MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS HELD WITH

PHILLIPS CHAPEL FWB CHURCH
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 11, 2003 9:30 A.M.

OFFICERS

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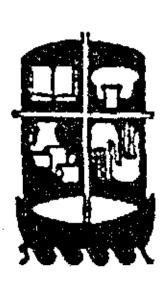


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MEETING PLACES, DATES AND CLERK INFORMATION

ANNUAL MISSIONS BANQUET

January 10, 2004

Northport Civic Center

6:30 P.M.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 10,2004 Carolwood April 10, 2004 Mt. Moriah July 10, 2004 Holman

ANNUAL MEETING

October 9, 2004

Faith

FIFTH SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS

November 30, 2003 Tabernacle
February 29, 2004 Carolwood
May 30, 2004 Macedonia
August 29, 2004 Phillips Chapel

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 25, 2004

Shiloh

2:00 P.M.

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 m	inute)
-	Association Dues:	\$30.00
=	State Association Dues:	\$135.00
-	National Association Dues	\$45.00
	(on Alabama's expenses in hosting 2006	6 National Association)

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Glenn Bigham	18457 Mormon Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-3892
Blanton Watson	14000 County Rd 12 Fayette AL 35555	205-932-5696
Terry Sanford	15219 Starboard Place Northport AL 35475	205-339-0584
Wayne Rice	19600 Holcombe Rd Northport AL 35475	205-339-4347
Bill Rice	16746 Turquoise Ln Northport AL 35475	205-339-9551
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Harry Ott	915 2 nd St SW Reform AL 35481	205-375-8248

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Phillips Chapel	Angie Sanford 112573 Oak Ridge Rd Northport AL 35475	205-330-7622
Sardis	Winston & Mavis Robertson 18990 Robertson Rd Gordo AL 35466	205-364-7943
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Union	June Ott 915 2 nd St SW Reform AL 35481	205-375-8248
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Eastside: Brenda Mahan Cora Shelby

Marilyn Styron

Faith: Helen Sellers Kansas Sellers

Kim Price* Alt- Robin Ison

First-Ethelsville: Martha Hall Amy Pannell

Patsy Tilley

First-Reform: Ray McDaniel* Danny Duncan*

Eddie Pierce* Alt-Michael Orr

First-Tuscaloosa: Keisa Tilley Bart Tilley

Nita Tilley

Glen Echo: James Acker* Nell Acker*

Reva Brown Alt- Jana Fulgham

Holman: Ruth Terry* Bonnie Lynn*

Tracy Robertson Alt- Jeanette Smith

Macedonia: Nadine Dean* Theresa Taggart*

Milford McAdams Alt- Andy Pugh

Mt. Moriah: Cherry Mullenix* Mandy Crowe

Ann Joyner* Alt.-Sue Plymon*

Mt. Zion: Wallace Marshall* Greg Ferguson*

Joei Griffin* Alt- Darlene Smith

Phillips Chapel: Willie F. Logan* Stanley Sanford

Terry Watson Alt- Josh Smith

Sardis: Alvin Wheat Tony Robertson

Kevin Robertson* Alt- Kenneth Marlowe

Shiloh: Steven Koon* Skip Sutton

John Burkhalter Alt- David Burkhalter

Sulphur Springs: Joe Yerby* Janet Nichols

Ricky Williamson

Tabernacle:

Lewis Montgomery*

Charlie Malone

MacArthur Walters Alt- Marty Sullivan

Union:

Elaine Noland

Kay Turman*

Betty Jo Miller*

Alt- Jerry Gray

Union Hill:

Lottie Sudduth*

Lisa Latham

Geraldine Lowe* Alt- Kanda Taylor

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Faith Greg Ison

First-Ethelsville Redus Hall

First-Reform Leon Orr

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First-Tuscaloosa Tony Tilley

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Mt. Zion Larry Colburn

Phillips Chapel Terrell Jones

Sardis Tony Latham

Shiloh Fred Graham

J.L. Lavender

Sulphur Springs	Elzie Gilliam
Tabernacle	Jerry T. Smith David Cook Craig Turman
Union	Dan Turman Earnest White
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor

HISTORY OF CHURCHES

CHURCHES Carolwood	ORGANIZED 1970	ORGANIZED BY 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
Sulphur Springs	1895	Rev. J.M. Pinkerton
Tabernacle	1875	Rev. Ellis Gore Rev. W.H. McGee
Union	1891	Rev. Woods Springfield
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Woods Springfield

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Northport, Alabama October 11, 2003

Rev. Roy G. Plymon, Moderator, welcomed the congregation to the 153rd session of the Mt. Moriah Association held at Phillips Chapel Church. The response and opening prayer was given by host pastor, Rev. Terrell Jones. The opening song was "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" Musicians for the day were Myree Galloway and Helen Lucas at the piano; and Waymon Fields and Raiford Galloway leading the singing.

The first sermon was preached by the pastor of Macedonia, Rev. Don Taggart. He used 1st Timothy 6: 11&12, entitling his message, "Timothy, A Man of God". The guidelines for this are to 1) – Flee from being proud, a discontented spirit and foolish and hurtful lusts. 2) Follow afer righteousness, godliness, faith, love meekness. And 3) Fight for the good fight of faith, convictions and determine to be a man or woman of God.

The business session was called to order. The Roll Call of Churches was given by the Clerk. Eastside and First Church of Tuscaloosa were absent. Rev. Gary Mullenix gave the Roll Call of Ministers. Six of the 25 ministers were absent. Delegates were seated, both standing and elected. The Clerk noted some committees did not have delegates and committees were revised for this. The Moderator welcomed our new church, Sulphur Springs and their new interim pastor, Bro. Rick Taylor.

Assistant Clerk, James South, read the following General Board report: The General Board met at Shiloh Church on September 27,2003 at 2:00 P.M. Rev. Roy Plymon, Moderator welcomed the board members, pastors and guests that attended the meeting. He opened the meeting with scripture from II Timothy 3:16 and urged us to value our heritage, what we receive in all areas of our spiritual life; and what we are doing now to continue. Rev. Terrell Jones gave the opening prayer.

The Clerk gave a Roll Call of the Delegates. All Churches were represented except Eastside, First FWB of Reform, and Sulphur Springs. The Credentials Committee then retired to examine the Church letters.

The upcoming Annual Meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association at Phillips Chapel on October 11^{th} was announced. Also, it was emphasized by the Moderator, these are only recommendations today and the actual vote will be at the annual meeting

Meeting place recommendations were as follows-.

*Quarterly Meetings-

January 10, 2004

Carolwood

April 10, 2004

Mt. Moriah

July 10, 2004

Holman

*Annual Meeting-

October 9, 2004

Faith

*Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings-

November 29, 2003

Tabernacle

February 29, 2004

Carolwood

May 30, 2004

Macedonia

August 31, 2003

Phillips Chapel

Nominations for Association offices:

Moderator-

Rev. Roy Plymon

Assistant Moderator-

Rev. Jerry Smith

Clerk-

Rev. Roger Lucas

Assistant Clerk-

Vaudine Lancaster

Treasurer-

Tim Brasher

Nominations for Committee vacancies:

Credentials Committee- Robert Sellers

Board of Christian Education - Bob Sellers

Missions and Church Extension – (unexpired 3yr term of James

Lancaster) - Tim Brasher

Missions and Church Extension (5 yr term) — Rev. Ben Logan The Credentials Committee report showed that all Church letters were in

Other items discussed:

order.

The Clerk asked the General Board Members to go back and thank their Church and Clerk for the response to sending in their church letters. Mt. Moriah Association is tops in doing their job.

The General Board expressed their appreciation to Bro. Lando McAdams and Buddy Lancaster for their dedication to the church during their lifetime, and to Vaudine Lancaster for her years as Associational Clerk.

Bro. Plymon asked Rev. Danny Williams, Alabama State Missions Board Member, to review the new concept for the Mt. Moriah Missions Banquet/Conference. The idea for the new format began with the National Foreign Missions Office who thought our Association would be a good one to act as a pilot for this concept. After he explained this new plan, he answered questions. The decision was to let the Missions Board get more information and present it at the annual meeting.

Rev. Ben Logan gave the dismissal prayer.

Tim Brasher, Treasurer, gave the following report: TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of July 12, 2003	\$1,530.88
Receipts:	
Interest	\$.98
Offering-Union Church	144.00
Dues from churches	4,562.00
Total Receipts	\$4,706.98

Expenditures:

Quarterly donation to Children's Home	\$ 100.00
Clerk's expenses (supplies and postage)	37.32
Alabama State Assoc. FWB (state dues)	2,430.00
Alabama State Assoc. of FWB	810.00
(2006 National Convention exp.)	
Sardis Church (overpayment of dues	10.00
Macedonia Church (M&CE Board)	50.00
(for Missions Banquet donation)	
Total Expenditures	\$3,437.32
Leaving a balance as of October 11, 2003	\$2,800.54

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

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30	\$ 60.00	\$ 135.0	0 \$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 270.00
12	\$ 24.00	\$ 135.0	0 \$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 234.00
10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.0	0 \$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 230.00
20	\$ 40.00	\$ 135.0	0 \$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 250.00
10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.0	0 \$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 230.00
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^{*}Alabama is hosting the National Association in 2006

The Missions Committee and the Credentials Committee were dismissed to attend to upcoming business.

Delegates who will represent our Association are: Lottie Sudduth, Myree Galloway, Jewell South, Bro. Rick Taylor, Betty Jo Miller and Loretta Logan. The song, "Power In The Blood" was sung by the congregation. Giving the offertory prayer for the General Fund offering was Rev. Roger Lucas. He then gave a beautiful rendition off the song, "In The Morning". A time for prayer requests was given. Special prayer was given for Rev. Wayne Wilson, missionary at Prattville, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Preaching the next sermon was Rev. Gary Mullenix, pastor of Glen Echo. He used Exodus 3 – "Leadership Lessons From the Leader,

Moses". Scripture was given to back up Moses' following experiences:

- 1. Burning Bush Experience
- 2. The Father-in-law Experience
- 3. Golden Calf Experience
- 4. Valley Experience
- 5. Passing the Torch Experience

He concluded with facts of this 120 year old leader; when God callsanswer; do your part; train new leaders; trust in the Lord, God is with you even in the valley; and be ready at the right time to pass the work to the next person.

The Lord's Supper was observed by the congregation. Assisting in this solemn occasion were Rev. Terrell Jones, Searcy Mullenix, Tim Fields, James South and Vernice Tilley. After singing "Victory in Jesus" and "Amazing Grace", we concluded with prayer by Louis Tilley. Rev. Terrell Jones gave info on the noon meal and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roger Lucas as he also gave the blessing for the food.

P.M. Session

Congregation song "When We All Get To Heaven" was sung and Rev. Rev. Redus Hall lead in prayer. The Moderator expressed appreciation to the host church for their delicious food and their hospitality.

Rev. David Cook brought the final message of the day entitled, "Three Things Killing Our Churches". His scripture text was taken from II Timothy 3:16 & 17. The first reason was Spineless Preachers who are afraid to preach the Word. The Word is from God and it must be heard to keep the church alive. Next is Sowing Discord such as envyings, wrath, swellings and tumults, instead of showing respect, honor and holiness in our churches. Third is Unrepentant Christians — only Godly sorrow will work repentance to salvation.

Following the altar call for the renewing of the Spirit in our churches there were many that knelt in the altar, with the Moderator giving the prayer.

Business Session

During the business session the following committee reports were given and approved as reported:

Sunday School and C.T.S. – given by Kay Turman

Our holy scriptures demand of us as true Christians written in II Timothy 2:15 – to study to show ourselves approved unto God. Our churches should support Sunday School and C.T.S. programs for all ages. We, as faithful Christians, should attend and support these programs by studying God's Word so we can contribute and help in the spiritual growth of ourselves and others.

Education, Publication and Literature - given by Joei Griffin We believe education begins at home; but also we as Christian parents and leaders we must be involved in setting Christian standards for others to follow. We should continue in our support of our Free Will Baptist literature and to follow the direction of Proverbs 22:6 which says: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

Mt. Moriah District Women Active For Christ-given by Sue Plymon,
District President

Our District has three groups now since Sulphur Springs FWB will be joining with us. We praise God for this group of ladies becoming a part of our Mt. Moriah District WAC. We anticipate a great year ahead with their leadership abilities.

This report will only consist of two groups — Mt. Moriah and Tabernacle since Sulphur Springs WAC is in the beginning stages of membership. Mt. Moriah has 8 active members and Tabernacle has 10. Our theme for 2003 is Psalm 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes..." and our theme song, "Lifting up our Eyes".

Our state meeting was held at the Mt. Zion FWB Church in Pell City, Alabama. Our keynote speaker was the executive secretary, Marjorie Workman. Our scholarship recipient Bradley McDaniel, a member of the TEAM Japan spoke. Also, our State Promotional Director spoke and reported our Acts 1:8 giving was \$211,854.79. There were 95 of 393 members present.

Our keynote speaker for May 2004, will be Icee Mae Frederick. It will be held at the Unity FWB Church, Sylacauga.

We had our Alabama WAC State Retreat at Shocco Springs Camp, Talladega, September 19-20. Rhonda Freeman and Icee Mae Frederick were the speakers. We are looking forward to our State WAC Missions Banquet at Sylacauga, November 6, 2003. The time is 5:00 p.m. at the J.Craig Smith Community Center in Sylacauga. The Corleys or Bro. James Forlines will be the speaker.

Some of the projects for our District WAC are: 2006 National Association in Birmingham, Rest of the Family, Laura Belle Barnard Pre-Easter Offering, Lizzie McAdams Pre Thanksgiving Offering, FWB Bible College Paul Ketteman Christmas Offering, Acts 1:8, Foreign Missionary Jaimie Lancaster offering, LAMP Project FWB Bible College Missionary House Furnishing and WNAC General Fund.

We had Sister Laura Hollingshead as our speaker for March District meeting at Tabernacle. What a delight she was. We will be having our District WAC Study Course at Tabernacle, October 25. We will be having a brunch. We invite all the young and older ladies to attend this special fellowship time.

We invite all churches of our precious Mt. Moriah Association to consider the organization of a WAC at your church. What a blessing it is! It's more than dues and money oriented! It's a blessed time for all of the ladies to get together for prayer and fellowship. God bless all our WAC ladies and this wonderful organization.

Children's Home - given by Sue Plymon (these three items were read and voted on item by item)

- 1. We ask that Bro. Waymon Fields give a recent report from the Children's Home.
- 2. Check to see if it would be feasible that at one of the Quarterly meetings, the Children's Home attend with Bro. Randy Key possibly doing the message.
- 3. And if they could come, plan a harvest drive, pounding, or an organized list of needed materials for the home.

We are so very thankful for our Children's Home and the good work the board and staff are doing. To God be the glory – great things He has done!

Temperance – given by Vaudine Lancaster (Kevin Robertson had to leave)

Today, more than ever, we need temperance, or self control, in our Christian lives, so that we can resist the devil and flee his temptations. I Timothy 6:11 says, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness". II Peter 1:5-8 tells us that we need knowledge of God in order to have temperance and to be productive Christians for Him.

Morals and Reform – given by Kim Price

We hold the high moral standards as Christians. We hold our Christian principles sacred, our Christians obligations to our churches a true promise, and we take Ephesians 6:11 seriously—"Put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil". Let us love each other and pray for one another. Let our Association strive to have a closer relationship in Christ and in our lives.

Deceased – given by Betty Jo Miller

We report the following members were called home to their eternal reward this past year:

(The song "Amazing Grace" was sung in memory of these departed loved ones.)

Carolwood

Alvin Bailey

Mrs. Gail Sanford Hagler

Eastside

Howard E. Miller

Faith

None

First-Ethelsville

None

First-Reform

None

First-Tuscaloosa

None

Glen Echo

None

Holman

Mrs. Juliet Elmore

Mrs. Ethel Wilburn

Mrs. Swan Estes

Macedonia

None

Mt. Moriah

James L. (Buddy) Lancaster

Mt. Zion

Mrs. Izola Lindsey

Hunter Watson

Phillips Chapel

Mrs. Grace Garcia

Mrs. Zellie Watson

Mrs. Myrtle Lee Bryant

Mrs. Ressie Vaughn

Sardis

Edward Robertson

Mrs. Alice Thrasher

Shiloh

Mrs. Ruthie Mae Shepherd

Sulphur Springs

Mrs. Wilma Jones Mrs. Ruth Hudson

Mrs. Inez Vintson

Tabernacle

Calvin Coolidge Wicker

Mrs. Flora Mae Brasher Shelby

Union

None

Union Hill

None

Devotional Committee – given by Lewis Montgomery

We recommend the following to preach at the January 10, 2004 meeting:

First Sermon -

Rev. Kevin Taylor

Alternate -

Rev. J. H. Tilley

Second Sermon -

Rev. Rick Taylor

Alternate -

Rev. Larry Colburn

Mt. Moriah Association Church Statistics

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Third Sermon Alternate -

Rev. J. L. Lavender Rev. Douglas Tilley

Finance Committee – given by James Acker

Balance Brought Forward

\$2,800.54

General Offering Today

\$ +110.30

Quarterly Donation To Children's Home \$ -100.00

Balance On Hand

\$2,810.84

Credentials Committee – given by Steven Koon (taken item by item and voted on each item)

- ♦ We recommend that Bro. Rick Taylor be added to the licensed ministers list.
- We recommend that the preachers be given a card of good standing. This will be presented at a later date.

Following the reading of this report Bro. Rick Taylor was given a special welcome by the Moderator.

Board of Christian Education - given by Tim Brasher

- We want to thank everyone who attended the August Youth meeting. We had 320 plus in attendance.
- Our next meeting will be in November at Tabernacle.
- We are excited to host the Evangel's Team from the Free Will Baptist Bible College on the weekend of the 28th and 29 of February 2004.
- Be much in prayer for our Association. Our upcoming youth meetings and the Christian Education board.

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields Missions Conferences –

- 1. Recommend Missions Conference for 2004 be limited to Sunday following the missions banquet.
- 2. Consider scheduling an Association wide or area Mission Rally beginning in 2005 with missionaries available for Sunday service in lieu of previous format.
- 3. Reason for change: To reduce expenses from missionaries' account.

Missions Banquet -

Our Missions Banquet will be Saturday night, January 10, 2004. The cost of banquet tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

(After reading and adopting this report, Bro. Fields explained the new format that the National Foreign Missions had drawn up. It should be more cost effective for missionaries to have them on Sunday morning and Sunday night. We would possibly have a Pickens County group and a Tuscaloosa group, then divide the youth and adults and climax this with a special Missions Rally on Saturday night. He also reminded the churches to send their \$50.00 for the Missions Banquet.)

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Ann Joyner
The Mt. Moriah Association would like to express its appreciation
to the Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor,
Bro. Terrell Jones, for hosting this session of the association. We
are thankful for the good attendance and fellowship. The food was
delicious. Let us continue to pray for each other, our churches, and
our association.

After a time given for Old Business and New Business, we went into the electing of new officers. All offices recommended by the General Board were elected. Rev. Roy G. Plymon, Moderator, requested that he and Rev. Jerry Smith swap positions. He said he had previously discussed this with Bro. Smith. Bro. Plymon made this request because of some recent health problems. Also, because of the vacancy made by Rev. Roger Lucas taking the Clerk's position, Rev. Kevin Taylor was elected to replace him on the Board of Christian Education.

The Moderator presented the outgoing Clerk, Vaudine Lancaster, with a beautiful plaque in appreciation for her many years service as Clerk. (I am so appreciative of the plaque and my emotions prevented me from expressing how much the Association means to me) After the presentation Bro. Rick Taylor and Vaudine

Lancaster were asked to stand at the front and the congregation gave them a Christian handshake and words of encouragement.

Announcements were given. Special prayer requests were given. Those mentioned were the Uruguyan missionaries – especially the Jaimie Lancaster family; those who were sick were Rev. Jackie Adcox, Rev. Greg Ison, and Bro. Lucas' brother-Mike.

Before the benediction Bro. Plymon thanked the congregation for the manner in which the business had been conducted and their cooperation during his term as Moderator.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING First Free Will Baptist Church of Reform January 11, 2003

The Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists convened with First FWB Reform on Saturday, January 11, 2003. "Showers of Blessings" was sung by the congregation with Milford McAdams leading the singing and Helen Lucas at the piano. Rev. Roger Lucas gave the opening prayer. Moderator, Rev. Roy G. Plymon, expressed his thanks to the church for hosting the Association. Host Pastor, Rev. Leon Orr, gave the welcome and information about the church's accommodations.

The Roll Call of Churches was given by the Clerk. It was brought to her attention that Pleasant Grove FWB Church was omitted. She explained she had taken their name off since the Credentials Committee had stated in their report that they did not send a letter to the Annual Meeting. The Clerk said she will put their name back on the list and wait until further instructions. The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Rev. Gary Mullenix, Credentials Committee. Prior to the first sermon, "Old Time Power" was sung. Rev. Dewey Thomas could not fill his preaching schedule because of an accident.

Rev. Fred Graham delivered the first sermon. His sermon was entitled "Signs" with scripture from Matthew 16. He used Daniel 4:2,3 to show that signs come from God and it is our responsibility to see the signs. We also have to discern or understand the signs God has given us. Signs revealed in God's word point that the coming of the Lord is near, such as wars and rumors of wars, and nation against nation. We must take heed that no man deceive us. Christians must be ready and get the Word to others that He will soon return. Invitational song was sung following the sermon.

Rev. James Walden was recognized as visitor by the Moderator. He dismissed the Credentials Committee if they needed to take care of business. Rev. Jerry Smith, Assistant Moderator, led the

Offertory prayer for the General Fund offering. The song "Just Over In The Gloryland" was sung, followed by instructions from Rev. Leon Orr for the brunch. He then prayed and delicious food was served by the women of the church. We assembled back with the singing of "Tell Me The Story of Jesus", then prayer by Rev. Ben Logan.

Before beginning his sermon, Rev. Roger Lucas asked Rev. James Walden to pray. Bro. Lucas used John 1:1-13 for his message – "Three Greatest Things in the World". He related to the marvels of technology his 97year old grandmother had witnessed such as electric lights, telephones, computers, airplanes and automobile improvements. These are marvelous, but nothing to compare to:

- 1. Greatest Trip Jesus left heaven and came to earth to a condemned world of darkness. He then gave his life that we could be delivered from sin.
- 2. Greatest Tragedy Jesus came to His own and his own received him not. People continue to reject the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He continues to call "whosoever" all that called on Him because that Christ died for all.
- 3. Greatest Transaction Jesus gave his life so that as many as received Him, they become sons of God. This is a gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast. They must possess a simple, childlike faith; and are given the freedom of will to choose or reject. All who accept become a part of the family of God.

Business Session - The following reports were given and approved:

Credentials Committee - No report given

Treasurer's Report - given by Tim Brasher.		
		\$5,754.33
\$	9.27	
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		\$149.40
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\$	16.03	
		\$3,567.03
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - Leaving a balance as of January 10, 2003		
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Board of Christian Education – Given by Tim Brasher We, your committee, report as follows:

- Thank you for attending the December Youth Meeting at Tabernacle. There were 241 present.
- Thank you to the Youth Leaders who make these meetings a great success by working with the young ones. Keep them in your prayers.
- We ask you to continue praying for the Board of Christian Education.
- Please remember our next youth meeting on March 30th at Carolwood.

Finance Committee – given by James Acker

Balance Brought Forward

\$2,327.70

General Offering Today

\$+172.00

Quarterly Donation To Children's Home \$ -100.00

Balance On Hand

\$2,399.70

Rev. Roger Lucas made a motion to send \$250.00 to missions-\$125.00 each to the Home Missions Fund and the Foreign Missions Fund. MSC

Devotional Committee – given by Lewis Montgomery We recommend the following to preach at the April 12, 2003 meeting:

First Sermon -

Rev. J. L. Lavender

Alternate -

Rev. Fred Graham

Second Sermon -

Rev. Ben Logan

Alternate -

Rev. Larry Colburn

Third Sermon -

Rev. Dan Turman

Alternate -

Rev. Roy Plymon

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields
We would like to thank the thirteen churches from the Mt. Moriah
Association who sent funds to help with the expenses of the Missions
Banquet. Thanks to First Church in Northport, Sulphur Springs and
Liberty Church for financial support. We have 205 who purchased
tickets for the banquet. We ask that you be faithful in attendance at our
Missions Conference meetings. We would like to encourage each one to
renew their financial commitment toward reaching the lost throughout
American and the world.

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Betty Miller

The Mt. Moriah Association expresses its appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church off Reform and Brother Leon Orr for the warm welcome they gave us as they hosted this quarterly meeting. We wish to thank the ladies for the delicious brunch. The fellowship was great, also. Thanks to all who attended on this beautiful cold day, but the preaching of God's word warmed our hearts. May God bless all the ministers of our Association.

A rising vote of appreciation was given after the reading of this report.

"Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus" was sung by the congregation prior to the last sermon.

Rev. Roy Plymon preached, his text "The Backslider" using scripture from Galatians 4:9, Hosea 4:16, and Hosea 16:4.

This is a generation when the majority of people do not know what doctrine they believe. As Free Will Baptists we believe as Armenians, not Calvanists. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 tells us salvation comes one time, but we can forsake our faith by making shipwreck.

<u>Perseverance</u>— once saved he can make shipwreck of his faith when one ceases to believe on Jesus Christ- breaks relationship. We are secure as long as we believe, guard your faith.

Romans 8:38 & 39

Reprobate – a reject, castaway, beyond salvation. II Cor. 13:5.

Apostate - To forsake the faith and turn away from where he was.

Hebrews 10:26.

<u>Backslider</u> – When Christians become backslidden and start living below the spiritual level they were on.

What will happen if death catches the backslider? It is a dangerous thing to harden your heart when God is speaking to you.

Proverbs 29:1, When the backslider turns his back on the Lord, rejects his pleading, and dies in the sinful state of rebellion, he dies the apostate, he dies lost and hell is his eternal abode.

Associational minutes were distributed to the churches, announcements were given, then we were dismissed with prayer to close this session that was filled with spiritual blessings and the Word of Truth from God's word.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church – Northport April 11, 2003

The April meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association began with the congregational song "When We All Get to Heaven" with Milford McAdams leading the singing and Brad Sanford at the piano. Rev. Roger Lucas gave the opening prayer.

Rev. Jerry Montgomery, host pastor, gave a hearty welcome to all, then asked Rev. Redus Hall to pray. The response was given by the Moderator, Rev. Roy G. Plymon. Rev. Plymon asked the Clerk to give the Roll Call of Churches. Churches not represented were 1st FWB Reform, 1st FWB Tuscaloosa. The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Credential Committee, Rev. Gary Mullenix. The Credentials Committee was dismissed to take care of current business.

Rev. J. L. Lavender, age 92, was unable to be present to preach the first sermon. The Moderator made comments about Bro. Lavender and his faithfulness as a man of God. Prior to the sermon the song, "He Keeps Me Singing" was sung.

Rev. Fred Graham's sermon was taken from Lamentations 5:16 and gave a wake-up call to the sinful nature of our nation. He compared America to the conditions that Jeremiah said Jerusalem's heart had become faint and her eyes dim. Also, her friends had become her enemies. Our churches are on the decline, youth are drawn the wrong way to sin, and heathen are entering into our sanctuaries.

We need to get in submission and cry out to God for forgiveness, return to Him, and put away our abominations. The healing touch is by responding to II Chronicles 7:14. He concluded that the church has been described as a "sleeping giant". Unless we wake up, our nation will continue to crumble.

The General Offering was received with Rev. Roy Plymon leading the offertory prayer. The song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" was sung. Visitors recognized were: members from Sulfur Springs FWB Church and pastor Rev. Chad Kivette, Rev. Scott Montgomery, and Rev. Don Taggart. Rev. Jerry Montgomery prayed before we were dismissed

for a delicious brunch in their beautiful activities building located by the church.

Members congregated back with the singing of "Send the Light". Prayer was given by Rev. Terrell Jones. Special, touching music was sung by Rev. Roger Lucas who sang, "Sometimes I Just Want to Praise You". Rev. Jerry Smith prayed before the sermon.

"Final, Last Things" was the topic for the sermon by Rev. Ben Logan. His scripture was from II Corinthians 13:5-11. People must, "prove yourselves that Christ be in you". Also, "examine yourselves that Christ be in you". God's wisdom gives his Word to communicate the gospel to man, but man must seek Him. He set the principles of salvation by the sacrificial offering of his Son, Jesus Christ. The final judgement will determine if we have kept the faith. God will judge in truth. It will be a hopeless end to those who reject Him, but eternal joy for those who accept Him.

Reports Given:

The following reports were given with the reports accepted as read. The Credentials Report was received and then voted item by item as listed.

Tim Brasher, Treasurer gave the treasurer's report:

Treasurer's Report - given by Tim Brasher

Balance as of January 11, 2003 - \$2,327.70

RECEIPTS:

Interest received - \$ 9.13
Offering taken at Carolwood \$176.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS - \$185.13

EXPENDITURES:

Children's Home Donation - \$100.00
Missions Donation (Foreign & Home) 250.00
Printing of Minutes 681.25
Supplies 24.66

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$1,055.91

Ending Balance/Apr 12, 2003 - \$1,456.92

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Gary Mullenix We, your committee, report as follows:

Concerning the request we received from the Cahaba River District Association regarding the status of the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove, we recommend the following letter be sent: The First Free Will Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove joined the Mt. Moriah Association in April of 1999. They remained in good standing through 2002. Due to their failure to report to the Association with a letter in 2002, we are unable to give a letter of recommendation. (see Item 1)

- 1. We recommend the 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Pleasant Grove be dropped from the Mt. Moriah Association.
- 2. We recommend that Sulphur Springs be accepted into the Association pending a letter of recommendations from the Progressive Association.
- 3. We recommend that Rev. Chad Kivette be added to the ordained ministers list pending a letter of recommendation from the State Line Association.
- 4. We recommend that Rev. Donald Taggart be added to the ordained ministers list pending a letter of recommendation from the Jasper Association.

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields We appreciate all who attended and supported our Missions Banquet. We appreciate the churches from our adjoining Associations who participated.

We are pleased with the success of our missions conference. We encourage all churches to participate in the conference and the financial and prayerful support of our missionaries.

Missions and Church Extension Financial Report-by Rev. Ben Logan

10-1-02	Balance on hand	\$ 629.69
11-7-02	Rent on Civic Center	300.00
1-7-03	Offering – from 16 churches	800.00
	Ticket sales – 178	<u>1,780.00</u>
	Balance	\$2,909.69
1-11-03	Caterer	\$2,050.00

(178 tickets plus 27 missionary meals = 205 plates @ \$10 per plate)

Alabama Promotional Office	100.00
FWB Foreign Missions Dept.	100.00
FWB Home Missions Dept.	100.00
Fig Leaf Florist	76.30
Rent on Civic Center	200.00
Offering on night of banquet	540.25
First FWB Tuscaloosa offering	50.00

Present Balance

\$873.64

Information regarding the motel accommodations for the missionaries during the Missionary Conference was given by James South.

Board of Christian Education – given by Rev. Roger Lucas We want to say Thanks to Carolwood Church for hosting the recent Youth Meeting and for each church that participated. We had 337 in attendance.

Our next meeting will be at Phillips Chapel on June 29th at 2:00 p.m. We encourage <u>each</u> church to attend and participate.

We will be notifying each church of a meeting on Saturday, May 17th at 10:30 – location to be determined.

In a letter you will be asked for updated information. We want all youth leaders to attend the meeting or send a proxy. It's very important that we have and attend this meeting.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Remember us in your prayers.

Devotional Committee – given by Milford McAdams We recommend the following to preach at the July 13, 2002 Meeting:

First Sermon - Re

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

Finance Committee - given by James Acker

Balance Brought Forward \$2,327.20

General Offering Today \$+172.14

Quarterly Donation To Children's Home \$\frac{100.00}{}

Balance On Hand \$2,354.20

Resolutions and Appreciation - given by Betty Miller

We would like to thank the beautiful Carolwood Church for hosting our Quarterly Meeting this April 12, 2003. Your hospitality has been sweet and the refreshments were delightful.

Thank you, our ministers, for speaking to our hearts. May God bless each and every one of you.

Thanks again, Carolwood Church, for your gracious hospitality. May God bless you.

Women Active for Christ- given by Sue Plymon

Our District WAC met at Tabernacle on March 22 at 9:30 a.m. We had a brunch, followed by a wonderful speaker, Sister Laura Hollingshead. She was such a delight and uplifted our spirits tremendously!

We had our installation of new offices for the next two years. We will be having a study course in October at the Cracker Barrel. We will be sending out letters concerning this and hope you ladies of the Mt. Moriah Association can attend.

If you would like to consider organizing an auxiliary or joining us with our meetings, please see any of the ladies from the Tabernacle or Mt. Moriah Church. In our Lord's work we remain....

District Mt. Moriah WAC Sue Plymon, President

In other business, Rev. Scott Montgomery asked to speak in relation to his accepting the pastorate at Bethabara Baptist Church. He feels at this time God has laid on his heart to serve there. Even after he used the Bible to explain to the congregation his Free Will Baptist doctrine, telling them his belief had not changed; they asked him to continue to preach the Bible and voted for him as pastor. In making this decision he had to wrestle and surrender to leave our denomination, but stated God melted

walls and showed that the integrity of being a minister and being submissive to His will is more important than denominations.

The business session was concluded with congregational song, "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Delivering the last sermon was Rev. Dan Turman entitled, "Man's Rebellion Against His World." His scripture was from Mark 12: 1-12 God is looking for laborers for his vineyard. He also expects his vineyard to be fruitful. God takes care of our needs but the Devil wants to destroy us, especially our youth.

Salvation came to the Gentiles, making worship possible for each of us. A successful church will abide in Christ and will not be more concerned about numbers than salvation. The foolishness of preaching the gospel and a witnessing church are two effective tools in reaching the lost. If Christ is not the Cornerstone, our salvation is in vain.

Invitational song, "Just As I Am" was sung. The Moderator asked Rev. Don Taggart and Rev. Chad Kivette, new ministers in our Association, to come up front and receive the right hand of fellowship from the congregation.

Rev. Kevin Taylor gave the dismissal prayer.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING Union Free Will Baptist Church July 12, 2003

Milford McAdams opened the July meeting by leading the congregational song, "I'll Fly Away". Host pastor, Rev. Dan Turman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and Rev. Terrell Jones led in prayer.

Rev. Gary Mullenix gave the Roll Call of Ministers. There were seven ministers absent from the meeting.

Milford McAdams led the congregational song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

The first message was preached by Rev. Dewey Thomas, Associate Pastor of Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church. He read the scriptures from Proverbs I 1: 3 0, Psalms 100: 3, Mark 8:36-37, Luke 19: 1 0, and Romans 5:8. Rev. Thomas talked about the importance of winning souls to Christ. He concluded that if we are looking for happiness, to witness to others and win souls. He closed his message with prayer.

Rev. Jerry Smith led the offertory prayer, and an offering was received. Milford McAdams led the congregational song, "I Am Resolved".

The Assistant Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches. All were present with the exception of First - Ethelsville and Union Hill.

Rev. Dan Turman gave instructions about the refreshments and dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting resumed as the congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven", led by Milford McAdams, followed by a prayer led by Waymon Fields.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, introduced Rev. Roy Plymon as the next speaker. His Scriptures were I Timothy 3:14-15, Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5: 1 8, Ephesians 4:11-14, and Acts 3:8. He entitled his message, "The Lord's Work". He talked about four points - the Music, the Ministry, the Methods, and the Members. He concluded that all of these are very important in the Lord's work. The music ought to be what is pleasing to the Lord. We need songs that are true to scripture. The ministry ought to edify and teach doing the best job you can. The methods ought to be supported through tithes and offerings. The members ought to look like God's children, be separate, and lead clean lives. God does not need second rate. He closed his message with prayer.

Reports Given:

Treasurer's Report - given by Karen Brasher (in the absence of Tim Brasher)

Balance as of April 12, 2003 -	\$1,456.92
RECEIPTS:	

Interest received -	\$ 1.82
Offering taken at Carolwood	\$172.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS -	\$173.96

EXPENDITURES:

Quarterly donation to Children's Home \$100.00 Alabama State Association of FWB

TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$100.00

Ending Balance as of July 12, 2003 - \$1,530.88

Missions And Church Extension - No Report

Rev. Roy Plymon read a letter from Rev. Rick Cash.

Board of Christian Education - given by Rev. Roger Lucas We want to say "Thanks" to all those who attended the Youth Meeting at Phillips Chapel. Over 300!! Praise the Lord. We are still doing some evaluation as to our current structure for the meetings. We are working to becoming more organized than in the past. Please pray for this board, as it is very important in the life of our Association.

At the November meeting there will possibly be some changes. You will be notified in advance so as to plan.

Credentials Committee - given by Rev. Gary Mullenix A letter of good standing has been received for Rev. Donald Taggart from the Jasper Association of Free Will Baptists on June 14, 2003.

Devotional Committee - given by Josh Smith

We recommend the following to preach at the October meeting:

First Sermon -

Rev. Don Taggart

Alternate -

Rev. Redus Hall

Second Sermon -

Rev. Gary Mullenix

Alternate -

Rev. Terrell Jones

Third Sermon -

Rev. David Cook

Alternate -

Rev. Earnest White

Finance Committee - given by James Acker

Balance Brought Forward

\$1,456.92

General Offering Today

\$ +144.00

Quarterly Donation To Children's Home \$\frac{\scrt{100.00}}{\cdot }

Balance On Hand

\$1,500.92

Resolutions and Appreciation - given by Sue Plymon

We appreciate the warm reception you have given to us today. We also appreciate the nice brunch you prepared. We're so thankful for all your new renovations on your church grounds and are excited about your work here at Union. May God continue to bless your work as you continue to spread the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Again, thanks for your warm hospitality and for your love and work for our Mt. Moriah Association.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting.

Rev. Roy Plymon gave a report on Brother Buddy Lancaster's condition and asked everyone to be much in prayer for him and his family. Milford

McAdams led the congregation in singing, "The Gloryland Way". A special song, "Amazing Grace", was given by Mary Heritage.

Rev. Jerry Smith preached the final message. His scriptures were Jeremiah 6:16-17, Hebrews 9:22, 11 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 10: 13, Psalms 23:1,4,6, Revelation 21:4, and I Corinthians 15:58. He entitled his message, "The Old Paths". He concluded that so many Churches are just going any way, but the Bible is a road map and it is not a new set of rules. He closed his message with prayer.

Milford McAdams led the invitational hymn, "Just As I Am". Rev. Roy Plymon asked for announcements. Rev. J. H. Tilley requested that the Lord's Supper be observed at the Annual Associations. Voted to do this. The congregation stood and sang, "Just Over In The Gloryland Way", led by Milford McAdams. Rev. J. H. Tilley 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 sta	inding up to the date of
this certificate and is hereby dismiss	ed.
Thisday 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. <u>DEACONS</u>. 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.

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