



MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEN CONVENED WITH
FIRST
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Columbus, Mississippi

November 8, 1968
THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD

WITH THE
LEE'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER
1969



MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
—FREE WILL BAPTISTS—
1968 - 1969

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B O A R D S

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—

Rev. Milton Worthington - 1969; Mr. Fenton Hollifield - 1970; Mr. Charles Walden - 1971; Rev. Randy Cox - 1972; Bobby Mills - 1973.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

Rev. L. D. Walley - 1969; Rev. Milton Worthington - 1970; Mr. H. G. Cooper - 1971; Rev. J. S. Whitehead - 1972; Rev. J. K. Walley - 1973.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTERS—

Rev. D. W. Jones - 1969; Rev. William Buster - 1973.

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—

Rev. Milton Worthington.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN—

Rev. M. L. Hollis.

P R O C E E D I N G S
FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi on November 8, 1968 at 7:30 P. M. with Rev. Melvin Worthington presiding.

The services opened with a special choir selection by the Columbus First Church Choir and the congregation sang "He Lives" led by Bro. Worthington.

Rev. Paul Long gave a devotional that seemed to add to the theme and purpose of the association. Bro. Long read from I Samuel 17:43-46 and gave emphasis to the thought, "That All May Know." The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Randy Cox and Bro. L. E. Duncan gave the response.

Rev. Tillis Walley, Assistant Moderator, was recognized to introduce the officers of the association.

After being introduced to the association, the moderator, Rev. Daniel Gaskins, gave a very thoughtful moderator's message on the subject of the progress of the State association. He read from Hebrews 13:8.

The Moderator called the association officially into session.

Rev. Harvey Dupree was elected as parliamentarian for the 1968 session.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the clerk and all delegates present were seated to conduct the business of the association.

The committee on committees was appointed. This committee consisted of: Bro. Walley, Rev. Wayne Yarbough and Mr. William Walden.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led by Rev. Melvin Worthington in singing "O, How I Love Jesus." The Columbus First Church Choir sang two beautiful selections and an offering was received for the association's general fund.

Rev. Milton Worthington was introduced to bring the Friday night message. Bro. Worthington spoke from II Timothy chapter three on the subject, "Things We Can Be Certain of in the Last Days." After singing a hymn, the association was adjourned for the night to reconvene on Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:

Many ministers deacons and delegates attended the Fellowship breakfast at Bowen's Steak House at 7:30 on Saturday morning.

Rev. Paul Ketterman, Public Relations Director of Free Will Baptist Bible College, spoke to this group and pointed out the need of a great consecration toward the tasks that are our responsibility.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Association opened the Saturday morning session by singing "I Want To Be A Worker" led by Rev. Randy Cox.

Rev. J. K. Walley gave a devotional thought from Isaiah 58:1.

The final credentials committee report was given by the clerk. Report received by the association.

The report of the committee on committees was given by Rev. Wayne Yarbrough. (See report of committee on committees). Report received and Committees elected.

The Executive committee report was given by the clerk. (See Executive committee report). Report received and some items deferred until after noon session.

Rev. N. R. Smith gave a report concerning the Randall Book Store in Nashville. This is another service of the Executive Department of the National Association. If you do not have a Randall Book Store Catalog, send your request to Randall Book Store, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Samuel Johnson gave a comprehensive report of the last year's church training service department and activities. He spoke of some of the plans for this coming year's work.

Bro. Kimble Crosby was introduced to give a report of the National Layman's Board. He pointed out the need of the organization for more Master's Men Chapters all over our denomination. Bro. Crosby also gave a report of the National Music Fellowship. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Music Fellowship and receiving information about it should write: Music Fellowship, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

The Moderator adjourned the Association for a short recess.

The Association was reconvened by Rev. Milton Worthington leading in a congregational Hymn.

A partial report was given by the nominating committee. Report was received (see Nomination Committee report) and the members on this committee were dismissed due to conflict of members on standing boards. Moderator appointed Rev. Odel Harris, Rev. Curtis Briley and Jerry McCarkel.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

After a song led by Rev. Melvin Worthington an offering, in the amount of \$713.52, was received for Project 30 Number II.

The Moderator introduced Rev. W. A. Godsey to bring the Saturday morning message. Bro. Godsey spoke from Mathew 16:18.

The association was adjourned for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. J. L. Gore reconvened the association and led in the singing of a hymn.

The State Home Mission Board report was given by Rev. Randy Cox. (See Home Mission Board Report) Report received.

The National Foreign Mission Board report was given by Lillis Walley. Ella Rae Jones and Patsy Tyson were present and brought greetings to the association.

Rev. Robert Shockey was recognized and he gave the National Home Mission Board report. Bro. Shockey told of many projects now being planned by the Board.

The National Sunday School Department report was given by Wallace Hayes.

Rev. Paul Ketterman gave a report of the work and needs of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Financial report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. A. V. Armstrong (see Financial Statement). Report received.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Mrs. J. L. Gore. (see Obituary Committee report). Report received.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Rev. Jack Jones. (see Resolution Committee report). Report received.

Two delegates were elected to represent the Mississippi State Association at the special treatise discussion in Nashville, Tennessee on December 2. Rev. Milton Worthington and Rev. Levy Corey were elected. It was also decided by the Association to pay up to fifty dollars on their expenses. Association instructs these delegates to inform this meeting of the resolution adopted by this association pertaining to their question. (See Resolution Committee report Item Number Five).

The Nominating Committee report was made by Rev. Odel Harris. (See Nominating Committee report). Report received.

Rev. J. L. Gore was elected to be editor of the Mississippi Messenger. Pastors were urged to receive special offerings for the general fund to pay the expense of the newsletter.

The motion was made and adopted by the association to recommend to the National Foreign Mission Board a gathering of materials about the life and work of Thomas Wiley, Sr. and have a capable writer prepare a book about his life and work.

Motion made and adopted that this association express its appreciation to Dr. L. C. Johnson and the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College for the faithful work they are doing in Christian Education. Two delegates to National Association to be appointed by the Moderator.

The 1968 session of the Mississippi State Association was adjourned to meet with the Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Jones County, Friday night and Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1969.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

<i>ASSOCIATIONS</i>	<i>DELEGATES</i>	<i>FEES</i>
Northeast Mississippi	2	\$30.00
South Mississippi	5	20.00
Little Brown Creek	5	20.00

CHURCHES**DELEGATES****FEES**

Antioch	1	\$10.00
Antioch, Burnsville	1	10.00
Beech Springs	1	10.00
Buckatunna	1	10.00
Corinth	1	10.00
County Line, Richton	1	10.00
Faith Chapel	1	10.00
Fellowship	1	10.00
First, Amory	1	10.00
First, Booneville	1	10.00
First, Columbus	1	10.00
First, Pascagoula	1	10.00
Grace, Columbus	1	10.00
Hollis Chapel, Columbus	1	10.00
Lee's Chapel, Jones County	1	10.00
Lovewell	1	10.00
Macadonia	1	10.00
Main Street, Amory	1	10.00
Martin Hill	1	10.00
Meridian	1	10.00
New Lebanon	1	10.00
Philadelphia	1	10.00
Pierce Chapel	1	10.00
Springdale	1	10.00
Thompson Creek	1	10.00
Tupelo	1	10.00
West Point	1	10.00

**REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS
AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

OBSERVATIONS

Truly today we can say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done GREAT things for us; whereof we are glad." (126:3) How we rejoice in being part of His GREAT work and witnessing these "great things."

Zion has travailed. Believers have prayed, worked and given of their money. God has blessed and as a result of His blessings there are seated with us representatives of the FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI. On July 11, 1968, our first "Project 30" mission was organized into a church with thirty-three (33) charter members. Also, there is enough money in the Corey's account to COMPLETE our financial obligation to our first "Project 30" missionary family.

By remaining true to our Biblical founding purpose as a State Association, God has given us a new church to proclaim His TRUTH on our fourth (4th) birthday. He did it through YOU. As we have worked TOGETHER God has made a "one accord" desire to reality. This will be repeated in city after city throughout Mississippi as we stay close to HIM.

Last month your pastor received a letter from Brother Levy Corey. The Meridian Church has challenged each church to raise funds for "Project 30 ; 2." I trust that every church has sent a gift. The necessary funds are essential to the early beginning of our next mission work.

The basic weakness in financing the State Mission ministry is still the lack of systematic giving by our churches. Of our forty-eight (48) churches, approximately fourteen (14) giving regular monthly or quarterly gifts. If your church does not give systematically seek to change this when you get home. YOUR gift counts, large or small.

You may ask, "Where do we go from here?" There is one sure thing, we CANNOT stop. The task has just begun. Your Board of Missions and Church Extension is presently considering several cities for our second "Project 30". Each city has Free Will Baptist families in it who want a church. In our report we are recommending a goal of \$4,000.00 for MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS. Our purpose in doing this is that we may have the first year's expenses for our second "Project 30" missionary family by June 1st. This is essential to the beginning of our next missions project. Your Board depends on your prayer and support.

Without YOU we cannot be effective. Please pray for us that God's clear direction may be ours in securing a man and the proper city for PROJECT 30 ; 2".

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

1. Praise God for our new church in Meridian.
2. Pray for the Mederian church as they pay for property and gradually assume responsibility of Pastor.
3. Pray for God to direct us to His man for Project 30 ; 2.
4. Pray for Brother Corey as he continues to represent STATE MISSIONS throughout Mississippi.
5. Pray for the March for Mississippi Missions promotion.
6. Pray for your Board that God's wisdom and guidance will be theirs.

NEEDS OF MERIDIAN WORK

1. Free Will Baptist hymnals.
2. Chairs and tables for Sunday School.
3. Blackboards, flannelgraph, easels, maps, communion glasses, etc.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that this association adopt a goal of getting twenty (20) more member churches giving systematically to State Missions by the 1969 approved session.
2. We recommend that this association adopt a State Missions goal of \$4,000.00 so that we may have in hand the first years expenses for our second "Project 30" approved missionary by June 1, 1969.

MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS

Promotional Suggestions

1. Our promotional slogan this year will be "WE CAN DO IT AGAIN".
2. INDIVIDUAL contact will be the KEY to success in the March 1969 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.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We the committee on Resolution have the following report:

- Item 1-Be it resolved that Item 1 and Item 2 of last years resolutions be accepted as standard procedure of our State Association.
- Item 2-Be it resolved that we accept the invitation of Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Jones County as the site for the next years meeting.
- Item 3-Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Host church for their hospitality shown us while here, and for their wonedrful meals.
- Item 4-Be it resolved that the clerk of the district association supply our state association with the digest report of the obituary statistics of each association.
- Item 5-Be it resolved that the Miss. State Assoc. of F. W. B. recommend to the National Assoc. that the "Treatjse of the Faith and Practice of the Original F. W. B." Remain as it is on the subject of "Perservence of the Saints and Feet Washing, without any additions or deletions.

COMMITTEE:

Bro. Jack Jones, Bro. Tillis Walley, Bro. C. C. Brewer

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We of the obituary committee submit the following report:

Because of the lack of information we are unable to recognize all of the precious souls that have gone to be with the Lord. We. are grieved at their passing, but we know God's ways are higher than our ways. The committee also makes mention of the passing of a beloved National worker Bro. Tom Willey, Sr.

We suggest that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Signed- Mrs. Dot Gore, Mrs. William Buster, Mrs. J. H. Murphy.

CONFERENCE AND ITINERARY COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1st. Quarter for Bible College
- 2nd. Quarter for Foreign Missions

3rd. Quarter for Mississippi State Missions

4th. Quarter for National Home Missions

Will try to arrange deacons and ministers retreat this coming summer.

Try to arrange for Bible College Choir to make tour.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Dot Gore-Chairman, Mrs. William Buster, Mrs. J. H. Murphy.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Joeh Jones-Chairman, Rev. Tillis Walley, Rev. C. C. Brewer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Curtis Briley, Rev. Odel Harris, Rev. Jerry McCorkal.

Report submitted by Bro. Walden, Bro. Yarborough, and Bro. Walley.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meeting to discuss News letter at Columbus.
2. Executive Committee recommends that Rev. Melvin Worthington and Rev. Levy Corey be our representatives at the treatise discussion.
3. Program Planning meeting.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

I could not find any report among the minutes and material which were turned over to me.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator - Rev. Daniel Gaskins (elected)

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Tillis Walley (elected)

Clerk - Rev. Harvey Dupree (elected)

Assistant Clerk - Rev. J. L. Gore (elected)

Treasurer - Mr. A. V. Armstrong elected

Board of Missions and Church Extension to fill expiring terms . Rev. Melvin Worthington,, Bobby Mills both elected

Board of Christian Education to fill expiring terms - Rev. L. D. Walley; Rev. J. K. Walley both elected

Board of Conference and Itinirate ministers - Rev. William Buster, elected

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Odell Harris, Curtis Briley, Jerry McCarkel.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOR
YEAR BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1967 AND ENDING SEPT. 30, 1968

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Mississippi State Association Offering	\$ 52.70
Mississippi State Association Fees	303.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church	233.83
First F. W. B. Church (West Point)	3.00
First F. W. B. Church (Columbus)	55.00
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church	35.00
First F. W. B. Church (Philadelphia)	26.98
Return Delegate Fee to National	30.00
N. E. Dist. C. T. S. Rally — Designated CTS Trophies	39.00
State C. T. S. Rally — Designated CTS Trophies	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$803.51
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	154.18
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$957.69

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Treasurers Book and Supplies	\$ 38.52
Business Equipment and Supply Co., Supplies	33.07
Postage	29.85
Envelopes and Minutes	171.74
Rev. W. D. Jones - Guest Speaker	25.00
Rev. W. D. Jones - Motel Expense	8.00
State Moderator - Moderators Meeting	62.06
State Moderator - Travel	163.86
State Moderator - 11 Services	44.00
Mississippi Messenger Printing	120.97
Registration and Delegates Fee to National	115.00
STATE C. T. S. TROPHIES	63.56
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	875.34
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$957.69
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	875.34
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SEPT. 30, 1968	\$82.35

MISS. STATE HOME MISSION RECEIPTS

Rev. Tom Johnson Memorial Offering	\$266.66
South Miss. Dist. Assoc. of F. W. B.	45.00
Antioch F. W. B. Church (Burnsville)	155.00
Antioch F. W. B. Church (Randolph)	72.00
Buckatunna F. W. B. Church	70.84
Bethlehem F. W. B. Church	50.00
Bethel F. W. B. Church	5.00
Beech Springs F. W. B. Church	30.00
County Line F. W. B. Church	60.00
Corinth F. W. B. Church	73.00
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church	34.00
First F. W. B. Church (Columbus)	641.00

First F. W. B. Church	(Meridian)	56.92
First F. W. B. Church	(Amory)	230.00
First F. W. B. Church	(Pascagoula)	43.11
First F. W. B. Church	(Booneville)	80.00
First F. W. B. Church	(Philadelphia)	56.98
First F. W. B. Church	(West Point)	13.32
Fellowship F. W. B. Church		201.51
Fulton F. W. B. Church		157.75
Hollis F. W. B. Church		195.50
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church		257.00
Lee's Chapel F. W. B. Church	(Jones Co.)	192.80
Lee's Chapel F. W. B. Church	(Wayne Co.)	100.00
Lovewell F. W. B. Church		141.09
Martin Hill F. W. B. Church		71.00
McGregor Chapel F. W. B. Church		135.00
New Lebanon F. W. B. Church		187.20
New Gauley F. W. B. Church		58.00
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church		453.66
Springdale F. W. B. Church		87.00
Thompson Creek F. W. B. Church		4.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church		117.76
White Hill F. W. B. Church		59.83
Rev. W. F. Clark		100.00
Mrs. Charles Bradley		25.00
Mr. Charles Walden		35.00
Mr. Alvis H. Jourdan		10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kelly		10.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,581.93
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$5,581.93

MISSISSIPPI STATE HOME MISSION DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Levy Corey - Travel Expense	\$138.48
Rev. Levy Corey - Windshield	51.25
Rev. Levy Corey - Postage	4.00
Meridian Mission - Advertising	35.58
Meridian Mission Telephone	166.52
Mission Board - Travel	106.64
Mission Board Promotional Supplies	152.27
Mission - Postage	6.00
West Point Mission - Designated	40.00
Returned Check	2.00

SUB - TOTAL \$702.74

National Association of F. W. B. Home Missions

Miss. Missions Project 30	\$3,879.19
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,581.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5,851.93
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,581.93
MISSION FUND BALANCE SEPT. 30, 1968	
	\$1,000.00

MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS PROJECT 30 ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

Mississippi State Mission Fund	\$3,879.19
W. N. A. C.	62.00
Individual Gifts	12.00
West Point Mission	39.63

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$3,992.82

BALANCE BOUGHT FORWARD 5,039.12

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH \$9,031.94

DISBURSEMENTS:

Missionary Salary	\$4,658.30
Missionary Salary Corrected From Assoc. Yr. 1966-67	433.33
Missionary's Self-Employment Tax	69.34
Missionary Superannuation	31.25
Return Check	2.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,194.22

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$9,031.94

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 5,194.22

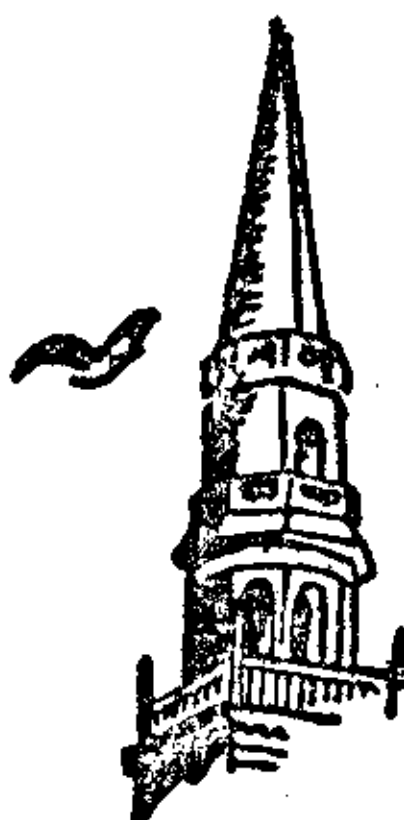
BALANCE IN PROJECT 30 SEPT 30, 1968 \$3,837.72

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM BEGINNING OF PROJECT 30 9,889.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM BEGINNING OF PROJECT 30 6,060.88

BALANCE \$3,837.72

Submitted by A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer



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 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 association 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 4. 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 the 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 BAPTISTS

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 the Association.

(b) And to enroll the delegates to this Association who shall present themselves with the 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 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 Credentials 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.



GERALD HODGES PRINTING, BOONEVILLE, MISS.