

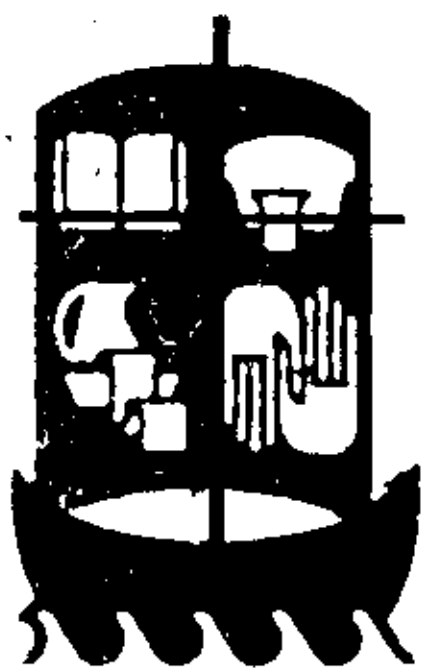
**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
CAROLWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 9, 1999  
9:30 A.M.**

**OFFICERS**

**Rev. Jerry T. Smith – Moderator  
Rev. Kenneth Bozeman – Assistant Moderator  
Vaudine Lancaster – Clerk  
Karen Brasher – Assistant Clerk  
Jewell South - Treasurer**

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

**Wallace Lowery  
Rev. Jerry Montgomery  
Searcy Mullenix  
Stanley Sanford  
Rev. Roy G. Plymon**



**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
Free Will Baptists**

IMPORTANT UP-COMING EVENTS  
FOR THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

QUARTERLY MEETINGS--

January 8, 2000	Pleasant Grove
April 8, 2000	Phillips Chapel
July 8, 2000	Tabernacle

ANNUAL MEETING

October 7, 2000	Mt. Moriah
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5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS--

October 31, 1999	Phillips Chapel
January 30, 2000	Holman
April 30, 2000	Shiloh
July 30, 2000	Macedonia

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 23, 2000	Shiloh, 2:00 p.m.
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Vaudine Lancaster	Clerk	
93 Lancaster Dr., Ethelsville, AL 35461		375-6876
Karen Brasher	Assistant Clerk	
4145 County Rd. 21, Gordo, AL 35466		364-8668
Jewell South	Treasurer	
17536 Mormon Road, Northport, AL 35475		339-9332

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Wallace Lowery	One Year Term	
13858 Lowery Drive, Northport, AL 35476		339-2607
Rev. Jerry Montgomery	Two Year Term	
15307 Autumn Drive, Northport, AL 35476		339-4202
Searcy Mullenix	Three Year Term	
229 Browns Circle, Gordo, AL 35466		364-8468
Stanley Sanford	Four Year Term	
12134 Cherokee Drive, Northport, AL 35475		339-4705
Rev. Roy G. Plymon	Five Year Term	658-2314
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## MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

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

## GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mount Moriah	Tim Brasher 4145 County Rd. 21 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8668
Macedonia	Milford McAdams 233 Hillcrest Drive Columbus, MS 39702	(662) 328-5016
Shiloh	Houston Latham 1022 Dusty Ridge Road Gordo, AL 35466	364-7901
Tabernacle	Don Martin 15179 Bethabara Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-1910
Phillips Chapel	Glenn Bighan 18457 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-3892
Mount Zion	James South 17536 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-9332
Union Hill	James Harold Lowe 3055 Herbert Windle Rd. Reform, AL 35481	367-8402
Holman	Kenneth Elmore Rt. 2, Box 35 Reform, AL 35481	375-2432
Sardis	Troy Barron 196 7 <sup>th</sup> St. S. W. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7892
Glen Echo	Burns Brown 745 Fulgham Bottom Road Carrollton, AL 35447	367-8514

Carolwood	Brad Sanford 13387 Rocky Ridge Drive Northport, AL 35475	752-5444
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Reform	Bruce Shaw, Jr. Rt. 2 Box 79 Reform, AL 35481	367-8409
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Ethelsville	Vernice Tilley 2162 Eagle Rd. Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2605
Eastside	Felix Styron 30 Durrett Grove Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	554-1586
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Union FWB	Ed Miller, Sr. 300 McCafferty Rd. Carrollton, AL 35447	373-2830
Pleasant Grove	Jim Kearney P.O. Box 111 Pleasant Grove, AL 35127	744-6692

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241 Mary St., Box 543, Millport, AL 35576		
Rev. Larry Colburn	Three Year Term	333-9445
12231 Grandview Dr., Northport, AL 35475		
Tim Brasher	Four Year Term	364-8668
4145 County Rd. 21, Gordo, AL 35466		
Chris Colburn	Five Year Term	333-9445
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Rev. David Cook  
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Gordo, AL 35466  
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Rev. J. H. Tilley  
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#### **Licensed Ministers:**

Bro. Dan Turman  
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### MT. MORIAH

James L. Lancaster	93 Lancaster Dr. Ethelsville, AL 35461	375-6876
Walter Oglesby	607 Mt. Moriah Church Rd. Ethelsville, AL 35461	375-2208
Searcy Mullenix	229 Browns Circle Gordo, AL 35466	364-8468

### MACEDONIA

Waymon Fields	10280 Hwy. 96 Millport, AL 35576	662-3226
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James Wharton	623 McAdams Rd. Millport, AL 35576	662-3334
Charles Smith	1000 Woodard Rd. Millport, AL 35576	662-3346
Loy Shaw	1217 Woodard Rd. Millport, AL 35576	662-3363

### SHILOH

E. Marlin Burkhalter	1010 County Road 20 Gordo, AL 35466	364-7206
William H. Koon	156 Billy Koon Road Gordo, AL 35466	364-7879
M. Wilson Connell	56 March Lane Gordo, AL 35466	364-7300
Gene Crowe	1162 County Road 20 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8601
John C. Fair	2792 County Road 88 Gordo, AL 35466	364-7635
Houston Latham	1022 Dusty Ridge Road Gordo, AL 35466	364-7901

### 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
 <b>PHILLIPS CHAPEL</b>		
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
 <b>MOUNT ZION</b>		
Gifferd Winters	15998 Mt. Zion Church Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-7965
James South	17536 Mormon Rd. Northport, AL 35475	339-9332
 <b>UNION HILL</b>		
W. N. Joyner	P. O. Box 62 Carrollton, AL 35447	367-8579
R. D. Reynolds	7093 County Rd. 35 Reform, AL 35481	375-2230
Joe E. Oglesby	8827 County Rd. 35 Ethelsville, AL 35461	375-8185
James Harold Lowe	3035 Herbert Windle Rd. Reform, AL 35481	367-8402

<b>HOLMAN</b>		
William Quimby	14842 Hwy. 140 Coker, AL 35452	339-5404
Jimmy T. Oden	18375 Hwy. 140 Elrod, AL 35458	339-0607
Lifford Robertson	12514 Holman Church Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	339-8455
Guin Smith	11930 Plowman Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	339-9081
<b>SARDIS</b>		
Winston Robertson	18990 Robertson Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7943
Marshall Robertson	18911 Robertson Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7997
Troy Barron	196 7 <sup>th</sup> St. S. W. Gordo, AL 35466	364-7892
Archie Robertson	15223 Jackson Trace Rd. Coker, AL 35452	339-1699
Tommy Driver	Rt. 1 Gordo, AL 35466	339-7474
<b>ELEN ECHO</b>		
Oscar Fulgham	2546 Hall's Mill Rd. Reform, AL 35481	367-8559
Daniel Hill	P. O. Box 452 Carrollton, AL 35447	367-8717
Burns Brown	745 Fulgham Bottom Road Carrollton, AL 35447	367-8514
Tim Fulgham	2538 Hall's Mill Rd. Reform, AL 35481	367-8037
<b>CAROLWOOD</b>		
James B. Tucker	5102 Candlewood Dr. Northport, AL 35473	339-3385
Dennis Sanford	6700 Smith Jackson Rd. Northport, AL 35473	333-8485
Stanley Sanford	12134 Cherokee Drive Northport, AL 35475	339-4705
Eulie Robertson	12620 Hickory Drive Northport, AL 35475	339-3181

Brad Sanford	13387 Rocky Ridge Dr. Northport, AL 35475	333-5430
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Gene Tilley	2162 Eagle Rd. Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2605
EASTSIDE		
Adolph South	506 44 <sup>th</sup> Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	553-0115
William Shelby	2305 5 <sup>th</sup> E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	553-5388
Felix Styron	30 Durrett Grove Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	554-1586
Jack Mahan	11491 Robert Road McCalla, AL 35111	938-3835
1 <sup>ST</sup> FWB TUSCALOOSA		
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Horace Watkins	9605 Ray Bass Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	367-8824
PLEASANT GROVE		
Jim Kearney	P.O. Box 11 Pleasant Grove, AL 35127	774-6692
Robert McCombs	4828 15 <sup>th</sup> St. Rd. Hueytown, AL 35023	491-3680

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Mount Moriah	Cherry Mullenix 229 Browns Circle Gordo, AL 35466	364-8468
Macedonia	Sue McAdams 233 Hillcrest Drive Columbus, MS 39702	(662) 328-5016
Shiloh	Wilith E. Cook 60 Dusty Ridge Road 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 3035 Herbert Windle Rd. 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 184 County Rd. 51 Kennedy, AL 35574	375-2682
Carolwood	Maxine Graham 4116 Eleanor Dr. Northport, AL 35473	339-5210
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Reform	Julia Klostermann P. O. Box 744 Reform, AL 35481	375-2484
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Ethelsville	Patsy Tilley 160 Redbird Rd. Ethelsville, AL 35461	658-2851

Eastside	Betsy Phillips 515 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35404	553-5713
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Tuscaloosa	Dorothy J. Lake 516 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street Tuscaloosa, AL 35405-3750	758-0772
Union FWB	Mrs. Mary Watkins Rt. 4, Box 192 Gordo, AL 35466	367-8824
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### YOUTH LEADERS

Mount Moriah	Tim and Karen Brasher 4145 County Rd. 21 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8668
Macedonia	Mike and Lenita Shaw 645 Woodard Road Millport, AL 35576	662-4635
Shiloh	Brenda Calhoun 4766 Highway 159 Gordo, AL 35466	364-8729
Tabernacle	Dan and Rita Montgomery 12517 Lakeland Hills Dr. Northport, AL 35475	333-8690
Phillips Chapel	Dan and Kay Turman 17281 Mormon Road Northport, AL 35475	339-4552
Mount Zion	Joyce Watson 13102 Haygood Road Berry, AL 35546	339-4483
Union Hill	Linda Sanders 592 County Rd. 37 Reform, AL 35481	375-6850
Holman	Tina Wilburn 17184 J. B. Wilburn Road Echola, AL 35457	333-2894

Sardis	Earl and Donna Johnson 18677 Robertson Rd. Gordo, AL 35466	364-1609
Glen Echo	Christal Fulgham Rt. 2, Box 51B Reform, AL 35481	367-1221
Carolwood	Melissa and Mark Vice 320 10 <sup>th</sup> St., S. W. Fayette, AL 35555	932-5831
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Reform	Teresa Junkin Rt. 2, Box 79A Reform, AL 35481	367-8756
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1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Tuscaloosa Union FWB	none Elaine Noland 312 32 <sup>nd</sup> Place East Tuscaloosa, AL 35405	758-4357
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Sardis	Rev. Tony Latham 273 Double Branch Road Gordo, AL 35466	364-7823
Glen Echo	Rev. Gary Mullenix 619 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.W. Gordo, AL 35466	364-0671
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Eastside	Rev. Douglas Tilley 3415 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, AL 35405	553-7634
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Pleasant Grove	Rev. Jimmy Youngblood 106 Tucker Drive, Cropwell, AL 35054	744-6374



## DELEGATES TO MT. MORIAH ASSOCIATION 1999-2000

### **Mt. Moriah:**

Karen Brasher  
Ann Joyner  
Tim Brasher

### **Sardis:**

Troy Barron  
Marshall Robertson

### **Macedonia:**

Tim Fields  
Gail Fields  
Mike Shaw

### **Glen Echo:**

Reva Brown

### **Carolwood:**

Brad Sanford  
Terry Austin  
Maxine Graham

### **Shiloh:**

None

### **FWB Reform:**

None

### **Tabernacle:**

Lewis Montgomery  
Doug Overton  
Charlie Malone

### **FWB Ethelsville:**

None

### **Eastside:**

Brenda Mahan  
Cora Shelby

### **Phillips Chapel:**

Dan Turman  
Josh Smith  
Bill Rice

### **FWB Tuscaloosa:**

Hoyt Nelson  
Lorene Williams  
Sybil Harper

### **Mt. Zion:**

Darlene Smith  
Jewell South

### **Union FWB:**

Elaine Noland  
Betty Miller  
Maxine White

### **Union Hill:**

Lottie Sudduth  
Nell Perrigin  
Brenda Clardy

### **Pleasant Grove**

Randy Moore  
Betty Youngblood  
Phyliss McCombs

### **Holman:**

Jeanette Smith  
Ruth Terry

## **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES FOR 1999-2000**

**\*Committee Chairman**

### **DEVOTION**

Lewis Montgomery\*  
Brad Sanford  
Josh Smith  
Steve McAdams

### **CHILDREN'S HOME**

Mike Shaw\*  
Nell Perrigin  
Jeanette Smith  
Randy Moore

### **TEMPERANCE**

Brenda Mahan\*  
Lottie Sudduth  
Dan Turman  
Betty Youngblood

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS**

Ruth Terry\*  
Darlene Smith  
Bill Rice  
Phyliss McCombs

### **MORALS AND REFORM**

Ann Joyner\*  
Maxine Graham  
Marshall Robertson

### **EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE**

Brenda Clardy\*  
Reva Brown  
Tim Fields  
Cora Shelby

### **FINANCE**

Hoyt Nelson\*  
Troy Barron

### **DECEASED**

Millard Austin\*  
Maxine White  
Gail Fields

RESOLUTIONS  
AND APPRECIATION

Elaine Noland\*  
Cora Shelby  
Sybil Harper  
Betty Miller  
Jewell South  
Karen Brasher

MINISTERS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Mt. Moriah	Rev. Jaimie Lancaster
	Rev. Roy G. Plymon
Macedonia	Rev. Ken Bozeman
Shiloh	Rev. Fred Graham
	Rev. J. L. Lavender
	Rev. David Cook
Tabernacle	Rev. Jerry T. Smith
Phillips Chapel	Rev. Terrell Jones
	Bro. Dan Turman
	Rev. Ben Logan
	Rev. Albert Montgomery
Mt. Zion	Rev. Larry Colburn
Union Hill	Rev. Kevin Taylor
Holman	Rev. Elmer Lynn
Sardis	none
Glen Echo	Rev. Gary Mullenix
Carolwood	Rev. Jerry Montgomery
	Rev. Dewey Thomas
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Reform	Rev. Leon Orr
	Rev. Patrick Creel
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Ethelsville	Rev. Redus Hall
Eastside	Rev. Douglas Tilley
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Tuscaloosa	Rev. Tony Tilley
	Rev. Arlis Barksdale
	Rev. Arlie Lynn
	Rev. J. H. Tilley
Union FWB	Rev. Tony Latham
	Rev. Earnest White
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Jimmy Youngblood

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

**ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING  
CAROLWOOD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
October 9, 1999**

The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, opened the 149<sup>th</sup> session of the Mount Moriah Association held at Carolwood Church. The opening song "Praise Him, Praise Him" was led by Tim Fields with Brad Sanford at the piano. Rev. Jerry Montgomery, host pastor, gave the welcome and prayer.

Preaching the first sermon was Rev. Redus Hall who took his main scripture from Jeremiah 2:11-15. His sermon was entitled, "Emphasis on God, Not Men". It seems now the emphasis is on what man can do instead of what God can do. Unless God builds the house they labor in vain, we must put the emphasis on God. Put your trust in God, not man.

The Roll Call of Churches was read by the Clerk. All churches were represented except Shiloh and 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Reform. The Roll Call of Ministers was read by Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Credentials Committee. Eight of the 23 ministers were absent. Bro. Jerry Smith reported on the ACTS 1:8 program stating that Alabama had a deficit in the August-September report. He thanked the Mt. Moriah Association who had given \$15,000 increase from last year's giving. Following the report the Clerk read a report from the Jaimie Lancasters in Uruguay. They expressed their gratefulness for helping make their mission efforts possible.

The Clerk read the following General Board report -

The General Board met at Shiloh Church on September 12, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. with the Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith presiding. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Jimmy Youngblood. Clerk, Vaudine Lancaster, gave the Roll Call of General Board members. All churches were represented except Union Hill and Eastside. The Credentials Committee retired to examine the church letters.

Meeting place recommendations were as follows:

Quarterly Meetings--

January 8, 2000	Pleasant Grove
April 7&8 2000*	Phillips Chapel
July 8, 2000	Tabernacle
October 7, 2000	Mt. Moriah

\*Meeting will be determined by vote of delegated body today

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Youth Meetings--**

October 31, 1999	Phillips Chapel
January 30, 2000	Holman
April 30, 2000	Shiloh
July 30, 2000	Macedonia

The following recommendations were made by the General Board:

Moderator: Rev. Jerry Smith  
Assistant Moderator: Rev. Kenneth Bozeman  
Clerk: Vaudine Lancaster  
Assistant Clerk: Barbara Smith  
Treasurer – Jewell South  
Credentials Committee: Rev. Roy G. Plymon  
Board of Christian Education: Chris Colburn  
Missions and Church Extension: Waymon Fields

The Credentials Committee reported that they received all church letters in good standing.

A recommendation for a resolution from Carolwood Church to set the General Board Meeting two weeks prior to the Association meeting and remain the same each year. MSC

The General Board made the recommendation to return to one day in April for a regular Quarterly Meeting.

The General Board made the recommendation to continue with a half day session for the January, April, and July Quarterly meetings; with the full day on the annual October meeting.

The General Board recommends that each church get concise directions to their church and give it to Bro. Jerry Smith who will make it into a booklet form.

The business meeting was adjourned with the dismissal prayer led by Rev. Ken Bozeman.

After the reading of the report, ballots were passed out to the voting body. All positions were filled with the General Board's recommendation except the Assistant Clerk. Barbara Smith declined and Karen Brasher was



nominated and voted as Assistant Clerk. The recommendations were tabled until the afternoon session. The financial report was given by Treasurer, Jewell South. This report will be entered in the minutes under Finance Committee's report.

Those who plan to attend the State Association were asked to stand and represent us as delegates. They were: Randy Moore, Dam Turman, Lewis Montgomery, Everleen Montgomery, Myree Galloway, Betty Miller, Lottie Sudduth, and Jewel South. The congregation was dismissed for a break, with Rev. Billy Ray Smith giving the dismissal prayer.

We assembled with the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven" and prayer by Rev. Larry Colburn. The General Offering of \$185.50 was received. The Finance Committee served as ushers. "He Keeps Me Singing" was sung, followed by a special by Rev. and Mrs. Tony Latham. They sang "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Rev. Jimmy Youngblood preached, taking his scripture from 2 Chronicles 9:15-16 with his title, "Shields of Gold or Shields of Brass?" He described the splendor of Solomon's temple and how only the best was used. Solomon followed God's instructions in building the temple. His father was not permitted to build because of the sin in his life. Gold represents the purity of God; brass is never a substitute for pure gold. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. God instructions to us are found in his word, the Holy Bible. The sermon was followed with an altar call.

Rev. Jerry Montgomery gave instructions where committees would meet and also regarding the noon meal. He then gave a prayer of thanks for the food. A delicious meal was served in the fellowship hall. Following the lunch the committees met to complete their reports.

#### P.M. SESSION

Congregational singing of "To God Be The Glory" and the opening prayer by Rev. Ken Bozeman started the p.m. session. Rev. Ben Logan brought the sermon entitled "The Call of God". His scripture was from Matthew 4:18. When God calls us we are called into fellowship with his Son. When called into discipleship we will be willing to give up worldly goods to follow God. Just as Christians were called Christians at Antioch, we will have faith and obedience and reflect Christ in our life.

The business session began with the reading of the reports. All reports were acted on and approved as read except the Missions and Church Extension report. Their voting results will be given, following their regular report.

### **WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST REPORT**

The climax of our year was getting to attend a retreat at Shocco Springs. Five churches in our association were represented – Glen Echo, Union Hill, Carolwood, Tabernacle and Mt. Moriah. Over 200 women signed up for this retreat. It was coordinated by Carolyn Hendrix of Madison with a wonderful guest speaker and author, Glenda Revell. This Friday night and Saturday a.m. time was devoted also to testimonies, altar call, a devotional by Brenda Clardy and inspirational time by Karen Brasher and Desiree Mullenix. It was a time of spiritual refreshing and a desire to do more for the Master.

If your church does not have a WAC we would be glad to help get you started. It is a blessing to work as a missions arm of the church and be Laborers Together With God.

Report given by Everleen Montgomery  
Barbara Smith, District WAC President

### **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

We appreciate Mt. Moriah Church for hosting the youth meeting and the Association's attendance in August. We fell short of our 300 goal, but we are looking forward to obtaining this goal at our next youth meeting on October 31, 1999, which will be rewarded with a skating party.

As of this date we do not have 100 percent participation of our churches. We do encourage every church to get involved. Also, we would like to see some type of three day youth revival.

Pray for our Christian Board as we seek to follow God's leadership and guidance in planning activities. Pray for all the youth people in and out of the church.

### **MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

The Mount Moriah Association Missions Banquet has been set for Saturday, January 8, 2000 at the Northport Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by M&M Catering of Aliceville. Price of tickets will



be \$8.50. We will be asking churches for financial supper to cover the Civic Center rent and additional expenses at \$60.00 per church, plus and additional \$8.50 for one missionary meal.

Special music will be provided by Sardis Church and Macedonia Church.

The following is a report of the Survey Results concerning the Annual Missions Conference in January and the Evangelism Conference held in April:

We had twelve of our churches to respond to the survey which was mailed out on July 15, 1999. The responses were as follows:

#### **Annual Missions Conference**

1. Change to a "Sunday only" format. Yes: 9 No.: 2 Other 1\*

\*The Ethelsville Church did not express a preference on this question. It was implied by their reply that they do not wish to participate in the conference regardless of the format.

#### **Annual Evangelism Conference**

2. (5) Churches voted to continue the April Evangelism Conference with guest speakers.
3. (6) Churches voted to change the April Evangelism Conference back to a regular quarterly meeting format.
4. (1) Church voted to continue the April Evangelism Conference on an every-other-year basis. \*\*

\*\* This suggestion was submitted by the Tabernacle Church. The churches that did not respond to the survey are as follows: Mt. Moriah, Carolwood, First Tuscaloosa, Sardis and Pleasant Grove.

#### **Missions and Church Extension Financial Statement:**

(Banquet)

Balance as of January 1, 1999	\$ 596.10
Total offerings (receipts & tickets)	<u>\$2,972.20</u>
Total Income	\$3,568.30

#### **Expenses:**

Rent for Civic Center (balance)	\$ 520.00
Catering Service	2,153.25
Honorarium (Mike Corley)	<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,873.25
Balance as of 10-9-99	\$695.05

**Church Growth and Evangelism Conference Financial Statement:**

Balance as of January 1, 1999	\$ 256.24
Gifts (churches)	1,200.24
Offering (Friday night)	<u>445.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,901.24

**Expenses:**

Honorariums	
Rev. Milton Worthington	\$455.00
Rev. Melvin Worthington	531.00
Lodging	118.80
Gift to Phillips Chapel	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,204.80
Balance	\$696.44

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The General Fund Offering for today was \$185.50

Balance brought forward – \$2,511.74

Quarterly Donation to Eldridge Children's Home - \$100.00

Balance on Hand – \$2,597.24

**Finance Committee Recommendation to the Mt. Moriah Association:**

The Executive Committee of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists has voted to recommend a \$10.00 per church increase in annual dues at the November 1999 meeting. If this recommendation passes we recommend that this increase be paid out of the Mt. Moriah Association General Fund by our treasurer rather than re-billing the individual churches. The total amount will be \$170.00.

The following is the Treasurer's report given by Jewell South.  
**RECEIPTS:**

Balance received from Vaudine Lancaster as of	2,163.73
October 30, 1998	

Jewell South gave back check (for Treasurer's Services)	125.00
Interest	34.31

Offering from Quarterly Meetings	457.50
Mt. Zion	107.00
Phillips Chapel	120.00
Holman	170.00

Total Receipts	\$556.31
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**EXPENDITURES:**

Postage for Moderator and Clerk	65.00
Charge for checks printed	4.89
Children's Home	300.00
Embossed Seal Stamp and Inking Pad for Association	77.05
Printng of Minutes (shown in Last Year)	599.40
Destiny Vice (National CTS Competition)	200.00
Treasurer's Services	125.00
(Vaudine Lancaster)	
Total Expenditures	1,371.34
Balance on hand as of September 11, 1999	1,348.70

**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:	\$85.00

## FINANCE REPORT

Church	Min.	Min. Fund	State Dues	Gen. Fund	TOTAL
Mt. Moriah	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Macedonia	25	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 155.00
Tabernacle	50	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 205.00
Shiloh	33	\$ 66.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 171.00
Phillips Chapel	45	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 195.00
Mt. Zion	25	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 155.00
Union Hill	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Holman	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 129.00
Sardis	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Glen Echo	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Carolwood	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 165.00
1st FW Reform	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
1st FW Ethelsville	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 145.00
Eastside	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 129.00
1st FW Tuscaloosa	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00
Union	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 129.00
Pleasant Grove	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00
Totals	359	\$ 718.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 2,503.00

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		**Assoc. Pastor	*Utilities	& Evangelists	HOME	MISSIONS	MISSIONS	COLLEGE	Enrollment	Avg. Att.	Enrollment	Avg. Att.	Avg. Att.	Bapt	Rest	Lett	Lett	Excl	Dec	SHIP
4		***Youth Pastor	**Assoc. Pastor	& Interim			*ACTS1:8													
5																				
6	Mt. Moriah	Roy G. Plymon	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 1,302.00	\$ 4,979.00	\$ 400.00	25	20	0	0	14	0	0	2	0	0	1	68
7																				
8	Macedonia	Ken Bozeman	\$ 19,212.12	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,953.35	\$ 1,950.30	\$ 1,200.00	72	59	42	34	21	5	0	5	9	0	2	79
9							\$ 1,778.34													
10	Shiloh	Fred Graham	\$ 21,920.00	\$ 599.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 5,267.91	\$ 3,021.35	\$ 600.00	60	38	0	0	17	5	0	0	0	0	5	106
11																				
12	Tabernacle	Jerry T. Smith	\$ 36,486.25	\$ 1,564.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,029.21	\$ 2,556.33	0	58	58	0	0	40	7	0	3	7	0	1	92
13																				
14	Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones	\$ 37,771.87	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 6,231.61		21,708.31		70	64	0	0	50	1	0	0	4	0	5	246
15																				
16	Mount Zion	Larry Colburn	\$ 7,773.13	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	0	\$ 240.00	0	24	24	0	0	19	6	0	13	0	0	1	65
17																				
18	Union Hill	Kevin Taylor	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 1,962.29	\$ 1,160.00	0	48	42	0	0	25	3	0	0	0	0	3	107
19																				
20	Holman	Ben Logan	\$ 10,400.00		\$ 3,409.00	\$ 905.00		0	35	33	0	0	10	1	0	2	2	0		95
21							* 960.00													
22	Sardis	Tony Latham	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	0	0	25	16	0	0	15	4	0	1	0	0	1	61
23		*J.H. Tilley																		
24	Glen Echo	Gary Mullenix	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	0	35	26	35	22	22	0	0	3	5	0	1	52
25		*David Crowe	\$ 2,800.00																	
26	Carolwood	Jerry Montgomery	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,382.60	\$ 710.00	* 496.00		67	57	0	0	45	8	0	9	4	0	0	221
27		**Dewey Thomas	\$ 2,976.00																	
28	FWB Reform	Leon Orr	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	0	40	30	30	25	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	91
29																				
30	FWB Ethelsville	Redus Hall	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 455.80	\$ 360.30	\$ 212.00	0	30	20	26	20	20	0	0	0	1	0	1	31
31																				
32	Eastside	Douglas Tilley	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 396.94	\$ 1,766.63		\$ 145.29	15	10	0	0	10	2	0	0	5	0	0	153
33																				
34	FWB Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 525.00	0	\$ 1,992.58	\$ 498.15	0	20	18	0	0	14	0	0	8	3	0	0	80
35																				
36	Union FWB		\$ 6,400.00	\$ 900.00	0	\$ 250.00	\$ 416.00	0	25	20	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
37		*Tony Latham					* 576.00													
38																				
39	Pleasant Grove	Jimmy Youngblood							55			0	30	2	9	0	0	0	0	65
40																				
41	TOTALS		\$ 263,039.37	\$ 13,828.00	\$ 17,675.95	\$ 25,159.27	\$ 42,457.78	\$ 2,345.29	704	535	133	101	387	45	9	46	40	0	21	1649

## DECEASED

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

Mt. Moriah	Mrs. Annie Jacobs
Macedonia	Mrs. Annie (W.L.) McAdams
	James (Buddy) McCrary
Shiloh	Miss Geraldine Latham
	Mrs. Sue Guy Fair
	W. Luther Burkhalter
	F. Raiford Shepherd
	Jasper Jack Wright
Tabernacle	Mrs. Susie Maddox
Phillips Chapel	Thurman Oswalt
	Thomas Sanford
	Mrs. Erma (Phillips) Watson
	Raymond Sanford
	Mrs. Daisy (Hallman) Watson
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Ethel Hager
Union Hill	James Seymer
	Mrs. Dorothy Robinson
	Mrs. Mary Hammett
Holman	Ed Watts
	Mrs. Betty James
Sardis	Jim Mason
Glen Echo	Mrs. Ora Lee Elmore
Carolwood	None
1st FW Reform	None
1st FW Ethelsville	Ira Jewell
Eastside	None
1st FWB Tuscaloosa	Mrs. Lorene Tilley
Union	None
Pleasant Grove	None

After the names were read, Tabernacle Church had requested a memorial to Mrs. Jewell Holdsombeck (June Wheat's mother) to be read for her faithfulness in the church.



## MEMORIAL TO SISTER JEWELL HOLDSOMBECK

We, who remain at Tabernacle, lost a dear friend and someone who was a very special person to all who knew her, when God called her home. Though not a member of our Church she was always faithful to attend regular worship services plus all the special services that were held.

She had a special way of brightening up people's lives by just being around them. Smiles, laughter, and a positive attitude were her trademarks. Talking and being around Sister Jewell was sure to make the day better for you.

She will be missed most by our Senior Saints Group, "ALMOST PERFECT". Our beloved sister in Christ has now passed the rest of us in that she is now "PERFECT". She will truly be missed until we can pass on to "PERFECTION".

Her pain and suffering in this life has not been replaced with joy and gladness. Our loss is HEAVEN'S gain. Until we meet again, we thank GOD for allowing you to have been a part of our lives.

- Friends of Tabernacle Church

The report was read by Myree Galloway, followed by the congregation singing "Precious Memories. Rev. Kevin Taylor then prayed in memory of these loved ones.

## CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home giving last year was \$20,081.84. This year it is \$17,675.95 – down \$2,411.89. We urge you to continue your financial support. We urge you to visit the Children's Home and see what your money is being used for. We ask that you would remember the children during the holidays and show them that they are loved.

As there have been several changes in the past year we ask Bro. Waymon Fields to come and give an update on the Children's Home.

In the oral report by Bro. Fields he stated they had completed three cottages and almost completed the multipurpose building without owing any money. Presently, 15 or 16 are living at the home and it has a capacity for about 30. He asked to consider leaving some of your assets to

the Children's Home when making your wills. Rev. Roger Bennett and his wife, Maxine, are leaving the Children's Home where Bro. Bennett has been acting as Interim Director. The state would not accept his credentials as qualifying for this position, although he was doing a great job with the children. We are now searching for a new director.

### **TEMPERANCE**

Temperance, or self control, is one characteristic of a Christian. As Christians we must be led by the Holy Spirit; in so doing we practice self control. Our daily life is the only Bible some may read. Matthew 5:16 says, "Let your light so shine before man, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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

### **MORALS AND REFORM**

Morals in our society seem to be declining daily. We need to strive to uphold our morals in our own personal life and continue to teach our young people to have high ideals and expectations.

The election next Tuesday is an opportunity for us to make a great impact for Christ. We need to continue to pray that God's people will go to the polls and soundly defeat this sinful referendum. Be sure to vote and take a neighbor or friend who may not have transportation to the polls.

### **EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE**

Any relationship requires daily communication. We talk to God through prayer and God talks to us through His word, the Bible. We encourage everyone to grow daily in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God".

As we grow in our relationship with God we can become better examples for our children. Proverbs 22:6, "train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We recommend that everyone become more aware and concerned about the literature that we allow to come into our homes.



## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We recommend that Bro. Billy Ray Smith be granted a letter of good standing to the Progressive Association upon their request.

We recommend that Bro. Tony Tilley be added to the Ordained Minister List upon church request and our examination.

We received a request for Bro. Gary Mullenix name to be added to the Ordained Ministers List but were unable to act today but will do so next meeting. Gary was unable to be present because of a death in the church.

We recommend that Bro. Earnest White's name be added to the Ordained Ministers list upon the church's request and our examination.

We recommend that Bro. Dan Turman's name be added to the Licensed Ministers list.

(Each recommendation read and voted on separately)

## **RESOLUTION AND APPRECIATION**

We urge the body to take a stand against the lottery and its negative effects it will have on our churches, families and society as a whole. We urge all members of our association to vote "No" on the lottery amendment on October 12 and to urge their family and friends to do the same.

The Mt. Moriah Association would like to express its appreciation to Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Jerry Montgomery, for the gracious hospitality and delicious food. We have been truly blessed by the fellowship, singing, and sermons. We wish to thank all the churches for supporting this annual meeting.

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## **Old Business**

The unfinished business from the morning session was brought to the floor. Bro. Tony Latham acted as Moderator to let Bro. Jerry Smith speak. He stated how the mix-up happened in the placing of four churches with four day mission conferences and the others with one day. It was miscommunication with the State and National missions office. He apologized for the misunderstanding. He also noted that we have three other churches from our Association participating in the Missions Conference this year – Mt. Zion, Glen Echo and 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Tuscaloosa.

Bro. Smith made the recommendation to go to a one day missions conference as and Association. This would be on Sunday morning and Sunday night following in 2001. This was taken up in the Missions and Church Extension Report, voted on and approved.

Waymon Fields made a motion that since next year would be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Mt. Moriah Association and Mt. Moriah would host it, he thought it would be fitting to have a special observance. MSC

### **New Business**

Rev. Jimmy Youngblood mentioned that the North Carolina flood victims could use assistance and prayer during this time of devastation. Special prayer was given by Rev. Terrell Jones.

Tabernacle will be in revival with Rev. Fred Warner of National Foreign Missions as guest speaker. A fellowship lunch at the Front Porch in Gordo will be on Wednesday, October 12, with Bro. Warner giving a devotional. All churches are invited to attend.

Area Thanksgiving services will be held on Tuesday night, November 23 at the Northport FWB Church. Rev. Danny Williams will be the guest speaker. The Thanksgiving offering will go toward Alabama's deficit on the ACTS 1:8 program.

Bro. Smith thanked the Mt. Moriah Association for their cooperation during this associational year. Also, for our generous giving to missions which increased from \$50,000 last year to \$67,000 this year.

The congregation sang the closing song "Where Could I Go". The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Stanley Sanford.

**January Quarterly Meeting**  
**MOUNT ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**January 9, 1999**

The January session of the Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists was held with Mt. Zion Church on January 9, 1999. Musicians for the day were Milford McAdams leading the singing with Myree Galloway at the piano. The opening song was "When I See The Blood", followed by prayer by Rev. Terrell Jones. The welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Larry Colburn. Rev. Jerry Smith, Moderator, gave the response.

Rev. David Cook preached the first sermon with his title, "What It Takes To Bring Forth Christ" using Luke 1:38. He gave several qualities we must possess if Christ is shown in our life, using Mary as the example. As a result of these qualities we will have spiritual riches, protection and God will be faithful to us, and we will have victory. We must bring forth Jesus in all areas of life.

Rev. Jerry Smith, our new Moderator, gave the outline for the new format for the day. He extended a welcome to visitors and asked Bro. Colburn to give instructions for refreshments and also the prayer for the food. After a time of delicious food and fellowship we assembled to the congregational song, "Some Day". Prayer was given by Rev. Redus Hall.

The second sermon was preached by Rev. Fred Graham using his text from Matthew 16:18. His topic was "Church – What Does It Mean?" Literally, it means an assembly of called out ones. Spiritually, it means Christ is the head of many members of many denomination who have accepted him as their savior. Every member of the church is important and if we have Jesus as our chief cornerstone, even the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Our future will be to be with the Lord forever and ever. The invitational song, "Just As I Am" concluded the message.

The song, "Just Over In The Gloryland" was sung as the Finance Committee assembled to received the General Offering. MacArthur Walters led the offertory prayer. The offering was \$107.00

The business session was opened with prayer by Rev. Ben Logan. The Roll Call of Churches was read by the Clerk. All churches were represented except Sardis and 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Reform. Rev. Jerry Montgomery read

the Roll Call of Ministers. The Moderator asked for all ministers, deacons and elected delegates to stand.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, missionary to Uruguay, gave a report on his missions funds. He still needs about \$15,000 to have the full amount needed to go. The family is anxiously waiting to get on the field. They hope to leave the last part of February. They especially request our prayers.

The following reports were given and accepted as read:

**DEVOTION COMMITTEE** - No report given

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Balance brought forward	
General Fund Offering -	\$ 107.00
Quarterly donation to Children's Home	\$ 100.00
Balance on Hand	\$1,170.73

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Bro. Scott Montgomery announced his resignation as Board of Christian Education member. We, you committee, recommend Bro. Tim Fields to finish the remainder of three year term. Also, we would like to remind all churches about our upcoming Youth Meeting on January 31 at Shiloh. We would greatly appreciate your attendance, participation and prayers.

**MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

We would like to thank all of our churches for their support of the the annual missions banquet. Also, be in prayer for our Evangelism Conference that will be coming up in April. Our speakers this year will be Melvin & Milton Worthington. Please encourage your people to attend this important conference.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, your committee, report as follows: To our knowledge all churches and ministers are in good standing.

**RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION**

The Mount Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Mt. Zion Church and its pastor, Bro. Larry Colburn, for hosting this quarterly meeting. We appreciate the ladies of the church for preparing the delicious



brunch. We are thankful for each speaker and the blessing we have received. We ask for your continued support of these meetings.

A rising vote of appreciation was given by the congregation after the reading of the Resolutions and Appreciation report.

The last sermon was preached by Rev. Terrell Jones. His title was "To Be Used By The Master", using scripture from Luke 4:42 – 5:11. He stressed we must see God where He is to be able to see ourselves where we are. We must then ask the question, "What would thou have me do? " Christians must live in unity because we need each other. Availability is also important – we must do what we are capable of doing. Expect blessings when we yield to Him, we are trusting in a God of faith.

Other business was to replace Rev. Scott Montgomery (who is pastoring in another association) with Tim Fields on the Board of Christian Education. He was also replaced by Rev. Tony Latham as Assistant Moderator.

Announcements: The McAdams Quartet will be hosting a singing featuring local gospel singing at the Princess Theatre in Columbus, MS on Friday night, February 5, 1999.

The Moderator reminded the congregation about the Missions Banquet at the Civic Center tonight at 6:30. Over 275 tickets have been purchased, making this the largest number since its beginning six years ago.

The closing song, "In The Shadow of the Cross" was a special song by Tim Fields, Steve McAdams and Milford McAdams. The dismissal prayer was prayed by Rev. Scott Montgomery.

**April Quarterly Meeting**  
**CHURCH GROWTH AND EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**  
**PHILLIPS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**April 9 & 10, 1999**

Our service was opened by Milford McAdams leading the congregation in "Where The Soul Never Dies". Prayer was given by Waymon Fields. Another song "I Feel Like Traveling On" was sung. Rev. Jerry Smith, Moderator, gave the welcome. He also requested that evaluation sheets be

turned in to the Missions Committee. The Fields Family presented special music by singing "My Name Is Recorded In The Book of Heaven".

The Worthington twins were guest speakers for our Church Growth and Evangelism Conference. Dr. Melvin is Executive Director of our National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Milton is pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oaks Michigan.

The first sermon was preached by Dr. Melvin Worthington. Using Matthew 16 as the basis of his topic, his subject was "What The Church Is All about". He said the church is a called out assembly, calling out select people who believe. To function properly we have three major parts – the family, human government and the church. The future of the church is not dependent on anything except God. Nothing can function or succeed under any culture without God's help. The church has been entrusted with spreading the gospel, God has placed us where we are and He expects us to tell others about Him as we go from place to place.

An offering was received for the expenses of this conference. The Fields Family sang another special "O What A Savior Is He".

Rev. Milton Worthington's sermon was entitled "The Enthronement of Jesus Christ In Your Personal Life" using scripture from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:19&20. He emphasized we must have Adaptability-if we are to reach people, Accountability-of ourselves, and Availability-to share the gospel wherever we are. He used a comparison of a Scottish miser who only had surgery on one eye so he could continue to count his money, and said many of us are "one eyed Christians" in our miserly giving to His work. A dedicated Christian will respond to Christ in attitude and action. We must serve the Lord with the talents we are given and sanctify Him in our heart. He concluded his sermon with an invitational prayer.

Announcements regarding refreshments following the service were given by host pastor, Rev. Terrell Jones. Rev. Jerry Montgomery gave the benedictory prayer.

#### **SATURDAY A.M.**

"I'll Fly Away" was the opening song with Milford McAdams as song leader and Myree Galloway at the piano. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Redus Hall. Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith welcomed the body and

visitors present. Barbara Smith sang a special “ A Wall of Prayer Surrounding and Protecting Me”.

Rev. Melvin Worthington brought the first sermon using scripture from Matthew 28:19&20 emphasizing this was a mission statement for each of us. We must be servants to become leaders. Leader is used only one time in the Old Testament while servants is mentioned over 900 times. To become effective leaders we must always use the Bible as our rule of faith and practice – God’s book never changes.

Prayer was given by Buddy Lancaster. The Moderator assigned committees for the business session to be held later in the day. We dismissed for a break and for meeting with committees to prepare reports.

Following the break the Moderator asked the Clerk to give a report on our missionary family in Uruguay - “The Jaimie Lancasters”. They had sent greetings by e-mail, which was read. They are in language study and the boys are in school. Tammy and the boys had been in a taxi accident but had recovered from it. They asked for our continued prayers that they would be able to do the work they were sent to do.

The business session was opened and conducted by the Moderator. The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches. Churches not represented were: Shiloh, Union Hill, Sardis, 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Reform, and Eastside. Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Credentials Committee, gave the Roll Call of Ministers. Only eleven of the 24 ministers were present for one of these meetings.

The following reports were given and accepted as read:

### **DISTRICT WAC**

Our annual meeting was held March 27, 1999 at Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church. Tonya Pearson gave the devotion of Leadership, which was a part of our national theme – Passing the Torch. Our 1999 WAC State Meeting will be at Souls Harbor FWB on May 1 at Vinemont, AL.

Pray for the work of WAC. We need your help and support. There are only two churches in our association that belong to the National – Tabernacle and Mt. Moriah. God is so good to us we can never give Him enough praise for His faithfulness.

Submitted by Barbara Smith, District President

## **DEVOTION**

We recommend the following to preach at the July 10, 1999 Quarterly Meeting:

First Sermon	Rev. Roy Plymon
Alternate	Rev. Redus Hall

Second Sermon	Rev. Kenneth Bozeman
Alternate	Rev. Douglas Tilley

Third Sermon	Rev. J. L. Lavender
Alternate	Rev. Ben Logan

## **FINANCIAL**

The General Fund offering was \$120.00. The regular quarterly donation of \$100.00 will be sent to the Children's Home.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, your committee, report as follows:

Upon request of the Vernon Association we recommend Bro. Scott Montgomery be given a letter of good standing to the Vernon Association.

Upon request of Pleasant Grove First Free Will Baptist of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, we recommend they be accepted in the Mt. Moriah Association.

Upon request of Pleasant Grove Church, we recommend Bro. Jimmy Youngblood's name be added to the ordained ministers list, upon receiving a letter from the Progressive Association.

(These requests were acted upon separately and approved)

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Mt. Moriah Association had four contestants from two churches to enter the C.T. S. competition – two from Carolwood and two from Tabernacle. The District Competition will be held on 4-24-99 at 1:00 p.m. at Tabernacle Church.

## **MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

We want to thank all that participated in our Evangelism Conference and our Missions Banquet. We appreciate the messages and fellowship.



We are aware of and apologize for the food problems at the Missions Banquet and will work to try to resolve this issue at the next banquet.

We appreciate Phillips Chapel for hosting the conference. We also appreciate the financial support from the churches of our Association. We appreciate the prompt response of our financial needs.

### **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 blessings received from the speakers. We also enjoyed the special singing. We are really thankful for all the brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully support and attend these meetings. The ladies of Phillips Chapel Church did a good job on the delicious brunch.

There was neither old business nor new business. In announcements – a revival will be at Union beginning tonight with Rev. Rick Cash. Special prayer was asked for the family of Rev. Louie Bates whose funeral was today. Homecoming will be April 25 at Pleasant Grove. The ordination of Bro. Gary Mullenix will be April 25 at Glen Echo, where he is the pastor. The business session was closed with the song “My Savior’s Love” and prayer by Rev. Richard Bowers. The General Fund offering was received with MacArthur Walters giving the offertory prayer. During this time we sang “Count Your Blessings”. Special music was rendered by a group from Phillips Chapel who sang “I’d Rather Have Jesus.”

Rev. Milton Worthington brought the last sermon using 2Kings 4:1 as his scripture. He prefaced his message with “We will never have better churches until we have better Christians”. Also, in our prayers we should pray for better Christians, not just for sick people. God has given each of us gifts; He expects us to use what we have. Christ only needs the opportunity to use His sufficiency.

After prayer the invitational song “Just As I Am” was sung. The Moderator mentioned the possibility to printing associational news and asked those who had news to contribute. He also expressed thanks to all whom had part in these services and the ones who helped in any way.

James South gave the dismissal prayer.

July Quarterly Meeting  
**HOLMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
July 10, 1999

The meeting began with the song "Sunlight" led by Tim Fields with Myree Galloway at the piano. Rev. Kevin Taylor gave the opening prayer. The welcome was given by host pastor, Rev. Ben Logan. Rev. Jerry Smith, Moderator, responded with the goodness blessings that God had given us this opportunity and also extended a welcome to everyone. The Roll Call of Churches was given by the Clerk. All 17 churches were represented. The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Rev. Jerry Montgomery. All ministers were present except two. Bro. Jerry Smith commended the association for this good attendance of churches and ministers.

The first sermon was preached by Rev. Roy Plymon. He reminisced of memories of worship years gone by. His sermon was entitled "Old Paths" using scripture from Jeremiah 6:16. Today people do not want to hear the Word. If change is evident it must come from the home. We must return to the old paths- not traditions – but the Word of God.

Following the sermon all preachers assembled at the front and prayed for a time of consecration and rededication. The Finance Committee took up an offering for the General Fund. Rev. Jerry Smith gave the prayer for food and we were dismissed for a break.

We assembled with the singing of "Victory In Jesus". Prayer was led by Rev. Tony Tilley. Rev. Ken Bozeman prefaced his sermon with saying some complimentary things about our Association and gave thanks for the prayers and support of the people while he was a Home Missionary. His scripture was from Numbers 12 with "The Servant of the Lord" as his title. He urged us to look inward at our lives. Most problems are from within the church which are caused from envy and pride. They affect the leaders of the church and country and also destroy and hinder the work of the Lord. Christians must be submissive to God's will and be faithful servants.

A break was given for committees to prepare their reports. Rev. Billy Ray Smith prayed. The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing" followed by prayer by Rev. Tony Latham.

A newsletter from the Jaimie Lancasters, missionaries to Uruguay, was passed out to the congregation.

The business session was opened, delegates seated and the following reports were read and accepted:

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We recommend that we grant Bro. Greg Ison a letter of Dismissal of Good Standing from the Mount Moriah Association to the Greenbrier Nicholas Association upon request from the Greenbrier Nicholas Association of West Virginia.

### **MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

We appreciate the support of our churches in all our missions efforts, the missions banquets, missions conferences and evangelism conferences.

We would like to get direction from the Association and each local church as it relates to a possible change in our efforts.

1. A possible change in our missions conference and banquet
  - A. To have a special promotion for our Missions Banquet.
  - B. Consider changing our Missions Conference to Sunday morning and Sunday night only. And encourage all churches in the Association to invite missionaries to speak at both Sunday services.
2. Whether to discontinue our Evangelism Conference and return to a regular quarterly meeting for the April meeting with Saturday services only.
3. Ask that all delegates make sure this is presented to your local church and have the Church Clerk send a letter to Bro. Terrell Jones of your opinion by August 15.

### **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.

We would also like to announce the August Youth Meeting at Mt. Moriah Church on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 2:00 p.m.

Pastors will be receiving more information on our upcoming push for 300 present at our August meeting.

## **DEVOTION COMMITTEE**

We recommend the following to preach at the October 9, 1999 Quarterly Meeting:

First Sermon - Rev. Redus Hall  
Alternate - Rev. Kevin Taylor

Second Sermon - Rev. Jimmy Youngblood  
Alternate - Rev. Tony Tilley

Third Sermon - Rev. Ben Logan  
Alternate - Rev. Douglas Tilley

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The General Fund offering was \$170.00. The regular quarterly donation of \$100.00 will be sent to the Children's Home.

## **RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION**

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to Holman Church and its pastor, Bro. Logan, for hosting this quarterly meeting. We have received a blessing from the speakers and congregational singing. We enjoyed the delicious brunch prepared by the ladies. We have been warmly welcomed and have enjoyed fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are thankful for those who faithfully support and attend these meetings.

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In the business session there was no old business. Under new business it was voted on and passed for the Association to give \$200 to Destiny Vice and the Board of Christian Education would finish out her expenses from the National Association. As state winner Destiny will compete at the National Association.

Delegates for the National Association were given. Congregational song "When We All Go To Heaven" was sung. Bonnie Lynn sang a special, "He Leads The Way".

The last sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Lavender. He was introduced by Rev. Tony Latham who said he owed so much to Bro. Lavender who was also on his ordaining committee in 1976. Bro. Lavender used Galatians 5&6 with the title, "Sowing and Reaping". To have eternal life we must not sow to the flesh, we must come apart from the world. We



can't be neutral, we must expect to be persecuted if we are God's servants. If the mind that is in us is that of Jesus Christ we will reap life everlasting.

At the conclusion of the sermon Bro. Jerry Smith mentioned that usually we wait until our ministers are gone to tell how much we appreciated them. Today we are going to change that. He then asked Bro. Roy Plymon to come forward to read a surprise presentation to two of our faithful senior pastors – Rev. J. H. Tilley and Rev. J. L. Lavender. Bro. Lavender is 88 years old and had been married 66 years. Bro. Tilley is 82 and has preached for 56 years and has not been a member of any other association. After the reading of the tribute Bro. Smith presented each with a framed Certificate of Appreciation. The tribute will be included in the minutes.

The closing song was "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" and our session was concluded with prayer by Bro. Lavender.

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### **Working For The Master Carpenter**

Tribute to Rev. J. L. Lavender and Rev. J. H. Tilley

It has been the tradition of the Mt. Moriah Association for many years to read a memorial in memory of our deceased ministers. We plan to continue this but felt it be much more rewarding to honor these ministers while they are living...letting them know we do appreciate all their labors for the Master.

Today we honor two deserving men the Master chose who have each contributed over fifty years of service. We would like to pay tribute to Rev. J. L. Lavender and Rev. J. H. Tilley. These men were chosen by God to preach his word. These men have been faithful and have made good servants and leaders during their ministry.

Bro. Lavender and Bro. Tilley have similar backgrounds and have been life-long friends. Carpenters by trade, as was Jesus the Master Carpenter, they have worked together in the secular field and also in the Christian work. Both have been blessed with loving helpmates and large families. It was evident the love they have for their families but they put God first and often had to be away from them to do His work. They appreciated their wives who were willing to keep the home front while they had to be away. A void is in the hearts of both men since their wives have gone on to be

with the Lord. But they cherish the wonderful memories of a beautiful marriage they created.

Much of their ministry was during an era when it was a struggle to get by but they always gave their best to reflect the image of a Christian. To reflect back, we see Bro. Tilley as a very conscientious dresser, always looking his best. One recollection is his well-groomed look topped off with his fashionable white shoes. As for Bro. Lavender, once when he was a patient in the hospital, one morning his wife entered his room. Instead of his hospital clothes, he had on his church clothes. In answer to her inquiry he replied that he was a preacher and he was going to dress like a preacher!

With their determination and zeal it is no surprise these two preachers were much in demand. Excellent speaking voices were gifts both men were blessed with – the strong, emphatic voice of Bro. Tilly - and the resounding voice with a ring of authority, belonging to Bro. Lavender. They realized their special calling and diligently applied 2 Timothy 2:15, which admonishes them to study, apply and rightly divide the word of truth. They are well versed in Scripture and stress in their sermons the importance of regular Bible study in order to know how to live for God. Their main goal was to please their Master in reaching lost for Christ and helping those who have accepted him live a richer life in Him.

They have pastored many churches in our association. Both know the joys and struggles associated with organizing and building a church. Bro. Lavender pastored several years in Mississippi and presently fills in for pastors. He has been a loyal supporter of the State Association and has served in different capacities. Bro. Tilley continues as pastor of Sardis Church. He is blessed in being a part of three generations of preachers – his father, the beloved Rev. J. E. Tilley and his son, Rev. Doug Tilley.

“Faithful worker” best describes these two dedicated men. One of Paul’s most profound statements comes into mind when we think on Bro. J. L. Lavender and Bro. J. H. Tilley. The scripture which sums up their work is, “I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day.” As they continue to work we pay tribute to them and count it a blessing for having them as friends and co-laborers of the Master Carpenter.



## 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.

C. MEETING DATE: The regular meeting date for the General Board will be two weeks prior to the annual Association meeting (the Saturday before second Sunday in October) and remain the same each year.

## 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 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.