher	Assistant Clerk	
P. O. Box 20, Gordo, AL 35466		364-8668
Jewell South	Treasurer	
17536 Mormon Road, Northport, AL 35475		339-9332

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Billy Ray Smith	One Year Term	
P. O. Box 631, Fayette, AL 35555		932-3943
Wallace Lowery	Two Year Term	
13858 Lowery Drive, Northport, AL 35476		339-2607
Rev. Jerry Montgomery	Three Year Term	
15307 Autumn Drive, Northport, AL 35476		339-4202
Searcy Mullenix	Four Year Term	
Rt. 2, Box 9, Gordo, AL 35466		364-8468
Stanley Sanford	Five Year Term	
12134 Cherokee Drive, Northport, AL 35475		339-4705

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Waymon Fields	One Year Term	
P. O. Box 174, Millport, AL 35576		662-3226
Rev. Terrell Jones	Two Year Term	
19658 Mormon Rd., Northport, AL 35475		339-9856
James L. Lancaster	Three Year Term	
Rt. 1 Box 425, Ethelsville, AL 35461		375-6876
James South	Four Year Term	
17536 Mormon Rd., Northport, AL 35475		339-9332
Rev. Ben Logan	Five Year Term	
12225 Co. Rd. 12, Fayette, AL 35555		932-4025

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mount Moriah	Tim Brasher P.O. Box 70 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8668
Macedonia	Milford McAdams 233 Hillcrest Drive Columbus, MS 39702	(601) 328-5016
Shiloh	Houston Latham Rt. 5, Box 289 Gordo, AL 35466	364-7901
Tabernacle	Don Martin 15179 Bethabara Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-1910
Phillips Chapel	Dan Turman 17281 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-4552
Mount Zion	Johnny Bannerman 17009 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	333-6191
Union Hill	James Harold Lowe Rt. 2, Box 107 Reform, AL 35481	367-8402
Holman	Kenneth Elmore Rt. 2, Box 35 Reform, AL 35481	375-2432
Sardis	Winston Robertson 18990 Robertson Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7943
Glen Echo	Randy Smith Rt. 2 Box 62 Reform, AL 35481	375-8128

Carolwood	Brad Sanford 13387 Rocky Ridge Drive Northport, AL 35475	752-5444
1 st FWB Reform	Bruce Shaw, Jr. Rt. 2 Box 79A Reform, AL 35481	367-8409
1 st FWB Ethelsville	Vernice Tilley Rt. 2, Box 114 Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2605
Eastside	Felix Styron 30 Durrett Grove Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	554-1586
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	Malone Williams 2111 11 th Street E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	556-7182
Union FWB	Ed Miller, Sr. Rt. 1 Box 107 Carrollton, AL 35447	373-2830

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Dan Montgomery	Two Year Term	333-8690
12715 Lakeland Hill Dr., Northport, AL 35475		
Rev. Scott Montgomery	Three Year Term	333-1083
14732 Hwy. 171, Northport, AL 35476		
Rev. Larry Colburn	Four Year Term	333-9445
12231 Grandview Dr., Northport, AL 35475		
Tim Brasher	Five Year Term	364-8668
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Rev. David Crowe
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Rev. Fred Graham
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Vernon, AL 35592
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Caledonia, MS 39740
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Rev. Jaimie L. Lancaster
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Ethelsville, AL 35461
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Rev. Tony Latham
Rt. 5, Box 282-B
Gordo, AL 35466
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Rev. J. L. Lavender
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Aliceville, AL 35442
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Rev. Ben Logan
12225 Co. Rd. 12
Fayette, AL 35555
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Rev. Arlie Lynn
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
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Rev. Elmer Lynn
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Gordo, AL 35466
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Rev. Albert Montgomery
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Rev. Jerry Montgomery
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Northport, AL 35475
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Rev. Scott Montgomery
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Northport, AL 35476
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Rev. Leon Orr
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Reform, AL 35481
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Rev. Roy G. Plymon
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Ethelsville, AL 35461
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Rev. Jerry T. Smith
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Northport, AL 35473
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Rev. Kevin Taylor
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Reform, AL 35481
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Rev. Dewey Thomas
13671 Hwy. 69 N.
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Rev. Douglas Tilley
3415 32nd Ave. E.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
(205) 553-7634

Rev. J. H. Tilley
1747 24th St. E.
Tuscaloosa, AL 35404
(205) 553-7106

DEACONS

MT. MORIAH		
James L. Lancaster	Rt. 1, Box 425	375-6876
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
Walter Oglesby	Rt. 1	375-2208
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
Searcy Mullenix	Rt. 2, Box 9	364-8468
	Gordo, AL 35466	
MACEDONIA		
Waymon Fields	10280 Hwy. 96	662-3226
	Millport, AL 35576	
Leon McAdams	224 Meadow Dr.	(601) 328-3869
	Columbus, MS 39701	
James Wharton	623 McAdams Rd.	662-3334
	Millport, AL 35576	
Charles Smith	1000 Woodard Rd.	662-3346
	Millport, AL 35576	
Loy Shaw	1217 Woodard Rd.	662-3363
	Millport, AL 35576	
SHILOH		
W. L. Burkhalter	Rt. 1	364-7205
	Gordo, AL 35466	
F. Raiford Shepherd	Rt. 5, Box 288	364-7929
	Gordo, AL 35466	
E. Marlin Burkhalter	Rt. 5 Box 229	364-7206
	Gordo, AL 35466	
William H. Koon	Rt. 1, Box 133	364-7879
	Gordo, AL 35466	
M. Wilson Connell	Rt. 1, Box 167	364-7300
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Gene Crowe	Rt. 5, Box 298A	364-8601
	Gordo, AL 35466	
John C. Fair	Rt. 1, Box 88	364-7635
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Houston Latham	Rt. 5, Box 289	364-7901
	Gordo, AL 35466	

TABERNACLE

Clifton Malone	Rt. 4, Box 88 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8497
Calvin C. Wicker	20295 Kemp Road Northport, AL 35476	339-9759
L. E. Sturdivant	15360 Rue Rd. Coker, AL 35452	339-2607
Wallace Lowery	13858 Lowery Drive Northport, AL 35475	339-4255
Don Martin	15179 Bethabara Road Northport, AL 35475	339-1910

PHILLIPS CHAPEL

Grady Bigham	13648 J. C. Gilliam Rd. Berry, AL 35546	339-2259
Guin Galloway	13188 Hwy. 171 Northport, AL 35475	339-1855
Raiford Galloway	16581 Hwy. 171 Northport, AL 35475	339-4349
Herman Sanford	14488 Co. Rd. 12 Berry, AL 35546	932-3621
Robert Smith	15713 Cardinal Drive Northport, AL 35475	339-1617
Glenn Bigham	18457 Mormon Road Northport, AL 35475	339-3892
Blanton Watson	14000 Co. Rd. 12 Fayette, AL 35555	932-5696
Terry Sanford	15219 Starboard Place Northport, AL 35475	339-0584
Wayne Rice	19600 Holcombe Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-4347

MOUNT ZION

Gifferd Winters	15998 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-7965
James South	17536 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-9332

UNION HILL

W. N. Joyner	P. O. Box 62 Carrollton, AL 35447	367-8579
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R. D. Reynolds	Rt. 2	375-2230
	Reform, AL 35481	
Joe E. Oglesby	Rt. 1, Box 418	375-8185
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
James Harold Lowe	Rt. 2, Box 107	367-8402
	Reform, AL 35481	
HOLMAN		
William Quimby	14842 Hwy. 140	339-5404
	Coker, AL 35452	
Jimmy T. Oden	18375 Hwy. 140	339-0607
	Elrod, AL 35458	
Lifford Robertson	12514 Holman Church Rd.	339-8455
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Guin Smith	11930 Plowman Rd.	339-9081
	Gordo, AL 35466	
SARDIS		
Winston Robertson	18990 Robertson Rd.	364-7943
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Marshall Robertson	18911 Robertson Rd.	364-7997
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Troy Barron	Rt. 4	364-7892
	Gordo, AL 35466	
Archie Robertson	15223 Jackson Trace Rd.	339-1699
	Coker, AL 35452	
Tommy Driver	Rt. 1	339-7474
	Gordo, AL 35466	
ELEN ECHO		
Oscar Fulgham	Rt. 2	367-8559
	Reform, AL 35481	
Daniel Hill	P. O. Box 452	367-8717
	Carrollton, AL 35447	
Burns Brown	Rt. 1, Box 62	367-8514
	Carrollton, AL 35447	
Tim Fulgham	Rt. 2	367-8037
	Reform, AL 35481	
CAROLWOOD		
James B. Tucker	5102 Candlewood Dr.	339-3385
	Northport, AL 35473	

Dennis Sanford	6700 Smith Jackson Rd.	333-8485
	Northport, AL 35473	
Stanley Sanford	12134 Cherokee Drive	339-4705
	Northport, AL 35475	
Eulie Robertson	12620 Hickory Drive	339-3181
	Northport, AL 35475	

1ST FWB REFORM

Ralph Martin	Rt. 1, Box 61	375-2462
	Reform, AL 35481	
Bruce Shaw, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 79	367-8409
	Reform, AL 35481	

1ST FWB ETHELSVILLE

Louis Tilley	Rt. 2, Box 74	658-2458
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
Vernice Tilley	Rt. 2, Box 114	658-2605
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
Ira Jewell	Rt. 2, Box 96	658-2607
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	
Gene Tilley	Rt. 2, Box 114	658-2605
	Ethelsville, AL 35461	

EASTSIDE

Adolph South	506 44 th Ave. E.	553-0115
	Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	
William Shelby	2305 5 th E.	553-5388
	Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	
Felix Styron	30 Durrett Grove	554-1586
	Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	
Jack Mahan	11491 Robert Road	938-3835
	McCalla, AL 35111	

1ST FWB TUSCALOOSA

Marzelle Summerlin	1323 Hargrove Rd. E.	553-7127
	Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	

UNION FWB

Ed Miller, Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 107	367-2830
	Carrollton, AL 35447	
Horace Watkins	Rt. 4, Box 192	364-8824
	Gordo, AL 35466	

CHURCH CLERKS

Mount Moriah	Cherry Mullenix Rt. 2, Box 9 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8468
Macedonia	Sue McAdams 233 Hillcrest Drive Columbus, MS 39702	(601) 328-5016
Shiloh	Wilith E. Cook Rt. 5, Box 284 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8462
Tabernacle	Don Martin 15179 Bethabara Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-1910
Phillips Chapel	Herman Sanford 14488 Co. Rd. 12 Berry, AL 35546	932-3621
Mount Zion	Jewell South 17536 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-9332
Union Hill	J. Harold Lowe Rt. 2, Box 107 Reform, AL 35481	367-8402
Holman	Tim Jaynes Rt. 2 Box 35-B Reform, AL 35481	375-2583
Sardis	Marshall Robertson 18911 Robertson Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7997
Glen Echo	Jana Fulgham Rt. 2, Box 87 Kennedy, AL 35574	375-2682
Carolwood	Sandra Sharp 13661 Hwy. 69 N. Northport, AL 35475	339-7686
1 st FWB Reform	Julia Klostermann P. O. Box 744 Reform, AL 35481	375-2484
1 st FWB Ethelsville	Patsy Tilley Rt. 1 Box 508-1 Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2851

Eastside	Brenda Mahan 11491 Robert Rd. McCalla, AL 35111	938-3835
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	Dorothy J. Lake 516 43 rd Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35405-3750	758-0772
Union FWB	Mrs. Mary Watkins Rt. 4, Box 192 Gordo, AL 35466	367-8824

YOUTH LEADERS

Mount Moriah	Tim and Karen Brasher P. O. Box 20 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8668
Macedonia	Andy and Deborah Mullins 75 Mosley Drive Ethelsville, AL 35461	662-3663
Shiloh	Brenda Calhoun Rt. 1, Box 144-A Gordo, AL 35466	364-8729
Tabernacle	Dan Montgomery 12517 Lakeland Hills Dr. Northport, AL 35475	333-8690
Phillips Chapel	Bill and Sheila Rice 16746 Turquoise Lane Northport, AL 35476	339-9551
Mount Zion	James South 17536 Mormon Road Northport, AL 35475	339-9332
Union Hill	Janice Oglesby Rt. 2 Reform, AL 35481 <u>and</u> Linda Sanders Rt. 2 Reform, AL 35481	375-2986 375-6850
Holman	Tina Wilburn 17184 J. B. Wilburn Road Echola, AL 35457	333-2894

Sardis	Troy Barron Rt. 4 Gordo, AL 35466	364-7892
Glen Echo	Christal Fulgham Rt. 2, Box 51B Reform, AL 35481	367-1221
Carolwood	Melissa and Mark Vice 320 10 th St., S. W. Fayette, AL 35555	932-5831
1 st FWB Reform	Teresa Junkin Rt. 2, Box 79A Reform, AL 35481	367-8756
1 st FWB Ethelsville	Gene Tilley Rt. 2, Box 114 Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2605
Eastside	Brenda Mahan 11491 Robert Rd. McCalla, AL 35111	938-3835
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	none	
Union FWB	Andy Gray Rt. 4, Box 183 Gordo, AL 35466	367-8390

CHURCHES, PASTORS & PHONE NUMBERS

Mount Moriah	Rev. Roy G. Plymon Rt. 1 Box 17A Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2314
Macedonia	Pastor Unknown P. O. Box 88 Millport, AL 35576	662-3488
Shiloh	Rev. Fred Graham P. O. Box 435 Vernon, AL 35592	695-9631
Tabernacle	Rev. Jerry T. Smith 4212 38 th Ave. Northport, AL 35473	333-2557

Phillips Chapel	Rev. Terrell Jones 19658 Mormon Road Northport, AL 35475	339-9856
Mount Zion	Rev. Larry Colburn 12231 Grandview Drive Northport, AL 35475	333-9445
Union Hill	Rev. Kevin Taylor Rt. 2, Box 107-A Reform, AL 35481	375-2532
Holman	Rev. Scott Montgomery 14732 Hwy. 171 Northport, AL 35476	333-1083
Sardis	Rev. J. H. Tilley 1747 24 th Street E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	553-7106
Glen Echo	Rev. David Crowe 6642 County Rd. 36 Guin, AL 35563	487-4986
Carolwood	Rev. Jerry Montgomery 15307 Autumn Drive Northport, AL 35475	339-4202
	Associate Pastor- Rev. Dewey Thomas 13671 Hwy 69 North Northport, AL 35475	339-4654
1 st FWB Reform	Rev. Leon Orr P. O. Box 212 Reform, AL 35481	375-2572
1 st FWB Ethelsville	Rev. Redus Hall 50868 Wolfe Road Caledonia, Ms 39740	256-2266
Eastside	Rev. Douglas Tilley 3415 32 nd Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35405	553-7634
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	Rev. Tony Tilley Rt. 2 Box 149-E Reform, AL 35481	375-6426
Union FWB	Rev. Tony Latham Rt. 5, Box 282-B Gordo, AL 35466	364-8773

DELEGATES TO MT. MORIAH ASSOCIATION 1998-1999

Mt. Moriah:

Karen Brasher
Ann Joyner
Tim Brasher
Alt. - Cherry Mullenix

Macedonia:

Tim Fields
Steve McAdams
Mike Shaw
Alt. - Andy Mullins

Shiloh:

Steve Koon
Russell Calhoun
Joe Guy
Alt. - Michael Fair

Tabernacle:

Lewis Montgomery
Mac Walters
Charlie Malone
Alt. - Doug Overton

Phillips Chapel:

Dan Turman
Josh Smith
Bill Rice
Alt. - Paul Jones

Mt. Zion:

Darlene Smith
Johnny Bannerman
Jewell South
Alt. - Betty Trawcek

Union Hill

Lottie Sudduth
Nell Perrigin
Lurane McKee
Alt. - Bill Sudduth

Holman

Dan Scrivner
Tim Jaynes
Kenny Elmore
Alt. - Bonnie Lynn

Sardis

Harold Weekly
Wesley Robertson
J. C. Redding
Alt. - Donna Johnson

Glen Echo

James Acker
Nell Acker
Reva Brown
Alt. - Randy Smith

Carolwood

Brad Sanford
Larry Jones
Roy Guy
Alt. - James Farley

FWB Reform

Virginia Martin
Ray McDaniel
Pearl Duncan
Alt. - Teresa Junkin

FWB Ethelsville

Louis Tilley
Vernice Tilley
Gene Tilley
Alt. - None

Eastside

Brenda Mahan
Cora Shelby
Marilyn Styron
Alt. - (none)

FWB Tuscaloosa

Malone Williams
Lorene Williams
Sybil Harper
Alt. - Earline Johnson

Union FWB

Elaine Noland
Ceavlon Latham
Alt. - Jerry Gray

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES FOR 1997-98

*Committee Chairman

DEVOTION

Lewis Montgomery*
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Josh Smith
Gene Tilley
Steve McAdams

CHILDREN'S HOME

Tim Brasher*
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Lottie Sudduth
Dan Scrivner
J. C. Redding

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Jerry Gray
Tim Fields*
Joe Guy
Charles Malone
Luranee McKee

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Tim Jaynes
Ann Joyner*
Dan Turman
Roy Guy
Virginia Martin
Marilyn Styron

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Mike Shaw
Darlene Smith
Brenda Mahan
Louis Tilley

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Reva Brown
Vernice Tilley
Cora Shelby

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Johnny Bannerman
MacArthur Walters
Kenny Elmore
Malone Williams
Harold Weekly

DECEASED

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Steve Koon*
Wesley Robertson
Larry Jones
Lorene Williams
Elaine Noland
Nell Acker*
Ceavlon Latham
Sybil Harper
Karen Brasher
Jewell South

MINISTERS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Mt. Moriah	Rev. Jaimie Lancaster
	Rev. Roy G. Plymon
Macedonia	Rev. Grant Webb
Shiloh	Rev. Fred Graham
	Rev. J. L. Lavender
	Rev. David Cook
Tabernacle	Rev. Jerry T. Smith
	Rev. Ken Bozeman
Phillips Chapel	Rev. Terrell Jones
	Rev. Ben Logan
	Rev. Albert Montgomery
Mt. Zion	none
Union Hill	Rev. Kevin Taylor
Holman	Rev. Scott Montgomery
	Rev. Elmer Lynn
Sardis	none
Glen Echo	Rev. David Crowe
Carolwood	Rev. Jerry Montgomery
	Rev. Dewey Thomas
	Rev. Larry Colburn
1 st FWB Reform	Rev. Leon Orr
	Rev. Patrick Creel
1 st FWB Ethelsville	Rev. Redus Hall
Eastside	Rev. Douglas Tilley
	Rev. Greg Ison
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	Rev. Billy Ray Smith
	Rev. Tony Tilley
	Rev. Arlie Lynn
	Rev. J. H. Tilley

DECEASED MINISTERS

REVERENDS: Ellis Gore, J. T. Nabors, W. W. Pool, J. S. Hinton, W. R. Latham, O. M. Archey, D. W. Harbin, T. V. Wheat, J. E. Mathis, W. R. Robinson, 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, George Perrigin, Delbert Townsend, Gordon E. Tingle, Sr., Donald Keasler, Raymond Tilley.

HISTORY OF CHURCHES

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>ORGANIZED</u>	<u>ORGANIZED BY</u>
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
1 st 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
1 st FWB Reform	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Eastside	1964	Rev. Dewey Thomas
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. H. E. Crawford Rev. J. H. Tilley
Union FWB	1891	Rev. Wood Springfield

Union FWB

Rev. Tony Latham
Rev. Ernest White

DECEASED MINISTERS

REVERENDS: Ellis Gore, J. T. Nabors, W. W. Pool, J. S. Hinton, W. R. Latham, O. M. Archey, D. W. Harbin, T. V. Wheat, J. E. Mathis, W. R. Robinson, 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, George Perrigin, Delbert Townsend, Gordon E. Tingle, Sr., Donald Keasler, Raymond Tilley.

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Mount Moriah	1846	Rev. Ellis Gore
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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
1 st 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
1 st FWB Reform	1958	Rev. O. L. Fields
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Eastside	1964	Rev. Dewey Thomas
1 st FWB Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. H. E. Crawford Rev. J. H. Tilley
Union FWB	1891	Rev. Wood Springfield

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING
TABERNACLE HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
October 10, 1998

The 148th session of the Mount Moriah Association met at Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church on October 10, 1998. The opening song "When We All Get To Heaven," was led by Tim Fields with Myra Galloway at the piano. The welcome and prayer were given by host pastor, Rev. Jerry Smith. The Credentials Committee retired to examine the church letters.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Tony Latham with Philippians 2: 5-11 with his text entitled, "There's A Storm Going On". He gave scriptural facts of the moral decay of our nation. Many have departed from the faith, and we are living in perilous times. God's people are a chosen, a peculiar people. When we serve Him our lives reflect it.

After the song "Softly and Tenderly" the Moderator recognized the visitors who were Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, Rev. Hank Hollis. State Promotional Director, Rev. Rick Cash, told of developments on the state level and urged people to submit their name to receive the state paper. He stated that an effort is being made to include Home Missions in the ACTS 1:8 program and requested assistance for Home Missionary, Roger Raper who has a lone work in Colorado. Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Ken Bozeman, missionary to Madison, MS. Bro. Bozeman gave an update on the progression and needs of the church.

The Moderator, Bro. Terrell Jones, called the meeting to order. The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches, with all churches represented. The Credentials Committee read the Roll Call of Ministers. The Moderator conducted the Seating of Delegates. Since there was an ample number to fill the committees, the placing of absent delegates was omitted.

The Clerk read the following General Board Report:

The General Board met at Shiloh Church on September 19, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Terrell Jones, Moderator, presided. Vaudine Lancaster, Clerk, took minutes. Rev. Scott Montgomery said the opening prayer. Is. The Roll Call of General Board members was given. Glen Echo, Union Hill, 1st FWB Reform and 1st FWB of Tuscaloosa were not represented. The Credentials Committee retired to examine the church letters. Ballots for upcoming offices were passed out to the General Board members. Don Martin, Tabernacle's Board Member, told of suggestion to divide the Clerk/Treasurer's job into two separate offices. He read a proposed amendment to the Rules of Decorum if it was passed at the annual meeting. The Proposed amendments to the Rules of Decorum read:

Article 1 (b) The new officers (Moderator, Assistant Moderator,

Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer) will take office at the close of the annual session and serve through the annual session of the following year.

Article 3. (a) The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the association. A majority of votes, by delegates present, elect.

(b) The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer cannot serve more than four years in succession.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution -

Article 5. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer; who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session by a majority of votes. The Moderator shall serve as the Associational Representation on the General Board of the State Association. The Clerk and Treasurer shall be paid \$125.00 each, per year, plus expenses incurred in carrying out their respective duties. Each church shall send each year to the annual session, the sum of \$30.00 as associational funds.

Meeting places requested by churches were as follows:

Quarterly Meetings--

January 9, 1999	Mt. Zion
April 9, 10, 1999	Phillips Chapel
July 10, 1999	Holman
October 10, 1999	Carolwood
5 th Sunday November 29, 1998	Phillips Chapel
January 31, 1999	Shiloh
May 30, 1999	Union Hill
August 29, 1999	Mt. Moriah

The following recommendations were made by the General Board:

Moderator: Rev. Jerry Smith

Assistant Moderator: Rev. Scott Montgomery

Clerk: Vaudine Lancaster

Assistant Clerk: Barbara Smith

Treasurer: Jewell Smith (new office)

Credentials Committee: Stanley Sanford

Board of Christian Education: (Gene Tilley's
Term expires) Tim Brasher

Board of Christian Education: (Jaimie Lancaster's
Vacancy- 2 yrs. left) - Dan Montgomery

Missions and Church Extension: (Rev. Ben Logan's term
Expires) - Rev. Ben Logan

Missions and Church Extension: (Rev. Jerry Smith's
vacancy- 2 yrs. left) - Rev. Terrell Jones

The Credentials Committee reported showed that they received all church letters in good standing. Checks were not included in Shiloh's and Glen Echo's church letters.

A recommendation for a resolution made by Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church was made by Board Member, Johnny Bannerman. It will be presented at the annual meeting on October 10. He recommended that the Associational Board Member (The Moderator) vote to keep the same slates of state officers who are in now in office. MSC

Our Moderator urged churches to continue to promote the Church Growth and Evangelism meetings in April. He asked the Clerk to explain a suggestion for better use of our time for the January and July Quarterly meetings. Many at the Quarterly meetings are leaving at lunchtime instead of participating in the afternoon business session. One suggestion to get the required sermons and business was:

Meet on Saturday at 8:45 instead of 9:30

8:45 - 9:00 Registration and Welcome

9:00 - 9:30 Opening Message

9:30 - 10:00 Brunch (refreshments) meet for reports

10:00 - 10:30 Sermon

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:30 Committee Reports

11:30 - 12:00 Sermon

12:00 - Dismiss

The two churches who would host the January and July session of the Quarterly Meeting agreed to try this. If it does not work we will go back to the regular format.

Special prayer was requested for Rev. Herbert Tilley and for Ceavlon Latham. The Moderator stated the Minister's Cards were ready to be picked up. The closing prayer was given by Rev. Ben Logan.

The Moderator opened the floor for other nominations for officers and meetings. It was MSC to accept the above recommendations from the General Board with the exception of Barbara Smith who declined. Karen Brasher's name replaced Barbara.

The Moderator requested Items I, II, and III to be read one at a time. Item I was laid on the table until the afternoon session. Item II was MS and Item III was MS.

The Moderator asked for those who would be going to the Annual State Association meeting, November 5 and 6 at Madison Free Will Baptist Church in Madison. The following will be delegates: Jewell South, Lottie

Sudduth, Everleen Montgomery, Lewis Montgomery, Dan Turman, Vaudine Lancaster, Sue McAdams, and Milford McAdams.

Prayer was given by Bro. Billy Ray Smith before we were dismissed for break time. We gathered back with the singing of "Power In The Blood".

The Financial Committee served as ushers as they received the General Fund offering with MacArthur Walters giving the offertory prayer.

Rev. J. H. Tilley is the oldest active pastor who has been preaching for 54 years and was just recently and has a pacemaker. He brought the 11:00 sermon with the unique title for his sermon – "One Life To Live, As the World Turns, and The Edge of Night". His scripture was from James 4:13 which describes the brevity of life and today is the day of salvation. Our world is turning away from God instead of receiving Him. We must work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. Now is the appointed time.

Instructions were given by the Moderator about committees meeting for their reports during the noon hour. Also, they should go first for this reason. The host pastor, Bro. Smith gave instructions for the noon meal. The prayer for the food was given and we assembled in the beautiful fellowship building to enjoy the delicious food prepared and the fellowship of our Christian friends.

Afternoon Session

Rev. Ben Logan, Assistant Moderator, presided in the absence of the Moderator who had a prior engagement. "Blessed Assurance" was the opening song. The message was preached by Rev. Billy Ray Smith. Using scripture from 2 Corinthians 5:17 he brought out four points that are vital in being a Christian 1) How To Walk, 2) Why We Should Labor, 3) What We Are and 4) What Christ Has Done For Us. Christ's great love was shown by him dying for us, thus made sin for us, died for all, and most of all his love constrains us.

The following committee reports were given and accepted as read:

MT. MORIAH WAC REPORT

Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him another year through Women Active For Christ. The WNAC Prayer Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina was a spiritually uplifting and life changing experience for those privileged to attend. The theme was "Order My Steps, Lord" – Psalm 37:23 with guest speaker, Glenda Revell, bringing the message. We were also introduced to our new Executive Secretary, Mrs. Marjorie Workman. I am proud to report that Mt. Moriah District had 8 ladies that attended this retreat. Our next District meeting will be March 27, 1999 at Tabernacle. I

look forward to seeing you there. WNAC theme for 1999 is "Leadership Passing The Torch", 2 Timothy 2:2 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee". Please pray for the work of WNAC that we will individually and collectively be the laborers that God will be pleased with.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Smith, President

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education has planned three events for this upcoming associational year, with times and dates to be announced as each event approaches:

- Youth Revival
- Youth Retreat
- Youth Challenge

We certainly desire your prayers in our planning efforts.

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

We, the board, would like to thank you for the sensational turnout last January. There were 244 attending the Missions Banquet at the Civic Center. Twelve churches in the Mt. Moriah Association, two from the Progressive Association and one from the Birmingham Association participated in the banquet. We will be inviting other Associations this January. The banquet speaker was from our Association – Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, missionary to Uruguay. Special singing was by The Penningtons, also members of our Association. Rev. Rick Cash, Alabama State Promotional Director, spoke on his new role and the Acts 1:8 plan. Several guest missionaries were present for the banquet.

Things needed:

1. Pastors to get involved.
2. Pastors to have someone to keep a list or number of people that will be attending the banquet.
3. We would like for that person, or someone from your church, to receive the money for the tickets. It would be a great help to the committee. The committee member could then contact that designated person for the number of people that would be attending the banquet.
4. We will be having two menus. As you receive the money for the tickets, please specify what menu you would like. This is very important. (Menu #1, Smoked Grilled Chicken Breast)
(Menu #2, Hamburger Steak W/Gravy)
5. The price is the same as last year -\$8.50.

6. We are asking each church to donate \$50.00 plus \$8.50 for a missionary's meal. Total - \$58.50. This is the same as last year.
7. We are planning to recognize each pastor this year with a special gift.

Missions and Church Extension Financial Statement:

Balance as of January 1, 1998	\$ 590.80
Total offerings (receipts & tickets)	\$3,073.00
Expenses:	
Rent for Civic Center (balance)	\$ 270.00
Catering Service	1,906.50
Honorarium	\$ 784.00
Jaimie Lancaster-	\$200
David Crowe	- \$200
Acts 1:9 Plan	- \$384
Miscellaneous	270.00
Balance as of 10-10-98	\$ 596.10

Church Growth and Evangelism Conference:

April, 1998 Balance	\$0.00
Receipts and Offering (Friday night)	1,289.00

Expenses

Honorariums	
Rev. Tim Hall	\$ 500.00
Rev. Tom Malone	400.00
Lodging	77.76
Miscellaneous	<u>55.00</u>
Total Expenses	1,032.76
Balance	\$256.24

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The General Fund Offering for today was \$189.50
 Balance brought forward - 3,198.21 (\$1988 from 16 churches)
 Quarterly Donation to Eldridge Children's Home - \$100.00
 Balance on Hand - \$3,287.71

RECEIPTS:

Balance brought forward from November 1997		1931.45
Interest		46.40
4th quarter	1997	16.28
1st quarter	1998	11.55
2 nd quarter	1998	9.67
3rd quarter	1998	8.90
Offering from Quarterly Meetings		457.50
Carolwood		142.00
Phillips Chapel		-
Union		126.00
Tabernacle		189.50
State Dues		800.00
Association Funds		480.00
Minute Fund		
Total Receipts		\$4423.35
EXPENDITURES:		
Donations- Missions Expenses:		
Donations to Children's Home		400.00
Donation-Uruguay Missions Fund		500.00
(Jaimie Lancaster Family)		
National Youth Conference		200.00
(Donation to Destiny Vice-participant)		
Postage Expenses for mailing letters		40.20
State Dues		800.00
Clerk's Services		125.00
Misc. Supplies-post cards, envelopes, paper		33.78
Ministerial Cards		35.64
Treasurer's Services		125.00
Printing of Minutes-1998		599.40
Total Expenditures		2859.02
Balance on hand as of November 1998		1564.33

Mt. Moriah Association
Church Statistics

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1	CHURCH	PASTOR	\$PAID PASTOR	\$PAID VISIT-	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	SUNDAY		CTS		PRAYER	MEMBERS			MEMBERS			TOTAL
2		*Ex-Pastor	*House	ING MINISTER	CHILDREN'S	HOME	FOREIGN	BIBLE	SCHOOL				MEETING	RECEIVED			LOST			MEMBER-
3		**Interim	*Utilities	& Evangelists	HOME	MISSIONS	MISSIONS	COLLEGE	Enrollment	Avg. Att.	Enrollment	Avg. Att.	Avg. Att.	Bapt	Rest	Left	Left	Excl	Dec	SHIP
4		***Youth Pastor	**Assoc. Pastor																	
5																				
6	Mt. Moriah	Roy G. Plymon		\$ 350.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 1,329.00	\$ 3,247.00	\$ 300.00	25	18	0	0	14	1	0	2	0	0	0	71
7		*Scott Nicholson	\$9,800.00																	
8		**Interim	\$ 650.00																	
9	Macedonia	No Pastor		\$ 1,409.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,812.68	\$ 3,090.46	\$ 1,200.00	82	79	40	34	19	1	0	2	0	0	2	82
10		*Grant Webb	\$ 23,088.50																	
11	Shiloh	Fred Graham	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 899.00	\$ 890.00	\$ 6,390.90	\$ 2,759.85	\$ 600.00	53	40	0	0	18	3	0	0	2	0	1	109
12																				
13	Tabernacle	Jerry Smith	\$ 35,038.31	\$ 1,219.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,227.00	\$ 549.00	\$ -	60	60	0	0	40	9	0	8	0	0	2	90
14																				
15	Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones	\$ 36,880.18	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 6,980.98	\$ 7,585.05	\$ 4,076.00	\$ 1,000.00	68	55	0	0	50	7	1	0	4	0	3	254
16																				
17	Mount Zion	Larry Colburn	\$ 848.83	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00		\$ 200.00	\$ -	15	11	10	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	47
18		*Ben Logan	\$ 2,736.19																	
19	Union Hill	Kevin Taylor	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,204.09	\$ -	48	42	0	0	25	2	0	0	0	0	1	107
20																				
21	Holman	Scott Montgomery	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 2,534.00	\$ 1,005.00	\$ 766.00	\$ -	35	33	0	0	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	95
22																				
23	Sardis	J. H. Tilley	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 150.00	-	-	30	15	0	0	15	0	0	3	1	0	1	65
24																				
25	Glen Echo	David Crowe	\$ 7,475.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 760.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -	35	26	35	22	18	3	0	1	1	0	1	63
26																				
27	Carolwood	Jerry Montgomery	\$ 27,610.00	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 2,269.25	\$ 600.00	\$ 384.00	\$ -	56	52	0	0	0	9	0	1	5	0	0	208
28		**Dewey Thomas	\$ 2,976.00																	
29		***Larry Colburn	\$ 2,728.00																	
30	FWB Reform	Leon Orr	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 2,060.00	\$ -	40	30	25	25	25	0	0	1	0	0	0	90
31																				
32	FWB Ethelsville	Redus Hall	\$ 17,700.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 391.50	\$ 389.52	\$ 224.65	\$ -	30	20	26	20	20	1	0	0	0	0	2	32
33																				
34	Eastside	Douglas Tilley	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 596.11	\$ 1,639.80	\$ 58.52	\$ 158.05	15	14	0	0	12	3	0	0	2	0	4	156
35																				
36	FWB Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ 1,348.10	\$ 324.53	\$ -	20	18	0	0	12	0	0	5	2	0	1	93
37		*Billy Ray Smith																		
38	Union FWB	Tony Latham	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 960.00	\$ -	25	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	37
39																				
40	TOTALS		\$ 257,381.01	\$ 16,334.00	\$ 20,087.84	\$ 30,152.05	\$ 20,144.10	\$ 3,258.05	637	533	136	110	301	41	1	23	19	0	18	1689

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:

The following is a guide to assist you in sending the correct amount from your church. Please send it WITH your church letter in September.

Mt. Moriah Association Minute Fund:

No. of minutes times \$2.00 per minute)

Association Fund: \$30.00

State Dues: \$50.00

<u>Church</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Minute Fund</u>	<u>State Dues</u>	<u>Gen. Fund</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Mt. Moriah	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00
Macedonia	25	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 130.00
Tabernacle	50	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 180.00
Shiloh	33	\$ 66.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 146.00
Phillips Chapel	45	\$ 90.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 170.00
Mt. Zion	25	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 130.00
Union Hill	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00
Holman	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 104.00
Sardis	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00
Glen Echo	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 110.00
Carolwood	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 140.00
1st FW Reform	20	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00
1st FW Ethelsville	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 120.00
Eastside	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 104.00
1st FW Tuscaloosa	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 100.00
<u>Union</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>\$ 24.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>\$ 104.00</u>
TOTALS	354	\$708.00	\$ 800.00	\$480.00	\$ 1,988.00

DEVOTION

We, your committee, recommend the following to preach at the January 9, 1999 Quarterly Meeting:

First Sermon - Rev. David Cook
Alternate - Rev. Gregory Ison

Second Sermon - Rev. Dewey Thomas
Alternate - Rev. Fred Graham

Third Sermon - Rev. Terrell Jones
Alternate - Rev. Scott Montgomery

DECEASED

We, your committee, report the following members who are deceased:

DECEASED 1998-99

Mt. Moriah	None
Macedonia	Mrs. Grace Smith
	Harrison Sullivan
Shiloh	Mrs. Mattie Lavender
Tabernacle	Mrs. Donna Sullivan
	Mrs. Alma Smith
Phillips Chapel	Mrs. Melba Dunn
	Mrs. Vida Hallman
	Mrs. Cora Falls
Mt. Zion	None
Union Hill	Rev. Donald Keasler
Holman	Mrs. Eula Parker
Sardis	Lewis Hudson
Glen Echo	Richard Harcrow
Carolwood	None
1st FW Reform	Mrs. Lillie Mae Carpenter
1st FW Ethelsville	Rev. Raymond Tilley
	Huron Tilley
Eastside	Ivory Bailey
	Mrs. Ruby Guy
	Mrs. Audrey Mims
	Mrs. Myrtle Fields
1st FWB Tuscaloosa	Aubrey M. Lake
Union	None

After the names were read, memorials for Rev. Donald Keasler and Rev. Raymond Tilley were written and read by Vaudine Lancaster. Memorials for Rev. Delbert Townsend, and Rev. Gordon E. Tingle, Sr. were omitted by mistake in last year's minutes. Their memorials will follow the two submitted this year.

Memorial to Rev. Donald Keasler

Donald Keasler, as a young husband and father, had all the things one could wish for – a wonderful wife, three children, job security, extensive

travel to other countries while in the military service, fellowship of friends – but something was missing. Then, at age 39 he found the Savior and also the true meaning of happiness and joy.

Another thing happened. Donald felt God had called him into the ministry. He agonized over this because he had always been shy in speaking before a group. Sometimes he would say words and they wouldn't come out right, and school had never been taken too seriously. Could God be making a mistake.....but God's word says he makes no mistakes. Through earnest prayer to God he determined he must follow God's will.

Bro. Keasler heeded God's call and became an effective minister of His word. He learned if he applied Paul's admonition in II Timothy 2:15 God would do the rest. His stammering voice would be filled with power as God used his submissive will. Many people began to notice the change in his life. Some tried to discourage him, especially his worldly friends and would say hurtful things about him. His faith in God showed them that he was serving a God who was stronger than their criticism and was instrumental in winning some of these people to serving his God.

He served as pastor of several churches in the Mt. Moriah Association and he and his faithful companion, Arlene, won Christian friends at each pastorate. Because of many health problems he had to quit pastoring churches but continued to preach as fill-in for churches, at community activities or wherever he could be a witness to the Lord.

God's business was serious business to Bro. Donald as he served the Lord's Army here on earth, from which he has now received an honorable discharge. Bro. Donald is now retired to serve with God's heavenly host.

Memorial to Rev. Raymond Tilley

Christlike, tender, a man of humility – these words were spoken over and over in describing the loss of our dear minister – Rev. Raymond Tilley. With all of these desirable traits he possessed a deep desire to be the most effective tool possible for God.

Bro. Tilley followed in his father's footsteps in heeding God's call to be his servant. Then he made a step which was relatively new for pastors our area; he decided he needed to go to our Bible College to be better equipped to preach God's word. He applied this knowledge and became a very effective minister.

Bro. Raymond reached out to broader areas, always wanting to do things better for the Lord. He took an active part in our associational activities and also participated on the state and national levels of Free Will Baptists.

No one in our association has worked more diligently on keeping the associational minutes than Bro. Raymond. He served as Associational Clerk during a period when there was not enough money to pay for the minutes and the clerk's services; so he would sometimes sacrifice his work and take no money. Also, it was an era when none of the letters were typed and he had to decipher the handwriting. He did an outstanding job that few people realized the time and effort he put into the minutes. In his humble disposition he would only say he was doing his job. We pause at this time to show our deep appreciation for his years of dedication in serving as clerk.

Many of our churches were fortunate in having Bro. Tilley serve as pastor. He also served as pastor in Mississippi. Besides being a preacher, he was also gifted in music and loved to go to church singings and would sometimes surprise his congregation by playing a song on the piano. He was loved, because he showed his love to mankind.

Our association and a host of friends will have a void that can never be filled, but heaven will be a much better place at his arrival.

Memorial to Rev. Delbert Townsend

Faithful, kind, tenderhearted, and conscientious. All of these describe Bro. Townsend, but his most memorable trait was the dry wit and humor he inserted in his messages when he really wanted to emphasize a certain point. The true to life experiences he related were similar to Jesus's method of teaching in parables to his followers.

Another quality he possessed was his unusual concern for others. He always focused the attention on others instead of taking credit himself. He was quick to compliment and encourage others.

Bro. Townsend had a deep love for God and realized the great responsibility of being a minister of God's Word. He focused on creating harmony in the church. His main aim was to reach the lost. He studied the scriptures to be able to discern the Word of God. His life reflected he knew the truth of the written Word that says "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." He lived by this principle.

In his daily life he truly did as the song states to "Brighten the corner where you are". We sorrow in our loss and will miss him. But his death was only the threshold for passage into the eternal heavens - where the vastness of God's riches are his eternally.

Memorial to Rev. Gordon Tingle, Sr.

Galatians 6, verses 9 & 10 read, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. And we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith".

God's love is manifested in his followers. His highest calling is to be God's servant. Rev. Gordon Tingle accepted this calling and showed his love for God, Jesus and his fellowman. Bro. Tingle was a minister in our Mt. Moriah Association the last few years of his life. He was not a vocal person and did not take the lead; but was cooperative in trying to reach the unsaved and make the world a better place to live.

Bro. and Mrs. Tingle had a special love for those around them. Much of their life was spent in visiting and helping those who needed a kind word or a helping hand. Members of their church have commented on what a blessing the Tingles were to them.

The pangs of death destroyed Bro. Tingle's earthly body, only to cause heaven's gates to open for him to enter his Heavenly abode. Our hearts mourn with Mrs. Tingle and the family over their loss. We rejoice that God has an eternal home for those who are prepared to meet Him.

CHILDREN'S HOME

We appreciate the financial giving the Association has donated. Giving increased from \$17,608.52 to \$20,087.84. This is an increase of \$2,479.32. We appreciate your prayers and we ask that you continue supporting us prayerfully and financially.

We would like you to visit the Children's Home and see the nice facilities.

The holidays are around the corner, giving and prayers, as we said we appreciate very much, but your time is also important. So, we ask if you would like, to adopt a child, not only for the holidays, but for the whole year. Make a difference in a child's life.

Bro. Waymon Fields will give us an update on the Children's Home.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance, or self control, is one characteristic of a Christian. The Bible says in Matthew 5:14-16

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before man, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
(verse 16 is "key verse")

We, your committee, request all members at the Mount Moriah Association to exercise self-control in our daily walk so we can show others the way to our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.

We feel that Sunday School and C.T.S are important and are essential to a growing church. If you teach the children the truths of the Bible, the Word becomes planted in their hearts and manifests itself in their lives. Often times the children are the key to bringing their parents into the church. The adults, as well as the children need to spiritually grow on the teaching of the Word. We recommend that all churches have Sunday School and C.T.S.

MORALS AND REFORM

Instead of reforming our standards to fit our lives, we need to mold our lives to meet God's standards, by adhering to the rules laid out in the Bible, and praying for those in authority.

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Ephesians 6:4 says, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Parents should be an example before their children and should bring them up in the church. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We encourage each one to carefully select the literature you and your children read in order to keep false doctrine out of the home.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Tabernacle Church and pastor, Bro. Jerry Smith, for hosting the 1998 Annual Association meeting. We have been blessed by the speakers and songs of praise. We appreciate the delicious meal prepared by all the ladies. We are thankful for all the brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully support these meetings.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, report as follows:

1. The officers for the coming year are as were nominated at the General Board meeting except Karen Brasher, who was nominated from the floor. She has the majority of votes for Assistant Clerk
2. We recommend Bro. Roy G. Plymon's name be added to the Ordained Ministers list pending a letter from the Vernon Association.
3. Send a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association for Bro. Scott Nicholson.

There was no Old Business.

There was no New Business other than that which was voted on in the Credentials Committee report. A special welcome was given to our minister/missionary to Madison, MS. He gave an update on the church and the improvements being made. He thanked the Association for their support and noted that five churches give regularly to them.

Bro. Logan welcomed the new Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, to come forward and accept his new position. Bro. Smith urged the cooperation of each church and their leaders. The announcements included special request of prayer for Ceavlon Latham, the Gideon ministry which will distribute Bibles at the U of A, and Rev. Billy Ray Smith is available for revivals and preaching since he is not pastoring at the present time. The meeting adjourned with the closing song, followed by the dismissal prayer.

CAROLWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

January 10, 1998

The January session of the Mount Moriah Association met on January 10, 1998 at Carolwood Church. The opening song was "Tell Me The Story of Jesus". Rev. Dewey Thomas from the host church gave the welcome and prayer. Rev. Terrel Jones, moderator, gave the response and introduced our first January 10, 1998 at Carolwood Church. Karen Brasher served as pianist. Our first speaker was Bro. Larry Colburn from Carolwood Church. His message entitled "How to Get Empty - How To Get Filled" was based from scripture from chapter 17 of 1st Samuel. He emphasized we have to be emptied of self to be filled with the Spirit. Then we will be filled with the fullness of God. We are either faith full or faith less. At the close of the message Rev. Jerry Smith led in prayer of consecration and dedication.

The meeting was called to order.

Assistant Clerk, Karen Brasher, gave Roll Call of Churches. All churches were represented except Shiloh.

Leon McAdams gave Roll Call of Ministers.

The seating of the delegates followed.

Visitors recognized were Rev. Richard Bowers and Rev. Greg Smith from 1st FWB of Northport. Bro. Bowers who is on the executive board of the State Association and on the Acts 1:8 Plan gave a brief summary of the Acts 1:8 Plan which was passed at the 1997 State Association. The plan, which started in Arkansas, is now moving across the nation. Prior to the Acts 1:8 Plan it took \$1 out of every \$3 for the missionary to get on the field. Now it takes only 3% using the Acts 1:8 Plan. This is done by raising shares. He stated we need to sell 192,00 shares at \$16 a share. Churches, associations and church members were urged to assist in this in order for this to be successful. Our Moderator stated in his 15 years of service this was the best program thus far.

Funds given to the Acts 1:8 Program can be sent to the new State Promotional Secretary - Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotion Secretary, P.O. Box 9, Guin Alabama.

Business -The Moderator noted that the Credentials Committee business that was voted on was null and void (reading from page 29 in the minutes) since it was not presented in the a.m. it violated the Constitution and it also received a simple majority and not a 2/3 majority. Further, this had already been discussed in the 1996 minutes and previous times. These minutes were read, then open for discussion on matter. A motion was made to uphold rules in Constitution. Bro. Jones commented that it would mean only one contact to the Association in a year.

Rev. Grant Webb was asked to pray as we dismissed for refreshments. The group assembled again with the congregations singing "He Keeps Me Singing".

The General Offering was received with MacArthur Walters giving the offertory prayer.

A time of prayer requests were given with Rev. Jaimie Lancaster praying for these requests.

Special music was given by Helene Sanford who sang "I Know A Man Who Can".

Rev. Leon Orr whose subject was "Revival" preached the next message. His scripture was based on Acts 2:1-16. He quoted statistics that 80% claim to be Christians while only 40% attend church. Churches compromising with sin are losing the war against sin. If we were really Spirit filled we would turn the world upside down against the forces of evil. We must return to the biblical instruction as stated in 2 Chronicles

7:14. The message was closed with silent prayer by the congregation and Bro. Orr then prayed.

Instructions for the noon meal were given by Rev. Jerry Montgomery. Rev. Doug Tilley gave the prayer to dismiss for lunch and also the prayer for the meal.

The afternoon session followed the delicious meal and the blessings of friendship of church members. Appropriately the beautiful sunshine inspired the opening song "Sunlight" by the congregation. Rev. Billy Ray Smith led in prayer.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster preached the afternoon message. He used Psalm 133 and his sermon was entitled "Why Can't We All Just Get Along?" He noted "how unpleasant it is to dwell in disunity. Unity is a spiritual covering of our churches. It's deplorable that ministers had to spend so much time repairing disunity instead of reaching the lost.

DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Do you enjoy fellowship of Christian women and being involved in a ministry that allows women to do their part in the Great Commission? Well, on Saturday, May 2, 1998 the Alabama Women Active for Christ will meet for our annual May meeting at Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church.

I will be sending a letter to the different committee members so that they can get together before our March meeting. The District meeting will be Saturday, March 28, 1998 at Ethelsville at 9:30 a.m.

If any of the churches in the Association would be interested in becoming a part of the Mount Moriah Active For Christ, please contact me, Vaudine or Tammy and we will help you organize a group. The program or meetings can be designed to meet the needs of your ladies.

Please pray for us as we labor together to serve our Savior.

Barbara Smith, President

DEVOTION

(no report)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The General offering received was \$142.00. The quarterly donation was designated for the Children's Home. The balance on hand is \$1,989.73. Later, it was voted to give \$500 to Jaimie Lancaster's Uruguay Missions Fund, leaving a balance of \$1,489.72.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Board of Christian Education, in light of the low number of participants in the CTS competition will designate a portion of the March 27, 1998 5th Sunday Youth Meeting to allow participants to have legal District Competition status. Please give me a call by Sunday, February 1, 1998.

We are planning a youth revival for September 13-18, 1998 with Bro. Larry Colburn. Please let us know if there is any conflict with this date.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

The Mount Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Carolwood Church and Bro. Dewey Thomas and Bro. Jerry Montgomery for hosting this quarterly meeting. We are so thankful for the spiritual blessings received from the speakers and songs of praise. We enjoyed the delicious meal and appreciate all that prepared it. We are so thankful for all the brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully support these meetings.

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

We are looking forward to our Missionary Banquet tonight at the Northport Civic Center.

We, as a committee, would like to give our endorsement to the Acts 1:8 giving plan for Foreign Missions. We encourage each church to adopt this plan and especially encourage church members, or Sunday School classes to adopt a unit of \$16.00 monthly since we have one of our native sons entering the foreign mission field. Let's all show our support for the Lancasters for their answering the call to service.

Our Church Growth and Evangelism Conference will be April 10 and 11 at Phillips Chapel. Our theme for this year will be Evangelism. Our speakers will be Dr. Tom Malone, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Rev. Tim Hall, pastor from Owensboro, KY. We hope all pastors and churches will give their support and prayers.

There was no unfinished business. In new business Rev. Jerry Smith made a motion to give \$500 to Jaimie Lancaster, Uruguay Missionary Account. MSC

Announcements - Expression of thanks given for the unanimous response for the monetary support of visiting missionaries at the Missions Banquet. A motion was made to adjourn, followed by congregation singing "Ready". Rev. Scott Montgomery gave the benedictory prayer.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

April 10&11, 1998

The Church Evangelism Conference sponsored by our Association began by congregational singing led by Tim Fields. Host pastor and Moderator, Rev. Terrell Jones welcomed the congregation followed by prayer. Special music was by the Penningtons from Macedonia Church

Rev. Tim Hall, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Owensboro, KY, gave a most inspiring message, "God's Orchestra" from Psalm 150. Christ is the conductor, the Bible is the music, and Christians are in the orchestra. We should have a song in our heart and praise God in everything we do. God has a song for every season.

After the sermon an offering was received. Joy Unspeakable was sung, followed by special music by the Pennington family.

Rev. Tom Malone, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, brought a message entitled, "My Responsibility To A World That Doesn't Know Him", using Matthew 9:35. Jesus taught, preached and healed, using a hands-on ministry – going where the people were, where there was a need and administered to the need with love and compassion. Jesus saw the people like "ripened grain with the harvest ripe" People are tending to too many seemingly important things and losing the harvest. Pray for laborers of the harvest.

Invitational song "Just As I Am" was sung, then prayer by Rev. Jerry Smith.

The benediction was given by Rev. Roger Lucas.

April 11, 1998

The morning service opened with singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Tim Fields led the singing with Myra Galloway at the piano. Rev. Scott Nicholson gave the opening prayer.

"Understanding the Devil's Devices and What He Plans To Do" was the first sermon, conducted by Rev. Tim Hall. Using his scripture from II Corinthians and Ephesians 6, he showed several ways the devil will try to defeat you and attempt to derail you from God's will. Discouragement is one of his most effective ways but faith and God's grace will keep defeat away.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, missionary appointee to Uruguay, gave an update on his months of travel promoting the ACT 1:8 plan and getting pledges and prayers for his term to Uruguay later this year.

Rev. Grant Webb prayed as we recessed for refreshments. We assembled again and sang "To God Be the Glory".

Rev. Tom Malone prefaced his sermon with prayer requests from the college. He also mentioned one of our Mt. Moriah Association youth was graduating from FWBBC in May. Gary Mullenix, formerly from Mt. Moriah Church is a pastoral training major. Bro. Malone gave an update on the future building of FWBBC. The land is already paid for and have had several commitments on funds for building. Many more commitments are needed in order to build a college for our youth to attend. He requested that we consider putting FWBBC in our budget, if possible.

He entitled his message, "Chastening – Why Is This Happening?" reading Hebrews 12. Nothing happens by accident in the life of God's children. Spiritual usefulness and maturity must be learned by experience. Correction from God isn't always because we have sinned. Sometimes He takes from us to give us better things. The supreme punishment is when God no longer punishes...He lets us alone (His spirit no longer strives in us).

"Victory in Jesus" was sung, then Tim Fields sang, "Wounded Soldier, The War Is Over, Welcome Home!" A time of rededication followed as several people went to the altar and prayed.

"God Is Calling – Is Anybody Listening?" was the topic for Bro. Tim Hall's last sermon. He used scripture from Ephesians 5:14. We need to be reaching the unsaved to point them to salvation. God calls people through our prayers, praise and preaching. Only Jesus can bring real peace in the midst of the storms of life.

Rev. Larry Colburn prayed and also said the blessing for the meal.

P.M. Service

After the delicious food and fellowship we gathered for the afternoon session with the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven".

Rev. Tom Malone chose Ephesians 1:1-7 as scripture reading for his last sermon. He noted the personal letter Paul had written using grace, peace and mercy because of God's love. God chose us that we also should be holy and blameless because we were bought with Jesus' blood. He also adopted us, redeemed us, and forgave us. What a Savior!

BUSINESS SESSION

A short business session was held. First, a letter from Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster was read thanking the Mt. Moriah Association for the monetary gift toward their Uruguay Mission Fund.

The following reports were read and adopted:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We recommend that Bro. Scott Nicholson's name be added to the ordained ministers list. He was ordained by the Mt. Moriah Association on February 8, 1998 at Mt. Moriah Church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report given (Offering Friday night was in missions report. The quarterly donation of \$100.00 was sent to the Children's Home)
Balance in treasury - \$1,401.28

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No report given

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

We, your committee, recommend the following to preach at the July 11, 1998 Quarterly Meeting.

9:30 a.m. - Rev. David Crowe
Alternate - Rev. J. L. Lavender

11:00 a.m. - Rev. Jerry Smith
Alternate - Rev. Grant Webb

Afternoon - Rev. Jerry Montgomery
Alternate - Rev. J. H. Tilley

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank each pastor and church for their attendance and also for the financial aid to make the Evangelism conference what it is. Next year we will have the Worthington twins - Reverends Milton and Melvin.

Our receipts show that 11 churches gave \$100 -	\$1100.00
Friday night offering	189.00
Total receipts were.....	\$1289.00

Our expenses were -

Speakers	\$ 900.00
Motel	77.76
Misc.	55.00

Total expenses were..... \$1032.76

Balance on hand..... \$ 256.24

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Phillips Chapel Church and its pastor, Bro. Terrell Jones, for hosting this Evangelism Conference. We are so thankful for the spiritual blessing received from the speakers. We enjoyed the delicious meal and appreciated all who prepared it. We are really thankful for all of the Brothers and Sisters in Christ who faithfully support and attend these meetings.

At the close of the business session "Victory In Jesus" was sung. A special announcement was given, inviting all women to attend the state Women Active For Christ to be held at Tabernacle Church on May 2.

The dismissal prayer was given by Gene Tilley.

UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

July 11, 1998

A warm welcome was given as Union Church hosted the July session of the Quarterly Meeting in their beautiful renovated church and activities building. The opening song was "When We All Get To Heaven" with Milford McAdams as song leader, and Myra Galloway pianist. Host pastor, Rev. Tony Latham, gave the welcome and prayer. Rev. Terrell Jones gave the response and expressed how proud we were to have Union Church back in the Mt. Moriah Association.

Rev. David Crowe who used "Man's Inadequacy" as his subject with scripture from Ecclesiastes chapter 4, preached the first message. He referenced several Bible characters that admitted their inadequacy to God and asked Him for help. We must also have a Godly fear and believe He will give us what we need. Our reward will be a new heaven where there is no sorrow, tears, sin, death or night.

Roll Call of Church was given by the Clerk. All churches were represented except First FWB of Reform. Leon McAdams read Roll Call of Ministers. Seating of delegates and visitors was conducted by the Moderator.

Rev. Ken Bozeman, missionary to Madison, MS, gave a report on his church. He listed several prayer requests and also praise items for some answered requests. They hope to go self-supporting by the year 2000.

Another praise item was given by Rev. Terrell Jones. He stated that the Acts 1:8 program has exceeded what was expected at this time. Plans are underway to include Home Missions since people have responded so well in the Foreign Missions Project. Intermission time followed as refreshments were served.

We assembled again with the singing of "Where The Soul of Man Never Dies". A General Fund offering was received (\$126.00). Prayer and Praise Time ended with prayer given by Rev. J. H. Tilley. Special music from the host church was by Brenda Smith who sang "Where The Roses Never Fade", with Elaine Noland accompanying her at the piano.

The next sermon was preached by Rev. Jerry Smith who entitled it "God's Invincible Church – The Rock". Scripture was from Matthew 16:18. The Great Commission was given to the church, through the church and for the church. Jesus is our precious cornerstone and we are in comparison to small pebbles (petras) placed in his church to serve him, not just to fill a pew. Christians must render to Jesus in perfect obedience. A life lived daily is more important than a moment of sacrifice.

Instructions were given by Rev. Tony Latham for the noon meal. The invocation and prayer for the meal was given by Rev. Redus Hall.

P.M. Session

After a delicious meal and fellowship we assembled again for the afternoon session. Tim Fields led the singing and Elaine Noland was pianist as the congregation sang "He Lives". Rev. Ben Logan led in prayer.

Rev. Jerry Montgomery brought the afternoon message. First Thessalonians, first chapter was the basis of his title, "Hold On". We must have a work of faith, labor of love and turn to God from our idols. The only way to stay close to God is to hold to his unchanging hand. When things get rough we must grip God's hand a little tighter to persevere.

The following reports were read, the committee retained, and approved as read:

MT. MORIAH DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The annual Alabama Women Active For Christ state meeting was held at the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church on May 2, 1998. Registration Committee reported 129 in attendance. Our theme was "Living Sacrifices". Due to the teamwork and prayers of the ladies of this district, I am proud to report, the day was a blessing to all who attended. We had our District meeting in March at Ethelsville Church with two special visitors – Carolyn Hendrix and Dot Reeves. Carolyn gave us information on our

Alabama Prayer Retreat in 1999. And Dot Reeves, state Actionette chairperson, reported on starting this ministry in our local churches. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for each and everything that you do individually or as a group to help us become the laborers God would have us be. Don't forget the National Prayer Retreat in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, September 24-24, 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Smith, President

DEVOTION

We, your committee, recommend the following to preach at the October 10, 1998 annual meeting:

9:30 Am. Alternate	Rev. Tony Latham Rev. Dewey Thomas
11:00 a.m. Alternate	Rev. J. H. Tilley Rev. J. L. Lavender
Afternoon Alternate	Rev. Grant Webb Rev. Billy Ray Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The General Fund offering for today was \$126.00. Our Quarterly donation to the Children's Home was 100.00. The body voted to give \$200.00 to Destiny Vice on her expenses in the national competition at the National Association. Our balance on hand is \$1401.99

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

We will be having our Missions Banquet on January 9, 1999 at the Northport Civic Center. If anyone will be willing to help with the planning, we would like to use you. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you.

Our Evangelism Conference will be April 9 & 10th at Phillips Chapel. Speakers for next year will be Dr. Melvin Worthington and Rev. Milton Worthington.

A letter from Jaimie Lancaster, missionary appointee to Uruguay was read. He reported from Reseda, CA where he and his family are living during June and July in a Spanish speaking area. They are boarding with a Uruguayan family and learning culture relative to Uruguay.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We would like to first congratulate Destiny Vice of Carolwood Church on winning the State CTS Competition. She will be going to the National Youth Competition, so please keep her in your prayers.

Also, we would like to announce our Associational Youth Revival scheduled for September 13-17 at Shiloh Church with Bro. Larry Colburn as our evangelist.

We ask that you cooperate as a local church and call off you Sunday and Wednesday night services to support the youth revival. We especially ask your prayers for this meeting, as well as all the young people who need our prayers and encouragement.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, request the following:

Bro. Larry Colburn's name be added to the Ordained Ministers List.

Bro. David Crowe's name be added to the Ordained Minister List, pending ordination papers from Vernon Association.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Union Church and its pastor, Bro. Tony Latham, for hosting this quarterly meeting. We have truly been blessed by the messages from each speaker and the fellowship with each of the representatives from the churches. We enjoyed the delicious meal and appreciate all who prepared it.

After singing the closing song, "Victory In Jesus", we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Scott Montgomery.

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 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, inconsequent 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 13:14*; *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, *Hebrews 3:11,12,13*; *Romans 13:14*; *Mark 13:33*; *Ezekiel*

18:24; Revelations 2nd and 3rd chapters; Ezekiel 33:13-18; I Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 3:6; I Corinthians 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 judgment 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.

ART. 14. We believe that the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the Believer at the time of conversion, and that speaking in tongues (languages) is neither an evidence of being in-filled with the Holy Spirit nor does it bring and heed the scriptural admonition, "*Be filled with the Spirit.*" We thank God for our great Comforter, Guide, and Empowered, the precious Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity. (*John 3:5-8; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18; I Corinthians 14:22*).

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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer) 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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the Association. A majority of votes, by delegates present, elect.

(b) The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer cannot serve more than four years in succession.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the letter its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Also, that we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credentials Committee report and omit public reading of the letters. All letters be mailed with minutes fee to the Clerk of this Association the first week in September. 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 entitled to three elected delegates.

ART. 2. The body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches unless they depart from the Articles of Faith of the Association. In case any church departs from the Articles of Faith and supports doctrines of heresy, or allows any Minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping with our Articles of Faith, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

ART. 3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc., and each church reserves the right to retain ownership of their property and buildings should the church split or decide to sell. Each church should control its internal affairs concerning all property under their name. It may, however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches, but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine.

ART. 4. All questions of doctrines and matters pertaining to the Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association; provided the same is presented in written form; presented in the morning session; and voted on in the afternoon session; and the decision shall be final.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session by a majority of votes. The Moderator shall serve as the Associational Representative on the General Board of the State Association. The Clerk and Treasurer shall be paid \$125.00 each, per year, plus expenses incurred in carrying out their respective duties. Each church shall send each year to the annual session, the sum of \$30.00 as associational funds.

ART. 6. (a) This Association shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed on 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. Any church wishing to become a member of the Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists, or continue membership, must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usage, and must openly identify in all their literature, printed matter, signage, etc., that they are a FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. Any church that cannot do this will not be acceptable.

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, Sunday Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

ART. 9. Any minister pastoring a church or churches in the Mount Moriah Association shall be a 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 Baptists.

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 the 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 (5) 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 year's 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: MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

A. The Missions and Church Extension Committee shall consist of three (3) 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 and promote the cause of Missions and Church Extension of this Association and to take oversight of any Mission Church so organized.

C. The Mission Committee shall have a Secretary-Treasurer and use funds given for Mission and Church Extension work.

D. The Mission and Church Extension 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 minister. A minister must meet the conditions stated in the *third chapter of 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 (3) ordained ministers from the Mount Moriah Association.

3. RULES FOR MINISTERS

A. Ministers wishing to transfer from another Free Will Baptist Church or another 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 Association 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 and aid in council.
2. Open the door of the church for members.
3. Calls 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 *"to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior 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.