

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



MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

CAROLWOOD
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA

OCTOBER 13, 2007
9:30 A.M.

OFFICERS

Rev. Roy Plymon - Moderator
Rev. Tony Tilley - Asst. Moderator
Keicia Tilley - Clerk
Nita Tilley - Asst. Clerk
Gail Fields - Treasurer
Tim Brasher - Asst. Treasurer

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Northport Civic Center
6:30 P.M.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Mt. Zion

Holman

Sardis*

ANNUAL MEETING

Phillips Chapel*

**Churches agreed to swap meetings for convenience*

FIFTH SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS

No Meeting

Sulphur Springs

Carolwood

Phillips Chapel

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

9:00 A.M.

Credentials Committee to meet at 8:00 A.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 minute)
- Association Dues: \$30.00
- State Association Dues: \$135.00
- January Missionary Banquet \$50.00

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First-Ethelsville:	Robert Tilley Martha Hall	Amy Pannell Alt- Lee Pannell
First-Reform:	Ray McDaniel Eddie Pierce	Danny Duncan Alt- David Odom

First-Tuscaloosa:	Bart Tilley Matthew Tilley	Nita Tilley Alt- Patricia Tilley
Glen Echo:	Jana Fulgham Reva Brown	Sharon Fulgham Alt- Desiree Mullenix
Holman:	Tracy Robertson Ruth Terry	Bonnie Lynn Alt- Melissa Grammer
Liberty:	Ed Avery Butch Wallace	Judy Fountain Alt- Charles Chapman
Macedonia:	Nadine Dean Adine Pennington	Gail Fields
Mt. Moriah:	Vaudine Lancaster Cherry Mullenix	Sue Plymon Alt- Ann Joyner
Mt. Zion:	Joie Griffin Ricky Wallace	Norman Traweek Alt-Darlene Smith
Phillips Chapel:	Jim Barger Myree Galloway	Willie F. Logan Alt- Blanton Watson
Sardis:	Arnold Sullivan David Hawthorne	Tootsie Sullivan Alt- Hannah Hawthorne
Shiloh:	Skip Sutton Scott Koon	Jason Stephens
Sulphur Springs:	Gregg Allen	
Tabernacle:	Velma Strudivant Daniel Montgomery	Junior Smith Alt- Joe Guy
Union:	Elaine Noland Don Gray	Betty Miller
Union Hill:	Pam Lowe Barbara Sudduth	Linda Sanders Alt- Ladonna Lowe

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

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Robert Tilley
Butch Wallace
Mary Jo Price

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Norman Traweek
Nita Tilley
Eddie Pierce
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Judy Fountain
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Don Gray
Kim Price
Martha Hall
Sharon Fulgham
Danny Duncan

TEMPERANCE

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Sue Plymon
Amy Pannell
Tracy Robertson
Adine (Tootsie) Pennington

***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, J. H. Tilley, J. L. Lavender

MINISTERS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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Earl Johnson
Dan Turman

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Liberty	Albert Pickett
Macedonia	Don Taggart
Mt. Moriah	Roy G. Plymon
	Jaimie Lancaster
Mt. Zion	Jackie Adcox
Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones
Sardis	None
Shiloh	Randy Key
	Fred Graham
Sulphur Springs	Rick Taylor
	Elzie Gilliam
Tabernacle	Jerry T. Smith
	Barry Cook
Union	David Cook
	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
Liberty	1926	Rev. T.W. Jones
		Rev. W.M. Chadwick
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
Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church
October 13, 2007

The 157th session of the Mount Moriah Association met at Carolwood Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Following the congregational singing of "Praise Him", led by Bro. Waymon Fields, the meeting was opened by a welcome from Bro. Jerry Montgomery, host church pastor, followed by prayer by Bro. Willard Pless, visitor from the Vernon Association. Keicia Tilley, Clerk, gave the roll call of the churches with all in attendance. Bro. Roy Plymon of the Credentials Committee gave the roll call of ministers with 19 in attendance. Visitors were recognized and included Bro. and Mrs. Willard Pless, and Mr. Jerrell Jones. The congregation was led in the singing of "Victory in Jesus" prior to the first sermon of the day.

Bro. Randall Lynn, speaking for the first time at an Annual Association Meeting, used Galatians 1:6-12 as his text. There are many different views of Christianity in today's world. Many pastors simply want to please people and tell them only what they want to hear instead of the truth of God that they need to hear. A pastor should follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and "be a servant of Christ" (verse 10). According to Romans 12:1-2, we should not conform to the world and accept the things of the world. Matthew 5:18-20 tells us that we should strive to teach and do what is right; leading not only by words spoken but also by the example of our lives. According to Colossians 3:22-25, we should do all things, including our work, as if we are doing it for the Lord. We must remember we reap what we sow but we must be patient. It may take a while for the harvest of the seeds we have sown to come. Revelation 22:18-19 warns of punishments or having rewards taken away because of not following the Lord fully. We should strive to live properly, following God's leadership, and teach people the truth.

The Moderator opened the Business session and seated the standing and elected delegates.

Mrs. Gail Fields, Treasurer, gave the following report:

Balance as of July 6, 2007 \$2,658.89

Receipts:

Interest \$ 1.33

Offering-Union 134.00

Total Receipts \$135.33

Expenditures:

Quarterly donation to Children's Home \$ 100.00

Jaimie & Tammy Lancaster's Account 500.00

Total Expenditures \$600.00

Leaving a balance as of October 13, 2007 \$2,194.22

Representation Fees

Church	Min.	Min. Fund	State Dues	Gen. Fund	Mission Banquet	TOTAL
Carolwood	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 255.00
Eastside	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 239.00
Faith	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 245.00
First-Ethelsville	20	\$ 40.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 255.00
First-Reform	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 235.00
First-Tuscaloosa	5	\$ 10.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 225.00
Glen Echo	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 235.00
Holman	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 239.00
Liberty	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 235.00
Macedonia	10	\$ 20.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 235.00
Mt. Moriah	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 245.00
Mt. Zion	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 275.00
Phillips Chapel	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 275.00
Sardis	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 245.00
Shiloh	33	\$ 66.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 281.00
Sulphur Springs	5	\$ 10.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 225.00
Tabernacle	30	\$ 60.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 275.00
Union	12	\$ 24.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 239.00
Union Hill	15	\$ 30.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 245.00
Totals	309	\$ 618.00	\$ 2,565.00	\$ 570.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 4,703.00

The Clerk read the following report from Bro. Rick Cash, State Promotional Director:

Mount Moriah giving to ACTS 1:8 for this year is \$61, 947.00.

The total giving to ACTS 1:8 this year is \$432,602.00 which is \$16,000.00 ahead of budget. The last nine months have seen the best giving since the program began. Missionary to Mobile Tim

Riggs reports that they expect to be in their new building by November 4, 2007.

Delegates to the Association were assigned to committees and delegates to represent our Association at the State Association at Northport on November 7-9 were selected: Barbara Sudduth, Bart Tilley, Ray McDaniel, Betty Jo Miller, and Sue Plymon.

The Clerk read the following report from the General Board Meeting:

The General Board met on September 29, 2007 with all churches represented by their Board Member and/or Pastor with the exception of Eastside, First Reform, Liberty, Macedonia, Shiloh, and Union Hill. The following recommendations were made:

Nominations on the Following Offices:

Moderator: Roy Plymon

Assistant Moderator: Tony Tilley

Clerk: Keicia Tilley

Assistant Clerk: Nita Tilley

Treasurer: Gail Fields

Assistant Treasure: Tim Brasher

Credentials Committee: Vernice Tilley

Board of Christian Education: Gary Mullenix

Missions & Church Extension: James South

Meeting Place Recommendations for the Year:

Quarterly Meetings

January 12, 2008 Mt. Zion

April 12, 2008 Holman

July 12, 2008 Phillips Chapel

October 11, 2008 Sardis

Youth Meetings

December 30, 2007 Omit

March 30, 2008 Sulphur Springs

June 29, 2008 Carolwood

August 31, 2008 Phillips Chapel

In other business, it was suggested that the Credentials Committee meet the Saturday prior to the General Board Meeting in order to review the Church Letters then present their findings to the General Board at the regular meeting.

The Credentials Committee reported that all received Church Letters were in order. The session was closed in prayer.

Announcements were taken and business was tabled until the afternoon session. Prayer for the food was given by Rev. Jerry Montgomery and we were dismissed for refreshment break.

After the brunch, Bro. Roy Plymon gave a partial report from the Credentials Committee stating that all church letters were in order and ministers in good standing with the exception of Scott Montgomery who had not attended an associational meeting nor contacted the moderator in the last year. The Finance Committee collected the offering following prayer by Bro. Matthew Tilley.

Mrs. Montgomery provided special music prior to the message from Bro. Jerry Montgomery. He began by reading from Ezekiel 34:1-4. He then warned pastors to not expect their members to do better than their selves. Pastors should refrain from self love and failing to see and meet the needs of the people by neglecting spiritual things. God will judge for compromising with the world and seeking our own gain. Joshua chapter 23 speaks to the leaders and elders providing important reminders and warnings. We are reminded of past blessings and forgiveness received. We are also reminded of our responsibilities and to be separate from the world. We are warned that straying from the Lord will result in judgment. The world hates the true church. Being a true Christian will become more and more difficult as time progresses. In order to remain faithful, we must depend on God rather than ourselves.

Bro. Brad Sanford closed the morning session with prayer and blessing on the noon meal.

P.M.Session:

After enjoying a time of food and fellowship, we reconvened and were led in prayer by Bro. Doug Watson. Members of the Credentials distributed ballots to the voting body.

2007-2008 BALLOT

These nominations were made at the General Board Meeting at Shiloh, September 29, 2007. Requests for write-in nominations will be taken.

IN ORDER FOR YOU VOTE TO COUNT, CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE.

	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Write-ins</u>
Moderator	<i>Rev. Roy Plymon</i> _____	
Assistant Moderator	<i>Rev. Tony Tilley</i> _____	
Clerk	<i>Keicia Tilley</i> _____	
Assistant Clerk	<i>Nita Tilley</i> _____	
Treasurer	<i>Gail Fields</i> _____	
Assistant Treasurer	<i>Tim Brasher</i> _____	
Credentials Committee (5-year term)	<i>Vernice Tilley</i> _____	
Missions and Church Extension (5-year term)	<i>Gary Mullenix</i> _____	
Board of Christian Education (5-year term)	<i>James South</i> _____	
Meeting place recommendations:		
*Quarterly Meetings-		
January 12, 2008	<i>Mt. Zion</i>	
April 12, 2008	<i>Holman</i>	
July 12, 2008	<i>Phillips Chapel</i>	
*Annual Meeting-		
October 11, 2008	<i>Sardis</i>	
*Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings-		
December 30, 2007	<i>Omit</i>	
March 30, 2008	<i>Sulphur Springs</i>	
June 29, 2008	<i>Carolwood</i>	
August 31, 2008	<i>Phillips Chapel</i>	

The Moderator asked for other nominations from the floor for the officers and meeting locations. As no other nominations were made, the recommendations made by the General Board were elected.

Before the sermon by Bro. Kevin Taylor, the congregation sang “There is a Fountain.” He entitled his message “What to do in time

of trials” and choose James 1:2-4 as his text. When difficulties come, we question "why" these things happen. We should remember that nothing takes God by surprise and that there is a purpose for every thing we face in life. There are things to be learned in difficult times. First, we need to learn that God is accomplishing His plan. He knew what would happen and when it would occur. Secondly, we need to learn that God is increasing our patience. We need learn to wait on God and accept His timing. Finally, we need to learn that God is teaching us to take responsibility and be the person He has for us to be. He desires us to be mature Christians. We should remember that trials bring us closer to God and help make us what we should be.

Committee Reports

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

Children's Home – given by Joie Griffin

We want to commend the new director, Allen Austin, who has come from Florence and all those of his staff for all their hard work at the children's home. Currently there are 23 children at the home. They are in need of house parents. They have recently had to turn away some girls. We want to encourage our churches to support the children's home not only in dollars but also with our visits and prayers, and time if available. This year's giving was \$64,402.99, thank you, and continue your support. This was an increase of over \$4,000.00 since the 2005 report.

Sunday School and C.T.S. – given Barbara Sudduth

Proverbs 22:6 commands us to *train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it*. Ephesians 6:1 tells us that *children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right*. All of our churches should promote Sunday School and CTS for all ages. As faithful Christians, we should attend and support these programs by studying God's word and contributing to assist in the spiritual development of others and ourselves. We also

realize that good Sunday School and CTS programs impact the lives of our adults and youth.

Education, Publication and Literature - given by Ruth Terry

1 Peter 3:15 states: *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.* We encourage all to read and study the Bible faithfully so that we may learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. More importantly, we must share the Word with a world that is morally deficient. Furthermore, 2 Timothy 2:15 states: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* We must be courageous and assertive to stand for the Lord. Our work begins in our homes. We must continue out into the world, taking a stand for prayer in schools. Finally, we must carefully select the literature and television programs that influence our lives. May we reflect the life of Jesus to those around us.

Temperance – given by Arnold Sullivan

The word temperance means control. We feel we should abstain from those things that affect our minds and hearts. Ephesians 5:18 says, *and be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.* We feel that our homes should be a primary example of temperance to our children and those we come in contact with to abstain from that which would affect their minds and bodies spiritually.

Morals and Reform – report given by Ervelene Reed

Our nation is in a state of moral decline more than ever before. Our schools are not safe; our government seems to be turning away from God. We must be active in reforming the world around us. As stated in 2 Chronicles 7:14, *if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

**Mt. Moriah Association
Church Statistics
2006-2007**

CHURCH	Pastor	\$PAID PASTOR	\$PAID VISIT-	\$PAID	\$ PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$ PAID	SUNDAY SCHOOL	CTS	PRAYER	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	TOTAL						
	*Assoc. Pastor	House	ING MINISTER	CHILDREN'S	ACTS 1:8	HOME	FOREIGN	BIBLE	OTHER	Enroll.	Avg. Att.	Enroll.	Avg. Att.	MEETING	RECEIVED	LOST	MEMBER-				
	**Interim	Allowance	& Evangelists	HOME		MISSIONS	MISSIONS	COLLEGE						Avg. Att.	Bapt	Rest	Lett	Lett	Excl	Dec	SHIP
		/ Salary	& Interim			◇	◇														
Carolwood	Jerry Montgomery	\$ 34,440.00	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 2,475.66	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 901.80	-	-	\$ 3,987.50	68	56	-	-	40	6	0	11	5	0	1	144
Eastside	Doug Tilley	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,124.06	\$ 1,061.97	\$ 894.52	-	\$ 350.12	\$ 2,159.18	-	-	-	-	16	0	0	4	0	0	3	161
Faith	Tony Latham	-	-	\$ 1,200.00	-	\$ 650.00	-	-	\$ 5,000.00	28	\$ 28.00	-	-	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	49
First-Ethelsville	Redus Hall	\$ 22,800.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 460.98	-	\$ 1,981.01	-	-	-	20	20	20	14	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	34
First-Reform	Leon Orr	\$ 17,100.00	\$ 600.00	-	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 425.00	4,428.00	-	\$ 3,869.72	-	25	-	30	22	2	0	0	0	0	2	
First-Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley	\$ 12,750.00	-	-	\$ 5,469.78	-	\$ 2,085.24	-	-	-	9	-	-	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	59
Glen Echo	Gary Mullenix	\$ 13,830.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 660.00	-	-	25	19	25	19	19	1	0	0	2	0	0	45
Holman	Ben Logan	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 37,546.94	\$ 2,460.00	-	-	-	\$ 700.00	48	34	-	-	32	1	0	0	0	2	1	66
Liberty	Richard Bowers	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 5,165.00	\$ 17,385.00	\$ 1,525.00	\$ 909.00	-	\$ 26,313.00	68	45	-	-	25	0	0	2	2	0	0	68
Macedonia		\$ 36,831.70	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 632.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,734.98	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 585.54	48	38	35	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	68
Mt. Moriah	Roy Plymon	\$ 15,340.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,540.00	\$ 3,574.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 528.00	-	\$ 100.00	20	14	-	-	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	63
Mt. Zion	Earl Johnson	\$ 11,726.15	\$ 970.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	-	\$ 640.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 30.00	-	-	24	0	0	0	14	0	0	91
																					4 inactive
Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones	-	-	\$ 7,396.35	\$ 22,521.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 400.00	-	\$ 2,200.00	58	45	-	-	35	2	0	2	2	0	5	202
Sardis	Roger Lucas Dan Turman*	-	\$ 1,300.00	-	\$ 1,275.00	-	-	-	-	34	24	-	-	24	4	0	4	0	0	1	74
Shiloh	Randy Key	\$ 26,850.00	\$ 2,049.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 504.00	-	26	-	-	19	0	0	2	0	0	0	96
Sulphur Springs	Rick Taylor	-	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 2,042.00	All Missions: \$26,321.00			-	-	-	115	-	-	85	6	0	4	0	0	1	131
																					77 inactive
Tabernacle	Jerry Smith	-	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,673.80	\$ 728.00	-	-	\$ 4,303.49	-	56	-	-	33	5	0	5	0	0	1	99
Union	David Cook	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 420.00	-	\$ 535.00	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	2	0	59
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor	\$ 13,100.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,400.00	-	\$ 1,105.00	-	300	50	40	-	-	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	48
TOTALS			\$ 20,494.00	\$ 64,402.99	\$ 70,280.55	\$ 11,970.24	\$ 1,250.12	\$ 1,250.12	\$ 50,662.43	499	640	80	89	497	29	0	34	27	4	19	1557
						Total Missions Giving		\$	115,821.91												
						◇Not included in ACTS 1:8															

Deceased – given by Nita Tilley

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

Carolwood	Jessie Marquis
Eastside	Mae Hallman
	Ray Hallman
	Cora Shelby
Faith	None
First-Ethelsville	Ruth Walters
	Howard Latham
First-Reform	Mary Pearl Duncan
	Patty Lollar
First-Tuscaloosa	None
Glen Echo	Gladys Noland
Holman	Aretha Posey
Liberty	None
Macedonia	Ruth Shaw
Mt. Moriah	Elton Burgess
Mt. Zion	None
Phillips Chapel	W. D. Montgomery
	Albert Montgomery
	Trannie Hallman
	G. W. "Buddy" Phillips
	Mary Phillips
Sardis	Jason Pearson
Shiloh	None
Sulphur Springs	None
Tabernacle	Carol Davis
Union	None
Union Hill	None

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

Devotion Committee – given by Bart Tilley

We recommend the following to preach at the January meeting:

First Sermon -	Rev. Rick Taylor
Alternate -	Rev. David Cook
Second Sermon -	Rev. Douglas Tilley

Alternate -

Rev. Dan Turman

Third Sermon -

Rev. Tony Latham

Alternate -

Rev. Fred Graham

Finance Committee – given by Matthew Tilley

The General Fund offering today was \$148.80.

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields

We want to remind our churches of our Missions Banquet January 12, 2008, 6:30 P.M. at the Northport Civic Center. Banquet tickets will be \$11.00 for adults and \$5.50 for children under 12 years of age. This will begin our annual Missions Conference. We need to remind each church to cover the hotel expenses of the missionaries. We urge our pastors to encourage their people to attend the banquet and all mission services.

Board of Christian Education - given by Dan Montgomery

We asked for increased participation from all churches at the Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings. At the last meeting, eight churches attended with six presenting. The total attendance was 158, which is down from the past. We encourage you to make this a priority. It is a time of worship and praise for youth and needs to be approached in reverence. We also encourage CTS training and involvement in each church which gives the best opportunity to reach kids. We would like to remind everyone that the reason the Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings were started was to praise God for youth training in CTS. As adults, we should examine ourselves and see what kind of example we are setting for our youth. We should strive to set a good example for the youth. If you need assistance with beginning a CTS program, obtaining CTS materials, or information about CTS competition, please contact your committee, as we are willing to help.

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Roy Plymon

All church letters have been reviewed and found to be in order. We recommend that delegates be seated. All ministers are in good standing with the exception of Scott Montgomery who missed all

associational meetings and has not contacted the Association for one year. We ask that his name be dropped from the ordained minister's list. The Credentials Committee also recommends that the Credentials Committee meet one hour prior to the General Board meeting to review the church letters.

Resolutions and Appreciation Committee – given by Betty Jo Miller

On this beautiful day that God has given us, we reflect on Paul's words, *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you* (Philippians 1:3). For each effort to make this a successful Association, we give thanks and give God the glory. We especially thank Carolwood as host church and their dear pastor, Bro. Jerry Montgomery.

As Rev. Roy Plymon had been elected as Moderator, he is unable to complete his term on the Credentials Committee. Nominations were taken from the floor to finish his four year term. The only nomination received was Rev. Jerry Smith who was elected to fill the opening.

Rev. Jerry Smith expressed his thanks to the Association for their support and asked that they support the new moderator. He turned over the floor to Rev. Roy Plymon. Rev. Plymon thanked Rev. Smith for his service and the Association for their confidence in him in selecting him for the office of Moderator.

After announcements were given, the benediction was given by Rev. Ben Logan. The session closed with the singing of "God Be with You till We Meet Again." Delegates and visitors expressed thanks to Rev. Jerry Smith for his years of service and support to Rev. Roy Plymon as he assumes the position of moderator as they left.

JANUARY QUARTERLY MEETING

First Free Will Baptist Church

Reform, Alabama

January 13, 2007

Saturday, January 13, 2007 the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Reform First Free Will Baptist Church. The opening song was "Draw Me Nearer" led by Rev. Roger Lucas with Mrs. Sue Plymon playing the piano. Host pastor, Rev. Leon Orr gave the welcome and opening prayer. Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, called the meeting to order.

The Roll Call of Churches was given by the Clerk. All churches were represented with the exception of First-Ethelsville and Sulphur Springs.

The Roll Call of Ministers was read by Rev. Roy Plymon, Credentials Committee. Seventeen of the twenty-eight ministers were present.

Visitors were recognized and included Richard Bowers, new pastor of the Liberty Church, Rodney Yerby of the International Missions Office, and Allen Austin, new director of the Children's Home.

After the congregational, "My Savior's Love for Me," the first speaker, Rev. Jackie Adcox, began. He chose 1 John 1:7 for his text. There is only one way to be cleansed from our sins – the blood of Jesus. When we are cleansed in the blood of Jesus through faith, we become a child of God. Because we have received forgiveness, the fear of eternity is removed. Because Jesus is alive in us, He is able to guide us and keep us from sin if we will follow His leadership. We should rejoice because of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and should strive to bring others to Him.

Rodney Yerby of the International Missions Office spoke briefly about the 2007 World Missions Offering, encouraging all to attend.

He stated that coin boxes were available as well as the "Change the World" promotional DVD. The goal this year is \$500,000 to be collected on April 29, 2007.

The Moderator read the following report sent by Rick Cash of the Promotional Office. *Give the Mount Moriah Association my greetings. I regret that I am unable to attend. I am preaching at the Florida State Line Association this morning. I look forward to seeing many of you at the banquet tonight. Thank you for the \$75,178.51 which you gave to the ACTS 1:8 Program in 2006. Total ACTS 1:8 receipts for 2006 were \$544,445.75. This put us \$30,554.25 short of our budget goal. This makes two years in a row that ACTS 1:8 giving has declined. Receipts in 2004 were \$552,386.11 and in 2005, they were \$549,343.01. Our 2007 budget is \$560,000. Our two new missionaries are in place, Dale McCoy in Prattville and Time Riggs in Mobile.*

Allen Austin of the Children's Home spoke briefly, thanking the association for its continued support. He stated that the goal of the home is to develop productive Christian citizens. Currently there are seventeen children at the home. He rejoiced that one boy had been saved that week.

Bro. Mac Walters lead the offertory prayer and the General Offering was received while Mrs. Plymon played "Blessed Assurance."

Instructions were given by Rev. Leon Orr for the brunch in the Fellowship Hall. After prayer was given by Rev. Tony Tilley, we enjoyed delicious food, and committees prepared their reports. We assembled back in the sanctuary with the congregational singing of "He Keeps Me Singing." While the Moderator and Credentials Committee continued to meet, the congregation sang "Follow On" and "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. Leon Orr preached the second sermon. He used Philippians 3:12-14 for his scripture. There are times when we can recognize

turning in points in our lives. At each New Year, many people make resolutions. This is a time when we should repent of our sins and resolve to live for Christ. Many people for not want to admit that they are wrong or take responsibility for sins. They would rather make excuses. Repenting sets us free. True repentance is not just words or going through the motions but results in a change in our lives - turning from sin. Paul recognized that he still had struggles with sin and was not yet what God wanted him to be. But he resolved to work to move forward toward becoming what he was to be, learning from past sins and leaving them in the past. We have chance to be witnesses and make a difference in the word. However, this cannot be done if we do not have true repentance first.

The Moderator opened the business session of the meeting.

Committee Reports

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

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Roy Plymon

We, your committee, report as follows:

First, we recommend Bro. Richard Bowers be added to the ordained ministers list pending a letter of good standing from the North Alabama Association. Second, we recommend Craig Turman's name be dropped form the ordained ministers list.

Treasurer's Report - given by Gail Fields

Opening Balance	\$1,973.65
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Receipts:

Associational Dues from churches	\$3,805.00
Interest	1.49
Quarterly Offering	164.11
Missions Banquet	950.00

Total Receipts	\$6,894.25
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Expenditures:

Quarterly donation to Children's Home	\$ 100.00
Keicia Tilley (Clerk's duties)	125.00
Alabama State Association of FWB	2565.00
State Dues	
(19 churches @\$135.00/church)	
Missions and Church Extension Mission	950.00
Banquet Expense	
(19 churches @ \$50.00/church)	
Service Charge	10.00
Total Expenditures	\$3,750.00
Leaving a balance as of January 13, 2007	\$3,144.25

Board of Christian Education – given by Jim Barger

We, your committee, report as follows:

We want to encourage youth involvement in the Christian Board of Education and would ask pastors and youth workers to have kids that want to participate to contact Bro. Dan Montgomery or Bro. Jim Barger. We also want to encourage CTS competition involvement. Keep in mind that there needs to be a regional competition.

The Christian Board of Education currently has a balance of \$3,170.89 and will be giving \$700 to Brittany Echols to help with spring expenses to train as a missionary. We also want to encourage other young people to participate on the E-team.

We are discussing a possible spring youth retreat for ages 12 and up. Currently we are considering a Friday night and Saturday at Trinity Youth Camp. Please get an idea of youth interest at your church and let us know if this is something that should be further pursued.

A possible alternate site for the April Fifth Sunday Youth Meeting may be needed. Any church interested should contact the board and any changes in location will be announced as soon as possible.

Devotional Committee – given by Bart Tilley

We recommend the following to preach at the April meeting:

First Sermon -	Rev. Albert Pickett
Alternate -	Rev. Randy Key
Second Sermon -	Rev. Terrell Jones
Alternate -	Rev. Gary Mullenix
Third Sermon -	Rev. Don Taggart
Alternate -	Rev. Roy Plymon

Finance Committee – given by Matthew Tilley

General Offering Today \$ 247.00

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields

We, your committee, report as follows:

We thank our churches for their contributions to the Missions Banquet expenses. 100% of our churches gave \$50.00. Thank you for your support in attending the banquet this year and years gone by. Thanks to those who support our missionaries on a regular basis. We want to remind you to make contact with your missionary speakers before the conference begins to give them directions to your church along with meal arrangements. Please be sure to complete the conference survey and return it with your total offerings to the State Promotional Office.

Other Business

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Ruth Terry

The Mt. Moriah Association would like to expresses its appreciation to the First Reform Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the first 2007 Quarterly Meeting. We would like to thank the ladies for a delicious brunch. Thank the pastors for the inspiring messages.

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

Prior to the last sermon, the congregation sang “To God be the Glory” and “When We All Get to Heaven.”

The last sermon was preached by Rev. Ben Logan who began reading from Lamentations 3:22. We should recognize that as men of God we have a responsibility to live purposefully. Paul described the way we should live in 1 Timothy 6:11. We should strive to *follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness*. Paul continues in verse 12, saying we are in a spiritual war and must fight in the battle. We have been called by God for a purpose; He has a plan for our life. We must desire to serve Him and fulfill His purpose remembering also that we will reap what is sown. 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 reminds us that death places the Christian in Heaven. A transformation takes place; we are given our heavenly clothing. We have confidence in this because God has given us the *earnest of the Spirit*. We are also reminded that all will face judgment. Knowing that judgment is coming should spur us to live closer to God and follow His will in our lives.

After announcements, the session concluded with the congregational singing of "I Feel like Traveling On" and the dismissal prayer Rev. Tony Latham.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING
Sardis Free Will Baptist Church
Gordo, Alabama
April 7, 2007

The April meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association began with the congregational song "O How I Love Jesus" led by Rev. Roger Lucas with Mrs. Helen Lucas as pianist. Rev. Jackie Adcox, host pastor, gave the welcome and led the opening prayer. The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, called the meeting to order and the Credentials Committee was dismissed.

Rev. Randy Key preached the first sermon from Matthew 16:24 and Matthew 19:21. There are two calls of life that God gives. The first is "Come" – Jesus calls all to come to salvation. Jesus removed all barriers and provided a way for us to go to heaven. He is the only way to salvation - Acts 4:12 "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." As stated in Romans 10:13, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved;" all who respond to the call will be saved. The second call God gives is "Follow Me" - the call to service. All Christians are called to service. Not everyone will be called to preach or teach but God has a plan and a place for each individual. In order to follow Christ, you must first be saved. All receive the first call, the call to salvation, but only those who have been saved can receive the call to service.

The Roll Call of Churches was given by the Clerk. All churches were represented with the exception of First-Ethelsville, First-Reform, Shiloh, and Union Hill.

The General Fund offering was received with Bro. Mac Walters giving the offertory prayer.

Rev. Jaimie Lancaster, Missionary to Uruguay, gave a brief report. He stated that they had returned to the United States in July and

had been traveling in Alabama, Arkansas, and North Carolina raising funds. They plan to return to Uruguay in July. Arkansas has experienced decreases in giving and has cut their support. They are working to raise funds to cover expenses and may not have enough support to return. There has been a new pastor ordained and the women's Bible study is going well.

After announcements, the congregation sang "I am Thine, O Lord" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Rev. Lucas gave instructions to the congregation for the brunch provided by the church and gave the prayer for the food. The Moderator asked committees to pick up their folder and prepare their reports during this time.

After a time of hospitality and good food, we assembled again with the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven". The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Rev. Roy Plymon with sixteen of twenty-nine present.

Rev. Terrell Jones preached from Hebrews 9:24-28 regarding the appearances of Christ. In His first appearance, Jesus came to provide salvation from sin. He did this through the sacrifice of himself. In His second appearance, Jesus is in the presence of God as our High Priest making intercession on our behalf as described in Hebrews 7:25-26. His final appearance will be His second coming to earth. There are four basic attitudes about Jesus' coming. Many are indifferent and do not really care as described in Matthew 24:37-39. Other simply deny that Jesus is coming again. Matthew 24:45-51 describes how some think that He is delaying His coming. The proper attitude is to delight in knowing that Jesus will return and to echo John in Revelation 22:20, "*Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*"

The Moderator opened the business session of the meeting.

Committee Reports

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

Treasurer's Report – Gail Fields, Treasurer

Balance as of January 13, 2007 -

\$3,144.25

RECEIPTS:

Interest received -

\$ 1.49

Offering taken at Reform

247.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS -

\$248.49

EXPENDITURES:

Children's Home Donation -

\$100.00

Black Warrior Printing (minutes) -

651.82

Keicia Tilley (Stamps) -

10.56

TOTAL EXPENDITURES -

\$762.38

Ending Balance as of April 2007 -

\$2,630.36

Credentials Committee – given by Rev. Roy Plymon

We, your committee, report as follows:

We recommend that Bro. Barry Cook be added to the ordained ministers list under the watch care of the Association for one year.

It was asked that the "watch care" be explained. Rev. Plymon stated that Bro. Cook was coming from a church that had left their association and as such would not be able to receive a letter from the association.

Board of Christian Education – given by Jim Barger

We, your committee, report as follows:

We invite everyone to attend the Fifth Sunday Youth Meeting on April 29th at 2 pm at Sulphur Springs. In preparation for the Meeting there will be an Associational Wide youth choir practice at Sulphur Springs on April 15th at 2 pm. We want to continue to encourage youth involvement in the Christian Board of Education in the hope that in the future the services will be more youth driven. The Board has prepared letters for youth workers and pastors regarding the Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings and request that they be picked up today.

Finance Committee – given by Ricky Wallace
General Offering Today \$ 126.87

Devotional Committee – given by Bart Tilley
We recommend the following to preach at the July meeting:

First Sermon -	Rev. Ben Logan
Alternate -	Rev. Randal Lynn
Second Sermon -	Rev. Gary Mullenix
Alternate -	Rev. Jerry Montgomery
Third Sermon -	Rev. Roy Plymon
Alternate -	Rev. Kevin Taylor

Missions and Church Extension – given by Waymon Fields
We, your committee, report as follows:

We would like to thank the churches for their prayerful and financial support for our Annual Missions Banquet. We especially appreciate those who attend the banquet each year. If any of you have any suggestions or ideas on how our committee can serve our Association better, or any improvements we can make in our missions banquet or missions programs, we encourage you to make it known at our Quarterly meetings or discuss it with any members of the committee.

Committee Financial Report	
Beginning Balance	\$1,271.13
Collections	
Collection from Churches (19 churches @ \$50 each)	\$950.00
Ticket sales	\$1,391.50
Offering	\$300.10
Total collections	\$2,641.60
Expenses	
Flowers	\$75.00
Civic Center Rental	\$500.00

Caterer	\$1,696.00
Honorariums	\$300.00
Motels for Missionaries	\$499.50
Total Expenses	\$3,070.50
Leaving a Balance of	\$1,341.73

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Kim Price

We, your committee, report as follows:

We want to thank Sardis Free Will Baptist for hosting the Quarterly Meeting on April 7, 2007. We would like to thank the pastors for the word of God that was preached.

We would like to thank the ladies for the brunch. We would like everyone to pray for all our churches.

The congregation sang “Blessed Assurance” and “Amazing Grace” followed by the third sermon by Rev. Don Taggart. He used the passage of Matthew 27:45-60 as his text. The week surrounding the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus contained seven openings. The gates of the city were opened to honor and respect Jesus (Matthew 21:9-11). A new covenant was opened with the establishment of the Lord’s Supper (Matthew 26:26-28). The side of Jesus was opened providing blood to seal the new covenant, providing redemption, forgiveness, and cleansing for those who would believe (John 19:31-34). The Holy of Holies was opened allowing all to have access to God (Hebrew 10). Jesus’ tomb was opened showing His power and the God’s acceptance of His sacrifice (Matthew 28:1-3, 6). Graves were opened, validating the power of God and providing witnesses (Matthew 27:52-53). Salvation was opened to all (John 10:9).

The closing song was “Just as I Am” followed by the benedictory prayer given by Rev. Tony Latham.

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING
Union Free Will Baptist Church
Gordo, Alabama
July 7, 2007

The July meeting of the Mt. Moriah Association began with the congregational song "Power in the Blood." Bro. Harry Ott, deacon of the host church, gave the welcome and led the opening prayer in the absence of the host pastor. The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Smith, called the meeting to order.

The Clerk gave the Roll Call of Churches. All churches except Eastside, First Reform, and Liberty were present.

The Roll Call of Ministers was given by Credentials Committee. Rev. Roy Plymon with eighteen present.

Rev. Ben Logan spoke from Philippians 1:20. We need to magnify Christ in our lives. It is not enough to just say that we believe in Jesus but must live in a Christ-like manner. We should have the expectation and hope of heaven after death. Jesus provided the way for us to enter heaven and is the only way to heaven. Paul was unashamed of Jesus. Likewise, we should be unashamed of Jesus. According to Philippians 3:9-10, we must know Jesus through a personal relationship in order to follow Him. We must die to the things of the world and live with purpose for Jesus.

The General Fund offering was received with Bro. Mac Walters giving the offertory prayer followed by the singing of "Won't it be Wonderful There." Bro. Ott gave instructions to the congregation for the brunch blessed the food. The Moderator asked committees to pick up their folder and prepare their reports during this time.

After a time of hospitality and good food, we assembled again with the singing of "Come and Dine". Rev. Rick Taylor led in prayer.

Rev. Gary Mullenix read the passage 2 Kings 4:38-40 which tells the story of Elisha and the sons of the prophets making a meal. They gather ingredients but one ingredient was poisonous causing the entire meal to be bad. Life is much like that soup; one bad thing can ruin it all. A negative word or attitude can ruin your day. Sin in your life will ruin your testimony and ministry. We should take care what is taken into our hearts just as we are careful what we eat and take into our bodies. Just as we avoid poisonous food, we should avoid the poison of sin and negativity in our hearts and lives. 2 Kings 4:41 tells how God used a miracle to remove the poison from the meal. Again, this is much like life; God works in our lives, through the sacrifice of Jesus, to remove the poison of sin and purify us, making us useful in His kingdom (1 John 1:9).

The Moderator opened the business session of the meeting.

Committee Reports

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

Treasurer's Report – Gail Fields, Treasurer

Balance as of April 2007 -	\$2,630.36
RECEIPTS:	
Interest received -	\$ 1.66
Offering taken at Sardis -	\$126.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS -	\$128.53
EXPENDITURES:	
Children's Home Donation -	\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES -	\$100.00
Ending Balance as of July 2007 -	\$2,658.89

Board of Christian Education – given by Rev. Kevin Taylor

We, your committee, report as follows:

We are excited about our upcoming Fifth Sunday Youth Meeting to be held on July 29 at Phillips Chapel at 2 pm.

We hope all the youth from each of our associational churches will be able to attend and participate in a time of

worship and praise for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As discussed at the last Fifth Sunday Youth Meeting, the Christian Board of Education would like the participation of committed youth throughout the association to help develop and guide future youth meetings. It is the intent of the Board to act in a supervisory and support role in the future, and allow the meetings to be more youth driven. We not only want these meetings to be a time of praise and worship, but also an opportunity to help develop future Christian leaders and workers. This is something we hope to develop over time and request and youth that would like to participate contact Bro. Dan Montgomery or Jim Barger. We hope to see representatives from all of our associational churches participating. We would also ask that the programs be limited to no more than 7-10 minutes. We would also like to thank everyone that has committed themselves to the development and discipleship of the youth in the association, and ask that you continue to pray for all of our young people.

Finance Committee – given by Ricky Wallace

General Offering Today \$ 134.00

Devotional Committee – given by Bart Tilley

We recommend the following to preach at the July meeting:

First Sermon -	Rev. Randall Lynn
Alternate -	Rev. Rick Taylor
Second Sermon -	Rev. Jerry Montgomery
Alternate -	Rev. Douglas Tilley
Third Sermon -	Rev. Kevin Taylor
Alternate -	Rev. Richard Bowers

Missions and Church Extension – No report

Credentials Committee – No Report

Resolutions and Appreciation – given by Ruth Terry

We, your committee, report as follows:

The Mt. Moriah Association would like to express it's appreciation to Union Free Will Baptist Church for hosting this session of the quarterly meeting. We would like to thank the ladies for a delicious brunch. The songs, messages, and fellowship blessed our heart. Let us pray for one another.

After standing in acceptance, Wayman Fields led in a prayer of thanks.

Announcements were given then the congregation sang "To God be the Glory," "Where the Soul Never Dies," and "Just Over in the Glory Land" followed by the last sermon of the day. Rev. Roy Plymon entitled his message "What is the church?" choosing Acts 11:19-26 as his text. The church is a place to see the grace of God (verse 23). Grace, unearned favor, is seen through the salvation of souls and through the spiritual growth of believers. The church is also a place of teaching (verse 26). The church has a responsibility to teach. According to Ephesians 4:11, the pastor should be the main teacher of the church. The Bible is relevant to all areas of our lives and should be studied as a guide to know how to live. Finally, the church is a place of identification. We should not be ashamed of Jesus or of being a Christian. We should live in a way that identifies us as being like Jesus. We each should examine our lives and our church to see if they are what they should be according to scriptures.

"What a Day that Will Be" was sung followed by the benedictory prayer given by Bro. Barry Cook.

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, Treasurer, and Assistant 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, Treasurer, and Assistant 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, Treasurer, and Assistant 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, Treasurer, and Assistant 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.

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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.*”

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