



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRD ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**WHEN CONVENED WITH**  
**MARTIN HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**  
**BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**  
**November 10, 1967**  
**THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH THE**  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, FRIDAY NIGHT AND**  
**SATURDAY BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1968**



MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
— FREE WILL BAPTISTS —  
1967-68

MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ REV. DANIEL GASKINS  
*Route 6, Box 189, Laurel, Mississippi*

ASSISTANT MODERATOR \_\_\_\_\_ REV. TILLIS WALLEY  
*1019 Shady Street, Columbus, Mississippi*

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ REV. J. L. GORE  
*113 Smith Drive, Booneville, Mississippi*

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*Brewer Street, Booneville, Mississippi*

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_ MR. A. V. ARMSTRONG  
*Route 1, Smithville, Mississippi*

BOARDS . . .

**BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—**

Rev. Lonnie Walley - 1968; Rev. Ronald Howland - 1969; Mr. Fenton Hollifield - 1970; Mr. Charles Walden - 1971; Rev. Randy Cox - 1972.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—**

Rev. Roy Pearson - 1968; Rev. R. H. McCuin - 1969; Rev. Milton Worthington - 1970; Mr. H. G. Cooper - 1971; Rev. J. S. Whitehead - 1972.

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES—**

Rev. Earl Simpson - 1968; Rev. D. W. Jones - 1969; Rev. Claudius Mullins - 1970.

**GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—**

Rev. Milton Worthington

**MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN—**

Rev. M. L. Hollis

## PROCEEDINGS . . .

THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS was convened with the Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi on November 10, 1967, at 7:30 P.M. with the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Gaskins, presiding. The session was opened by singing the 1967 Association theme, "Onward Christian Soldiers". Rev. Paul Long led the congregation in prayer. The song service concluded with the singing of "Showers of Blessings" Rev. R. H. McCuin led the singing.

Rev. J. S. Whitehead brought a challenging devotional emphasizing the thought; "Our time has come to act as Mississippi Free Will Baptists." Bro. Whitehead read from Esther 4:6-16.

The welcome was given by Rev. Curtis Briley, host pastor. The response was given by Rev. Tillis Walley, Assistant Moderator, who also introduced the officers of the state association.

The moderator called the association to attention to some important thoughts when considering the commission of Acts 1:8. In his moderator's message he spoke of the involvement, intercession and investment that is a must if God's work is to prosper in our hands. The association was challenged by the comparison of what Mississippi Free Will Baptists have done with what we could do.

The moderator called the Association officially into session. Rev. Randy Cox was elected as parliamentarian for the 1967 session.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and delegates present were seated to conduct business of the Association.

The Committee on Committees was appointed. This Committee consisted of: Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. E. H. Brock and Mr. William Walden.

## FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE . . .

Rev. R. H. McCuin led the congregation in singing, "Count Your Many Blessings", "He Lives" and "Somebody Touched Me". Prayer was given by Rev. Levy Corey.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Joe Jones, a member of the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Joe Jones read from Rev. 2:10 and brought a message on the subject of faithfulness.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS . . .

### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—

Breakfast was served at 7:30 Saturday morning in the basement of the host church. A wonderful meal was enjoyed by all. After breakfast Rev. Joe Jones spoke to the group of ministers and layman present. His subject was centered around the malice that is found far too often among Christian workers. He used various verses from the apostle Paul's writings to point out what malice would do to Christian work and fellowship.

### BUSINESS SESSION—

Bro. McCuin opened the service by leading the delegates and visitors in singing, "Stand Up For Jesus," "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer was given by Rev. Felton Hollifield.

Rev. Herman Baker brought a devotional on the subject, "By faith the just shall live!" He used as his scripture Hebrews 11:1-3.

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by the clerk. Report received by the Association.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. J. K. Walley. *See report of Committee on Committees.*

The Executive Committee report was given by the clerk. *See Executive Committee Report.* Report received and items dealing with constitutional changes deferred until the afternoon session.

Rev. Randy Cox read proposed constitutional changes. Motion made for these recommendations to be tabled until afternoon session.

The moderator recognized Rev. Joe Haas to give greetings to the State Association. Bro. Haas and family are going to represent Free Will Baptists in France. Their account still needs monthly support and the amount needed to send them to the field is still short.

The report of the Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Roy Pearson. The state CTS competition awards were also made at this time. *See Christian Education Board Report.* A standing vote of appreciation was given this board for its work this past year.

The Association recessed for a short period of fellowship and rest.

Business resumed with Bro. McCuin leading, "I Am Thine O, Lord". Prayer was given by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

The moderator appointed members to fill vacancies on the Auditing Committee. These were: Rev. B. Z. Byrd, Vertie Smith and Rev. Buford Pierce.

While awaiting a partial Nominating Committee report, Rev. J. L. Gore led the congregation in singing, "Victory In Jesus."

Partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mr. Charles Walden. Report was received by the Association. *See Nominating Committee Report.*

The report of the Mississippi State Home Mission Board was given by Rev. Randy Cox. Report was received by the Association and consideration of items of recommendation from this report. *See State Home Mission Board Report.* A standing vote of appreciation was given this board.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—**

The State Home Mission Board was in charge of the Saturday Morning Worship Service. A special memorial offering in memory of the late Rev. Tom Johnson was received. The memorial offering at this time was \$241.66

Special music was provided by Rev. R. H. McCuin.

Rev. Levy Corey, our new State Home Mission worker in Meridian, spoke on the subject of our mission as Free Will Baptists in the State of Mississippi. The scripture text was Zach. 4:1.

After the message the Association was called to prayer concerning the needs of Rev. Joe Haas and family. Rev. Mark Vandivort led the prayer.

The Moderator dismissed the Association for lunch.

#### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSIONS . . .**

The Association opened the afternoon session by singing, "An Old Account Settled" led by Roy Armstrong. Prayer was given by Rev. Cladius Mullins.

The Moderator called for reports of National Departments.

The National Foreign Mission Board report was given by Rev. J. L. Gore.

The National Home Mission Board report was given by Mark Vandivort, assistant to the National Director.

The National Sunday School Board report was given by Rev. Roger Reeds, director of the National Sunday School Department.

The Church Training Service report was given by Mr. Samuel Johnson, director of National CTS Department.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee was given by Rev. Randy Cox, member of the board of trustees.

The Moderator asked for reports of State Boards and Committees.

The State Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries report was given by Rev. Ronald Howland. *See report of Conference and Itinerate Ministries Board.* Report was received by Association and consideration of recommendations of the Board.

The report of the Auditing Committee was given by Rev. B. Z. Byrd. *See Auditing Committee report.* Report was received by the Association.

Treasury report was given by Mr. A. V. Armstrong, State Treasurer. *See Treasurer's report.* Report received by Association.



The Obituary Committee report was given by Mrs. Tillis Walley. *See Obituary report.* Report received by Association.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Rev. R. H. McCuin. *See Resolution Committee report.* Report received by Association.

The motion was made and passed by the Association to give the moderator authority to appoint delegates to the National Association at Oklahoma City next summer. Delegates appointed were: Mr. L. E. Duncan, Mr. A. V. Armstrong, Mrs. R. H. McCuin, Mr. Charles Walden and Mr. Quindel Pierce.

Moderator had items of constitutional change acted on at this time.

Item I. Recommendation to change Article IV Section 2. Representation: by adding "Members of standing boards." Article IV Section 2 would then read, "All ordained ministers deacons and members of standing boards of the state association. *Item I approved and accepted by the association.*

Item II. Suggested amendment to the By-Laws. The insertion of: Section 6. The Moderator when serving this Association in promotional services, shall be paid \$4.00 for each such service conducted in addition to mileage. *Item II accepted and approved by the Association.* The numbers of other By-Laws would be changed to Sections 7, 8, 9, 10. *For other items of constitutional change see Executive Committee report.*

The item tabled from the Associational meeting of 1966 to be brought up at this meeting, which read, "Each local church, quarterly meeting, and District Association devise some plan of regular support to the State Association general fund," was tabled indefinitely.

Nominating Committee report was given by Mr. Charles Walden. *See Nominating Committee report* The report was received and the election of officers followed. *See report.*

Discussion and motion to organize a Mississippi Free Will Baptist Historical Commission consisting of three members, one from each association. The motion was approved. Rev. M. L. Hollis was elected chairman with authority to appoint the remaining two members.

Association adjourned the 1967 session.

## REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE . . .

Associations	Number of delegates	Fees
Northeast Mississippi	5	\$30.00
South Mississippi	5	\$30.00
Little Brown Creek	5	\$20.00

The 1968 Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi.

## CHURCHES . . .

Associations	Number of delegates	Fees
Antioch, Burnsville	1	\$10.00
Beech Springs	1	10.00
Buchatunna	1	10.00
Corinth	1	10.00
County Line, Richton	1	10.00
First, Amory	1	10.00
First, Booneville	1	10.00
First, Columbus	1	10.00
First, Pascagoula	1	10.00
First, Philadelphia	1	10.00
First, Tupelo	1	10.00
Fellowship	1	10.00
Fulton	1	10.00
Hollis Chapel	1	10.00
Jones Chapel	1	10.00

Lee's Chapel	1	10.00
Martin Hill	1	10.00
McGregor Chapel	1	10.00
New Lebanon	1	10.00
Pierce Chapel	1	10.00
Thompson Creek	1	10.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT . . .

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Mrs. Charles Walden  
Mrs. B. Z. Byrd  
Mrs. Tillis Walley

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: Mr. Raymond Jones  
Rev. R. H. McCuin  
Mr. E. F. Harris

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mr. E. C. Kelton  
Mr. L. E. Duncan  
Mr. Charles Walden

Report submitted by . Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. E. H. Brock and Mr. William Walden.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT . . . .

The Executive Committee met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Booneville, Tuesday January 10, 1967. Members present were Rev. Daniel Gaskins, Rev. Tillis Walley, Mr. A. V. Armstrong and Rev. J. L. Gore.

The following actions and recommendations were made at this meeting: 1. We recommend a change in the By-Laws under 5. Instead of, "Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk", we recommend it read, "all members of standing boards." By-Law number 5 will then read: "Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of six (6) cents per mile plus compensation for food and lodging for all members of standing board while transacting business authorized by or in behalf of the Association, or promotional work over the State. The Treasurer shall pay such expenses when a written claim is presented by each individual involved."

2. We recommend that we accept the offer of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus of the use of their office equipment in printing the quarterly newsletter. That we pay their part-time secretary to type, print and mail the quarterly newsletter.

3. We recommend that the clerk of each Association or Quarterly Meeting and the pastors of local churches send reports of items of general interest to the State Association Clerk. These items will be included in the newsletter. All items should be sent in by the 10th of each month after the quarter. Reports are to be sent to Rev. J. L. Gore, 113 Smith Drive, Booneville, Mississippi 38829.

4. We recommend the insertion under D. Board of Education, the following: "5. Expenses of promotional literature, such as correspondence, special promotions etc., to be paid out of the general fund."

5. We recommend Rev. Ronald Howland to serve on the Board of Conference Ministries to represent the Northeast Mississippi Association.

The Executive Committee met at Hollis Chapel Free Will Baptist Church September 10, 1967 to plan program for State Associational Meeting.

Program was planned and the following item of business was recommended. "That the Associational year begin October 1 and end September 30.

All items of recommendation were approved and accepted by the Association.

## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD . . .

Dear Fellow Christian:

"Grace to you and peace, from GOD our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philemon 3)

Today marks the end of another associational year. As we look back over the three years our State work has been established, we cannot do as the song says, "count your blessings one by one", for GOD has given us so many that we are overflowing with them. We praise GOD that He has allowed us to share these blessings and be a part of His work in Mississippi.

As we look at the map of Mississippi, we notice that we have churches in 18 of the 82 counties. This is something for us to pray about and to work for. Certainly before we can work in God's vineyard, we must know how to work. It has been our responsibility this past year to promote Christian Education so that God's workers could be better trained and equipped to catch the "fish" we have in Mississippi.

The Board of Christian Education was established last year when the association met at Fellowship Church. At that time, we were given the following responsibilities:

1. To promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.
2. To be a link from the local to the National level
3. To promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.
4. To plan and promote Sunday School and CTS rallies on the State level.

We have tried to fulfill each responsibility you have placed on us. Today, we would like to share with you how we have carried out what you have given us to do.

1. We planned and conducted the Mississippi State CTS Rally June 2nd and 3rd at the Morganwood Youth Camp at Tupelo. This Rally was a success in every way. Eliminations were held for the championships in all CTS State competitive categories.

The Champions are:

DECLAMATION: Adventurers  
Heralds  
Crusaders

SWORD DRILL: (Antioch Church, Little Brown Creek)  
BIBLE TIC TAC TOE: First FWB Church, Columbus.  
BIBLE BOWL: Tupelo FWB Church, Tupelo.

Also, we were privileged to have Rev. Henry Van Kluyve as guest speaker

2. At our January 21st meeting we recommended that each area of the State conduct a Teach N' Train Rally. This has been done in several areas.
3. We also planned and conducted the State Sunday School Rally at Lovewell Church, Route 1, Richton, on August 26th. God blessed in this service. As far as we know it was the first one of its kind ever held on a State-wide basis. Rev. Harold Harrison conducted a workshop and Rev. Bobby Jackson spoke.

As we look at these blessings of God, we cannot forget them, but now we have the future ahead of us. People are dying at the rate of 140 million each year without Christ. Our hearts are burdened, for we need to continue to progress in our work if we are to "Go ye" as God commanded. In order that we may further our work, we make the following recommendations for next years work. We hope and pray that you will prayerfully consider them. Remember the words of Paul, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth". (2 Timothy 2.15) Let us continue to train ourselves in GOD's word and will.



## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES 1967 . . .

The Board of Christian Education of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met on Saturday, August 26, 1967, at Lovewell Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Richton.

Those attending the meeting were Rev. Danel Gaskins (proxy for Mr. H. G. Cooper,) Rev. R. H. McCuin and Rev. Roy Pearson. The following items were moved, seconded, debated and passed:

1. We recommend that the Mississippi State CTS Rally be held on Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th.
  - a. We recommend that each district Rally send a \$10.00 representative fee and each church a \$3.00 fee.
  - b. We recommend that the Rally be held at Morganwood Youth Camp and that Rev. Milton Worthington be responsible for the program.
2. We recommend that the State Sunday School Rally be held on Saturday, August 24, 1968, at a site in the Little Brown Creek Association.
  - a. We recommend that each SS represent with a \$10.00 fee.
3. We recommend that a State Bible College Rally be held on Saturday, April 13, at a site in central Mississippi.

All items of recommendation approved and accepted by the Association.

State Sunday School Rally, August 24, 1968 will be at First Free Will Baptist Church Booneville, Mississippi.

State Bible College Rally, April 13, will be at the Home Mission Church in Meridian.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Ronald Howland, Chairman

Rev. Roy Pearson, Secretary

Rev. R. H. McCuin

Rev. Milton Worthington

Mr. H. G. Cooper

## REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION . . .

### OBSERVATIONS—

"Behold, I set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." (Revelation 3:8) Truly at this third annual session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists we witness the glorious reality of the promise given in the above quoted verse. How we praise God for His merciful dealings with us.

Our *first* "Project 30 endeavor is now a working reality. As you prayed for your Board of Missions and Church Extension and your Board sought the will of God, your faith and prayers are rewarded today with a missionary in Meridian. Today we praise God for our representative and His witness in Meridain, Brother Levy Corey. God very definitely led us to this man, and this man to us. The way in which God worked to bring us a man causes us to know beyond any doubt that His will has been done.

During the month of September Brother Corey visited in twenty-three (23) of our churches in Mississippi. Your Board expresses to you our deep appreciation for your fine cooperation. You opened your hearts, your churches and your homes to your missionary and his family. We thank God for this. Without *YOU* this ministry would not be a reality today.

We are happy to report that services have already started in Meridian and God is blessing. The first service was October 1, 1967. Our missionary will tell us more about the work during this session.

This year we must give careful attention to the financing of our State Mission project. A lack of systematic giving by our churches is still the basic weakness. At present only eleven (11) churches in our state systematically support state missions. This is an increase of only four (4) ch-



urches over last year. In other words, more than 75% of our churches *do not* give regular support to *STATE* missions. If your church does not give monthly or quarterly, seek to change this when you return home. Whether your gift is a large or small amount it all *COUNTS*. Mississippi Free Will Baptists must move ahead with Missions.

#### *PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS—*

1. Praise God for answering prayer and sending Brother Levy Corey and his family to us.
2. Pray for the Coreys as they labor for Christ in Meridian.
3. Pray that the March 1968 *MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS* goal will be met.
4. Pray for your Board of Missions and Church Extension.

#### *NEEDS OF MERIDIAN WORK—*

1. Record Attendance Board
2. Chairs and tables for Sunday School
3. A communion set

#### *RECOMMENDATIONS—*

1. We recommend that a resolution be adopted by the State Association honoring Brother Tom Johnson, who went to be with the Lord October 4, 1967, while serving as a member of this Board.
2. We recommend that this Association adopt a State Missions goal for *MARCH* of \$4,500.00 to complete the financial needs for "Project 30" in Meridian. This would enable us to begin looking for another "Project 30" city.
3. We recommend that each church please consider regular support of state missions.

#### *MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS—*

promotional suggestions

1. Use the promotional literature that will be provided. Three (3) pieces of literature will be available. Effectively used, these will be an asset in reaching our goal.
2. *INDIVIDUAL* contact will be the *KEY* to success in the March 1968 state missions promotion. Pastors and concerned laymen under the anointing of God will determine the outcome.
3. Set aside a Sunday in March for state missions gifts to be completed.

### **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION . . .**

WHEREAS, God saw fit to take into His divine Presence October 4, 1967, our beloved Brother, Tom Johnson, and

WHEREAS, we confidently believe "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psa. 116:1), and

WHEREAS, our deceased Brother labored sacrificially for the advance of God's Kingdom through this Association as a member of the Board of Missions and Church Extension,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we cherish his memory seeking to follow his example of service to the Lord whom he loved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for a moment of silent prayer honoring the memory of this soldier of the cross and that someone lead us in prayer on behalf of his family.

All items of recommendation approved and accepted by the Association.

#### **BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

Rev. Randy Cox, Chairman

Mr. Charles Walden, Secretary, Pro-Tem

Mr. Lonnie Walley

Mr. Felton Hollifield

## REPORT OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITENIRATE MINISTRIES . . .

The Board of Conference and Itenirate Ministries met once this year. This was for the purpose of organizing.

We are glad to report that a successful State-wide missions itenary was conducted this summer by our Foreign missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Walley and Estineo Garcia. This itenary was set up by our Moderator, Rev. Daniel Gaskins and the Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries.

We recommend the following items of business:

1. That the Association of the state promote at least one phase of our National Free Will Baptist Work each quarter.
2. That we have a state Ministers and Deacons retreat this year at Morganwood Youth Camp. The time to be worked out with Youth Camp Director.

All items of recommendation were approved and accepted by the Association



## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT . . .

*We, the Auditing Committee find the Treasury in excellent condition, and wish to express a deep appreciation of thanks and gratitude to Brother Armstrong for an outstanding job.*

*Signed*

*B. Z. Byrd*

*Vertis Smith*

*Buford Pierce*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FOR YEAR BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1966 AND ENDING  
OCTOBER 31, 1967

### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD NOV. 1, 1966 .....	\$ 148.14
Miss. State Association Representation Fees .....	305.00
Miss. State Association Offering .....	58.32
North East District Quarterly Meeting .....	20.00
North East District Association-Designated Trophies .....	10.00
North East District Quarterly Meeting-Designated CTS Awards .....	20.00
State CTS Rally-Designated .....	54.18
State Sunday School Convention - (\$50.00 designated) .....	75.83
First F. W. B. Church Columbus .....	85.00
First F. W. B. Church Philadelphia .....	14.06
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	224.63
Buckstunna F. W. B. Church .....	11.30
Beech Springs F. W. B. Church .....	11.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church .....	15.10
Damascus F. W. B. Church .....	3.00
Antioch F. W. B. Church .....	52.00
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	10.00
Rev. Tillis Walley .....	5.00
Rev. Ronald Howland - Returned Travel Expense .....	22.80
Rev. Ronald Howland .....	12.50
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$1,009.72</b>
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE .....</b>	<b>148.14</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....</b>	<b>\$1,157.86</b>

### GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Billy Sharpston-Travel State Association 1966 .....	\$ 39.84
Tubb Printing Co.-Treasurers Book .....	4.60
Amory Advertiser - Supplies .....	12.63
Postmaster, - Smithville - Postage .....	12.00
Postage - State Messenger .....	23.93
Mrs. Earl Williams - Labor on State Messenger .....	116.25
Mitchell Job Shop - State Minutes .....	112.70
Business Equipment & Supply Co. - Supplies State Messenger .....	74.28
Rev. Daniel Gaskins - Reimburse 1st quarter State Messenger .....	9.90
Rev. Daniel Gaskins - Travel, Promotional .....	221.94
Rev. Daniel Gaskins - Travel, Moderators meeting, Nashville .....	44.94
Rev. Tillis Walley - Travel Expense .....	12.04
Mr. A. V. Armstrong - Travel Expense .....	13.80
Rev. Ronald Howland - Travel Expense .....	43.70
Rev. R. H. McCuin - Travel Expense .....	15.00
State CTS Rally - Designated by District CTS .....	10.00



Foreign Mission Operational Fund - Designated from State CTS by Board of Christian Education .....	25.00
Rev. D. W. Jones - Reimburse, Delegates fee to National Assn. ....	40.00
Rev. D. W. Jones - Travel Expense .....	13.08
Mr. T. J. Armstrong - State Delegate to National Assn. ....	15.00
Mr. Letcher Fields - State Delegate to National Assn. ....	15.00
Miss Eva House - State Delegate to National Assn. ....	15.00
National Assn. of FWB Board of CTS - State CTS Trophies .....	49.30
Rev. J. L. Gore - Travel Expense .....	12.00
Randall Book Store - Supplies .....	1.75
Rev. Harold Harrison - Designated by Sunday School Convention ..	50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... \$1,003.68

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$1,157.86

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... 1,003.68

BALANCE ON HAND ..... \$ 154.18

#### MISSISSIPPI STATE HOME MISSION RECEIPTS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD NOVEMBER 1, 1966 .....	\$5,112.01
First F. W. B. Church - Amory .....	240.00
First F. W. B. Church - Columbus .....	593.36
First F. W. B. Church - Philadelphia .....	31.06
Eggville F. W. B. Church .....	35.00
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	312.00
Fulton F. W. B. Church .....	136.16
Buckstunna F. W. B. Church .....	84.80
Main Street F. W. B. Church - Amory .....	70.39
Lees Chapel F. W. B. Church - Jones County .....	43.54
First F. W. B. Church - Pascogoula .....	25.00
County Line F. W. B. Church .....	72.64
Beech Springs F. W. B. Church .....	31.00
Springdale F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
Jones Chapel C.T.S. Department .....	30.00
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	10.00
New Gauley F. W. B. Church .....	31.00
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church .....	28.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church .....	2.00
Thompson Creek F. W. B. Church .....	7.25
Damascus F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Bethlehem F. W. B. Church .....	9.00
New Lebanon F. W. B. Church .....	70.00
Hollis Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	47.50
Martin Hill F. W. B. Church .....	16.00
Antioch F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
North East District Association of F. W. B. ....	25.00
South Mississippi Quarterly Meeting .....	25.00
Damascus - Philadelphia Youth Rally .....	9.00
Roy Pearson .....	1.00
Rev. Herman Baker .....	5.00
Miss Madgie Robison .....	5.00
Rev. Charles Walden .....	51.08
Rev. J. L. Gore .....	46.62
Rev. Ronald Howland .....	12.50
Rev. George Lee Sr. ....	5.00
Rev. Levy Corey - Itinerary Services .....	467.28

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$2,683.38

BEGINNING BALANCE ..... 5,112.01

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH ..... \$7,795.39

# MISSISSIPPI STATE HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS

Rev., Randy Cox - Travel Expense .....	\$ 102.66,
Rev., R. H. McCuin - Travel Expense .....	19.92,
Rev., J. W. Long - Travel Meeting Mission Board .....	55.76,
Rev., Milton Worthington - Travel Expense .....	61.44,
Rev., Charles Walden - Travel Expense .....	31.08,
Rev., J. L. Gore - Travel Expense .....	34.62,
Rev., Levy Corey - Travel Meeting Mission Board .....	9.60,
Rev. Levy Corey - Moving Expense .....	131.93,
Business Equipment & Supply Co. - Supplies, Posters .....	92.58,
First F. W. B. Church - Columbus, Reimburse Postage .....	6.94
First F. W. B. Church - Columbus, Phone Calls .....	12.98
Postmaser - Smithville, Postage .....	6.00
The Meridian Star - Mission Advertising .....	72.53,
Rev. Levy Corey - Itinerary Travel .....	133.26,
Arthur Davenport Associates - Mission promotional supplies .....	40.75
Randall Book Store - Mission promotional supplies .....	45.00
Luke Printing co. - Mission promotional supplies & printing .....	65.13
Rev. Levy Corey - Phone Bill .....	23.93

SUB TOTAL ..... \$, 942.11  
NATIONAL ASSN. OF FWB HOME MISSIONS  
MISS. PROJECT 30 ..... 5,853.28

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... \$6,795.39

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$7,795.39  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... 6,795.39

BALANCE ON HAND ..... \$1,000.00

## MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS PROJECT 30 ACCOUNT RECEIPTS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD ..... \$ 5.00  
Mississippi State Mission Fund ..... 5,853.28  
W. N. A. C. .... 47.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$5,905.78

## PROJECT 30 DISBURSEMENTS

September Missionary Salary ..... \$ 433.33  
October Missionary Salary ..... 433.33

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... \$ 866.66

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$5,905.78  
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..... 866.66  
BALANCE ON HAND ..... \$5,039.12

Submitted by A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE . . .

We of the Obituary Committee submit the following report:

Because of the lack of information we are unable to fully recognize all of the precious souls we have lost. We are indeed grieved at their passing, but we know God's ways are higher than our ways.

We are especially grieved at the loss of Rev. Tom Johnson of the Narhteast Association, and Bro. Will Mason of South Mississippi Association, who have been outstanding men and done so much for the denomination. We suggest that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

*signed, Mrs. Tillis Walley, Mrs. Charles Walden and Mrs. B. Z. Byrd.*

## REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE . . .

The Resolution Committee makes the following report:

Item 1. Be it resolved that we give \$15.00 to each State Association delegate to the National Association for assistance in expenses.

Item 2. Be it resolved that we send our State Moderator to the State Moderators and promotional men's meeting this fiscal year.

Item 3. Be it resolved that we give Rev. Joe Jones \$25.00 for travel expense.

Item 4. Be it resolved that we accept the invitation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus as the site for next years meeting.

Item 5. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Martin Hill Church for the hospitality shown us while here, and for the wonderful meals served.

Report submitted by: Rev. R. H. McCuin, Mr. Raymond Jones and Mr. E. F. Harris

All items of recommendation were approved and accepted by the association.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE . . .

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Moderator — Rev. Daniel Gaskins (elected)

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Tillis Walley (elected)

Clerk — Rev. J. L. Gore (elected)

Assistant Clerk — From the floor (Quindel Pierce elected)

Treasurer — Mr. A. V. Armstrong (elected)

Board of Missions and Church Extension to replace Rev. Randy Cox — Rev. Randy Cox (elected)

To replace the unexpired term term of Rev. Tom Johnson — Rev. Ronald Howland (elected)

Board of Christian Education to replace Rev. Ronald Howland — Rev. J. S. Whitehead (elected)

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries — Rev. Claudius Mullins (elected)

To replace Rowland Rutledge trustee of the Childrens Home — Mr. Rowland Rutledge (elected)

General Board member to the National Association to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Tom Johnson— From the floor (Rev. Milton Worthington elected)



# CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## *Article I — Name*

This body shall be known henceforth as the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.

## *Article II Purpose*

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

## *Article III — Treatise of Faith and Practice*

This body adopts the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

## *Article IV — Membership*

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of all associations and churches that, from time to time, upon approval of the state association, shall become members of this body.

Section 2. Representation: Each district Association holding membership in the State Association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity, with an additional representative from each church comprising the District Association. Furthermore, all ordained ministers and deacons holding membership in churches within this State Association and all members of standing boards of the State Association shall be entitled to membership in this body.

Section 3. Any local church whose association is not a member of the State Association, may be represented with one lay delegate and the ordained minister and deacons of that church.

Section 4. It is understood that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist and the area associations comprising its membership have no judicial authority over any local church.

Section 5. The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist, the yearly association comprising its membership and their member local churches do not grant any judicial authority to any representative body to which they may belong.

## *Article V — Officers*

The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, and assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated and elected by a standing vote from the floor at each regular meeting.

Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting. Officers thus elected shall hold their positions until their successors are elected and installed.

## *Article VI — Boards and Committees*

Section 1. The Executive Committee is a standing committee, composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.

Section 2. This association shall elect whatever Boards and Committees it deems necessary for its operation and shall state whether they are standing or temporary.

Section 3. The Board of Missions and Church Extension is a standing Board composed of five (5) members with terms up to five (5) years, with a Board member going off each year.

Section 5. The Board of Christian Education is a standing Board composed of five (5) members with terms up to five (5) years, with a member going off each year.

## *Article VII — Meetings*

This Association shall hold its regular meetings annually at a time and place fixed by the last regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when extreme necessity demands, providing that the clerk of each association has been properly notified at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the meeting. Fifteen (15) legal representatives shall constitute a quorum for any special meetings of this Association.

## *Article VIII — Representative Fees*

This body requests that each association holding membership in this give a representative fee of \$20.00 per year and each local church give a representative fee of \$10.00 per year.

## *Article IX — Amendments*

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the morning session and voted on during the afternoon session.

## **BY-LAWS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

1. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When neither the Moderator nor the Assistant Moderator is present, the Executive Committee shall elect a Moderator pro-tem, who shall call the Association to order.

2. a. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record and have printed annually the minutes of this Association.

b. And to enroll the delegates to this Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to a credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all Associational Funds and disperse same as authorized by the Association.

4. a. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Association when the Association is not in session. Any action taken by this committee shall be submitted in report to the Association.

b. Board of Missions and Church Extension: It shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Receive and disburse money allocated them by the State and other money.
2. To promote the organization of new churches.
3. To give a complete report of all funds received, disbursements and progress made to the State body.
4. To take care of travel and promotional expenses of Board members out of the Mission fund.

c. Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries: It shall be the duty of this Board to:

1. Work in conjunction with our National Department in planning itinerants and conference speakers for the benefit of the local churches.
2. To plan programs for Bible conferences on a State level.

d. Board of Christian Education: It shall be the duty of this Board to:

1. To promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.
2. To be a link from the local to the National level.
3. To promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.
4. Plan and promote Sunday School and CTS Rallys on the State level.
5. Expenses of promotional literature, such as correspondence, special promotions etc., to be paid out of the general fund.

5. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of six (6) cents per mile plus compensation for food and lodging for all members of Standing Boards while transacting business authorized by or in behalf of the Association, or promotional work over the State. The Treasurer shall pay such expenses when a written claim is presented by each individual involved.

6. The Moderator when serving this Association in promotional services shall be paid \$4.00 for each service conducted in addition to mileage.

7. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees which shall present to the body nominations for such committees as are necessary.

8. That we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credential Committee report, and omit public reading of the letters: all letters to be mailed with the representative fee to the State Association Clerk by the first of the month in which meetings are to be held.

9. A Parliamentarian shall be elected by this body to decide any controversial proceeding upon the basis of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

10. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the morning session and voted on during the afternoon session.

11. The Mississippi State Associational Year will begin on October 1 and end on September 30.



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