

Minutes

of the

26th Annual Session

of the

MORNING STAR FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

Willis' Chapel Church,
Walker County, Ala.,
Sept., 17, 18, 19,
1932

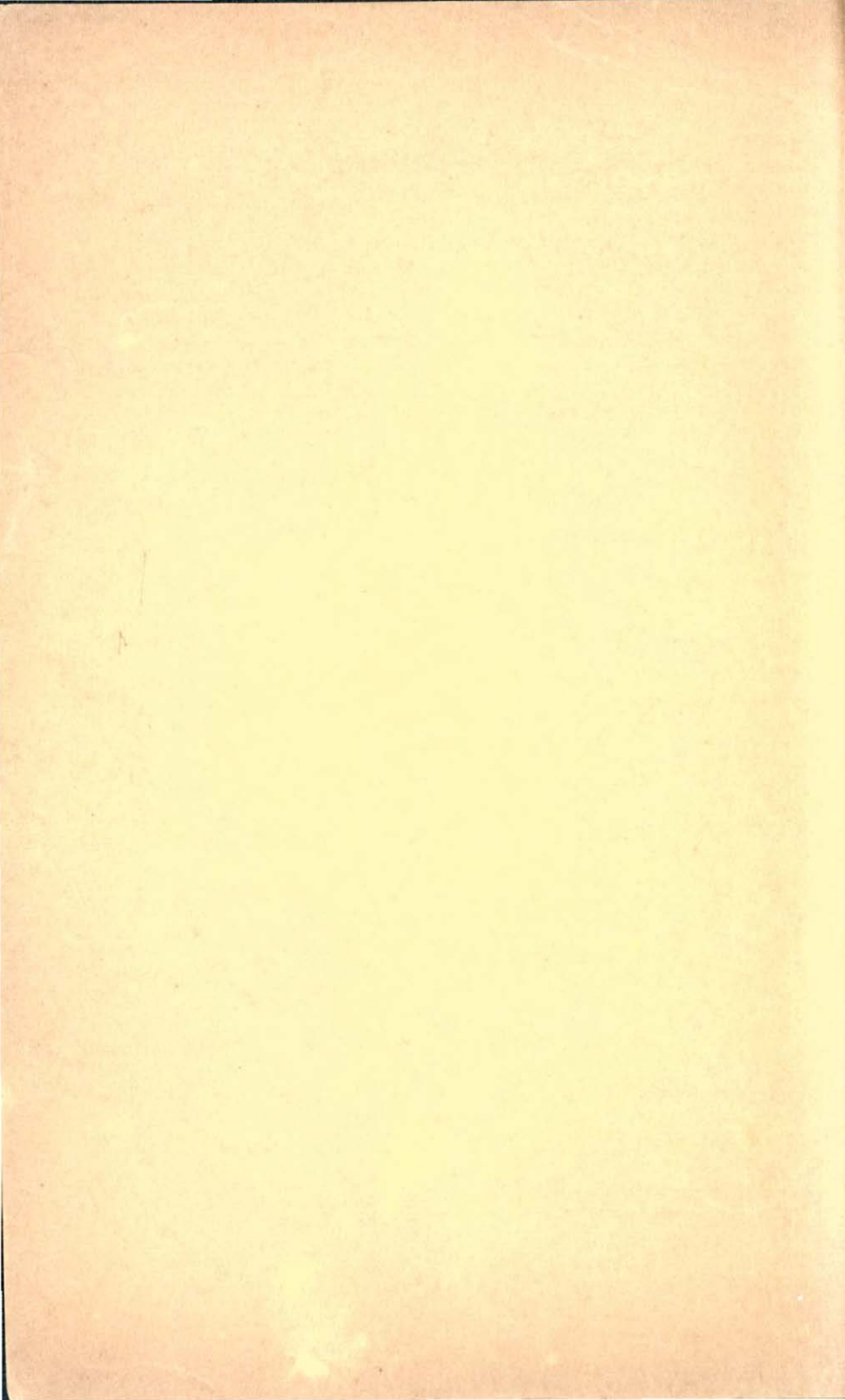
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REV. J. W. MURRAY, Moderator.
REV. N. WRIGHT, Assist. Moderator
KENNIE BARRENTINE, Clerk.

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The next session of this Association will convene with
Davis Chapel Church, Fayette County, Ala.,
Saturday before 3rd Sunday in Sept.,

1933



PROCEEDINGS.

Of the 26th Annual Session of the Morning Star Free Will Baptist Association, met with Willis Chapel Church, Sept., 17, 18, 19, 1932. After song, "I'm Naturalized for Heaven now," prayer by Rev. Babe Moore, song "Traveling Home." Testimony service song, "Tell it everywhere you go." Welcome address by Bro. Willis. Rev. T. J. Adair preached the introductory sermon, Scripture reading 4th Chapter 2nd Timothy, Text "But watch thou, in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry," 2nd Tim. 4th chapter, 5th verse. After an interesting sermon, Rev. N. Wright being his alternate, dismissed service with song and prayer.

Adjourned until 1:30 for refreshments.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

In due time the body was called back into the house by the Moderator, song, "The Old Time Way," prayer by Bro. Henry Bridgeman, song, "The Moving Days" The Moderator and Clerk being present, took their seats.

Moderator declared the Association in order for business. Bro E. Y. Tidwell and Sister Minnie Fulton were appointed reading clerks.

1. Called for letters from the different churches. The following were handed in, read and received:

Antioch, Davis Chapel, Gum Springs, Sulphur Springs, Pleasant Ridge, New Shady Grove, Willis Chapel, Millers Chapel.

2. Called for petitionary letters and the petition of Beech Grove, Union Chapel, Wright's Chapel, Mars Hill, Mt. Joy and New Liberty, were handed in, read and added to the roll by a unanimous vote.

3. The following delegates represented their respective churches:

Antioch—Bro. John Honeycutt, Sisters, Lou Honeycutt, Minnie Fulton.

Davis Chapel—Bros. Henry Logan, Delbert Davis, E. T. Jenkins.

Gum Springs—Bro. J. D. Earnest.

Sulphur Springs—Bro. Victor Bonner, Sisters, Georgia Dorough, Dora Mullinax.

Pleasant Ridge—Bros. Henry Bridgeman, Roland Murray, Elva Smith.

New Shady Grove—Bros. Mack Wade, A. A. Dawkins, A. M. Hood, W. R. Brown.

Willis Chapel—Bros. K. D. Phillips, Charlie Johnston.

Millers Chapel—Miss Cleva Narimore.

Union Chapel—Bros. Dock Tidwell, M. J. Rutledge, Murtin Mason

Mt. Joy—Sisters M. J. Robinson, Tinnie Banks.

Mars Hill—Bro. and Sister Jim Morris, Richard Swindle.

New Liberty—Bros. W. M. Narimore, Olen Fowler, Shannon Fowler.

Beech Grove—Bros. A. J. Files, Bruce Files, Vester Burkett.

Wright's Chapel—Bro. Golman Maddox, Fuby Pinion, Dicie Wright.

We find in New Shady Grove letter that Bro. Mack Wade has been ordained to preach the Gospel. Presbytery: Rev. J. W. Murray, Revs. T. J. Adair, N. Wright and Bro. A. A. Dawkins.

4. Moderator and Clerk were elected by vote. Rev. J. W. Murray was elected Moderator, Rev. N. Wright, Assistant Moderator and Kennie Barrentine Clerk.

5. Seating of the following visiting Bros., and Sisters: Bros. Henry Adkins, A. J. Guthrie and A. J. Springfield from the Jasper Association.

Appointment of Committees.

On Devotional—Bros. Ab Files, A. A. Dawkins, Charlie Johnson

Documents and Order of Business—Bros. T. J. Adair, Henry Logan, T. L. Fowler, B. D. Davis, John Smith, John Miller.

Literature—Bros. Mack Wade, T. M. Mullinax, Sisters Logan, Wright, Lou Honeycutt and Ruby Pinion.

Sabbath Schools—Bros. J. W. Robinson, John Wright, Robert Moncrief, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris.

Temperance—Bros. Olan Fowler, Babe Moore, Wiley Bevan, W. G. L. Moore, Raymond Gray.

Deceased Members—Bros. Golman Maddox, A. M. Hood, W. C. Williams, W. H. Bridgeman, E. Y. Tidwell, W. M. Naramore.

Finance—Bro. and Sister J. E. Dorrough, Olan Guthrie, Roland Murray, John Honeycutt.

Resolutions—Bros. Vester Burkett, J. D. Earnest, Wm. Brown, Victor Bonner, K. D. Phillips, Elvie Smith.

Devotional Committee report:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that Rev. J. W. Robinson preach tonight, Rev. N. Wright, alternate. Rev. W. M. Bevan preach Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. T. M. Mullinax, alternate. Rev. Mack Wade preach Sunday night, Rev. John Miller, alter-

ate. Rev J. W. Murray preach Monday at 11 o'clock, Rev. S P. Roberts, alternate.

Alvie Dawkins, Chairman

The Association adjourned to meet back Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday Night Session.

After assembling back to the church, opened with song, "Spread the News," prayer by Rev. Mack Wade. Rev. J. W. Robinson delivered a wonderful message, scripture reading St. John 14th chapter. Text: "Then Peter opened his mouth and said of a truth, perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Rev. N. Wright being his alternate closed service with song and prayer.

Sunday Morning Session.

After assembling at the church, opened with song, "Where We'll never grow old," prayer by Rev. J. W. Robinson, song, "What a gathering of the faithful that will be," prayer by Sister Cook, Rev. W. M. Bevan delivered a wonderful message, scripture reading St. John 10th chapter. Text: "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you. St. John 13:14-15. Rev. T. M. Mullinax being his alternate, closed service by taking the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet. While a great wave of salvation swept over the congregation, and many were made to shout his praise. Sang a song, taking the parting hand, and congregation was dismissed by song and prayer.

Sunday Night Session.

After assembling back to the church, a song was sung, Eastern Gates, Prayer, by Bro. Porter Pike. Rev. Mack Wade delivered the message, Scripture Reading—Jonah: 1st. chapter. Text—Arise Go To Nineveh. Jonah; 1st. chapter, 2nd. verse. Rev. John Miller, being his alternate, closed with song and prayer.

Monday Morning Session.

In due time, the body met back at the church. Song—If I could here my Mother Pray Again, prayer, by Rev. N Wright, song, I'll Live On.

1. House called to order by moderator.
2. Roll called, finding all churches present.

3. Reading and Prayer.
4. Reading rules of Decorum.
5. Reading minutes of Saturday's work
6. Inviting visiting Bros. and Sisters to saats with us.

Report of Committees.

Documents and order of business—We your committee beg leave to submit the following report.

1. We recommend the former order of business.
2. We recommend the next session of this association, be held at Davis Chapel, church.
3. We recommend that this association convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1933.
4. We recommend that Rev. J. W. Robinson, preach the introductory sermon.
5. We recommend that we have 1000 copies of minutes, also, that the clerk superintend this work and allow her \$5.00 for service.
6. We recommend that this association put out an evangelist, providing, he will take a Free Will offering for his service. Revs. T. J. Adair and Robert Moncrief were appointed evangelists.
7. We recommend that this association send delegates to the sister associations. To-wit: Bear Creek, Mt. Moriah, Jasper and Vernon. The following were appointed:
Bear Creek, Bros. S. P. Roberts, Robert Moncrief. Mt. Moriah, Bros. T. J. Adair, J. W. Robinson. Jasper, Bros. Babe Moore, John Smith. Vernon, Bros. T. M. Mullinax, Mack Wade.
8. We recommend that this association send delegates to the state conference, and the following were appointed: Revs. T. J. Adair, Robert Moncrief.

D. B. Davis, Chairman.

Literature—We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend the prayerful study of the bible for it is the book of all books and its careful study, will enable us to live a righteous life and help us to teach sinners the way and that we support education in every way that is right, and supply children with christian literature to study in connection with the bible.

Mack Wade, Chairman.

Sabbath Schools—We your committee beg to submit the following report:

1. We recommend the study of the Free Will Baptist literature and the holy Bible.

2. We recommend that every church organize a weekly prayer service.

3. We, also recommend that every church organize a singing choir, and practice regularly.

4. We also recommend that every pastor teach and assist his people in cooperating in brotherly love, consult and put these matters in full duty and by so doing, there can be many souls led to christ. And God will wonderfully bless this work.

J. W. Robinson, Chairman

Temperance—We your committee beg leave to submit the following report;

1. We recommend that all our members totally abstain from intoxicants.

2. That we fight with all our power, influence and all laws which would tend to destroy the present prohibition ammendment, and that we do all for the upbuilding of cleaner and higher plains of christianity.

H. C. Moore, Chairman.

Finance—We your committee on finance for minute funds for this session, beg leave to report that we have on hand, cash to the amount of, \$24.20. We also, have \$5.70 in treasure from the 24th session of this association, paid in by Bro. Porter Pike, making a total of \$30.90.

John Honeycutt, Chairman.

List of Deceased Members.

Since our last association, we find that the great reaper has thrust his sickle and reaped the following members:

Gum Springs—Bro. Newt Smith, age 78. New Liberty—Sisters Vivian Garrison, age 22. Lotta Follor, age 32. Beech Grove—Bro. R. B. Files, age 59. New Shady Grove—Sister Cinda Sellers, age 54. We pray God's richest blessings on the bereaved.

Golman Maddox, Chairman.

Resolutions—We believe in every effort for the spreading of the gospel in all churches

2. That members of orthodox churches become members of our body, accept their ordination, as we do their baptism, examine them on the articles of faith, give them credentials and let them go. We wish to thank the Willis Chapel church and com-

munity for their kindness during our stay with them, and we do hope and pray that our redeeming king will be with us all until we meet again.

K. D. Phillips, Chairman.

Dismissed 10 minutes for intermission.

After song, "The Glory Land Way," and prayer by Rev. Moore, Rev J. W. Murray delivered the message, scripture reading 3rd chapter of 1st John. Rev. Roberts being his alternate, closed with song and prayer for refreshments.

Monday Afternoon Session.

In due time the body met back and was called into the house. Song, "I live on" prayer by Bro. N. Wright. The following Presbytery ordained Bros. Wiley Bevan and John Honeycutt to preach the gospel and Bro. Vester Burkett as Deacon of Beech Grove Church. Revs N. Wright, J. W. Murray, John Miller T. J. Adair, J. W. Robinson, Babe Moore, Robt. Moncrief, Bros. John Wright, A. J. Files. This closing our labor, sang a song "Old Time Religion" taking the parting hand in love and union. Closed by prayer, after which ministers and delegates departed to meet again with Davis Chapel Church, Saturday, before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1933. This done by the Clerk.

KENNIE BARRENTINE. Clerk.

Ordained Ministers and Postoffices.

- Rev. J. W. Murray, Nauvoo, Ala., R 1
- " T. J. Adair, Cordova, Ala.
- " T. M. Mullinax, Corona, Ala., R 1
- " N. Wright, Berry, Ala., R 1
- " Robert Moncrief, Empire, Ala., R 2
- " H. C. Moore, Berry, Ala.
- " S. M. Hosmer, Fayette, Ala., R 1
- " John Miller, Corona, Ala., R 1
- " T. A. LaBoone, Berry, Ala.
- " J. W. Robinson, Nauvoo, Ala., R 1
- " Mack Wade, Oakman, Ala., R 3
- " John Smith, Bankston, Ala., R 1
- " W. M. Bevan, Corona, Ala., R 1
- " John Honeycutt, Corona, Ala.

Form of Letter of Dismissal.

This is to certify that-----
is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at-----

----- and as such, we recom-
mend him to the fellowship of all good people.

Done by order of the Church in Conference on the-----
day of----- 193-----

Rev. ----- Moderator.

----- Clerk.

Form of Church Conference.

The State of Alabama, }
----- County. }

----- day of----- after divine service
by Rev. ----- Church met in Conference.

1. Call for Peace and fellowship of the church.
2. Invite Brothers to seats with us.
3. Call for acknowledgements.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Conference.
5. Extending invitation for members.
6. Are Pastors faithful in the discharge of their duties?
7. Are the officers faithful in the discharge of their duties?
8. Is there any brother or sister sick or in distress?
9. Call for general business.

Done by order of the church in Conference on the----- day of
----- 193-----

Rev. ----- Moderator.

----- Church Clerk.

Church Covenant.

Having been brought as we humbly trust, by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and having obtained justification by faith in His name, we as members of the Free Will Baptist Church at-----, agree:

- 1st. To watch over each other in love, to pray for each other as members for a common faith, ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in bonds of peace.

2nd. We will not speak evil, one of another, nor will we prosecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy, that we reprove, rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood.

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith, but we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding than that of a common bond of Christian charity. In adopting this covenant we become as a family and assume in Christian sense the care and responsibility that the members of of a family should feel for each other.

4th. We will attend the stated meetings of our church unless we are providently hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has prospered us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church, and we will prefer the service of our own church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the Word to us.

5th. We will not injure our influence in the house of the Lord by occupying seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural power which the Lord has given us to praise His Holy name. We will sing with those who sing, and pray with those who pray.

6th. We will not be guilty of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors, which is a double sin against the law of God, for in so doing, we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the law of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the word of the inspired Apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is.

7th. We will not neglect the secret and public prayers and those of us who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the covenant of Joshua, the the servant of the Lord and say, Bu as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Constitution

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Morning Star Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same. each church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 2 This body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but having no authority over the affairs of the churches.

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. It may, however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches.

Art. 4 All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by two-thirds vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

Art. 5 The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

Art. 6 This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed at a previous annual session and shall not adjourn finally, until all business is transacted.

Art. 7 Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

Art. 8 We agree as churches of this Association, to use our best influences to promote the interests of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools and Missionary work etc.

Art. 9 No member of this Association shall be eligible to the office of Moderator more than two successive sessions, unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

Art. 10 Any church failing to send representatives for two years in succession, its name shall be dropped from our minutes.

Rules of Decorum.

Art. 1 This Association shall be called to order by the Moderator who presided at the last session, the former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

Art. 2 The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

Art. 3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the association. A majority of votes by delegates present elects.

Art. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for as often as necessary during the session.

Art. 5. A majority of delegates shall rule in all cases except in the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

Art. 6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote except in cases of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on all questions after 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 arise and address the Moderator, and after recognition by the Moderator he shall proceed.

Art. 8 No brother shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use 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, not more than 15 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.

Articles of Faith.

Art. 1 We believe there is one and but one living true God, who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.—1st Tim. 2:5.

Art. 2. We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible and that its teachings constitute the only infalible doctrine for the government of His church. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."—II Tim. 3:16.

Art. 3 We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity, and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat."—Gen.3:6.

Art. 4. We believe that the grace of God comprehended all spiritual blessings, that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."—Romans 10:12.

Art. 5. We believe that christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Redeemer of the world, and in the divinity of the holy scriptures that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 6:36.

Art. 6. We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which constitutes godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction for sin. "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death."—II Cor. 7:81-10.

7. We believe that the human will is free, and that it has ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the holy scriptures. "He hath shown thee oh man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."—Michael 6-8.

Art. 8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved, that is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwrecks of their faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost." "And Jesus said unto him no man having put his hand to the plow looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."—Luke 9:62.

Art. 9. We believe that good works is the result of faith and that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have no faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire."—Mat. 7:16.

Art. 10. We believe that christian baptism is the immersion in water with a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it. "Therefore, we are buried with Him in baptism into death that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life"—Roman 6:4

Art. 11. We believe the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance: that the bread and wine represent His body and blood, that it was instituted for christians, and that all christians should unite in observing the sacred service, regardless of the names or denominational distinction. "But let a man examine himself and let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthy, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."—I Cor. 11:12-29.

We believe it is the duty of the disciples of Jesus Christ to wash each others feet. "If I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one anothers feet."—John 13:14

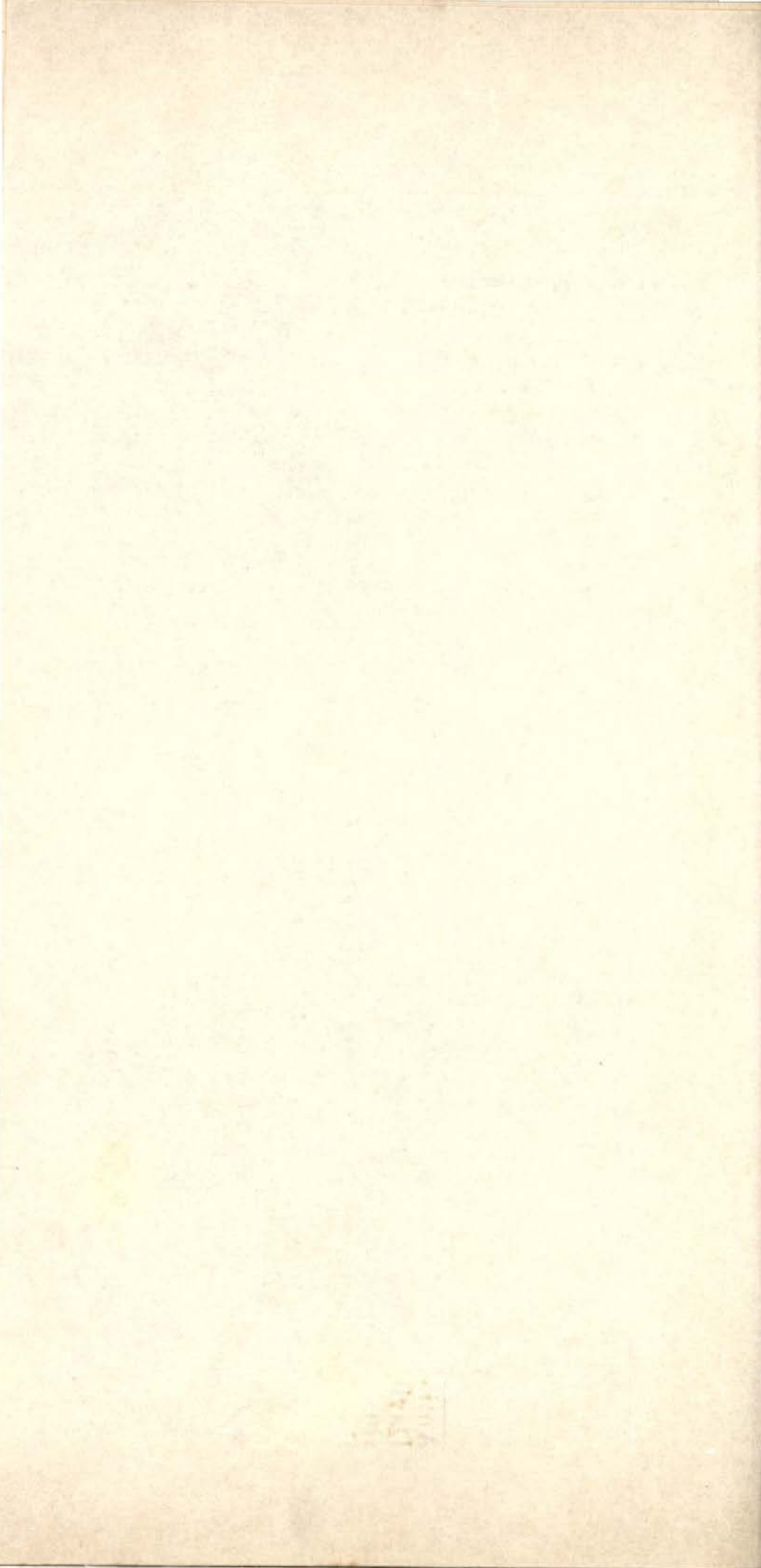
12. We believe that man is a living soul; that the body will die, but the soul is immortal; that death is the separation of the mortal or immortal parts of human beings. "And the Lord God formed man of

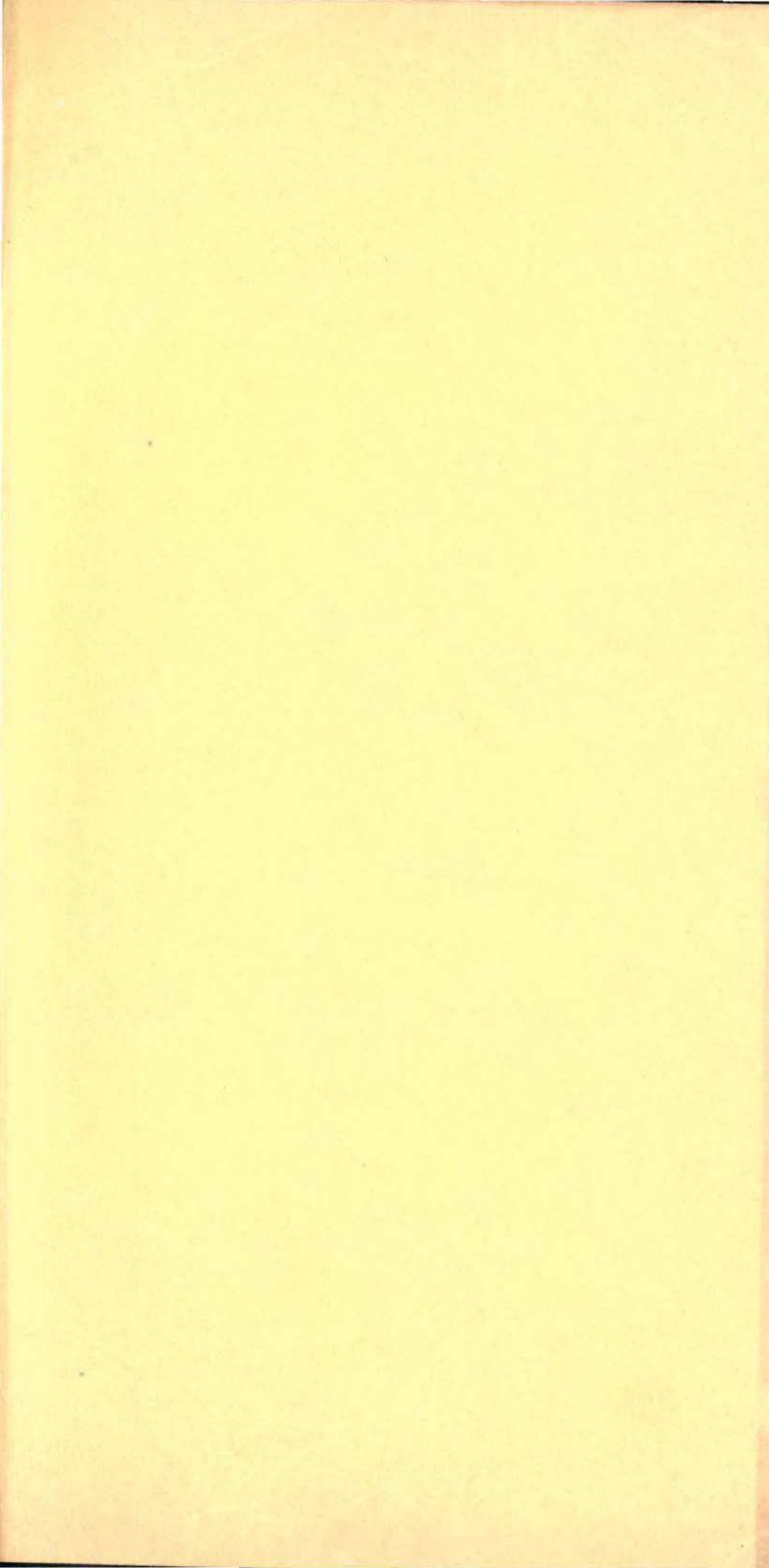
the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul,"—Gen. 2:7.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection shall take place the soul and body will reunite and form an immortal being; that the righteous will be received into a state of everlasting happiness to reign with God forever and ever, but the wicked will be bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness. The wicked are driven away in their wickedness, but the righteous have hope in their death. "Marvel not at this for the hour is coming in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice, and shall come forth, they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation."—John 5:23-29.



Churches.	Clerks and Postoffice.	Present Pastor	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Confession	Rec'd by Recommendation	Excluded	Deceased	Days of Meeting	Paid for Minutes	Total No. Members
Antioch -----	Minnie Fulton, Corona, Ala.---	Rev. N. Wright.---	0	00	0	90	1st	\$ 1.25	30		
Davis Chapel -----	D. B. Davis, R 1, Berry. Ala.---	" N. Wright.---	18	25	0	0	1-3	3.35	243		
Gum Springs-----	Ella Earnest, R 2, Berry, Ala.---	" T. M. Mullinax	0	00	1	01	2nd	1.50	30		
Sulphur Springs ---	Jno. Mullinax, R 1, Corona, Ala.---	" W. M. Bevan --	2	02	0	00	3rd	2 25	24		
Pleasant Ridge ----	A. A. Bridgeman, R 1, Nauvoo.---	" Ira D. Nix-----	0	00	0	70	2nd	1 15	41		
New Shady Grove--	Mack Wade, R 3, Oakman, Ala.---	" J. W. Murray--	16	30	8	01	3rd	2 45	64		
Willis' Chapel-----	E. Y. Tidwell, R 1, Carbon Hill---	" W. M. Bevan --	10	00	0	10	4th	3.15	44		
Miller's Chapel-----	Cleva Narimore, R 2, Carbon Hill---	" J. W. Robinson--	0	00	12	00	4th	0 00	38		
Union Chapel-----	Charlie Cook, R 1, Carbon Hill.---	" J. W. Murray--	12	00	5	00	2nd	1.75	24		
Mt. Jov -----	Mrs. Tom Haywood, R 2, Jasper---	" J. W. Murray--	6	20	0	00	1st	.75	13		
Mir's Hill-----	Dealer Swindle R. Berry, Ala.---	" N. Wright-----	8	30	0	00	3rd	1 25	11		
New Liberty-----	Jno. Smith, R 1, Bankston, Ala.---	" N. Wright-----	3	10	0	11	2-4	2.00	100		
Beech Grove-----	Olen Guthrie, Carbon Hill, Ala.---	" T. M. Mullinax	26	00	0	01	0	2 50	49		
Wright's Chapel---	Golmon Maddox, R. Berry, Ala.---	" N. Wright-----	8	11	0	0	00	2-4	1.60	19	
			109	45	2	26	30	5	\$24.20	730	





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