



**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**95th ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**LITTLE BROWN CREEK**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**LITTLE BROWN**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**

**Booneville, Mississippi**

**August 30 - August 31, 1985**

# **FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING**

## **Little Brown Creek Free Will Baptist Church**

**December 1, 1984**

We opened our meeting with congregational singing, led by Bro. Glenn Jones. Mrs. Sonja Jones played the piano. Bro. Johnny Sexton led in prayer. The host pastor, Bro. Gene Gilbert, welcomed us to the meeting. Special music was by Bro. Glenn Jones, singing "The Lily of the Valley."

Bro. Luther Gibson reminded the churches to bring their \$50.00 fee.

Bro. Eulon Prueitt brought our morning devotion. His text was Ephesians 3: 16-21.

The moderator, Bro. Luther Gibson, recognized the standing delegates. There was a motion and second to receive and seat the church delegates. A total of 41 in attendance was then reported.

The Resolution Committee was then appointed: Bro. Steve Jones, Bro. Wade Carpenter, Bro. Johnny Sexton (chairman).

Bro. Glenn Jones led the congregation in "At the Cross", then we adjourned for a short recess.

After recess, we sang "This is My Father's World", and "There is Power in the Blood".

We received the morning offering. Bro. Gene Gilbert led in prayer. A total of \$76.00 was collected.

Because only one member on the credential committee was present, our moderator appointed Bro. Gene Gilbert to serve on this committee.

Bro. Gibson encouraged the pastors to meet at the minister's meeting the following Saturday night at Little Brown FWB Church.

Bro. Gibson announced the December youth rally to be held at Community FWB Church.

The morning message was brought by Bro. J.T. Prince, pastor of 1st FWB Church of Iuka. His text was Proverbs 29:18 - Where there is no vision, the people perish.

1. A vision for the Lost

2. A vision of ourselves and what God wants us to be.

We were then dismissed for our noon meal by Bro. Gerald Taylor.

After a wonderful meal, we were led in singing by Bro. Benny McKinney.

Bro. Terry King brought our afternoon devotion. His text was Psalm 1:1,2. The title of his devotion was "The Way Back"

We then entered the business session. Motion, second and carried to enter the business session.

The Resolution Committee gave a report. Motion, second, carried to accept Mt. Pisgah's desire to license Bro. David Gargus.

Motion, second, carried, to send a letter of recommendation to Bro. Terry Crabb.

Motioned, seconded and carried to accept resolution to have churches to be over the committee instead of individuals. This was not accepted.

B.o. Gene Gilbert gave a report from the mission board. He asked what he should do with the money given by churches toward the church at Golden, Mississippi. A motion was made that he return the money to the churches upon written request. The money would remain in the treasury until each church requested its return-Motioned, seconded, carried. The request should accompany the \$500.00 as it is turned in.

A resolution was given for a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality of Little Brown FWB Church.

Motioned, seconded and carried to close the business session.

Announcements were made. Bro. Gene Gilbert asked us to attend the first Pastors and Workers Conference January 18-19, 1985.

Bro. David Gargus dismissed in prayer.



# **SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**

## **First Free Will Baptist Church Booneville**

**March 2, 1985**

Our meeting began with Bro. Benny McKinney leading us in "Count Your Blessings," with Steve Hendrix playing the piano. Bro. Benny led in the opening prayer.

Bro. Luther Gibson, host pastor, welcomed all delegates and visitors.

Bro. Glenn Jones brought the devotion, using Titus 2: 11-12 as his text.

Bro. Southerland, assistant moderator, recognized the standing delegates, then recognized and seated the church delegates.

Bro. Benny McKinney led in another congregational song, with Jewel Garvin playing the piano.

A report on attendance was given. There were a total of 61 present at our meeting.

The Resolution Committee was appointed: Bro. Gene Gilbert, Bro. Tommy Wright, Bro. D.W. Jones, Jr.

Bro. Benny led in more singing.

The Credentials Committee recommended Bro. Jerry Hooper to be ordained. Bro. Hollis Southerland gave the charge for ordination, using Titus 1:4 as his scripture. All pastors came forward to lay hands on Bro. Jerry and his wife. Bro. Wayne Yarbrough led in prayer. We sang "Amazing Grace" while everyone congratulated Bro. Jerry and his wife.

We then had a short recess.

Announcements were made. The quarterly meeting will be at Antioch in June. The Youth Rally will be at First Church of Booneville this month. Men's Fellowship will be at Booneville the 3rd Saturday night.

We then voted to give our offering to March for Missions. Bro. Luther Gibson encouraged us to pay off the debt in Golden, Mississippi.

Bro. Karl Sexton led in the offertory prayer. Bro. Benny led us in a song with Jewel Garvin playing the piano. We then had two special songs. Bro. Joe Gann, Bro. Luther Gibson, Bro. Glenn Jones and Sis. Paula Gilbert sang "He Hideth My Soul". Sis. Jewel Garvin, Sis. Eulene Hooper, and Sis. Shirley Garvin sang "Thank You, Lord, for Your Blessings on Me."

Bro. J.L. Gore brought the morning message. His text was I Corinthians 15:58 - "Victory in Jesus." He encouraged us to love one another and work together to enjoy the victory. We need to encourage each other, and work and pray together. When we have victory over our problems and fears, we'll have victory in Jesus.

Bro. Benny McKinney led in "Just as I Am." Bro. Sid Whitehead led in the dismissal prayer.



# **THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION**

## **Antioch Free Will Baptist Church**

**June 1, 1985**

Our meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Glenn Jones. Bro. Tommy Wright led in prayer. Bro. Glenn Jones, host pastor, welcomed us to the meeting.

Bro. Hollis Southerland expressed his desire to see more of our church members to attend the meetings. He then introduced Bro. Malcolm Garrett for our morning devotion. His text was Romans 12: 1-2 "Yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit."

We then recognized church delegates. There were 33 in attendance.

The Resolution Committee was appointed: Bro Wayne Yarbrough, Bro. Sherron Barron, and Bro. Tommy Wright.

Moved, seconded and carried to seat church delegates.

Bro. Benny McKinney brought the morning message. Galatians 6:7 was his text. He asked the question, "Do we have any control or influence over our lives?" Bro. Johnny Sexton had prayer for recess.

After a short recess, Bro. Glenn Jones led in "Power in the Blood." Bro. Gene Gilbert encouraged us to turn in our \$500.00 each to pay off the building at Golden, Mississippi.

Bro. Southerland appointed Sis. Jeannie Garrett as a delegate to the National Association from the LBC Association. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept her.

Bro. Glenn Jones led in congregational singing, then had a testimony service.

Our offering was then taken with Bro. Glenn Jones leading in prayer.

Bro. D.W. Jones then gave a devotion - "What is a Christian?" He used Mark 16: 15-16 as his text. The congregation stood as we read the scripture, then Bro. Southerland led in prayer. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Gerald Taylor.

# **YEARLY MEETING**

## **Little Brown Free Will Baptist Church**

**Friday, August 30, 1985**

Our service opened with Bro. Karl Sexton leading us in "To God be the Glory," with Katrina Akers at the piano. Bro. Tommy Wright led in prayer. Bro. Luther Gibson recognized our visiting ministers, Bro. and Mrs. Terry Booker, and Bro. Norlin Jones. Bro. Gibson requested prayer for Bro. Wayne Yarbrough, who was sick and unable to preach the Saturday morning message. Bro. Jerry Hooper preached in his place.

Bro. Gibson brought the morning message from Hebrews, chapters 2, 4, and 6. He encouraged us not to become bogged down with the trials of life.

Sis. Sonja Jones had roll call of churches and delegates. Motioned, seconded and carried to seat delegates. Bro. Gibson appointed the Committee on Committees: Bro. Benny McKinney, Bro. Curtis Briley, Bro. Ewell Wright.

Bro. Terry Booker led in the offertory prayer. Bro. Karl Sexton led in a congregational song, then the youth from Little Brown sang a song.

Bro. Glenn Jones brought our evening message, using I Peter 4:10,11 as his text. The message was entitled "Be Careful What You Say." Our speech can be a ministry, a misuse or a master.

Bro. Gibson led in a chorus of S-M-I-L-E.

Bro. Benny McKinney then gave us his report: SUNDAY SCHOOL: Steve Jones, Jewel Reeves, Lanette Tolar, C.T.S.: Glenda Wright, Martha Mask, Kathy McElroy; WOMEN'S AUXILIARY: Elizabeth Gibson, Edith Livingston, Quay McKinney; OBITUARY: Alene Sharp, Ocene Whitehead, Emilene Jones; RESOLUTIONS: Terry King, Sammy Tolar, Glenn Jones; FINANCE: Karl Sexton, Nita Jones, Gerald Bennett; NOMINATING: Benny McKinney, Ewell Wright, Curtis Briley.

Bro. Karl Sexton led in "Amazing Grace."

Bro Norlin Jones dismissed in prayer.

# **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

**August 31, 1985**

Our morning session opened with Bro. Karl Sexton leading in congregational singing. Bro. D.W. Jones led in prayer.

Bro. Jerry Hooper brought the morning devotion from Ephesians 5:1-17.

Bro. Gibson made the motion to enter our business session. Motioned, seconded and carried. Sis. Sonja Jones read the church letters. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the church letters.

Bro. Glenn Jones gave a report on the Home Missions Account. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the report.

After a short recess, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson gave the Women's Auxiliary report. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Bro. Karl Sexton led in congregational singing. Bro. Malcolm Garrett led in prayer.

After the offering was taken, Little Brown had special music.

Bro. Gibson brought our morning message. His text was II Corinthians 10:1-11.

1. We are in a battle
2. We have the weapons
  - a. Bible
  - b. Holy Spirit
3. Weapons are mighty through God
4. Guarantee victory

After our noon meal, Bro. Karl Sexton led in congregational singing. Bro. Tommy Wright brought the afternoon devotion. He used Zachariah 2:8 as the text. The devotion was entitled "What is RIGHT about the Church?"

The Sunday School Committee made their report. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the report.

The CTS Committee made their report. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept this report.

The Obituary Committee report was given. Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the report, and a time of silent prayer was given for those who had passed away.

Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the Finance Committee report.

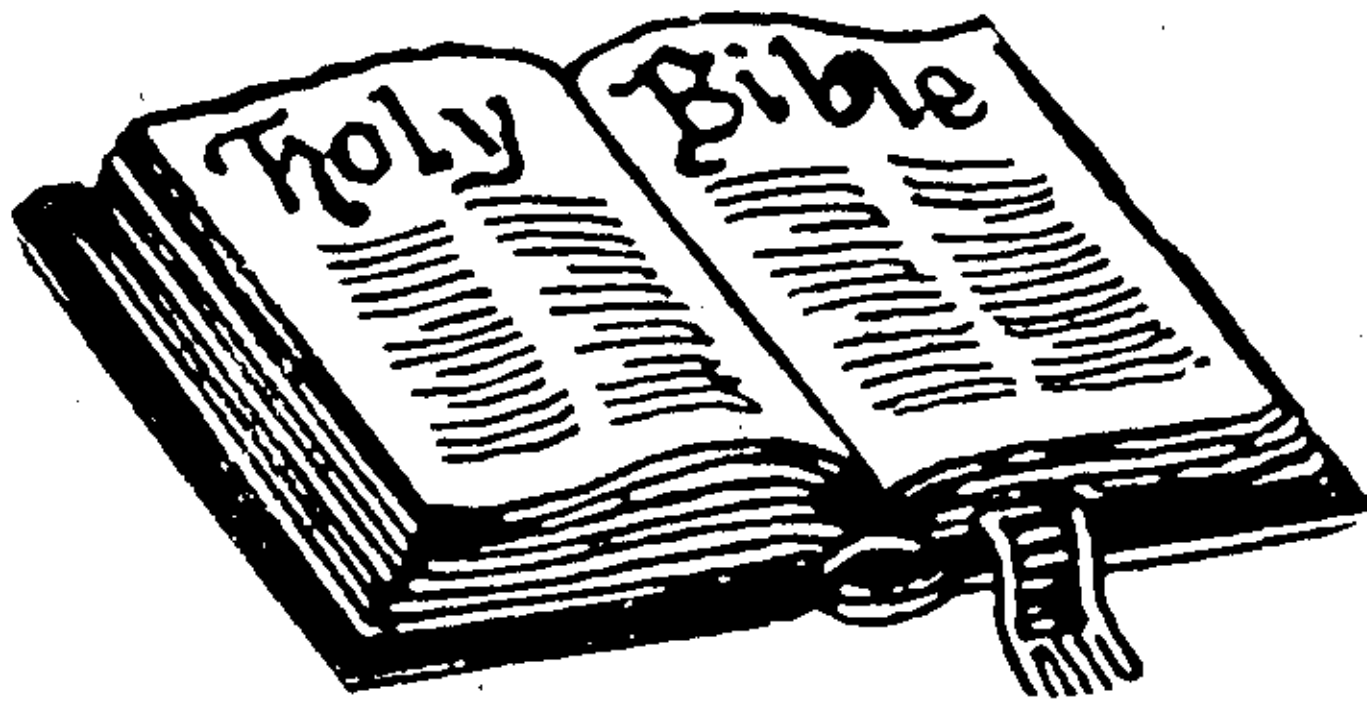
Motioned, seconded and carried to accept the Nominating Committee report.

Bro. Luther Gibson turned the chair over to the new moderator, Bro. Hollis Southerland.

Bro. Southerland appointed delegates to the State Meeting:

1. Sonja Jones
2. Curtis Smith
3. Jolenie Gargus
4. Eddie Briggs
5. Ivell Henderson

Motion was made to adjourn.





# FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the books and records of the Associational Treasury and found them to be in order. We recommend the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted; Karl Sexton, Gerald Bennett, and Nita Jones.

Balance Brought Forward ..... \$398.69

## -RECEIPTS-

Associational Fees and Offerings..... \$2,936.26

TOTAL FINANCES AVAILABLE..... \$3,334.95

## -DISBURSEMENTS-

Moderator.....\$ 15.00

Assistant Moderator..... 10.00

Clerk ..... 50.00

Little Brown Creek Missions..... 2,076.00

Stamps and Copies ..... 18.10

Supplies..... 1.50

State Associational Fees..... 50.00

National Associational Fees ..... 130.00

Hodges Printing ..... 424.00

Phone Calls ..... 2.56

Total Expenses..... \$2,777.16

BALANCE ON HAND..... \$557.79

## **-PETITIONARY LETTERS-**

East Alabama Association  
502 - 30th Street  
Phenix City, AL 36867  
August 4, 1985

Dear Friends in Christ,

Upon anticipation of Rev. Gene Gilbert uniting with the East Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists at our next meeting August 10, 1985, we respectfully request a letter of good standing from your association to ours, if this meets with the approval of your association.

We are looking forward to great things with him in our association and have already begun to love and respect him.

Yours truly  
*Patricia Milling, Clerk*  
East Alabama Association  
of Free Will Baptists

March 2, 1985

We, the members of Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, have found Jerry Hooper faithful to Free Will Baptist Doctrine. Since he has been licensed a year, we request the association to ordain him as a Free Will Baptist minister.

Jones Chapel FWB Church  
*Peggy Stacks, Clerk*

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December 1, 1984

To whom it may concern,

We, the members, officials and pastor of Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church of Booneville, Mississippi, would like to cordially recommend David Gargus to be licensed to the Ministry in the Little Brown Creek Association for the term of one (1) year.

We find David a member in good standing of Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church.

Sincerely,  
*B.H. Southerland*  
Moderator

*Robbin H. Johnson*  
Church Clerk

November 1, 1984

Little Brown Creek Association  
of Free Will Baptists  
c/o Paula Gilbert  
Route 1  
New Site, Mississippi 38856

Dear Clerk:

Please accept this as a request for a letter of good standing for Rev. Terry Crabb to be sent to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Terry has assumed the responsibility of Minister of Youth and Education at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Oxford, Mississippi.

We request that the letter be sent at your earliest convenience to our Associational clerk, Mr. T.J. Armstrong, Route 1, Smithville, MS 38870.

Thank you for your time. May the Lord bless.

Yours in His Service,  
George Crowden  
Moderator

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December 4, 1984

Northeast Mississippi Association  
of Free Will Baptist  
c/o Mr. T.J. Armstrong  
Rt. 1  
Smithville, MS 38870

Dear Bro. Armstrong,

We of the Little Brown Creek Association do hereby grant Rev. Terry Crabb a letter of good standing and recommend him into membership of your association.

Yours in His Service  
Paula Gilbert, Clerk  
Little Brown Creek F.W.B.  
Association  
Rt 1, Box 360  
New Site, MS 38859

## **- ORDAINED MINISTERS -**

Rev. D.W. Jones, Jr  
Rt. 2, Box 241-Y  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
601-462-5625

Rev. Tommy Wright  
Rt. 4, Box 98  
Booneville, MS 38829  
601-728-8781

Rev. J.S. Whitehead  
Rt. 2, Box 259  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
601-462-5706

Bro. Jerry Hooper  
Rt. 7  
Booneville, MS 38829  
601-728-9554

## **- LICENSED MINISTERS -**

Bro. David Gargus

Bro. Rodney Whittemore



# ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	Total Value	Income	Members Baptisms	Members Added	Total Lost	Ordained Membership	Licensed Ministers	Ministers	Deacons
Antioch	187,000	31,502.84	12	18	3	360	1	0	2
Burgess Creek	40,000	5,694.82	0	0	3	65	1	0	2
Calvary	60,000	6,719.92	0	0	0	25	1	0	1
Community	70,000		0	0	1	47	1	1	0
1st FWB Booneville	170,000	39,486.00	1	0	0	248	2	0	9
1st FWB Iuka	125,000	36,35.03	4	6	1	190	1	2	5
Jones Chapel	85,000	14,397.78	0	2	4	98	1	0	5
Little Brown	110,000	32,605.00	8	8	2	122	0	0	3
Macedonia	50,000	9,498.72	12	14	5	64	1	0	2
Martin Hill	185,000	44,046.76	5	5	4	414	1	0	6
Mt. Pisgah	100,000	25,894.19	1	0	3	161	1	1	5
New Lebanon	375,000	27,524.97	5	6	12		3	0	5
Smith Chapel	45,000	8,758.14	1	2	0	0	1	0	3
TOTALS	1,602,000	282,486.17	49	61	38	1794	15	4	48



Churches	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Ladies Auxiliary Enrollment	Average Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Average Attendance
Antioch	107	89	50	50	25	15	12	10
Burgess Creek	36	25	0	0	5	4	0	0
Calvary	20	18	20	15	0	0	0	0
Community	57	40	31	24	0	0	0	0
1st FWB Booneville	95	83	58	60	16	11	14	11
1st FWB Iuka	90	64	25	15	15	10	0	0
Jones Chapel	0	45	0	45	0	0	0	0
Little Brown	92	81	49	34	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	50	45	20	15	0	0	6	6
Martin Hill	0	118	0	61	15	12	15	12
Mt. Pisgah	75	52	0	32	14	9	0	0
New Lebanon	102	84	0	0	20	12	0	0
Smith Chapel	35	30	0	0	10	6	0	0
TOTALS	759	774	253	351	120	79	47	39

## **-:- COMMITTEE REPORTS -:-**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Sunday School Committee, report that all churches do have Sunday School. However, we are sorry to report that our attendance is down. Please pray for an increase in our attendance.

Respectfully submitted:

*Steve Jones*

*Lanette Tolar*

*Jewel Reeves*

### **C.T.S. COMMITTEE REPORT**

We report that there is an increase of 3 more CTS programs, with our average attendance increasing from 312 to 351. Our average enrollment increased from 360 to 391.

Therefore, we recommend that the pastors, teachers and all members continue to work at adding more members to our CTS programs and encourage churches without a CTS program to add it to their church.

Respectfully submitted:

*Glenda Wright*

*Martha Mask*

*Kathy McElroy*

### **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT**

The Little Brown Creek District Woman's Auxiliary Convention had 8 auxiliaries with 104 members enrolled.

During the 1984-85 year, from May through April, we gave \$1,381.35 to Stan and Brenda Bunch, and \$1,000.00 to the Bro. Buford Pierce Memorial Fund.

We gave cash and non-cash gifts to our children's home - \$651.25. We gave \$275.00 worth of supplies for our missionary provision closet. Our total giving for the year was \$7,417.52.

We are happy to report that Mississippi is still in the top 10 states giving to our Co-Laborer Fund.

We urge the churches that do not have an auxiliary to organize one.

We urge all of our ladies to attend our Prayer Retreat September 20-21. Mrs. "Mom" Willey will be speaking. This will be at Late Tiak O' Khata at Louisville, Mississippi.

*Elizabeth Gibson*

*Quay McKinney*

*Edith Livingston*

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully report that 16 of our beloved members have gone to be with the Lord.

Antioch.....	Bro. Jeff Lambert Bro. Elmer Lambert Bro. James Lambert
New Lebanon .....	Sis. Violet Lambert Sis. Eunice Searcy Sis. Pearl Moss
Martin Hill.....	Sis. Hazel Whitley Sis. Rosie Pearl Lawson Bro. Leland Walden Sis. Christine Newton
Little Brown .....	Sis. Ada Pierce Bro. Washington Taylor
Jones Chapel .....	Sis. Elzie Jones
1st Church Booneville.....	Sis. Captola Lawrence
Smith Chapel.....	Bro. Russell Brooks
Burgess Creek .....	Bro. Allen House

*Sis. Alene Sharp  
Sis. Ocene Whitehead  
Sis. Emilene Jones*

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we give Little Brown a standing vote of appreciation for their hospitality.

*Terry King  
Glenn Jones  
Sammy Tolar*

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names for nomination:

### MODERATOR

Rev. Hollis Southerland, Rt. 4, Box 317-A, Savannah, TN 38372, 901-925-4374

### ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. Benny McKinney, Rt. 2, Tishomingo, MS 38873, 601-423-6619

### CLERK

Kathy McElroy, Rt. 4, Box 291, Booneville, MS 38829, 601-728-7249

### ASSISTANT CLERK

Freda Barron, Rt. 6, Booneville, MS 38829, 601-728-3967

Home Mission Board ..... Bro. Billy Joe Garvin (3 years)  
 Bro. Sherron Barron (1 year)  
 Rev. J.T. Prince (2 years)

Those Presently Serving..... Rev. Glenn Jones (1 year)  
 Bro. Terry King (2 years)

Christian Education..... Bro. Gerald Bennett (5 years)

Those Presently Serving..... Rev. Curtis Briley (4 years)  
 Rev. Tommy Wright (3 years)  
 Bro. Robert Reeves (2 years)  
 Rev. Karl Sexton (1 year)

Credential Committee ..... Rev. Benny McKinney  
 Rt. 2, Tishomingo, MS 38873  
 601-423-6619  
 Rev. Glenn Jones  
 Rt. 6, Corinth, MS 38834  
 601-462-5889  
 Rev. Gerald Taylor  
 Rt. 2, Tishomingo, MS 38873  
 601-462-7591

Those Presently Serving..... Rev. Malcolm Garrett  
 Rt. 2, Box 177, Michie, TN 38357  
 901-239-9776  
 Rev. Luther Gibson  
 P.O. Box 818, Booneville, MS 38829  
 601-728-6004

## YOUTH RALLY REPORT

The average attendance from August, 1984 to August, 1985 was 104.

Our high month was September at First Church of Booneville with 154.

In March we had our annual Basketball Tournament for missions.

The Trophies went to: ..... 1st place - women - Macedonia  
 1st place - boys - Martin Hill  
 1st place - men - Martin Hill  
 1st place - men over 40 - 1st Booneville

Our giving went as follows:

Alan Crowson Fund .....	\$ 120.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	180.00
Mississippi Home Missions.....	120.00
March for Missions .....	942.16
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,362.16</b>

Churches from the association sent a total of \$5,930.94 to Mississippi Home Missions for March for Missions. This greatly exceeded our goal of \$5,000.00.

**CHURCHES****PASTORS****CLERKS**

Antioch.....	Rev. Glenn Jones Rt. 6 Corinth, Ms 38834 601-462-5889	Doris Bray Rt. 2, Box 352 Iuka, MS 38852 601-423-5873
Burgess Creek.....	Rev. Tommy Wright Rt. 4, Box 98 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-8781	Mary Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45M Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-423-5313
Calvary.....	Rev. Curtis Briley Rt. 7 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-4596	Juanita McVay Rt.1 Rienzi, MS 38865
Community.....	Rev. Malcolm Garrett Rt. 2, Box 177 Michie, TN 38357 901-239-9776	Patricia Bonds Rt. 1, Box 11 Guys, TN 38339 901-239-8816
1st FWB Booneville...	Rev. Luther Gibson P.O. Box 818 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-6004	Mary Bullard Rt. 3 Rienzi, MS 38865 601-728-6051
1st FWB Iuka.....	Rev. J.T. Prince Rt. 2, Box 217 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-5888	Marilyn Williams Rt. 5, Box 6 Iuka, MS 38852 601-423-5400
Jones Chapel.....	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Rt. 1, Box 360 Saltillo, MS 38866 601-842-1358	Peggy Stacks Rt. 3 Blue Springs, MS 38828 601-869-5802
Little Brown.....	Rev. Russel Clouse Rt. 1, Box 360 New Site, MS 38859 601-728-9284	Bettie Akers Rt. 5, Box 164 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-3018
Macedonia.....	Rev. Karl Sexton Rt. 2, Spanish Oaks Apt. 1E Guin, AL 35563 205-468-3246	Ruby Whittemore Rt. 1, Box 222 Rienzi, MS 38865 601-462-5684
Martin Hill.....	Rev. Tommy Booker Rt. 5, Box 111-A Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-9816	Peggie Griffin Rt. 5 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-7979
Mt. Pisgah.....	Rev. Hollis Southerland Rt. 4, Box 317-A Savannah, TN 38372 901-925-4374	Robbin Johnson Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-6796
New Lebanon.....	Rev. Gerald Taylor Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-7591	Vaughanda Hall Rt. 2, Box 255-A Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-462-7838
Smith Chapel.....	Rev. Benny McKinney Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873 601-423-6619	Tina Johnson Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829 601-728-3600



## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Be it resolved that any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to destroy said minister's influence or impair the influence of the Free Will Baptist faith and order, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense and after discipline has been used, if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association **1927**
2. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he (the clerk) call the roll call each session.
3. Be it resolved that the church clerks inquire of members being received by letter, and that the clerk write for a letter of recommendation from the church they are leaving. The purpose of this procedure is to keep our church records straight. It is also recommended that they not be received into full fellowship until their letter of recommendation be received **1956**
4. Be it resolved that it become a standard practice for the introductory speaker for the association to be left to the moderator and the assistant moderator. **1966**
5. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association endorse and support, with prayers and attendance, the Christian Youth Rally for the training and encouragement of our youth. **1966**
6. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek reactivate the Home Mission Board with a total of five members (2 ministers and 3 laymen) to be elected from the floor to serve annual terms and to be re-elected or replaced each year. Further, be it resolved that this board be charged with the training of laborers from our Association, and to receive voluntary support for worthwhile projects from member churches. **1966**
7. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association prepare and present to each ordained and accepted minister an annual ministerial certificate denoting good standings, to be presented during the Association of each year. **1966**
8. Be it resolved that it be written into the Constitution that the assistant moderator be moderator for the following year as has been previously voted on by the Association. **1966**
9. Be it resolved that a free will offering be taken on Friday and Saturday morning of each association to support the general fund. **1967**
10. Be it resolved that there be a form drafted and included in the church letters for each church to certify ministers who are members of that church and have proven to be sound in the faith and in good standing before the Association grants the annual ministers certification card. **1968**
11. Be it resolved that a church that fails to report at two consecutive associations be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association. **1968**
12. Be it resolved that the Association require that all new ministers pastoring churches in this Association come before the examining committee of the Ordination Council to have their credentials certified. The moderator of the Ordination Council, the clerk and three elected members of the Ordination Council will serve as the examination committee. **1968**

13. Be it resolved that Minister Certification be examined by the Ordination Council and recommendations be made to the Association accordingly. 1969
14. Be it resolved that we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would Friday night and all day Saturday. 1970
15. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
16. Be it resolved that we have a C.T.S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
17. Be it resolved that a Nominating Committee be appointed in the beginning of the association to nominate officers and members of standing boards and committees for each association. 1971
18. Be it resolved that our Association use the standard Association report form that has been prepared by the National Association of Free Will Baptist 1971
- Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
20. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
21. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. 1976
22. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this association examine Revival Ministers, that they be sound in the faith and practice of Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1977
23. Be it resolved that we, the Little Brown Creek Association, go on record as opposing:
  - 1) The Equal Rights Amendment.
  - 2) Abortion on demand.
  - 3) The Supreme Court ruling on Bible reading and prayer in our public schools and that letters be sent to our Congressmen and Senators of this business. 1980
24. Be it resolved that the Sunday School Training Committee be dismissed and a board of Christian Education be elected to determine policy and oversee the functions of the Little Brown Creek Bible Institute. This board would be made up of 5 members to be elected in alternate 5 year periods. 1980
25. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association year end on August 1 instead of September 1 with all church clerks having their letter to the association no later than August 15. 1980
26. Be it resolved that our Association begin meeting on a regular quarterly basis for the purpose of conducting associational business, and also to strengthen our fellowship with one another. Each church is asked to send delegates to each meeting so they may be represented. The meeting dates will be Saturday before the first Sunday in December; Saturday before the first Sunday in March; Saturday before the first Sunday in June; and Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September. 1981
27. Be it resolved that since heresy and error be so predominate, we recommend each make sure their pastor preaches, believes, and adheres to Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1982
28. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board is to get someone to fill the Golden Missions, or be empowered to make whatever arrangements be necessary to take care of those responsibilities. 1982

29. Be it resolved that we, the churches of the Little Brown Creek Association, pay Associational Fees of \$25.00 each quarter rather than the usual \$25.00 per year. 1983
30. We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that funds be transferred from the General Fund of the Association to the Mission Board as needed to pay for the building at Golden. 1983
31. Be it resolved that we have our minutes printed by Hodges Printing. 1983
32. Be it resolved to change the quarterly meeting to start at 9:30 A.M. and complete all business by 12:00 noon. 1985
33. Be it resolved that the Youth Rally have a report at the annual meeting. 1985
34. Be it resolved that since the Associational clerk provides a record of all the church letters the clerk should not have to read the church letters in detail, but each church read their figures and give any corrections to the clerk. 1985
35. Be it resolved that the church membership report be that of active members, rather than total members. 1985

## **GOVERNMENT AND RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

This association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses by the members shall be made to the moderator, and the person thus speaking shall confine himself to the subject in debate. The speaker should not cast a personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person should speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the Association.

No delegate should absent himself without permission from the moderator.

No member should speak longer than fifteen (15) minutes at any time without permission from the moderator.

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except when withdrawn by consent.

The association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the membership of the church.

All questions coming before the association shall be determined by majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority.

The minutes of the association shall be read before the body just prior to the close of the association, corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

The body shall have no conceived power to word it over God's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall be considered an advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concern of the churches.

The association is to give the best advice it can on all matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between any of the churches, the association shall inquire into the cause of the break and use its endeavors to remove the difficulty. If the break cannot be removed the association is to withdraw from the church, which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly conduct of practice, until they be reclaimed.

The association is not to take a case of any kind, within the union, without the consent of the majority of the churches, and then only to give advice.



## PETITIONARY LETTER

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at \_\_\_\_\_ send this petitionary letter to the ministers and messengers, composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with \_\_\_\_\_ Church, asking admittance to your honorable body. We were organized with \_\_\_\_\_ members. We send this petitionary letter by the hands of our beloved brethren, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_, if received, to sit with you in your deliberations and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience \_\_\_\_\_; by resolution \_\_\_\_\_; discontinued by letter \_\_\_\_\_; expelled \_\_\_\_\_; died \_\_\_\_\_. Total membership \_\_\_\_\_. Contributions \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We have elected Elder \_\_\_\_\_ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. Number of deacons \_\_\_\_\_; Number of ministers \_\_\_\_\_; Clerk's name and address \_\_\_\_\_. Moderator's name and address \_\_\_\_\_.

## GOVERNMENT & CONSTITUTION OF LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Be it known that we, the Free Will Baptist Church, being in Alcorn, Tishomingo, and Prentiss Counties, in Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the General Atonement, we have been baptized upon profession of faith in Christ, we are desirous of bringing about reciprocal union. We propose, therefore, to maintain the order and rule of our Association according to the following plan.

We believe the churches of Christ are mutually independent, that congregational forms of government should be invariably preserved, yet, we are being convinced of the unity of friendly intercourse and pious council on the principal of union advantages and Christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principals with regards to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE I. The name of the organization shall be called The Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Newly organized Free Will Baptist churches petition the Association for membership, which shall be granted by a majority vote of the Association.

Section 2. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE III. Representatives

Section 1. Each church should have not more than four delegates.

Section 2. All ordained members of the Association shall be standing delegates. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote on all business transactions.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a moderator, assisstant moderator, clerk and treasurer.

Section 2. Their duties shall be those usually involving such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected except the assistant moderator. The assistant moderator shall become the moderator for the following year.

ARTICLE V. Boards and Committees

Section 1. The general officers and one elected member from the body will compose an executive board to see to such items that may arise during the year. The moderator shall be the chairman of the board.

Section 2. The Home Mission Board shall consist of two (2) ministers and three (3) lay members elected from the body. The ministers shall be elected for terms of one (1) and two (2) years. The members shall be elected for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. One minister and one lay membershall be elected each year when the Association is in regular session. It shall be the duty of this board to help in the organization of new churches and to promote the work of Free Will Baptist in general. An evangelist shall be elected from the body to serve with this board.

Section 3. The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each association: Devotional, Finance, Obituary, Resolution, and Sunday School. These committees shall serve until dismissed by the Association.

Section 4. Each board and committee shall make a report to the Association before the close of the Association.

Section 5. Temporary committees may be appointed by the moderator if the body sees need of such committees.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings. The time and place of meeting of this organization shall be determined at each preceding regular meeting. On the occasion of no meeting place being provided at the regular preceding meeting, the matter will fall into the hands of the executive board.

ARTICLE VII. Finances. Each church holding membership in this organization shall be asked to send the following monies in this manner:

\$25.00 to each quarterly meeting

\$25.00 to each annual meeting, and

\$10.00 to each annual meeting to be sent to the National Association for representation fee.

ARTICLE VIII. Report of Churches. Each church holding membership in this organization shall send a written report to each regular meeting. This report is to include such information as indicated by form letter provided.

ARTICLE IX. Quorum. Representatives from five (5) churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X. The Minister

Section 1. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying all ordained members for unChristian conduct, there shall be a council, which shall convene at a stated time during the association, and at a time during the associational year, if called by the moderator or his assistant or any five (5) members of said council, who deem it necessary to make such a call. This council shall consist of all ordained members present who are in good standing. They shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves who shall hold office until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of this council to examine all applications for ordination and if found competent to ordain and set them apart for the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. This council will examine ministers who wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those who are sound in faith and practice according to Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists. This council shall have full power to try all ordained members for unChristian conduct, and on testimony, their decisions shall be final.

Section 2. This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church who follows him in said teaching, or who is disloyal to the Faith as held by the association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section 3. This association having watch-care over all the churches, within its bounds, shall withdraw fellowship from any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Ordaining Council for unChristian conduct or false teachings according to Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of each member who shall organize a church to obtain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to obtain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his church or churches. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor, as with other organizations which may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

Section 5. Be it resolved that we require Ministers holding membership in this association, who fail to report to this annual meeting for two (2) consecutive years, either by his presence or a letter, be examined by the "Credentials Committee," as to their eligibility of credentials.



# DOCTRINE

**THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and our infallible rule of faith and practice. (II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16-17.)

**GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey. Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 4:24; Eph. 4:6)

**CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord. (I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,2; Matt. 1:23; Rom. 3:25-26; Matt. 26:28; Matt. 28:5-6.)

**THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. (I John 16:13; John 16:8; II Peter 1:21.)

**THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for as the high welfare of men requires. (Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Job 14:5; Isa. 9:6.)

**THE SINFULLNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. (John 3:3; Rom. 3:23; Isa. 64:6.)

**THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection, effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith. (Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:18; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 4:25.)

**THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death. (Acts 17:20; Luke 13:3; Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8-9; Rev. 2:10.)

**ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become His elect. (Rom. 8:28-30; Rom. 10:9; I Peter 1:2.)

**FREEDOM OF WILL.** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish. (Rev. 22:17; II Chro. 7:14; Rev. 3:20.)

**SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. (Mark 16:15; Isa. 55:1; Gal. 2:20.)

**PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. (II Peter 1:10; Heb. 6:4-6; Rev. 2:10.)

**GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. (Matt. 28:19-20; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4; I Cor. 11:23-29; John 13:4-14.)

**TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2; Gen. 14:20; Mal. 3:8-10.)

**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven is to be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Gen. 2:3; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6.)

**RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (I Cor. 15:1-58; Acts 17:31; Heb. 9:27; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:46.)

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour 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 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.



# **-:- UPCOMING SESSIONS -:-**

## **FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION**

Antioch FWB Church

November 30, 1985

## **SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION**

Mt. Pisgah FWB Church

March 1, 1986

## **THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION**

1st Booneville FWB Church

May 31, 1986

## **ANNUAL SESSION**

Jones Chapel FWB Church

Friday Night - September 5, 1986

Saturday Morning - September 6, 1986