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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Seventh Annual Session of Mississippi State Free Will Baptist Association opened with song service led by Bro. W. G. Prude. "Amazing Grace", "What a Friend," and "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" were sung by the congregation. Rev. George C. Lee led the prayer. Rev. G. M. Pearson read Psalm 116 for devotions and Bro. W. A. Mason led in prayer.

Rev. Luther Gibson, pastor of host church, welcomed the delegates and visitors. Bro. W. A. Mason from Bucatunna gave the response.

Rev. George C. Lee, Moderator called the body to order and the business of Association was begun. Bro. M. O. Haas, clerk being unable to attend the moderator appointed Rev. Milton Crowson and Bro. L. E. Duncan to keep records of this Session. Mrs. Oliver Haas and Miss Myrtle Lois Daniels were appointed as reading clerks. Letters were received from all churches affiliated with State Association except two. Letters were read and accepted along with seating of qualified delegates.

Moderator appointed the following Committees:

RESOLUTIONS: Ivy Daniels, Chairman, W. A. Mason, J. C. Gibson, C. E. Goodson, Lonnie Walley.

CREDENTIALS: W. G. Prude, Chairman, J. E. Smith, Albert Burgess, W. O. Knight, W. A. Stephens.

FINANCE: Mrs. Letcher Fields, Chairman, Mrs. Leonard Hill, Mrs. J. V. Morgan.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: L. C. Johnson, Chairman, M. L. Hollis, Luther Gibson, W. O. Knight.

Body adjourned for morning message.

Rev. W. O. Knight led the congregation in the hymn "Marching to Zion." Rev. G. C. Price led in Prayer.

Rev. M. L. Hollis read Rev. 3:8, using for a Subject, "The Open Door" His message was inspirational and a challenge to Free Will Baptist of Miss., to go through the open door for the Lord Jesus in this coming Associational year. May we accept this challenge and not let our selfishness as individuals or churches hinder the work of the Lord.

During the noon hour a delicious lunch was served in the Sunday School annex by the ladies of East Tupelo, Beech Springs and Priceville churches.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Joe Haas brought the devotions to begin the afternoon session. As we listened to Joe we could feel the spirit of the Lord, emanating from this young servant of His.

Rev. G. C. Lee brought his message to the body as Moderator, in his very earnest way he gave forth his desires and prayers for the success of the work during the coming year. May we remember those things that he impressed upon us that would lead us to greater service for the Lord and to a greater Free Will Baptist denomination in Mississippi.

Clerk read reports from Zion's Rest and Northeast Miss. F.W.B. Associations. (See reports).

Report by Credential Committee.

Report by Board of Christian Education.

Report on Free Will Baptist Messenger.

Rev. R. H. Ryland, Supt. of Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Eldridge, Ala., spoke to the body on the subject, "Care for our Orphans" Bro. Ryland is very deeply interested in this work and we could not help feel that same interest permeate us as we listened to him. Motion sustained that a freewill offering be taken for the Home at this time. Offering amounted to \$64.00.

Report of Resolution Committee.

Report by Local Committee on assignment of homes for delegates and visitors. Adjourned until evening service.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Evening services began with a good "old fashioned hymn singing" the leading being by several leaders.

The Ordaining Council announced that petitions for the Ordaining to the Ministry of Bro. Joe Haas, Herbert Stalnaker and Paul Long had been accepted, and asked that the congregation pray as they proceeded with the Ordination service.

Rev. Johnson read the Scripture and asked that Rev. Hollis give the charge. It was a solemn service and one that we are sure will be long remembered by all, especially by the fine young men who gave themselves to the Lord in full time service.

A playlet entitled "Poor as Church Mice" was staged by the East Tupelo League.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of F.W.B. College in Nashville brought the evening message. In a very interesting and practical way he brought out the deep truths contained in the Book of Ruth, portraying the life of Naomi in connection with the life of many Christian today.

Rev. Gibson led the congregation in singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Prayer led by Rev. D. U. Bishop of Laurel. Rev.

Herbert Stalnaker brought the morning devotions using as a subject "A Separated People." "Leaning on Jesus" was sung by congregation. Business session begun as moderator called for report of Superannuation Board. (See reports)

Report by Board of Missions.

Report of Promotional Secretary.

Report of State Evangelist.

Report of Treasurer.

Election of officers, Board members, host and delegates to sister associations taken up and disposed of as follows:

Rev. George C. Lee, Moderator; Rev. M. L. Hollis, Vice-Mod., Bro. Oliver Haas, Clerk; Rev. L. D. Gibson, Asst. Clerk; Bro. L. E. Duncan, Treasurer; Rev M. L. Hollis, State Evangelist; Bro. W. G. Prude, Pro. Sec'ty; Bro. C. R. Hollis, Board of Missions for 5 year term; Sister Nan Post, Board of Christian Education for 5 year term; Bro. H. A. Roberts, Board of Super'n for 5 year term.

Bros. W. G. Prude, I. E. Daniel, J. C. Gibson, Lonnie Walley and J. E. Smith delegates to National Association—Columbus, Ga., second week in July, 1949.

Bros. W. G. Prude, L. D. Gibson and Milton Crowson delegates to Alabama state.

Lee's Chapel Church, in Jones County, nine miles east of Laurel selected as Host for 1949 session of Mississippi State Ass'n.

Rev. Harold S. Pitts of Brilliant, Alabama brought the closing message of this session. Rev. Pitts message was a spiritual feast and in his own inimitable manner he impressed upon the congregation the things that God has in store for His people and what He expects of them.

As the time came for the final handclasp of this session of the State Association we felt that it had been a blessing to all present and that the best and most progressive session had been concluded.

MAY WE ALL PRAY THAT THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND MOVES MADE FOR A BIGGER AND GREATER WORK AMONG FREE WILL BAPTIST IN MISSISSIPPI WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN, BUT THAT WE WILL DO ALL IN OUR POWER, IF CHRIST SHALL TARRY, TO LIVE UP TO OUR OBLIGATIONS. MAY OUR LEADERS, OUR SHEPHERDS, KEEP PRODDING US ON UNTIL THE GOALS SET HAVE BEEN PASSED.

—R E P O R T S—

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report as follows:

In going through the letters from the different churches we find

that some have failed to comply with Article No. 9 of the Constitution which specifies that Associational Funds be equal to TEN CENTS per member for total membership. We recommend that the Treasurer write each church that did not send in the required funds and ask that they be sent so that all churches may have a clear slate on the minutes. These funds are direly needed if we carry on the work as outlined.

Signed: Committee

Above report adopted and Committee discharged:

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, report as follows:

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

1. That the 1949 Session of the State Association be held with Lee's Chapel Church in Jones County.

2. That we support with our money, as well as with our prayers our Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Eldridge, Ala.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to our hosts East Tupelo, Beech Springs and Priceville Churches for the fine way they have taken care of our physical needs during our stay in their midst. May the Lord bless and prosper them is our prayers.

Signed: Committee

Above report adopted and Committee discharged..

Motion by Bro. Prude duly seconded and carried that each church raise and send in as much as \$25.00 to pay off indebtedness on Tent and Equipment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Finance, examined the church letters and counted the funds turned in to Treasurer and find that all funds are accounted for.

Signed: Committee

Report adopted and Committee discharged.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Greetings to Seventh Annual Sesion of Mississippi State Association:

We are happy to report a greater interest this past year in the field of Christian Education and feel that our people are realizing more and more the need of better educated and trained Christian workers for our children. We realize that education does not make

a Christian layman or minister but that God can use one who He calls into His service more effectively if that one is willing to better prepare himself or herself for such service.

Through the State treasurer's office the different churches and Associations contributed \$335.72 to our Bible College in Nashville. Through the means of Edowment Checks and other offerings sent direct an additional \$784.37 was given from Miss., making a total for the past year of \$1120.09.

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed and ask that you pray and give that our educational institution may grow so that it will be able do a greater work during the coming year for the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adopted as read.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MESSENGER FOR 1947--48 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

Received from individual subscribers	\$ 8.00	
Subscriptions from churches as follows: -		
Amory	\$12.00	
Antioch	12.00	
Columbus	15.00	
Damascus	12.00	
Depriest Chapel	12.00	
Beech Springs	15.00	
New Gauley	12.00	
New Life	10.00	
Pearce Chapel	12.00	
Priceville	12.00	
Fawn Grove	12.00	
Union Hill	12.00	
Red Bay	12.00	
Springdale	12.00	
East Tupelo	36.00	\$208.00
Total		\$216.00
Borrowed		160.20 Indebtedness
Grand Total		\$376.20
Expenditures:		
10 Issues at \$25.50	\$255.00	
2 Issues at \$30.60	61.20	
Postage	\$36.00	
Folding	24.00	
Total	\$376.20	

We feel that this type of work has meant much toward bringing to many people a respect for the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and when we can secure the cooperation of all our churches and they in turn pass to their neighbors and friends it will be the means of bringing into our midst many who are not acquainted with our beliefs as a denomination.

We feel that the paper would be of greater interest to our people if we could receive reports of the work from different churches and if more of our ministers send in articles for publication. Won't you pray for the staff of the Messenger and cooperate with us in making the Organ of the State Association what you would like to have it. We trust that every church will subscribe for a bundle each month for the coming year.

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Editor
L. E. Duncan, Asso. Editor

Adopted as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 13, 1947
TO NOVEMBER 13, 1948**

RECEIPTS:

Churches	Total for all purposes
Amory	\$ 99.00
Antioch	124.50
Beech Springs	138.60
Bethlehem	2.00
Columbus	100.00
Corinth	8.50
Damascus	73.00
Depriest Chapel	62.00
East Tupelo	763.50
Fawn Grove	32.00
Fulton	.00
Lee's Chapel J C	7.80
Lee's Chapel W C	.00
Lovewell	8.00
New Gauley	154.00
New Life	10.00
New Macedonia	.00
McGregor Chapel—New Church	.00
Pearce Chapel	47.00
Pine Grove	6.90
Pleasant Grove	.00
Priceville	162.22
Springdale	48.03
Stetson Chapel	3.15

Thompson Creek	.00
Union Hill	12.00
White Hill—New Church	.00
Zion's Rest Association	14.00
Northeast Miss. Ass'n.	237.30
Miss. State League Rally	46.00
Rent on Tent	35.00
From sale of trailer	25.00
Freewill Offerings	72.19
Total Receipts	\$2291.19
Borrowed	900.00
Grand Total	\$3191.19
EXPENDITURES:	
Home Missions	\$1402.12
Foreign Missions	553.91
Christian Education	335.72
Superannuation	132.40
12 Issues of Messenger F & M	376.20
Minutes and Mailing	30.85
Cuts for Messenger	6.62
Rev. M. L. Hollis, trip to Nash.—On Revision Com.	10.00
Fees and Travel to Nat'l Ass'n.	33.00
State Ass'n Officers	20.00
Indebtedness from last year	111.02
Total	\$3011.84
Balance on hand	\$179.35
Adopted as read.	

BOARD OF MISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT

We feel that we have had a very good year although we got a late start and did not have any funds to begin our work with. We believe that with your cooperation and prayers that this coming year that we have great things in store toward the promotion of Christ's Kingdom through the Free Will Baptists of Mississippi. At a meeting of the Board in Amory on January 18th, this year it was agreed that if there was any further work done on the home field we would have to purchase a New Tent and trailer. At this meeting every Board member was present or his proxy was there, also our State Evangelist. The following resolutions were unanimously passed at this meeting.

First—That a New Tent be bought and that at least 30 seat ends be purchased to increase the seating capacity.

Second—That the Evangelist take care of offerings as he thinks best, look to the interests of the Board when the erection of a church building is not under consideration.

Third—That the Evangelist be allowed \$75.00 per week for his services. This amount to be paid from Home Mission funds of State Association where a new church building is to be erected, and by freewill offerings where no building is erected, it being understood that if freewill offerings are inadequate to take care of the weekly salary that the difference be paid from Home Mission funds and should the offerings be more than enough to pay the regular weekly salary, that the surplus be deposited as Home Mission funds.

Fourth—That where a church is being erected and the service of the Evangelist are required and he has to make a trip for which they are unable to pay that he be allowed five cents per mile to take care of expenses.

Five—That the Evangelist select a Choir leader and take care of same through Love offerings.

Sixth—That a suitable and dependable trailer be purchased and equipped for the transportation of Tent and equipment.

Seventh—That the old tent and trailer be sold and whatever funds received be placed to credit of Home Missions.

Eighth—That revival be arranged as soon as possible—some in North Miss., and some in South Mississippi. It was suggested by State Evangelist that we investigate the possibilities for a revival at Bucatunna.

Ninth—That the State Secretary be allowed .10 cents per mile for his expense in connection with the transportation of Tent.

Tenth—That a tentative budget of the year's work be planned in conjunction with the Board of Education and the Board of Superannuation and when ready be printed in Messenger.

Financial Report:-

Borrowed from Bro. C. R. Hollis	\$ 800.00
From Peoples Bank & Trust Co.	100.00
Received from all other sources.....	1395.58
Total	\$2295.58
Expenditures:	
Home Missions	\$1402.12
For Tent, Trailer, Equipment, Labor and Travel expenses.	
For Foreign Missions	553.91
To FWB Messenger	160.20
Total	2116.23
Balance November 13, 1948	\$179.25

In the Foreign Mission field we have made a fine start toward helping to keep our present Missionaries on the field as well as

help in sending others. Revs. Kenneth Turner and Dan Cronk, visited the State in the interest of Foreign Missions the past associational year. We know that when we give a portion of the Lord's money toward sending the Gospel to the lost at home and abroad that He will bless it. May we as Free Will Baptist here in Mississippi awake to the "Macedonian call."

We feel that if the Association will accept the State Unified Program Budget and back it through the years that our Missions efforts will improve and that the Lord will pour us out his blessings far beyond our expectations.

The Board of Missions gave unanimous approval of an agreement where by the Tent and equipment might be used when not in use by State Evangelist. The agreement is as follows:

CONTRACT FOR THE USE OF TENT AND EQUIPMENT BELONGING TO MISSISSIPPI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

I, or we, do hereby agree to pay to The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist the amount of \$35.00 per week for first week or part thereof and \$25.00 for each succeeding week or part thereof for the use of tent and equipment.

I, or we, further agree to assume all responsibility for damages to tent or equipment and to pay for same promptly the amount of damages agreed upon by a joint board of arbitration.

I, or we, further agree to pay all expenses incurred in the transportation, erection and dismantling of tent and equipment.

In witness thereof I, or we, hereby affix our signature, or signatures this the _____ day of _____ 194_____.

Signed: _____,

Witness:

Above adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPERANUATION BOARD SECRETARY

Report of the Mississippi State Superannuation Secretary of The Mississippi State Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi. To the State Free Will Baptist Association when convened with the East Tupelo Free Will Baptist, on the 17th and 18th day of November, 1948.

We are delighted to make the following report of finance received since the last state meeting which met with the Lovewell church. We have from that meeting, a balance of _____ \$ 69.62 We have collected as follows:

Dec. 1st. 1947 New Gauley	6.12
Jan. 7th. 1948 L. E. Duncan, East T. C.	13.60

Jan. 7th. 1948 L. E. Duncan, Antioch	6.40
Feb. 3rd. 1948 New Gauley	3.50
March 31st. 1948 L. E. Duncan, E.T.C.	31.00
March 31st. 1948 New Gauley	1.00
May 3rd. 1948 L. E. Duncan	6.00
May 8th. 1948 New Gauley	1.00
May 18th. 1948 L. E. Duncan, Antioch	6.00
May 18th. 1948 L. E. Duncan, Damascus	10.00
May 18th. 1948 Depriest, L.E.D.	10.00
May 18th. 1948 Amory, L.E.D.	15.40
July 3rd. 1948 New Gauley	1.00
Nov. 2nd. 1948 L. E. Duncan, M. S. Asso.	54.00

Total Rec. for the year	\$165.02
Bal. from 1947, session	69.62

Amount on hand in bank, less,	\$234.64
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Paid out as follows:

Rev. G. C. Price	\$ 20.00
Exchange on checks50

Total paid out	\$ 20.50
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Leaving a balance on hand of	\$214.22
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Respectfully submitted,

Geo. C. Lee, Sect.-Treas.

Report adopted.

REPORT ANNUAL SESSION ZION REST ASSOCIATION

Report of the Forty-first annual session of the Zion Rest Free Will Baptist Association convening with Pine Grove Church, Wayne County, Buccatuna, Miss., Sept. 24-25.

Rev. C. M. Jenkins, Moderator

L. D. Walley, Ass't. Moderator

J. D. Walley, Second Ass't. Moderator

B. Little, Secretary and Treasurer.

Churches represented 6; Total Churches 6. Ordained Ministers 10; Licenate none; Ordained Deacons 6, on trial 3; Messengers 1, Rev. G. C. Price, North Eastern Asso.; Petitionary letters, none; Ordination 1; Ladies Auxiliary 1; Amount in treasury \$179.83; Expenses and upkeep of churches \$100.00; Amount in treasury Sept. 24-25, \$79.83; Sunday schools, 3, pupils, 171, teachers 13; Home Mission, amount in Treasury \$29.00, amount spent in cooperation of State Home Mission, on Revival at Richton, Miss \$20.00, total in treasury \$9.00; Total membership 315, restored 0, excluded 0, deceased 5, received by baptism 29, by confession 29, by letter 3,

dismissed 11; Ministers serving churches 2; paid pastors \$1072.96, paid evangelist \$715.15; value of church property \$12950.00; Indebtedness none; Expenses for upkeep \$1080.73; Amount received for association expenses \$63.63; amount in treasury \$2.81, total \$66.44.

Printing cost \$35.00; Expenses to Press \$3.50, Clerks fee \$10.00, stationary supplies \$1.00, paid press \$11.50 on previous printing; total expenses \$61.00; amount in treasury \$5.44.

Expenses for Sunday school supplies including literature \$37.26.

Report of ministers: Miles traveled 3000, sermons preached 137, revivals conducted 15, joined by marriage 2,, Grove side services 5 members, Received 8, baptised 8.

Representatives from this association to Mississippi State Association 5, delegates to State Association 18; Ministers of sister association serving churches in this associational district 2; interest in meeting, good; attendance, good; Fellowship_____.

Next assembly to convene with Lee's Chapel Church, Jones County, 9 miles east of Laurel, Miss., on highway 84 on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949.

REPORT OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED WITH EAST TUPELO CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 18-19, 1948.

GREETINGS:

The Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association met at Damascus Church in Kemper County on October 7th and 8th, 1948 for its Fourteenth annual session. Every church affiliated with the association was represented by delegates or letter or both. A very harmonious session was had and the Lord blessed throughout the time we were together with the fine people of the host church.

The following named delegates were named to represent us at the State Association when convened in its 7th Annual Session: Bro. J. C. Gibson, J. E. Smith and W. L. Bevill.

Our Statistics are as follows:

Number of churches 21, total membership 2600, received by baptism 139, received by letter 66, dismissed 53, deceased 12. Number Sunday Schools 17, S. S. enrollment 1047; Number Leagues 7, League enrollment 341; Number of Ladies Auxiliaries 4, L. A. enrollment 79. Men's Fellowship 1, M. F. enrollment 16; Paid Pastors \$10,673.46. Paid Evangelists \$2,312.79. Paid on buildings and repairs \$8,789.71; Minutes \$95.44; Home Missions \$1,126.94; Foreign Missions \$454.97; Superannuation \$248.17; Christian Education \$1493.00; Benevolences \$573.25; Incidentals \$941.38. Total

Expenditures \$26,734.60; Parsonages val. \$10,000.00; value of church buildings \$93,850.00.

We have 8 ordained ministers, 2 licensed ministers and 81 Deacons.

Moderator, Rev. G. C. Lee

Clerk, L. E. Duncan

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Each church is allowed only TWO delegates.

Amory: Sisters Boyd and Clyde Francis.

Antioch: Sister Myrtle Daniels and Bro. Zone Waugh.

Beech Springs: Sisters Maxine Stanford and Myrtle Phillips.

Bethlehem: Bros. Quarry Garrison and Henry Ard.

Columbus: Sister Letcher Fields and Bro. L. J. Lee.

Corinth: Bros. George Brewer and Chapman Henderson.

Damascus: Bros. J. E. Smith and J. C. Gibson.

Depriest Chapel: Not represented.

East Tupelo: Bros. C. C. Davidson and L. L. Reese.

Fawn Grove: Bros. J. V. Morgan and John Brown.

Fulton: Not represented.

Lee's Chapel, Jones County: Sister Audrey Bushy and Bro. Lonnie Walley.

Lee's Chapel, Wayne Co., Bros. T. J. Miller and Ruben Bunch.

Lovewell: Bros. Aubert Burgess and William Brewer.

McGregor Chapel: Sisters Woodrow Montgomery and Leister Russell.

New Gauley: Sister Estelle Lee and Bro. C. E. Gibson.

New Life: Report by Bro. Wages.

New Macedonia: Sisters Ruby McDonald and J. B. Oliver.

Peace's Chapel: Bros. E. E. Cowart and O. O. Robison.

Pine Grove: Bros. Jim Patrick and Jeff Ezell.

Pleasant Grove: Sisters Ida Carter and Cuple Warren.

Priceville: Sister J. M. Haas and Bro. J. T. Alexander.

Springdale: Sister Nell White and Bro. Jack East.

Stetson Chapel: By Letter only.

Thompson Creek: Sister Eva Jenkins.

Union Hill: Bros. E. F. Harris and B. B. Powell.

White Hill: Bros. W. C. Sibley and Sam Fields.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Total Membership	Total Receipts	Total Expenditures	Associational Funds	Unified Program	FWB Messenger	Tent and Equipment	Total Funds Sent	Due For Associational Funds	S. S. Enrollment	League Enrollment	L. A. Enrollment
AMORY	119		2,990.00	11.90				11.90		70	30	12
ANTIOCH	143			5.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	35.00	9.30	60	40	
BEECH SPRINGS	130		603.86	13.00				13.00		60		
BETHLEHEM	101		917.23	10.10	2.10			12.20		55		
COLUMBUS	150	1,321.32	921.05	5.00		15.00		20.00	10.00	64	44	15
CORINTH	60	250.00	275.00	6.00	11.75			17.75		40		
DAMASCUS	87	1,050.40	1,002.40	8.70		15.00		23.70				
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	57					15.00		15.00	5.70			
EAST TUPELO	208	8,256.56	7,954.22	20.80		36.00		56.80				
FAWN GROVE	225	683.00	683.00	3.00	4.50			7.50	19.50	70	100	
FULTON	22								2.20			
LEES CHAPEL, JC	55	1,379.46	327.22	5.50	25.00			30.50				
LEES CHAPEL, WC	26	111.55	111.55	2.60				2.60				
LOVEWELL	88	796.85	789.83	10.00	15.00		10.00	35.00		81		17
MCGREGOR CHAPEL	40	4,053.41	4,053.41	4.00		4.00		8.00		65	40	
NEW GAULEY	191	1,405.34	1610.09	20.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	55.00		80		
NEW MACEDONIA	17	325.00	325.00	5.00				5.00		65		
NEW LIFE	30			3.00	2.00			5.00				
PEARCE CHAPEL	452	1,961.09	1,720.21	10.00		12.00		22.00	35.20	85	25	15
PINE GROVE	40	278.58	278.58	4.00		5.00		9.00		36		
PLEASANT GROVE	90		167.00	3.00				3.00	6.00			
PRICEVILLE	83	1,948.41	1,748.30	8.30	11.70	15.00	5.00	40.00		48	42	
SPRINGDALE	241		1,469.05	8.30		15.00	10.00	33.30	15.80	76		
STETSON CHAPEL	74	299.20	242.20	7.40	7.60			15.00				
THOMPSON CREEK	40	457.90	457.90	4.75				4.75				
UNION HILL	118	439.00	439.00	11.80		12.00		23.80		46		
WHITE HILL	29	801.90	228.00	5.00	10.00	5.00		20.00				
TOTALS	2916	25,929.17	29,314.18	206.05	109.65	179.00	40.00	524.80	103.70	1001	321	59

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 the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget 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 principles 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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Of The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist

Article I—Name

This organization shall be known as MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST.

Article II—Purpose

The purpose of the Association shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the various district associations and churches of Mississippi, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in connection with the various district associations and churches comprising this association.

Article III—Composition

This association shall be composed of the various district associations and churches of Mississippi, when joined in this association in duly constitutional ways.

Article IV—Representation

East district association shall be allowed FIVE delegates from the laity of the association at large, same to be chosen at the annual meeting of the district association, in addition each church will be allowed TWO delegates. Each ordained minister in good repute with his church or district association will have the same privilege as a duly elected delegate.

Article V—Discipline

The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time, from any district association or church comprising its membership, or may act upon any appeal made by same provided, that, questions or appeals are made in writing presented in person to the moderator of the State Association. The State Association shall not usurp any of the power of the district associations or churches.

Article VI—Officers

The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer and Field Secretary. These shall be nominated from the floor during the final business session of each annual meeting. Election to be determined by a majority of the duly elected delegates present and voting. All officers shall hold office until their successors have been installed.

Article VII—Boards

The Association shall have the following named Boards, for the purpose of seeing that the work program of the Association is carried on in the best possible manner, namely: Executive Board, Board of Missions, Board of Christian Education, and Board of Superannuation.

Article VIII—Boards and Committees

The Association may add as many other Boards of Committees as deemed necessary to carry out its program.

Article IX—Finance

Associational Funds shall be an amount equal to TEN CENTS per member for each member in the respective churches in each district association.

Article X—State Unified Program

For the purpose of carrying on the various phases of our work, funds received by the Field Secretary will be credited to STATE UNIFIED PROGRAM unless otherwise designated. These funds will be allocated, through the Treasurer to the Boards as follows: Board of Missions will be allocated 60 per cent of total, 40 per cent for Home Missions and 20 per cent for Foreign Missions, 20 per cent to Board of Christian Education and 20 per cent to Board of Superannuation.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST MESSENGER shall be the official organ of the Mississippi State Association. The officers of this organ to be elected annually by the body while in session. Funds for the support of the organ to be furnished through church and individual subscriptions, gifts and from general or association funds of the body.

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BRING YE THE TITHES

(Tune of, "Stepping in the Light")

"Bring ye the tithes," saith the Lord, "to the storehouse."
Thus in his Word He has told us the way,
Christians may pay Him the tenth that they owe Him.
Happy, so happy, are they who obey.

CHORUS

How beautiful to bring all the tithes to the storehouse,
Trusting in the Lord, trusting in the Lord!
How beautiful to bring all the tithes to the storehouse,
Trusting God to bless.

"Windows of Heaven I surely will open,
Pouring such blessings that none can receive";
This is the promise to all faithful tithers,
Happy, so happy are those who believe.

See how the kingdom of Jesus is lagging,
Needing the money which Christian should pay;
Hasten to bring all the tithes to the storehouse,
Bring them, O bring them to Jesus today.