

MINUTES OF THE
170th
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
PHILLIPS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHPORT, ALABAMA
OCTOBER 10, 2020
9:00 A.M.

OFFICERS

Rev. Roger Lucas – Moderator

Rev. Randall Lynn – Asst. Moderator

Roy Bannerman – Clerk

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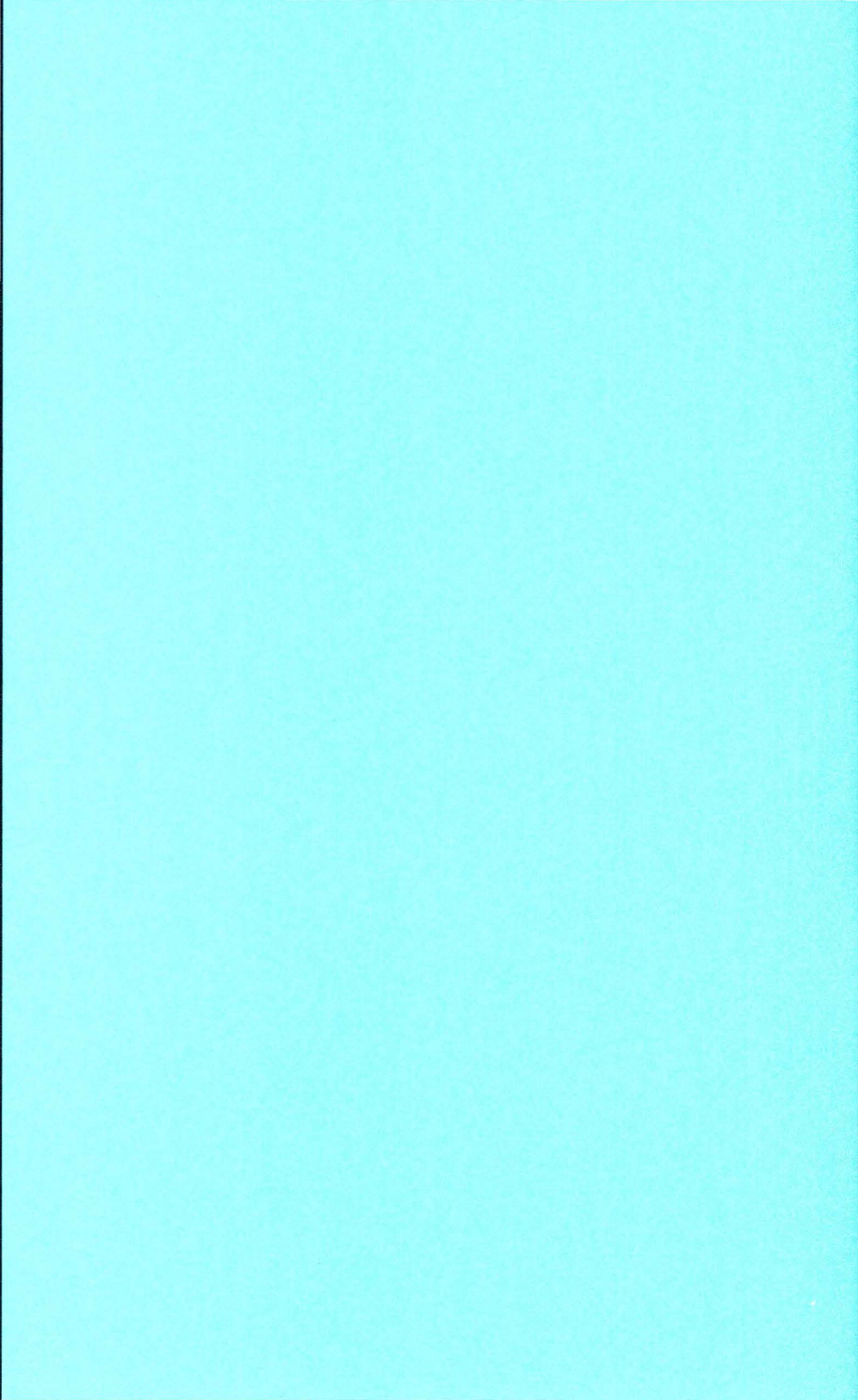


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MEETING PLACES, DATES, AND CLERK INFORMATION

ANNUAL MISSIONS BANQUET

January 9, 2021	Northport First FWB Family Life Center	6:30 P.M.
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QUARTERLY MEETING

April 10, 2021	Sardis	9:00 A.M.
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ANNUAL MEETING

October 9, 2021	Shiloh	9:30 A.M.
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FIFTH SUNDAY YOUTH MEETINGS

November 29, 2020	Sulphur Springs	2:30 P.M.
January 31, 2021	Carolwood	2:30 P.M.
May 30, 2021	Holman	2:30 P.M.
August 29, 2021	Tabernacle	2:30 P.M.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 25, 2021	Shiloh	9:00 A.M.
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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 \$3 per minute)
- Association Dues: \$30.00
- State Association Dues: \$200.00
- January Missionary Banquet \$50.00

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First-Tuscaloosa	Matthew Tilley	
Glen Echo	Sharon Fulgham	Ceva Latham
Holman	Bonnie Lynn Kayla Windle	Bren Windle Alt-Jeanette Smith
Liberty	None Listed	
Macedonia	Gail Fields	Waymon Fields
Mt. Moriah	Landy Plymon Karen Brasher	Vaudine Lancaster Alt- Sue Plymon
Mt. Zion	Janice Winters	

Phillips Chapel	Revis Guy Ruble Smith	Myree Galloway
Sardis	Kevin Robertson	
Shiloh	Jason Stephens Skip Sutton	Stewart Koon
Sulphur Springs	Bro. Joseph Kimbrell	
Tabernacle	Velma Sturdivant Dan Montgomery	Rita Montgomery
Union	Keicia Lynn	Betty Jo Miller
Union Hill	Linda Sanders	Pam Lowe

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Holman	Ben Logan Tony Tilley
Liberty	Richard Bowers
Macedonia	Luke Bozeman
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Mt. Zion	None Listed
Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones Jerry Montgomery Dan Turman
Sardis	Earl Johnson Jesse Adcox
Shiloh	None Listed
Sulphur Springs	Rick W. Taylor Josh Johnson Matt Hallman Gregg Allen Kyle Patton Joseph Kimbrell
Tabernacle	Joshua Horton
Union	Randall Lynn
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor

HISTORY OF CHURCHES

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>ORGANIZED</u>	<u>ORGANIZED BY</u>
Carolwood	1970	Rev. Dewey Thomas
First-Ethelsville	1902	Rev. Wood 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	1909	Rev. Wood Springfield
Liberty	1927	Rev. W. E. 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. Wood Springfield
Union Hill	1908	Rev. Wood Springfield

**170th Annual Associational Meeting
Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Northport, Alabama
October 10, 2020**

The 170th session of the Mount Moriah Association convened at Phillips Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Northport, on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

The Association Meeting was opened with Tim Brasher of the Mt. Moriah Church leading the congregation in the song "The Unclouded Day" and was played by wife Karen. Waymon Fields of the Macedonia Church then prayed. Afterward, the Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas, gave the welcome.

The Clerk, Roy Bannerman gave the roll call of the Churches, Ministers, and Standing Committees. All Churches were represented with the exception of First- Ethelsville, First- Reform, Liberty, Sardis, Tabernacle and Union Hill.

There were 6 Ordained Ministers present and 1 Licensed Minister. The Credentials Committee had 1 present. Missions and Church Extension Board had 4 present and Board of Church Education had 2 present.

Rev. Roger Lucas read the list of the Delegates noting this would be the voting body along with the Deacons and Ministers.

The Moderator, discussed the page he distributed with the proposed changes to the Constitution. A move was made and seconded to table this till after the break. He then asked Bro. Danny Williams to pray. He then recognized Rev. Ben Logan (and wife Loretta) who has been recovering from some health set backs.

The first sermon was brought by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Randall Lynn, Pastor of the Union Church.

Rev. Lynn spoke on being committed. He talked about the Covid and filling positions. His text was taken from Luke 9:57-62. He prayed. He spoke about when he was first licensed and the importance of putting Jesus first "putting hand to the plow and not looking back".

He then read scripture from 1 Peter 4:17-19. Noting we have only two meetings per year and yet some can't make it. He noted we needed to be better in our dedication to the Association.

He read text from 2 Timothy 2:1-4. Noting we needed to be strong. He asked the question "Are we good soldiers to help one wounded, pick him up and help him?" He read Matthew 10:34. He asked the question? Are we worthy of Christ? noting we are to "lay up treasures in Heaven..." He pointed out not to follow people, but follow Christ because this will lead to eternal life.

He read Matthew 6:33. He noted "to seek first the Kingdom of God." He closed in prayer.

The Moderator asked the Clerk to read the report from the General Board Meeting:

The General Board met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on September 27th, 2020.

Bro. Roger Lucas, Moderator, gave the welcome. Afterward, Waymon Fields opened in prayer. Bro. Roger Lucas read text taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14 and discussed changes that have been made due to Covid-19. He noted that Revival is still needed in America.

The Clerk gave the roll call of the Churches. All Church were represented with the exception of First-Reform, Liberty, Tabernacle and Union Hill.

Bro. Earl Johnson gave the Credentials Committee report. He noted all Church Letters were in order. The Letter from the Vernon Association has been received for

Bro. Dan Turman in good standing. Bro. Tony Tilley gave update on First- Tuscaloosa F.W.B. A move and second was made to accept the report.

Bro. Roger Lucas discussed changing Article 13 in the Constitution to include the new Executive Committee. Bro. Roger Lucas read the proposed change. Moved and seconded to present this to be added as Section 4.

It was noted we needed to elect someone to represent the Association on the board at the Children's Home.

Speakers for the Annual Association this year will be the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and one more was still needed.

Due to Covid-19 it was noted there will not be a meal this year at the Annual Association. Afterward, it was discussed to begin at 9 A.M. instead of 9:30, with the same format. Bro. Terrell Jones dismissed the meeting in prayer.

The report was received as information.

The following Committee Reports were read.

Children's Home-Given by Waymon Fields. He noted there are 26 children at the Home. He noted the camps were closed this year due to the Covid-19. A camp was held the Home and there were 6 professions of faith. He also discussed the Toy Run will be on December 5th which produces roughly 10% of the Home's income. Received this report as information.

W.N.A.C. -- No Report.

Tim Brasher led us in the song "I Am Resolved" and was played by wife Karen, at the piano. An offering was received Rev. Dan Turman of the Phillips Chapel Church, blessed the offering. Afterward, Terry Sanford of the Carolwood Church prayed.

The second sermon of the day was brought by Rev. Terrell Jones, Pastor of Phillips Chapel, the host Church. He used Scripture from Hebrews 5:12-6-12. He spoke on the truth of apostasy. Persecution and false teachers are some of things that lead to apostasy. He spoke on the prerequisite of apostasy, the prevention of apostasy, the possibility of apostasy (vs.4-6), parable of apostasy (vs.7 neglect), and the process of avoiding apostasy. He further noted they were still on the milk and not on the meat, they were hearers but not doers. Verse 13 is a "mark" of immaturity. Prevention of apostasy by growing spiritually, repent from dead works and trust in God alone - Jesus for salvation. He then read Psalms 119:97 and Proverbs 24:30-34. He then closed in prayer.

The Moderator returned and asked Rev. Terrell Jones to give directions for the refreshments.

After returning from the break, Tim Brasher led the congregation in the song "Where Could I Go" and was played by wife Karen.

The Moderator thanked Tim and Karen Brasher for leading the music. He then recognized Bro. Danny Williams, and asked him to give an update on the State work.

Bro. Danny Williams noted he brought some digest of reports and some National digest of reports and placed them in foyer. He spoke of the cancellations due to the Covid-19. He noted that A.C.T.S. 1:8 was \$5,000 ahead of budget at the end September.

There were two baptized at the Cultivate Church in Athens, They are running 50-55 Sunday mornings. They had 34 one Sunday night.

The Church celebrated their first anniversary at the end of January and 75 was in attendance.

Bro. Sam and Laura Riggs were appointed to go to Spain. They will be going early next year.

He spoke of the work in Puerto Rico were Hosea Rodrico is. A school has been started there. He noted Bro. Rodrico will be here in January.

He spoke of the work at the Children's Home. He mentioned Dick Williams and his wife are house parents at the Home and are now going to be relief parents. He spoke on the Fall Harvest Drive.

He closed with thanks from the staff and read Mark 9:41 and from Psalms 121.

Business - The Moderator called for the following committee reports: All committee reports were voted to accept as given.

Credentials Committee – No report.

Missions & Church Extension – Given by Waymon Fields. Noted the upcoming Missions Banquet on January 9, 2021, and to remember the Missionaries and Churches in prayer.

Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists Church Statistics
2019-2020

CHURCH	Pastor	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	\$PAID	SUNDAY SCHOOL		CTS		PRAYER	MEMBERS				MEMBERS			TOTAL
	*Assoc. Pastor	CHILDREN'S	ACTS 1:8	HOME	FOREIGN	WELCH	OTHER	Enroll.	Avg. Att.	Enroll.	Avg Att	MEETING	RECEIVED				LOST			MEMBER-
	**Interim	HOME		MISSIONS	MISSIONS	COLLEGE						Avg. Att.	POF	Bapt	Rest	Lett	Exl	Lett	Dec	SHIP
				***	***															
Carolwood					\$750.00		\$300.00	31	20			15		1		0		0	3	54
First-Ethelsville	Redus Hall	\$265.00																		33
First-Reform	Hunter Fields		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00			25				15				2			2	
First-Tuscaloosa	Tony Tilley																			4
Glen Echo	Tony Latham	\$700.00	\$1,500.00							10						5			1	15
Holman	Tony Tilley	\$1,375.00	\$2,080.10	\$2,400.00	\$600.00			29	19			19				4				49
Liberty	Richard Bowers	\$5,485.49	\$34,273.65			\$4,090.21	\$30,605.76	69	47			15		1		2			3	
Macedonia	Luke Bozeman	\$10,250.00	\$10,755.00	\$4,703.28	\$3,166.60	\$1,650.00	\$5,139.83	46	35			31						1		65
Mt. Moriah	Roy G. Plymon	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$330.00	\$2,415.00			14				8							1	56
Mt. Zion		\$360.00	\$240.00		\$960.00		\$240.00	7	7			9						2	2	74
Phillips Chapel	Terrell Jones	\$6,199.00	\$9,007.74		\$2,000.00		\$600.00	49	31			16		2		2			2	180
Sardis	Earl Johnson	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$150.00			\$200.00	35	15							2		4		56
Shiloh	Roger Lucas																			
Sulphur Springs	Rick W. Taylor	\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,400.00		147	125					1		14			2	178 Active
																				137 Inactive
Tabernacle	Joshua Horton		\$5,171.97	\$230.00			\$2,544.87	29				20		4					3	121
Union	Randall Lynn	\$480.00	\$500.00		\$200.00		\$500.00	8	8										1	43
Union Hill	Kevin Taylor	\$300.00	\$1,440.00		\$1,440.00		\$300.00					10				2				58
Totals																				
*** Not included in ACTS 1:8																				

Board of Christian Education – Given by Rev. Randall Lynn.
 Sulphur Springs has asked for the November 29th. If a Church feels they can't host a youth meeting, if you can contact the Board, we will try to find a new location. Our newest Licensed Minister, Clay Latham, has agreed to speak at our next meeting.

He noted the balance as of September 30, 2020 was \$2,395.23.

Treasurer's Report - Given by Tim Brasher.

Balance as of July 11, 2020	\$3,298.84
Income	
Interest	.33
Offering taken at Mt. Moriah	\$87.00
Donation to Children's Home	\$250.00
(Total Income \$337.33)	
Expenditures	
Rev. Van Dale Hudson	\$200.00
(guest speaker @ Mt. Moriah)	
Children's Home (\$100.00 quarterly donation + \$250.00 donation)	\$350.00
Mt. Moriah Missions Board	\$850.00
(Total expenditures \$1,400.00)	
Balance as of October 10, 2020	\$2,236.17

Afterward, Rev. Roger Lucas discussed the sheet with the proposed changes to the Constitution that was distributed.

A move was made a seconded to take this off the table.

This will be under Article 13 Standing Committees as Section 4:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. COMPOSITION: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Chairperson of the Credentials, Missions and Church Extension, and Board of Christian Education.
- B. DUTIES: The Committee shall be responsible for securing speakers, etc. to speak at all sessions of the Association. Committee shall be allowed to conduct business of urgent need when the Association is not in session.

After discussion, it was voted to make said changes to the Constitution. Motion Carried.

Afterward, the Moderator discussed the ballot that was distributed. Gail Fields was nominated and elected to fill Assistant Treasurer and Bren Windle was nominated and elected to fill the 2 year term on the Board of Christian Education, which was open at the time of election. A move was made and seconded to accept all nominations and meeting places.

2020-2021 BALLOT

These nominations were made at the General Board Meeting at Shiloh, on September 27, 2020. Requests for write-in nominations will be taken.

	<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Write-ins</u>
Moderator	Rev. Roger Lucas	
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Randall Lynn	
Clerk	Roy Bannerman	
Assistant Clerk	Betty Jo Miller	
Treasurer	Tim Brasher	
Assistant Treasurer	Mark Foucher	
Credentials Committee (5-year term)	Terry Sanford	
Missions and Church Extension (5-year term)	Terrell Jones	
Board of Christian Education (5-year term)	Rev. Luke Bozeman	
Board of Christian Education (2- year term) open		

Meeting place recommendations:

**Quarterly Meeting-*

April 10, 2021

Sardis

**Annual Meeting-*

October 9, 2021

Shiloh

**Fifth Sunday Youth Meetings-*

November 29, 2020

Sulphur Springs

January 31, 2021

Carolwood

May 30, 2021

Holman

August 29, 2021

Tabernacle

Church	Min.	Min. Fund	State Dues	Gen. Fund	Mission Banquet	TOTAL
Carolwood	20	\$ 60.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 665.00
First-Ethelsville	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
First-Reform	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
First-Tuscaloosa	0	\$ 0.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 305.00
Glen Echo	12	\$ 36.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 441.00
Holman	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Liberty	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 520.00
Macedonia	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 320.00
Mt. Moriah	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Mt. Zion	8	\$ 24.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 479.00
Phillips Chapel	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Sardis	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Shiloh	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Sulphur Springs	10	\$ 30.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 335.00
Tabernacle	15	\$ 45.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 325.00
Union	9	\$ 27.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 332.00
Union Hill	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 320.00
Totals	159	\$ 417.00	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 6,387.00

National Dues were received from the following Churches:

(Note: some Churches have already paid their \$600.00)

Carolwood \$300.00, Glen Echo \$100.00, Liberty \$200.00,

Mt. Zion-\$150.00.

Afterward, Tim Brasher led the congregation in the song
"Heaven Came Down And Filled My Soul" and was played by wife
 Karen.

The Moderator asked Bill Rice from the Phillips Chapel Church to pray.

The third message was preached by the Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas, Pastor of the Shiloh Church. He used text from Matthew 24: 4,11,6,13,34,35, 42-46. He noted not to be deceived or distracted. He asked the question "How many in this building thought this would be the day Jesus would come back?" He noted deception from the pulpits today. Jesus said "I am the way..." He encouraged us not to be discouraged or doubtful. He noted God is still on the throne. We should watch and keep working. He asked "are you ready for His arrival?" We need to make sure we are right. He closed with prayer.

Deceased Committee- given by Janice Winters

We report the following members were called home this past year:

Carolwood	Maxine Graham
.....	Diane Stripling
.....	Joanne Holloway
First-Ethelsville.....	None
First-Reform.....	Steve Sullivan
.....	Donald Weaver
First-Tuscaloosa.....	None
Glen Echo.....	None
Holman.....	None
Liberty.....	Ralph Foster
Macedonia.....	None
Mt. Moriah.....	Vivian Perrigin
Mt. Zion.....	Kenny Traweek
.....	Diane Traweek
Phillips Chapel	Annette Montgomery
.....	Ethel Bigham
Sardis.....	None
Shiloh.....	Gene R. Crowe
Sulphur Springs.....	Neil Moss
.....	Rayburn Woods
Tabernacle.....	Pauline Ballard
.....	Nancy Williams
.....	Gail Martin
Union.....	Willadean Smith
Union Hill.....	None

Resolutions and Appreciation Committee-Given by Janice Winters.
We, your committee, report as follows:

Thanks to the Lord for the opportunity to meet today and receive the messages that were delivered. Thank you to the host Church, Phillips Chapel for the hospitality today.

Afterward, the congregation stood and a moment of silence was observed for those gone on this past year.

Stanley Sanford, from the Carolwood Church, gave the benediction.

The following are items of interest about of our Churches:

Mt. Moriah -- Copy of Church bulletins mailed to absentees and shut-ins or people unable to attend Church.

Birthday card and monetary gifts to missionaries in Uruguay for over 20 years, to Lancaster Family-Jamie, Tammy, Jonathan and John William. Over 10 years we have conducted the Back to School recognition to school related persons also including grandchildren of our Church members.

Church cookbook(2009) given to missionaries participating at Mt. Moriah in the Annual Missionary Conference.

July Quarterly Meeting
Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Church
McShan, Alabama
July 11, 2020

On July 11, 2020 the Mount Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the historic Mt. Moriah Free Will Baptist Church. The April Quarterly Meeting was postponed till July due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tim Brasher of the host Church, led the congregation in the song "Standing On The Promises". Afterward, Rev. Tony Latham Pastor, of the Glen Echo Church prayed.

All songs throughout the meeting were led by Tim Brasher and wife Karen played the piano.

The Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas gave the welcome. Roy Bannerman, Clerk gave the roll call of Churches with 8 Churches present. Carolwood, First Reform, First-Tuscaloosa, Liberty, Macedonia, Sardis, Sulphur Springs, Tabernacle, Union Hill were not represented.

The Moderator gave the roll call of Ministers. There were 6 Ministers present. Afterward, The Clerk gave the roll call of the Standing Committees. The Credentials Committee had 1 present, Missions & Church Extension had 3 present, and The Board of Christian Education had 1 present.

The congregation sang, "He Brought Me Out".

Rev. Roy G. Plymon of the host Church, brought the first sermon. He started by thanking the Churches for all the prayers. He gave an update on his health. His text was taken was from Jeremiah 6:16 and Jeremiah 18:15. He prayed. He spoke on the old paths. He spoke of his high school football days and the hard work and dedication of what it took to win. He then spoke on Covid-19 and how history is being destroyed, He noted Churches have become entertainment centers. He challenged us to get back to the basics. If there's a time to stand for Jesus it's today. He then read Acts 4:13. He noted we need men who are anointed and pardoned. Men who know what they are talking about.

He discussed Acts 1:8. He then read Acts 5:12-13 concerning men who are praying and persistent. He pointed out, we need scriptural methods,

God does not want theaters. He reminded us, God is greater than any Corona Virus.

He then spoke on teaching. He noted we should teach by word & example. Every song, prayer and message should teach. Noting we should look and act like God's people. He then spoke on soul-winning. He closed with by reminding us to get back to the basics. He prayed.

Tim Brasher gave directions for the break. Rev. Tony Tilley, Pastor of the Holman Church blessed the refreshments.

After returning from the break, we sang the song
"That Glad Reunion Day".

Committee Reports – Rev. Roger Lucas called for the committee reports to be read. All reports were given and approved.

Credentials Committee – Given by Tim Fulgham. Pending a letter from the Vernon Association, we move to add Rev. Dan Turman's name to the Ordained Minister's List.

Missions and Church Extension – No Report.

Treasurer's Report–Given by Tim Brasher.

W.N.A.C – Given by Mrs. Vaudine Lancaster.

As, with every other Free Will Baptist organization, we have been unable to meet at our designated times and places. We are still active in our local W.A.C. and request your prayers for our continued success. Submitted by Sue Plymon, Field Representative.

Board of Christian Education – Given by Rev. Roger Lucas.

He read a text message from Rev. Randall Lynn reminding everyone of the upcoming Youth Meeting at Sulphur Springs on August 30th.

Other- Rev. Roger Lucas discussed future State Missions projects and asked prayer for the Board. He also discussed the Annual Association Meeting.

A solo was sang by our Moderator, Rev. Roger Lucas with the song "He Touched Me".

The second message was brought by Rev. Van Dale Hudson from Amory Miss. He used text from Psalms 18. He pointed out in the past: testimony services were more common than they are now. He pointed out, just as with David, the Lord gives us strength, He is our Deliverer, Buckler, and our Horn of Salvation, our High Tower (vs.1&2). God never doses, slumbers or tires. Jesus is ever making intercession for us. God from his "High Tower" can see our life from one end to the other. He pointed out we can rest on we are not alone in the battle (vs.3). He closed in prayer.

Afterward, prayer requests and announcements were mentioned. Rev. Dan Turman from the Phillips Chapel prayed.

The final message of the day was preached by, Rev. Redus Hall, Pastor of the First-Ethelsville Church. He used text from Isaiah 40 He spoke on the greatness of God. He mentioned God can hold all the water in his palm and everything He created, can fit in the span of His hand! He then read Hebrews 1:3 and discussed Isaiah 40:13&14 noting God is greater than all the counselors and teachers.

He then read Romans 11:33-36 about the wisdom of God. He also discussed Isaiah 40:15 and read Acts 17:25. He pointed out God doesn't need our assistance – He's got it all figured out! He also read Job 26:12 and Isaiah 18, Romans 1:22 and Isaiah 40:25-31. He closed with Ephesians 3:20.

The great song "How Great Thou Art" was the closing hymn. There was an offering received at the door. Rev. Terrell Jones, Pastor of the Phillips Chapel Church gave the benediction.

The Executive Committee met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on February 29, 2020. Rev. Terrell Jones opened in prayer.

After discussion, the following speakers will be at the April 11, 2020 meeting.

First message – Rev. Van Dale Hudson – Alt. - Rev. Tim Baumgarten

Second message – Roy G. Plymon – Alt. – Milton Fields

Third message – Kyle Patton – Alt. Redus Hall

October 10, 2020 (Annual Meeting) – Speakers to be determined. Noted will have Welch College at the Annual Meeting and at different Churches on Sunday morning. Planning a Youth Rally at Shiloh that night.

Rev. Randall Lynn dismissed the meeting with prayer.

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 distinct 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 the 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 given way that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and therefore, man is always a proper subject of admonition and exhortation, *Hebrews 3:11, 12, 13; Romans 13:14; Mark 13:33; Ezekiel 18:24; Revelation 2nd and 3rd chapters; Ezekiel 33:13-18; 1 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 3:6; 1 Corinthians 10:12-22; 1 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; 1 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 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 meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed on at a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

- (b) There shall be a short business session and 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 in 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.

SECTION FOUR: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. **COMPOSITION:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Chairperson of the Credentials, Missions and Church Extension, and Board of Christian Education Committees.
- B. **DUTIES:** The Committee shall be responsible for securing speakers, etc. to speak at all sessions of the Association. Committee shall be allowed to conduct business of urgent need when the Association is not in session.

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 1 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 1 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 at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage. The same shall apply to the wife, she shall have only one living husband. After he has been licensed and has proven his worth to the local church, the local church has the authority to ordain or ask the Association to ordain. The place of ordination and ordination council will be selected by the candidate. The ordination council shall consist of at least three (3) ordained ministers from the Mount Moriah Association.

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.

