

**MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**HELD WITH
TABERNACLE FWB CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA**

**OCTOBER 12, 2002
9:30 A.M.**

OFFICERS

Rev. Roy G. Plymon – Moderator
Rev. Jerry T. Smith – Asst Moderator
Vaudine Lancaster – Clerk
James South – Asst Clerk
Tim Brasher – Treasurer

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MEETING PLACES, DATES AND CLERK INFORMATION

ANNUAL MISSIONS BANQUET

January 11, 2003	Northport Civic Center 6:30 P.M.
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QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 11, 2003	First-Reform
April 12, 2003	Carolwood
July 12, 2003	Union

ANNUAL MEETING

October 11, 2003	Phillips Chapel
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FIFTH SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS

December 29, 2002	Tabernacle
March 30, 2003	Carolwood
June 29, 2003	Phillips Chapel
August, 31, 2003	Shiloh

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2003	Shiloh 2:00 P.M.
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CHURCH CLERK INFORMATION

The following is a guide to assist you in sending the correct amount from your church to be sent WITH your church letter in September:

- Mt. Moriah Association Minute Fund: \$_____
 (number of minutes times \$2 per minute)
- Association Dues: \$30.00
- State Association Dues: \$135.00
- National Association Dues \$45.00
 (on Alabama's expenses in hosting 2006 National Association)

OFFICERS

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Ethelsville 35461

Moderator

205-658-2314

Rev. Jerry Smith
4212 38th Ave
Northport AL 35473

Asst. Moderator

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Vaudine Lancaster
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Clerk

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James South
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Asst Clerk

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Tim Brasher
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Treasurer

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Stanley Sanford
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One-Year Term

205-339-4705

Rev. Tony Latham
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Two-Year Term

205-364-8773

Steven Koon
139 Blue Ridge Rd
Gordo AL 35466

Three-Year Term

205-364-7823

Rev. Gary Mullenix
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Four-Year Term

205-364-0761

Bill Rice
16746 Turquoise Ln
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Five-Year Term

205-339-9551

MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Ben Logan 12225 Co Rd 12 Fayette AL 35555	One-Year Term 205-932-4025
Waymon Fields 10280 Hwy 96 Millport AL 35576	Two-Year Term 205-662-3226
Rev. Terrell Jones 19658 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	Three-Year Term 205-339-9856
James L. Lancaster 93 Lancaster Dr Ethelsville AL 35461	Four-Year Term 205-375-6876
James South 17536 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	Five-Year Term 205-339-9332

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Tim Brasher 4145 County Rd 21 Gordo AL 35466	One-Year Term 205-364-8668
Chris Colburn 12231 Grandview Dr Northport AL 35475	Two-Year Term 205-333-9445
Dan Montgomery 15435 Hwy 171 Northport AL 35475	Three-Year Term 205-333-8690
Tim Fields P.O. Box 543 Millport AL 35576 205-662-4996	Four-Year Term
Rev. Roger Lucas 15373 Pecan Dr Northport AL 35475	Five-Year Term 205-333-0038

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Carolwood	Brad Sanford 12600 Hickory Dr Northport AL 35475	205-333-5430
Eastside	Felix Styron 30 Durrett Grove Tuscaloosa AL 35404	205-554-1586
Faith	Buren Windle 19950 Hwy 86 Carrollton AL 35447	205-367-9005
First-Ethelsville	Vernice Tilley 2162 Eagle Rd Ethelsville AL 35461	205-658-2605
First-Reform	Bruce Shaw 285 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8409
First-Tuscaloosa	Rev. Arlis Barksdale 9101 Earl Fields Circle Northport AL 35473	205-339-3751
Glen Echo	James Acker 3655 Halls Mill Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8574
Holman	Rev. Elmer Lynn 4113 Sand Springs Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8657
Macedonia	Milford McAdams 233 Hillcrest Dr Columbus MS 39702	662-328-5016
Mt. Moriah	Tim Brasher 4145 County Rd 21 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8668

Mt. Zion	James South 17536 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-9332
Phillips Chapel	Bill Rice 16746 Turquoise Ln Northport AL 35475	205-339-9541
Sardis	Troy Barron 1532 Co Rd 20 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7892
Shiloh	Steven B. Koon 139 Blue Ridge Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7823
Tabernacle	Wallace Lowery 13842 Lowery Dr Northport AL 35475	305-339-4255
Union	Ed Miller 300 McCafferty Rd Carrollton AL 35447	205-373-2830
Union Hill	Terry Lowe 3190 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8737

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ken Bozeman	18672 St Hwy 19 Hamilton, AL 35570	205-921-3580
Larry Colburn	12231 Grandview Dr Northport AL 35475	205-333-9445
David Cook	512 Double Branch Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-0367
Fred Graham	P O Box 435 Vernon AL 35592	205-695-9631
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Elmer Lynn	4113 Sand Springs Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8657
Jerry Montgomery	15307 Autumn Dr Northport AL 35475	205-339-4202

Gary Mullenix	619 4 th Ave NW Gordo AL 35466	205-364-0761
Leon Orr	P O Box 212 Reform AL 35481	205-375-2572
Roy G. Plymon	792 Bluebird Rd Ethelsville AL 35461	205-658-2314
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Dewey Thomas	13671 Hwy 69 N Northport AL 35475	205-339-4654
Douglas Tilley	3415 32 nd Ave E Tuscaloosa AL 35405	205-553-7634
J. H. Tilley	1747 24 th St E Tuscaloosa AL 35404	205- 553-7106
Tony Tilley	1321 Sentell Rd Reform AL 35481	205-375-6426
Dan Turman	17281 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-4552
Earnest White	5699 Benevola Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8566
Jimmy Youngblood	106 Tucker Dr Cropwell AL 35054	205-525-5065

LICENSED MINISTERS

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DEACONS

CAROLWOOD

Dennis Sanford	6700 Smith Jackson Rd Northport AL 35473	205-333-8485
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Eulie Robertson	12620 Hickory Dr Northport AL 35475	205-339-3181
Brad Sanford	13387 Rocky Ridge Dr Northport AL 35475	205-333-5430
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FAITH

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Gene Tilley	1898 Eagle Rd Ethelsville AL 35461	205-658-1002

FIRST-REFORM

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Bruce Shaw, Jr.	285 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8409
David Odom	PO Box 445 Reform AL 35481	

FIRST-TUSCALOOSA

None listed

GLEN ECHO

Burns Brown	745 Fulgham Bottom Rd Carrollton AL 35447	205-367-8514
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Tim Fulgham	2538 Halls Mill Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8037
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HOLMAN

Jimmy T. Oden	18375 Hwy 140 Elrod AL 35458	205-339-0607
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Lifford Robertson	12514 Holman Church Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-339-8455
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Guin Smith	11930 Plowman Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-339-9081
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MACEDONIA

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Tim Fields	PO Box 543 Millport AL 35576	205-662-4996
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Bruce Dean	601 John Dean Rd Millport AL 35576	205-662-3389
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MT. MORIAH

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Searcy Mullenix	229 Browns Circle Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8468
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MT. ZION

James South	17536 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-9332
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PHILLIPS CHAPEL

Grady Bigham	13648 J C Gilliam Rd Berry AL 35546	205-339-2259
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Raiford Galloway	16581 Hwy 171 Northport AL 35475	205-339-4349
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Herman Sanford	14488 County Rd 12 Berry AL 35546	205-932-3621
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Robert Smith	15713 Cardinal Dr Northport AL 35475	205-339-1617
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Glenn Bigham	18457 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-3892
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Blanton Watson	14000 County Rd 12 Fayette AL 35555	205-932-5696
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Terry Sanford	15219 Starboard Place Northport AL 35475	205-339-0584
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Wayne Rice	19600 Holcombe Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-4347
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Bill Rice	16746 Turquoise Ln Northport AL 35475	205-339-9551
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Ray Lee	12399 Cherokee Dr Northport AL 35475	205-333-5604
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SARDIS

Marshall Robertson	18911 Robertson Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7997
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Troy Barron	187 7 th St SW Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7892
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Earl Johnson	18677 Robertson Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-1609
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SHILOH

E. Marlin Burkhalter	1005 County Rd 20 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7206
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John C. Fair	2792 County Rd 88 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7635
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TABERNACLE		
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L. E. Sturdivant	15360 Rue Rd Coker AL 35452	205-339-2607
Wallace Lowery	13858 Lowery Dr Northport AL 35475	205-339-4255
Don Martin	15179 Bethabara Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-1910
Wayne Wheat	13672 Rocky Ridge Dr Northport AL 35475	205-333-0962
Donald Wilkerson	14718 Hwy 140 Coker AL 35452	205-339-7307
UNION		
Ed Miller, Sr	300 McCafferty Rd Carrollton AL 35447	205-373-2830
Horace Watkins	14804 Upper Columbus Rd Echola AL 35457	205-330-2436
Jeff Smith	2792 Lindsey Tower Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-367-8307
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James Harold Lowe	3035 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8402
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Faith	Stephanie Patrick PO Box 441 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7409
First-Ethelsville	Patsy Tilley 160 Redbird Rd Ethelsville AL 35461	205-658-2851
First-Reform	Cindy McDaniel 269 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8756
First-Tuscaloosa	Dorothy J. Lake 516 43 rd St Tuscaloosa AL 35405-3750	205-758-0772
Glen Echo	Jana Fulgham 184 County Rd 51 Kennedy AL 35574	205-375-2682
Holman	William Quimby 14842 Hwy 140 Coker AL 35452	205-339-5404
Macedonia	Sue McAdams 233 Hillcrest Dr Columbus MS 39702	662-328-5016
Mt. Moriah	Cherry Mullenix 229 Browns Circle Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8468
Mt. Zion	Karen Horton 17290 Tabernacle Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-4880
Phillips Chapel	Terry Sanford 15219 Starboard Pl Northport AL 35475	205-339-0584

Sardis	Nell Robertson 18911 Robertson Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7997
Shiloh	Wilith E. Cook 60 Dusty Ridge Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8462
Tabernacle	Gail W. Martin 15179 Bethabara Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-1910
Union	Harry Ott 915 2 nd St SW Reform AL 35481	205-375-8248
Union Hill	Harold Lowe 3035 Herbert Windle Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-8402
<u>YOUTH LEADERS</u>		
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Eastside	Brenda Mahan 11491 Robert Rd McCalla AL 35111	205-938-3835
Faith	Patsy Windle 19950 Hwy 86 Carrollton AL 35447	205-367-9005
First-Ethelsville	Gene Tilley 1898 Eagle Rd Ethelsville AL 35461	205-658-1002
First-Reform	None	
First-Tuscaloosa	None	
Glen Echo	Christal Fulgham 2710 Halls Mill Rd Reform AL 35481	205-367-1221

Holman	Tina Wilburn 17184 J B Wilburn Rd Echola AL 35457	205-333-2894
Macedonia	Tim & Tammy Fields PO Box 543 Millport AL 35576	205-662-4996
Mt. Moriah	Tim & Karen Brasher 4145 County Rd 21 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8668
Mt. Zion	Joyce Watson 13102 Haygood Rd Berry AL 35546	205-339-4483
Phillips Chapel	Angie Sanford 112573 Oak Ridge Rd Northport AL 35475	205-330-7622
Sardis	Earl & Donna Johnson 18677 Robertson Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-1609
Shiloh	Melody Sutton 5211 Hwy 159 Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7436
Tabernacle	Dale & Cindy Smith 1709 42 nd Ave NE Tuscaloosa AL 35404	205-462-0785
Union	Jeff Smith 2792 Lindsey Tower Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-367-8307
Union Hill	Pam Lowe 9467 County Rd 35 Ethelsville AL 35461	205-375-6013

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Sardis	Tony Latham 273 Double Branch Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-8773
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Union	Dan Turman 17281 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-4552
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor 11 Union Hill Rd Reform AL 35481	205-375-2532

DELEGATES TO MT. MORIAH ASSOCIATION

Carolwood:	Milton Gurganus Derrell Pike	Marvin Hagler* Alt- Roy Guy
Eastside:	Brenda Mahan Marilyn Styron	Cora Shelby
Faith:	Patsy Windle Kim Price*	Mary Jo Price* Alt- Kansas Sellers
First-Ethelsville:	Martha Hall Patsy Tilley	Amy Pannell
First-Reform:	Ray McDaniel* Eddie Pierce*	Danny Duncan* Alt-Michael Orr
First-Tuscaloosa:	Kiesa Tilley Nita Tilley	Bart Tilley
Glen Echo:	James Acker* Reva Brown*	Nell Acker Alt- Jana Fulgham
Holman:	Ruth Terry* Tracy Robertson*	Bonnie Lynn* Alt- Jeanette Smith
Macedonia:	Steve McAdams Milford McAdams*	Charles Pugh Alt- Andy Pugh

Mt. Moriah:	Cherry Mullenix* Sue Plymon*	Mandy Crowe Alt- Ann Joyner
Mt. Zion:	Wallace Marshall* Joei Griffin*	Glenda Sutton* Alt- Darlene Smith Karen Horton
Phillips Chapel:	Willie F. Logan Josh Smith*	Stanley Sanford* Alt- Douglas Watson*
Sardis:	Alvin Wheat* Linda Wheat	Nell Robertson Alt- Angela Robertson
Shiloh:	Steve Koon* John Burkhalter	Skip Sutton Alt- David Burkhalter
Tabernacle:	Lewis Montgomery* Joe Guy	Dan Montgomery* Alt- Marty Sullivan
Union:	Rev. Earnest White Betty Miller*	Kay Turman* Alt- Cecil Jones*
Union Hill:	Lottie Sudduth Pam Lowe	Geraldine Lowe Alt- Nell Perrigin

***attended Association**

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

CHILDREN'S HOME

Stanley Sanford*
Ray McDaniel
Wallace Marshall

DECEASED

Joei Griffin*
Danny Duncan

DEVOTION

Lewis Montgomery*
Josh Smith
Steve McAdams

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

Mary Jo Price*
Kay Turman

FINANCE

James Acker*
Alvin Wheat
Dan Montgomery

MORALS AND REFORM

Ruth Terry*
Eddie Pierce

RESOLUTIONS AND APPRECIATION

Sue Plymon*
Bonnie Lynn
Betty Miller

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS

Cherry Mullenix*
Tracy Robertson

TEMPERANCE

Milford McAdams*
Kim Price
Marvin Hagler
Reva Brown
Glenda Sutton

* Committee Chairman

DECEASED MINISTERS

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, Woods 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, Arlie Lynn

MINISTERS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Carolwood	Jerry Montgomery Dewey Thomas Roger Lucas Greg Isom
Eastside	Douglas Tilley
Faith	David Cook
First-Ethelsville	Redus Hall
First-Reform	Leon Orr Patrick Creel
First-Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley Arlis Barksdale J.H. Tilley
Glen Echo	Gary Mullenix
Holman	Ben Logan Elmer Lynn Randall Lynn
Macedonia	Ken Bozeman
Mt. Moriah	Roy G. Plymon Jaimie Lancaster
Mt. Zion	Larry Colburn
Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones
Sardis	Tony Latham
Shiloh	Fred Graham J.L. Lavender
Tabernacle	Jerry T. Smith
Union	Dan Turman Earnest White
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor

HISTORY OF CHURCHES

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>ORGANIZED</u>	<u>ORGANIZED BY</u>
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Eastside	1964	Rev. Dewey Thomas
Faith	1978	Rev. Paul E. Sellers
First-Ethelsville	1902	Rev. Woods Springfield
First-Reform	1958	Rev. O.L. Fields
First-Tuscaloosa	1957	Rev. H.E. Crawford Rev. J.H. Tilley
Glen Echo	1936	Rev. T.L. Walker
Holman	1912	Rev. Woods Springfield
Macedonia	1847	Rev. Ellis Gore
Mt. Moriah	1846	Rev. Ellis Gore
Mt. Zion	1902	Rev. W.J. Harbin Rev. W.B. Montgomery
Phillips Chapel	1893	Rev. W.J. Harbin Rev. J.W. Moore Rev. C.J. Blake Rev. J.S. Hinton
Sardis	1930	Rev. W.J. Harbin
Shiloh	1874	Rev. Ellis Gore Rev. Thomas Malloy
Tabernacle	1875	Rev. Ellis Gore Rev. W.H. McGee
Union	1891	Rev. Woods Springfield
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Woods Springfield

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church

Northport, Alabama

October 12, 2002

The Mt. Moriah Association convened with Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church for its one hundred and fifty-second annual meeting. The first song was "When We All Get To Heaven". The song leaders for the day were Milford McAdams and MacArthur Walter, with pianists Sue Plymon and Myree Galloway. The opening prayer was given by Lewis Montgomery.

The welcome was given by the Moderator and host pastor, Rev. Jerry Smith. He dismissed the Credentials Committee and the Resolutions Committee to discuss the business at hand. He submitted a resolution to the Resolution Committee - Sue Plymon, Chairman. After the resolution was read, it was tabled until the afternoon session (see Resolutions and Appreciation Committee report). The song "Old Time Power" was sung, followed by an introduction of Rev. Leon Orr who delivered our first sermon.

Bro. Orr entitled his sermon "Prayer - A Powerful Weapon". His scripture was from Luke 11:1 and James 5:13. His emphasis was that the effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much. He used a personal experience of the healing of a two-year old boy in their church. A Christian will not be ashamed to pray in public, especially in restaurants when we eat. Pray is answered by "Yes", "No" or "Wait". We must learn to do as the disciples did in asking Jesus to teach them how to pray. Our churches need a revival of prayer to continue as true believers.

The Moderator called the 152nd session to order. He asked for the seating of all delegates—standing and elected. He then invited all visitors to sit with us. Rev. James Walden was recognized. Bro. Walden is filling in at the Macedonia church while they are searching for a pastor. The Assistant Clerk, Vaudine Lancaster, served as clerk in the absence of Bro. Ken Bozeman who has taken a new pastorate near Hamilton. The Roll Call of Churches was given, then she was asked to read the following General Board report:

The General Board met at Shiloh Church on September 28, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, extended the welcome to all Board Members, Pastors and guests that attended the meeting. Rev. Jerry Montgomery opened the meeting by leading in prayer.

The Clerk gave a Roll Call of the Delegates. All Churches were represented except First FWB of Pleasant Grove and First FWB of Tuscaloosa. The Credentials Committee then retired to examine the Church letters.

The upcoming Annual Meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association at Tabernacle FWB on October 12th, and the State Meeting at Eastside FWB Church in Dothan to be held November 6th-8th were announced.

Meeting place recommendations were as follows-

**Quarterly Meetings-*

<i>January 11, 2003</i>	<i>First-Reform</i>
<i>April 12, 2003</i>	<i>Carolwood</i>
<i>July 12, 2003</i>	<i>Union</i>

**Annual Meeting-*

<i>October 11, 2003</i>	<i>Phillips Chapel</i>
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**Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings-*

<i>December 29, 2002</i>	<i>Tabernacle</i>
<i>March 30, 2003</i>	<i>Carolwood</i>
<i>June 29, 2003</i>	<i>Phillips Chapel</i>
<i>August 31, 2003</i>	<i>Shiloh</i>

The Treasurer's Report was distributed.

Nominations for Association offices:

<i>Moderator-</i>	<i>Rev. Roy Plymon</i>
<i>Assistant Moderator-</i>	<i>Rev. Larry Colburn</i>
<i>Clerk-</i>	<i>Vaudine Lancaster</i>
<i>Assistant Clerk-</i>	<i>James South</i>
<i>Treecsurer-</i>	<i>Tim Brasher</i>

Nominations for Committee vacancies:

Credentials Committee- Wayne Wheat (3-year term of Chad Harris)

Bill Rice (5-year term)

Board of Christian Education – Brad Sanford

Missions and Church Extension – James South

The Credentials Committee report showed that all Church letters were in order, with one exception. First FWB of Pleasant Grove did not report to the Association with a letter.

Other items approved:

A recommendation that the Mt. Moriah Association give \$45.00 per each reporting church to the Alabama Association of FWB to help raise the \$30,000.00 needed to fund the National Association Meeting to be held in Birmingham in 2006.

A recommendation that the Mt. Moriah Association give \$1,000.00 to the Uruguay Next Step Program.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dan Turman

Treasurer Jewell South passed out copies and gave the annual report:
Balance as of September 1, 2001 **\$2,454.89**

RECEIPTS:

Offerings from Quarterly Meetings-

Pleasant Grove (Annual Assn) \$159.00

1st Ethelsville 176.00

Macedonia 148.00

Glen Echo 157.50

For A Total of - \$641.10

Received from all Churches

For Dues & Minute Fund - \$2,851.00

Interest \$ 40.58

TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$3,532.68

EXPENDITURES:

Clerk's Duties -	125.00	
Postage for Moderator and Clerk	92.00	
Clerk's expenses	118.45	
State and National Dues -	1,530.00	
Children's Home -	400.00	
Russian Seminar -	225.00	
Printing of Minutes -	686.70	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -		\$2,952.15

Leaving a balance as of August 31, 2002 \$3,035.42

The Treasurer also gave an up-to-date report of finances:

Balance as of September 1, 2002 \$3,035.42

RECEIPTS:

Interest received -	\$2.91
Dues received from all Churches -	\$2,836.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$2,838.91

EXPENDITURES:

Missions & Church Extension Board (Macedonia & Holman each sent in \$50.00 for Missions Banquet)	\$100.00
Sardis Free Will Baptist Church (sent in extra \$10.00 for State Minutes which is included in State Dues)	\$ 10.00
Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church (sent in extra \$10.00 for State Minutes which is included in State Dues)	\$ 10.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$ 120.00

Leaving a balance as of October 11, 2002 \$ 5,754.33

State dues, printing of minutes, and other expenses will be paid out of this.

MINUTE FUND

Church	Min.	Min. Fund	State Dues	Gen. Fund	TOTAL
Carolwood	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 175.00
Eastside	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 139.00
Faith	18	\$ 36.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 151.00
First-Ethelsville	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 155.00
First-Reform	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
First-Tuscaloosa	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Glen Echo	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 160.00
Holman	18	\$ 36.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 151.00
Macedonia	25	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 165.00
Mt. Moriah	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 145.00
Mt. Zion	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 175.00
Phillips Chapel	50	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 215.00
Sardis	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 145.00
Shiloh	33	\$ 66.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 181.00
Tabernacle	50	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 215.00
Union	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 139.00
Union Hill	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00
Totals	378	\$ 756.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 2,716.00

The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Rev. Roy G. Plymon and also a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Vaudine Lancaster gave the Missionary Update on the Jaimie Lancaster family in Uruguay:

Greetings from Uruguay.

We are enjoying the nice spring days. It's good to know that winter is finally over!

It seems like only yesterday we were at Glen Echo with you. Time has a way of moving faster than we can comprehend at times.

Thank you all for praying for Tammy and her recent surgery. She had been struggling with this foot problem for the last two years. She has now recovered and no longer has the pain that she had experienced

before. The operation went smoothly and she has recovered really well. It was an unsettling experience (an operation overseas) but thanks to your prayers and God's grace, we made it fine.

Good news regarding the Malvin church. 6 saved on their 1st anniversary service. We are also rejoicing for the leadership roles being taken by two men in the church Alvaro and Favio who are helping out while Pastor Gerardo is in the United States for the International Fellowship conference.

Our youth group is a praise item as well. When we started back, we had 4 girls who were faithful to come. Last Saturday we had 10 with 4 young men who are attending. It has been a really good and encouraging time for all of us.

Pray for our ministry here as we work to share the good news. Thanks for your support and prayers. We are reaching people for Christ through your faithfulness.

*In His service,
The Lancaster's - Jaimie, Tammy, Jonathan, and John William*

P.S. Pastors, if you haven't received a copy of our "Uruguay, The Next Step" video, please let me know and I'll try to get one out to you.

The Moderator gave several statistics of this year which showed a gain in several areas – especially in giving to Acts 1:8 which reflected an increase in giving to missions by nearly \$11,000.

Delegates to the State Association are: Betty Miller, Kay Turman, Sue Plymon, Jewell South, Myree Galloway, Doug Watson, Loretta Logan, Milford McAdams and Sue McAdams.

We were dismissed for a food break with Ed Miller leading the prayer.

The congregation sang "Power In The Blood" followed by prayer given by Rev. Redus Hall. Another song "I'll Fly Away" was sung. The General Fund offering in the amount of \$140.13 was received, with Alvin Wheat giving the offertory prayer. The next song was "Because

He Lives". Rev. Jerry Smith prayed, then introduced the special by Rev. and Mrs. Tony Latham, who sang "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Before preaching the sermon, Rev. Terrell Jones told that one hundred years ago the Mt. Moriah Association was held at Tabernacle. He took his text from Hebrews 13:7-17 with Spiritual Leadership as his topic.

Leadership is essential and will determine the rise or fall.

Marks of leadership are shown by preaching the Word, walking by faith and leading by example. Measures of leadership will have an impact on people's lives, the fruit of our lips will show worship and praise to God. Mandate of leadership will cause us to be watchmen, we will sound the alarm. We are called to do this with joy, not with grief; and walk in joy.

Rev. Jerry Smith gave instructions for the lunch hour. He recognized other visitors, Rev. Scott Montgomery and Rev. David Hayes of the First FWB Church, Columbus, MS. Rev. Hayes gave the benedictory prayer for the meal.

P.M SESSION

The afternoon session began with singing "Standing On The Promises", then prayer by Rev. Gary Mullenix. Before the sermon Rev. Doug Tilley recognized three senior citizens that had meant much in his spiritual life. They were Mrs. Cecil Jones, his father – Rev. J. H. Tilley, and Bro. Lando McAdams.

Rev. Doug Tilley's sermon title was "The Wind of Change". He used Deuteronomy 20 for scripture. Most Americans are out of step with God. Their lifestyles, sports and music reflect the world and is not of God. He used a personal example of using his job in driving a truck as a tool for witnessing. This is done with his CB and in a prayerful manner of respect to them to show he was not ashamed to stand firm for God, even in the midst of people abusing His Holy name. People are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; and God will use his hand of final judgment. We must return to God and his precepts for our nation to be blessed.

REPORTS - The following gave reports and were approved as read:

EDUCATION, PUBLICATION & LITERATURE

– given by Kay Turman

We feel, at this time, the Mt. Moriah Association should encourage our churches to promote good education for our children and adults. We are concerned that we are losing our young adults to interests other than God centered activities. We need to teach our children how to put on the whole armor of God.

We emphasize Ephesians 6:11 to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS – given by Cherry Mullenix

As our Holy Scriptures admonish us in II Timothy 2:15 to “study to show thyself approved” we admonish our churches to see that our Sunday Schools and CTS groups be founded in study.

We need not to rely solely upon our literature, as good as it may be, but that our study in the Holy Bible be our final authority. We need to support our Sunday Schools and CTS by attending and encouraging others to attend. We feel they are important in our spiritual growth.

WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST – given by Barbara Smith

- WAC theme for 2002 is “For Such A Time As This”
- The District meeting was held at Mt. Moriah Church. Our fall study will also be at Mt. Moriah Church with Dorothy Gideon as our guest speaker.
- The Alabama FWBWAC Convention was held at Vernon Church May 4, 2002. Bro. Randy Key was the keynote speaker. The LAMP offering was presented to him on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Children’s Home.
- WNAC National Retreat at Ridgecrest was a wonderful experience for all that attended. Ashly Hartley spoke about the ‘Hand of God’. It was a life-changing event.
- A Spring National Retreat will be held in March in Branson, Missouri.

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		*CEF	*ACTS1:8													
5																				
6	Carolwood	Jerry Montgomery	\$ 30,030.00	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 2,139.91	\$ -	\$ 1,920.00	\$ -	82	74	0	0	60	5	0	13	3	0	4	116
7		**Dewey Thomas	\$ 3,124.80																	
8	Eastside	Douglas Tilley	\$ 14,300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 470.73	\$ 849.66	\$ -	\$ 146.60	14	9	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	153
9																				
10	Faith	David Cook	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 240.00	\$ -	32	30	0	0	35	1	0	1	0	0	0	46
11																				
12	First-Ethelsville	Redus Hall	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 2,146.00	\$ 1,000.03	\$ 457.00	\$ -	0	30	20	26	20	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	30
13																				
14	First-Reform	Leon Orr	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 2,650.00	312.00	0	35	28	25	20	20	1	0	8	0	0	0	102
15																				
16	First-Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley	\$ 14,560.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,212.15	0	16	13	0	0	12	0	0	0	1	0	2	46
17																				
18	Glen Echo	Gary Mullenix	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 500.00	35	27	35	25	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
19																				
20	Holman	Ben Logan	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,640.00		\$ 960.00	0	31	45	0	0	30	5	0	0	0	0	0	94
21																				
22	Macedonia		\$ 37,421.91	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,972.68	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,200.00	61	57	38	35	23	0	1	1	0	1	0	77
23		Kenneth Bozeman					\$ 5,041.14													
24	Mt. Moriah	Roy Plymon	\$ 12,480.00	\$ 805.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 3,076.00	\$ 350.00	25	20	0	0	12	0	0	0	1	0	3	67
25																				
26	Mt. Zion	Larry Colburn	\$ 12,848.50	\$ 1,546.25	\$ 360.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 720.50	0	56	54	0	0	53	4	0	6	2	0	6	100
27			\$ 2,976.00																	
28	Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones	\$ 42,362.25	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 7,450.02	\$ 4,715.00	\$ 22,079.85		65	52	0	0	50	0	0	0	5	0	2	225
29																				
30	Sardis	Tony Latham	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 1,455.95	\$ 234.08	\$ -	\$ -	0	23	15	0	0	16	2	0	3	0	0	1	49
31																				
32	Shiloh	Fred Graham	\$ 28,850.00	\$ 799.00	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 2,890.00	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 600.00	44	33	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	2	98
33							\$ 1,115.00													
34	Tabernacle	Jerry Smith		\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,504.36	\$ 6,954.71	\$ 201.00	0	51	51	0	0	25	5	0	1	2	0	2	93
35							\$ 2,818.80													
36	Union	Dan Turman		\$ 770.00	\$ 480.00		\$ 780.00	0	20	22	8	6	21	8	0	3	1	0	0	54
37																				
38	Union Hill	Kevin Taylor	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,651.30		0	50	40	0	0	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	46
39																				
40	TOTALS		\$ 276,653.46	\$ 15,847.20	\$ 20,624.13	\$ 23,360.35	\$ 47,576.44	\$ 2,796.60	670	590	132	106	453	32	1	36	16	1	22	1445

CHILDREN'S HOME – given by Waymon Fields

The committee asked Waymon Fields, Chairman of the Children's Home Board, to give the report on the Children's Home.

He stated that all the cottages are completed and completely paid for. The cottages are nearing capacity with 28 now housed. The total capacity is 32. Rev. Randy Key is doing a good job and he has a faithful staff. One of the girls went on a missions trip to Mexico. She has shown a great zeal for missions. The Mexican missionaries have requested they that bring the same group back next year. They are reaching people for the cause of Christ.

He thanked people for their giving to the Children's Home. Giving showed an increase from the previous year.

TEMPERANCE – given by Milford McAdams

Now, more than ever, we need prayer and guidance in this trouble time because we could be facing war again." In Psalm 27:5 "For in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his pavilion, in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me, he shall set me up upon a rock." Let our Association strive to have a closer relationship in Christ, in our lives.

MORALS & REFORM – given by Ruth Terry

We hold the high moral standards as Christians. That we hold our Christian principles sacred; our Christian obligations to our churches a true promise; and that we take II Timothy 2:15 seriously – to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". Also, may we trust the word of God and be obedient to what it says, and always pray for one another.

DECEASED – given by Joei Griffin

We report the following members who have passed away this year:

Carolwood	Bobby Crowe
	James Richard Phillips
	Fred William Johnson
	Judy K. Jones Beasley
Eastside	None
Faith	None
First-Ethelsville	None
First-Reform	C. B. Kervin

First-Tuscaloosa	Rev. Arlie Lynn
	Marzelle Summerlin
Glen Echo	None
Holman	None
Macedonia	None
Mt. Moriah	Mildred Burgess
	Walter Oglesby
	Minnie Lee Williams
Mt. Zion	Earline Fowler
	Doris Jones
	Ilene Traweek
	Delmar Montgomery
	James R. Traweek
	Gifferd Winters
Phillips Chapel	Gwendolyn Phillips
	Nellie Phillips
Sardis	Mildred Hudson
Shiloh	Jo Ann Latham
	Pinkie Jane Latham
Tabernacle	Lena Pearl Boswell Wood
	Gladys Montgomery Simmons
Union	None
Union Hill	None

After a song and prayer in memory of our deceased members, the following was read by the Clerk:

Memorial to Rev. Arlie Lynn

Bro. Arlie Lynn – when his name is mentioned the word “friend” immediately comes to mind. His life reflected the very essence of friendship. Whittier’s words said it so aptly, “His daily prayer, far better understood in acts than in words, was simply doing good”. His genuine kindness and love for mankind, especially people who needed the Lord as their Savior, are qualities that were unique to him.

The most outstanding factor in Bro. Lynn’s life is his family’s Christian heritage. He is the last of three brothers (Lonnie, Lawrence, and Arlie) who were all ministers in the Mt. Moriah Association. His love for God

was instilled in him by his parents who were dedicated members at Phillips Chapel Church. Presently, Bro. Lawrence's son- Bro. Elmer Lynn, and his grandson- Bro. Randall Lynn, are ministers in our Association. Bro. Lynn's sister's son- Bro. Dewey Thomas, is also a minister of our Association, adding to the wealth of Christian influence by the Lynn family.

Humble in spirit, he always expressed his appreciation for each opportunity he had in preaching at the association. He spent most of his adult life as a servant of God. He was faithful in His service and in expounding the Word in its purity. The declining health of Bro. Lynn and his wife prevented him from taking an active part in recent years.

He now has a heavenly home and no more sadness. His Christian friends – especially in the Mt. Moriah Association will miss his kind voice. But, oh, the joy of receiving his Crown of Righteousness and his Heavenly Home are only a foretaste for this child of the King.

Devotion Committee- given by Steven Koon.

We recommend the following to preach at the January 11, 2003 meeting:

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

Second Sermon -	Rev. Roger Lucas
Alternate -	Rev. Ben Logan

Third Sermon -	Rev. Earnest White
Alternate -	Rev. Roy G. Plymon

Finance Committee- given by James Acker

Balance Brought Forward	\$5,754.33
General Fund Offering Today	\$ +140.13
Quarterly Donation To Children's Home	\$ -100.00
Balance On Hand	\$ 5,794.46

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Roy G. Plymon

We your committee, report as follows: All church letters were in order. Pleasant Grove did not send a letter.

We move that the delegates be seated. We move that the preachers be given a card of good standing upon the strength of these letters.

Board of Christian Education – given by Dan Montgomery

We want to encourage all churches to attend and support youth meetings. At our second, third and fifth quarterly youth meetings we had over 320 in attendance. We are currently trying to set up our youth rally at Trinity Camp this next year. Thanks to all the churches who support us.

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields

We would like to remind our churches about our annual Missions Banquet to be held January 11, 2003 at the Northport Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. We would request our pastors to encourage their members to attend and meet our missionaries and department people.

Since the Clerk's letter did not include the request for financial support as passed at the 1st Annual Session, we would request that each church send \$50 to Bro. Ben Logan, 12225 County Rd. 12, Fayette, AL 35555.

We will be sending a letter to each church at a later date giving more details about the banquet and the cost.

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Sue Plymon

We your committee report as follows:

(the following resolution was read in the morning session and tabled until the business session)

Resolution Report

We, the Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists, do hereby make said resolution:

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Alabama State Association held in November of each year, be printed and distributed to all Associations by the end of March the following year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Mt. Moriah Association

Appreciation Report

The Mt. Moriah Association would like to express its appreciation to Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor, Brother Jerry Smith, for the able manner in which they have taken care of us through this session of the association. We pray God's blessings on them for the kindness they have shown us. Let us continue to pray for each other and if we never meet again we hope to meet again in the reunion in heaven.

Old Business - Sue Plymon read the tabled resolution. (see Resolutions and Appreciation report). MSC

New Business – Clerk read the recommendation to send \$1,000 to the Uruguay Next Step program. MSC

The Clerk read the recommendation to send \$45 per church (17 churches) to State Association from funds already in our Association. This money will go toward the expenses of Alabama hosting the National Association in 2006. Beginning next year until 2006 the additional \$45 will be paid by churches along with the state dues.

Rev. Jerry Smith, outgoing Moderator, expressed his appreciation to the Association for their cooperation during his time of service and said he enjoyed working with them. He gave Rev. Roy Plymon a welcome as the new Moderator. In humbly accepting this position, Bro. Plymon requested that the congregation give Bro. Smith a handshake of thanks for the able manner and for his faithfulness in serving as Moderator.

Vernice Tilley gave the closing prayer.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING
First Free Will Baptist Church – Ethelsville
January 12, 2002

The January meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association began with the congregational song "He Keeps Me Singing". Gene Tilley led the singing, and Amy Pannell accompanied on the piano throughout the day. Rev. Fred Graham led the opening prayer.

Host pastor, Rev. Redus Hall welcomed all delegates and guests and led the congregation in prayer. The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches, and all were present with the exception of First-Pleasant Grove and First-Tuscaloosa. Upon the Credentials Committee giving the Roll Call of Ministers, four were absent.

Rev. Tony Latham, pastor of Sardis Free Will Baptist Church, preached the first message. He entitled the message "Hypocrites In The Church" and used Matthew 7: 15-23 as his text.

Rev. Latham spoke about good fruit, that which those who have been born again can only produce, and good faith, that which makes us committed in all areas of our spiritual life such as church attendance and tithing. He closed the message with prayer.

An offering was received after James Acker led the offertory prayer. The congregation stood together and sang "A New Name In Glory". After instructions from the host pastor, the meeting was dismissed for refreshments and fellowship.

The meeting resumed with the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory". Rev. J.H. Tilley preached the second message, using 2 Timothy 3:1-2, and 2 Timothy 4:1-2 as his text. He titled the message "High Time to Wake Out Of Sleep".

Rev. Tilley stressed the importance of Christians living godly lives, and Ministers of the gospel being true to their calling and to Christ during difficult and perilous times that are already upon us.

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Gary Mullenix.

The Committee recommended, upon the request of Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church, that Bro. Craig Turman's name be dropped from the Licensed Minister's List. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – given by Jewell South.

Balance as of October 12, 2001 - **\$3,780.36**

RECEIPTS:

Interest received - **\$14.90**

Offering taken at Annual

Association/Pleasant Grove - **\$159.00**

TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$173.90

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Ken Bozeman-Clerk duties - **\$125.00**

Children's Home Donation - **\$100.00**

Postage for Moderator - **\$ 34.00**

Black Warrior Printing/Minutes - **\$686.70**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$945.70

Ending Balance/Jan 11, 2002 - **\$3,008.56**

Board of Christian Education – given by Tim Brasher.

1. A special thanks to everyone that attended the December 30, 2001 Youth Meeting. The attendance was 322.
2. Youth workers were given a note of special appreciation for their work with the young people.
3. A special request for prayer for the Board as they enter the new year.
4. Announced the next Youth Meeting on March 30, 2002 at Phillips Chapel.

Finance Committee – given by James Acker.

Balance Brought Forward **\$3,008.56**

General Offering Today **\$ +176.00**

Quarterly Donation To Children's Home **\$ -100.00**

Balance On Hand **\$3,084.56**

Devotional Committee – given by Steve McAdams.

We recommend the following to preach at the April 13, 2002 Meeting:

First Sermon -	Rev. Jimmy Youngblood
Alternate -	Rev. Kevin Taylor

Second Sermon -	Rev. Dan Turman
Alternate -	Rev. David Cook

Third Sermon -	Rev. Larry Colburn
Alternate -	Rev. Jerry Montgomery

Missions And Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields.

1. A note of appreciation for the support of our Churches for the Missions Banquet, and for those who are participating in our Missions Conference. There are 14 Churches who are having missionaries in their Church.
2. A note of appreciation for the financial support for our missionaries. Financial support reached an all-time high of \$59,840.67 for this last associational year.

Brother Fields also gave an update on the Children's Home. At the present, the oldest building in use is 7 years old. All the cottages and buildings have been built and paid for leaving the Children's Home without any debt on its existing buildings.

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Nell Acker.

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to First Free Will Baptist Church – Ethelsville and Pastor Redus Hall for hosting the Quarterly Meeting. We enjoyed the brunch and fellowship. Thank you ladies for a job well done. We are also thankful for the good attendance at this meeting.

Let us pray for one another and the continued good attendance and support of the Association.

After a time for Church announcements, the congregation sang "Wonderful Grace Of Jesus" and "The Old Account Was Settled". The third message was preached by Rev. Jerry Smith, pastor of Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 was used as the text, and the message was entitled "The Gospel We Preach".

Rev. Smith presented the death of Christ as a necessary factor in reconciling men to God, and the fact that Christ's resurrection from the dead is what makes His death good news. It is the only thing on which we can stand against the forces of evil. He closed the message with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with Rev. Roy Plymon leading in prayer.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING
Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church – Millport
April 13, 2002

The April meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association began with the congregational song “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”. Tim Fields led the singing, with Lenita Shaw accompanying on the piano, and Sheila Bozeman on the organ throughout the day.

Rev. Ken Bozeman, host pastor, welcomed all delegates and guests and led the congregation in prayer. The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches, and all were present with the exception of Eastside, First-Tuscaloosa, and Union Hill. Twelve ministers were absent when the Credentials Committee gave the Roll Call of Ministers. The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, led in prayer, and then introduced the first speaker.

Rev. Jimmy Youngblood, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church-Pleasant Grove, preached the first message. He entitled the message “Preach The Word”, with II Timothy 4:2 as his text.

Rev. Youngblood reminded us there is only one way to Heaven. We must proclaim the Word, not current events if we want to change the lives of people. He closed the message with an invitation to the altar to pray.

After Waymon Fields led the offertory prayer, an offering was received. The congregation stood together and sang “When We All Get To Heaven”. Rev. David Cook dismissed the meeting for refreshments and fellowship, after instructions from the host pastor.

The meeting resumed with special music from the Macedonia Church Choir as they sang “All Because Of God’s Amazing Grace”. Rev. Dan Turman preached the second message, using Matthew 17:14-21 as his text. He titled the message “The Power, Presence And Passion Of God”.

Rev. Turman reminded us that to be successful in our efforts as a Church we must have power that only God can give. This power comes from His presence, and is manifest in a passion to reach people with the Gospel.

Credentials Committee – No report.

Treasurer's Report - given by Jewell South.

Balance as of January 12, 2002 - **\$3,008.56**

RECEIPTS:

Interest received - \$ 9.13

Offering taken at 1st FWB

Ethelsville - \$176.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$185.13

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Ken Bozeman - Clerk Exp \$118.45

Children's Home Donation - \$100.00

Postage for Clerk - \$ 55.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$273.45

Ending Balance/Apr 12, 2002 - **\$2,920.24**

Board of Christian Education – given by Dan Montgomery.

Attendance at the March 24th Youth Meeting at Phillip's Chapel was 270. We appreciate all of those who attended. We want to encourage you and your Church to begin attending if you do not.

The next meeting will be at Shiloh FWB Church on June 30th.

Devotional Committee – given by Steve McAdams.

We recommend the following to preach at the July 13, 2002 Meeting:

First Sermon - Rev. David Cook

Alternate - Rev. Leon Orr

Second Sermon - Rev. Jerry Montgomery

Alternate - Rev. Terrell Jones

Third Sermon - Rev. Kevin Taylor

Alternate - Rev. Doug Tilley

Missions And Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields.

We appreciate the cooperation of all our Churches who helped make our Missions Banquet a huge success. Our Missions Department Representatives and Missionaries were very pleased with the attendance and support of our people.

One of our members, who had attended most of our previous banquets, said the format of this Banquet was ideal. It gave the National Home and Foreign Missions Departments a chance to inform us about their work throughout the world.

Our Committee has been able for the previous two years to completely fund the Banquet with ticket sales and funds left over from contributions to our committee for the Evangelism Conference and Banquet in the past. This surplus is now depleted and we will have to have to request additional funds from our Churches for the next Banquet.

We would like to request that the Association consider making this a part of the request to our Churches to be paid along with Associational dues. We suggest that each Church contribute \$50.00 and that this be as an optional part of Association dues request. This would eliminate additional letters of request from our Committee at a later date. **(This motion passed with no opposition.)**

We commend our Association for the growth in missions' contributions, and hope that all our Churches will continue to make missions a top priority. This is our opportunity to promote missions around the world.

Brother Randy Key, Director of the Children's Home gave an update on the progress of the new cottage. He also announced the Dedication Service of the new cottage to be April 27th at 11:00 A.M.

Brother Ashley Culp, Director of Trinity Camp spoke about the work of the camp for all Free Will Baptists. He invited adults to take advantage of the Women's and Men's Retreats that take place each year.

Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster gave an update on Jamie & Tammy Lancaster.

Finance Committee – given by Marvin Hagler.

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,920.24
General Offering Today	\$ +148.60
Quarterly Donation To Children's Home	<u>\$ -100.00</u>
Balance On Hand	\$2,968.84

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Betty Miller.

We wish to thank Macedonia and its pastor, Bro. Ken Bozeman, for hosting this quarterly meeting. We enjoyed the preaching and the singing.

Thanks to the ladies for a delicious brunch and all the good fellowship. Thank the Good Lord for this beautiful weather today. Let us continue to pray for our continued good attendance and support of these meetings.

The Macedonia Church Choir sang two specials; "He Was, He Is, He Is To Come" and "Carry The Glorious Gospel". Rev. Larry Colburn, pastor of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, preached the final message of the day. II Chronicles 29:1-11 and Genesis 1:3 was used as the text, and the message was entitled "The Most Powerful Words Ever Spoken."

Rev. Colburn challenged us to keep our light burning brightly for the Lord. He showed us that this requires keeping our life clean, keeping God's wrath turned away from us, and accepting the responsibility that God has chosen us for this purpose. He closed the message with prayer.

The meeting was dismissed with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" and Tim Fields leading in prayer.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING
Glen Echo Free Will Baptist Church – Carrollton
July 13, 2002

Waymon Fields opened the July meeting of by leading the congregational song "Old Time Power." Sheila Bozeman accompanied him on the piano. Host pastor, Rev. Gary Mullenix, welcomed the delegates to the meeting and led in prayer.

The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches. All were present with the exception of Eastside, First-Pleasant Grove, and Sardis. Rev. Roy G. Plymon, Chairman of the Credentials Committee gave the Roll Call of Ministers. There were 10 ministers absent from the meeting.

The first message was preached by Rev. David Cook, pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church. His text was Luke 3:16 and he entitled the message "Where Is The Fire?"

Rev. Cook talked about the need of God's fire burning in our life to keep us warm, to give us light for direction, and to purify our life. He concluded that we desperately need the anointing of God in our lives. The message was closed with an altar prayer.

James Acker led the offertory prayer, and an offering was received. The congregation stood together for a time of fellowship and sang "Learning To Lean". Rev. Gary Mullenix gave instructions about the refreshments and dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting resumed as the congregation stood and sang "To God Be The Glory". Rev. Jerry Montgomery preached the second message, using Judges 8:4, with his emphasis on the phrase "Faint, yet pursuing them.

Rev. Montgomery stressed the point that God's people should be resolved to continue the fight for Him, and war a good warfare. There is no place to throw in the towel, but we should be determined to persevere against all evil, because it has ruined too many homes, and hurt too many people. He closed his message with prayer.

Credentials Committee – given by Roy Gene Plymon.

Two items were approved:

Item #1- Marlon Robertson's name to be removed from the Licensed Minister's list per the recommendation of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

Item #2- Grant Webb be given a letter of good standing until August 1998, when he left to assume the pastorate at Mt. Willing Free Will Baptist Church.

Treasurer's Report - given by Jewell South.

Balance as of April 13, 2002 - **\$2,920.24**

RECEIPTS:

Interest received - \$ 7.40

Offering taken at Macedonia \$148.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$156.00

EXPENDITURES:

Children's Home Donation - \$100.00

Postage for Clerk - \$ 3.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$103.00

Ending Balance/Jul 13, 2002 - **\$2,973.28**

Board of Christian Education – given by Tim Brasher.

A special thanks to everyone that attended the June 30, 2002 Youth Meeting. There were 284 in attendance. We appreciate all of the youth workers who work with young people throughout the year.

Pray for the Christian Board. The next Youth Meeting will be on September 29, 2002 at Faith Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotional Committee – given by Steve Koon.

We recommend the following to preach at the October 12, 2002 Meeting:

First Sermon - Rev. Leon Orr
Alternate - Rev. Dewey Thomas

Second Sermon - Rev. Terrell Jones
Alternate - Rev. Roger Lucas

Third Sermon -
Alternate -

Rev. Doug Tilley
Rev. Earnest White

Missions And Church Extension – No Report.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, Missionary to Uruguay, gave a report on the work there. They plan to return there on July 30, 2002.

Rev. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director, gave an update on State Mission Projects as well as the Russian work.

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Nell Acker.

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to the Glen Echo Church and its pastor, Brother Gary Mullenix for hosting this quarterly meeting. We have received a blessing from each sermon and song. We want to thank the ladies for the good refreshments. We wish to thank each Church and pastor for supporting these meetings.

The congregation sang “Victory In Jesus”. This concluded the business portion of the meeting. Rev. Kevin Taylor, pastor of Union Hill Free Will Baptist Church, preached the final message of the day. His text was taken from Galatians 6:2-3, and was entitled “Making Noise But Getting Nowhere.”

Rev. Taylor reminded us that programs will be ineffective unless we pray together and stay together. His conclusion was that we can better reflect the life of Christ by being faithful in giving of ourselves to others through visitation, witnessing, and soul winning. He closed the message with prayer.

The congregation stood and sang “Trust And Obey”. Rev. J.L. Lavender prayed the prayer of dismissal.

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 communication.
5. Calls for new business.
6. Calls for miscellaneous business.
7. Adjournment.

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

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 _____ day of _____, _____.

Rev. _____, Moderator

_____, Church Clerk

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 options 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 facilities 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 to morally and actually 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 give 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; Revelation 2nd and 3rd chapters; Ezekiel 33:13-18; I Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 36; 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 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 the 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 be enrolled and called for, as necessary, during the session.

ART 5. A majority of the delegates shall rule in all cases except in 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 appoints 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.

ART 14. No more than one (1) person from the same church shall serve on the same standing committee (Credentials, Board of Christian Education, Missions and Church Extension).

CONSTITUTION

ART 1. This Association shall be known as the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three 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 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 two-thirds vote of the Association; provided the same is presented in written form; presented in the morning session; and voted on it 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 the Treasurer shall be paid \$125.00 each, per year, plus expenses incurred in carrying out their respective duties. Each church shall send each to annual session the sum of \$30.00 as associational funds.

ART 6. (a) This Association shall met 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 report from all standing committees at each quarterly meeting.

ART 7. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION ONE: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Any Church desiring to become a member of the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists or to continue membership must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to the use thereof and openly identify in all literature, printed material, church sign, etc. that they are indeed a FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

SECTION TWO: NEW CHURCHES REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP

- A. A Church requesting membership in the association must submit a letter affirming that it has read the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and the Constitution of the Mount Moriah Association and that its membership by majority vote has agreed to abide thereby. The letter shall be signed by the Church Pastor, Deacons of the Church, and the Church Clerk.
- B. A Church transferring from another association must obtain a letter of good standing from the association of which it is transferring from.
- C. The Credentials Committee shall be responsible for examining all requests of Churches desiring to become members. Upon completion of their examination they shall make a recommendation to the association during a regular business meeting session.

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 Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists.

ART 12. 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.

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 the 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 for Mission and Church Extension work.
- D. The Mission and Church Extension Committee shall make a report to the annual session of the Association.

SECTION THREE: BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- A. **COMPOSITION:** The Christian Board shall be composed of five members. These are elected to serve a five-year term with one expiring each year.
- B. **DUTIES:** The Christian Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the youth organization of the Association. The Christian Board shall work with all churches in the Association to promote the youth work and other related projects. The Christian Board, along with the youth officers and host church, shall plan the program.

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 Mt. Moriah Association.

ART 17. MINISTERS. The authority to ordain or license ministers has its source in the local church.

A. LICENSED MINSTERS. 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.

B. 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, that is, he shall not be married to one wife a 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.

C. 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 for 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.

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 Scripture, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "*grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and 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.