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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
*Seventh Annual Session*  
OF THE  
**MISSISSIPPI STATE  
ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

WHEN CONVENED WITH  
*First*  
*Free Will Baptist Church*  
COLUMBUS, MISS.

*November 12 & 13, 1971*

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD  
WITH THE

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AND SATURDAY  
BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN NOVEMBER, 1972

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# MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION

## OF

### FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1971 - 1972

MODERATOR ..... REV. E. H. BROCK  
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ASSISTANT MODERATOR ..... REV. J. L. GORE  
Route 5, Booneville, Mississippi 38829

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Route 1, Smithville, Mississippi 38870

EDITOR - MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER ..... REV. DANIEL GASKINS

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—

Rev. Randy Cox-1972; Rev. Odell Harris-1973; Bro. Berry Van  
Nowell-1974; Rev. E. H. Brock-1975; Bro. Charles Walden-1976.

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

Rev. Edd Mazingo-1972; Rev. Luther Gibson-1973; Rev. Norman  
Richmond-1974; Rev. Nick Hollis-1975; Rev. R. P. Rich-1976.

#### BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES—

Bro. Darrell Stafford-1972; Rev. J. L. Gore-1973; Rev. Daniel  
Gaskins-1974.

#### BOARD OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION—

Rev. Paul Long-1972; Rev. J. K. Walley-1973; Bro. William  
Walden-1974.

## DIGEST REPORT OF CHURCHES

Digest Report of Churches and Associations represented at the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists convening at First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., Nov. 12-13, 1971.

Name of Church	General Mission		Fee	Total
Lovewell .....			\$10.31	\$10.31
First, Pascagoula .....			10.00	10.00
County Line .....			10.00	10.00
Buckatunna .....			10.00	10.00
Lee's Chapel (Wayne Co.) .....			10.00	10.00
North Side .....			10.00	10.00
Corinth .....			10.00	10.00
White Hill .....	5.00	50.00	10.00	65.00
Fawn Grove .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.00
Antioch, Burnsville .....	10.00		10.00	20.00
First, Philadelphia .....			10.00	10.00
Beech Springs .....			10.00	10.00
First, West Point .....			10.00	10.00
Pearce Chapel .....			10.00	10.00
Lee's Chapel (Jones Co.) .....			10.00	10.00
Fellowship .....			10.00	10.00
New Lebanon .....			10.00	10.00
Smith's Chapel .....	5.00	5.00	10.00	10.00
Antioch (Randolph) .....			10.00	10.00
First, Booneville .....		21.00	10.00	10.00
Main St., Amory .....			10.00	10.00
New Gauley .....			10.00	10.00
Pine Grove .....			10.00	10.00
First, Meridian .....			10.00	15.00
First, Richton .....			10.00	10.00
Bethel .....			10.00	10.00
Eggville .....			10.00	10.00
Damascus .....	5.00	5.00	10.00	20.00
Tupelo .....			10.00	10.00
First, Amory .....			10.00	10.00
Columbus, First .....			10.00	10.00
Martin Hill .....			10.00	10.00
Jones Chapel .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.00

### Name of Association

South Mississippi .....	20.00	20.00
North East .....	30.00	30.00
Little Brown Creek .....	20.00	20.00

— P R O C E E D I N G S —

BIBLE CONFERENCE

SPONSORED BY THE

BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITNERATE MINISTRIES

and

Of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist  
Convening at the Columbus F.W.B. Church  
Columbus, Mississippi

**PROGRAM**

**November 12, 1971**

A. V. Armstrong, Presiding

Rev. Melvin Worthington, Song Director

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10:00 a.m.—Worship in Song

Welcome Address—Rev. Randy Cox

10:25 a.m.—Message - Rev. R. P. Rich

10:55 a.m.—Recess

11:00 a.m.—Worship in Song

11:20 a.m.—Message - Rev. Glenn Shelby

12:00 Noon—LUNCH

1:00 p.m.—Call to Worship

1:20 p.m.—Message - Rev. Edd Mazingo

1:50 p.m.—Recess

2:00 p.m.—Worship in Song

2:05 p.m.—Testimony Service

2:20 p.m.—Message - Rev. Milton Worthington

3:00 p.m.—Special session of prayer for the State Association

## FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

The Seventh Annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi on Friday night, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. with the moderator Rev. Odell Harris, presiding.

The session opened by singing "Whosoever Will" led by Rev. Joseph Wallis. Rev. Truman Freeman led in Prayer. Congregation sang "At Calvary".

Rev. Paul Long brought the devotion. He read Phil. 4:10. He exhorted us to use the example of the Apostle Paul to rejoice under all circumstances. Prayer by Bro. Long.

The welcome address was given by Rev. Randy Cox, the host pastor. The response was given by Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

Introduction of the officers was given by Rev. Daniel Gaskins, clerk. The State Association was called to order by the clerk.

Moderator's address followed by Rev. Odell Harris. Moderator introduced Rev. Harold Harrison from the Sunday School Department and Rev. John Hollis from the C.T.S. Department. Moderator Harris used the theme verse, Jude, verse 3 as his text.

The clerk gave the Digest Report of the Churches and Associational letters. The delegates present were seated to conduct the business of the Association. Rev. E. H. Brock was elected Parliamentarian for this session.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Randy Cox, Rev. C. C. Brewer and Rev. Luther Gibson to serve on the Committee on Committees. The Auditing Committee appointed was Brother Marlin Dykes and Rev. Herman Baker.

The Executive Committee Report was given by the clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins. (See report).

Motion was made to cease calling our Bible Conference a Bible Conference and call it Ministers and Deacons Conference and change the format to use our deacons and laity including the ladies. Motion was made and carried to postpone this motion until Saturday afternoon.

## FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers" led by Rev. Joseph Wallis. Rev. Edd Mazingo led in prayer. Worship offering for State General Fund was received in the amount of \$54.65. Moderator introduced Rev. Norman Richmond, pastor of the Fulton Free Will Baptist Church to bring the message. Special music was rendered by the choir of the host church. Rev. Richmond used Hebrews 13:8,

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever". He referred to the theme verse, Jude verse 3 — "Common faith". He pointed out that the Bible points out that we can know the truth. Our faith must be based in Christ. The person of Jesus never changes. An experience with Christ changes lives. The people who stand today are the ones that can look back to that experience. This experience gives assurance and victory at the end. Benediction.

## **SATURDAY MORNING**

Prayer Fellowship Breakfast began the day Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at the Steakhouse Restaurant on Highway 82 East. Rev. Nick Hollis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Meridian, was the speaker.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

The Association opened the morning session by singing "Jesus Saves" led by Rev. Joseph Wallis. Rev. C. C. Brewer led in prayer. Congregation sang "I Know in Whom I Have Believed".

Brother Charles Walden brought the devotion. He used 2 Peter 1:5-10 as his text. He challenged each one to seek to be in the center of God's Will. Bro. Walden closed his devotion with prayer.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

Rev. M. L. Hollis led in prayer for God's leadership in the business. Final digest report was given and all delegates seated.

Motion was made that Article 9 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows: A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator if he deems it necessary, and any question as to parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be the final authority on the subject. Motion was made and carried to table until afternoon session.

Motion was made that recommendations 3, 4 and 5 of the Executive Committee Report be added to the Constitution and By-laws. Motion was made and carried to table until afternoon session.

Committee on Committee Report was given by Rev. Randy Cox. (See Report). Motion was made and carried to accept the report and act on them item by item.

Report of the State Home Mission Board was given by Rev. Randy Cox. (See report). Motion was made and carried that the report be accepted and recommendations be adopted. (Excluding cards). Rev. Wendell Walley gave a report of the Greenville Church.



Report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Melvin Worthington. Motion was made and carried to receive the report as information. Recess.

After recess congregation sang "Near The Cross". Rev. Glen Shelby led in prayer.

Rev. Nick Hollis, pastor of the Meridian church gave a report. They are in a Bond Program to build a new church building. He pointed out the need of selling these bonds so that they could soon get in the new building.

Report of the Historical Commission was given by Rev. Paul Long. Motion was made and carried that the report be accepted and acted upon item by item. (See report).

Partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Herman Baker. Motion carried to accept report and vote item by item. (See report).

### **SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

Congregation sang, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us". Worship offering was received for Mississippi State Missions. Rev. J. L. Gore led in the offertory prayer. Special music, "He Touched Me" was rendered by a trio composed of Rev. Melvin and Milton Worthington and Rev. Randy Cox.

Rev. Luther Gibson brought the message. He used 2 Timothy 1:1-9. Prayer by Bro. Gibson. The Mission of the Church was Bro. Gibson's subject. He pointed out that first, the mission of the church is in production. Evangelism is the life line of the church; second, the mission of the church is induction. The church is to be inducted into the service of the Lord; third, the mission of the church is introduction, introducing Christ to a lost people and fourth, the mission of the church is instruction. God wants us to be missionary in our person, in our purity, in passion, and in our purse. He closed the message with prayer. The Association then adjourned for lunch.

Benediction.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

Congregation sang "Amazing Grace". Brother Norman Nowell led in prayer.

Rev. Harold Harrison gave a report of the National Sunday School Department.

Rev. John Hollis gave a report of the National Church Training Service Department.

Rev. Roy Thomas, wife, son and daughter rendered a special

in song. Bro. Thomas gave a report of the National Home Missions Department.

Congregation sang, "The Lily Of The Valley".

Rev. Paul Ketterman gave a report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brother Harold Critcher gave a report of the National Foreign Mission Department.

Rev. Eugene Workman gave a report of the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Prayer by Rev. E. H. Brock.

Auditing Report was given by Bro. Marlin Dykes. Motion made and carried this report be adopted. (See report).

Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. A. V. Armstrong. Motion was made and carried that this report be adopted. (See report).

Obituary Committee Report was given by Rev. Truman Freeman. Motion made and carried to adopt this report. (See report).

Resolution Committee Report was given by Rev. Paul Long. Motion made, carried that this report be received and adopted item by item. (See report).

Rev. Wendell Walley resigned from the Board of Christian Education. Motion was made and carried to accept his resignation. Rev. Norman Richmond was elected in his place.

Final report of the Nominating Committee was given. Motion was made and carried to adopt the nominations as read. (See report).

Motion carried that the amendment of By-laws, that was tabled be taken from the table. Motion carried that the amendment be adopted. Article 9 of the By-laws be amended as follows: A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator if he deem it necessary, and any question as to parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules and Order shall be the final authority on the subject.

Motion was carried that the tabled motion relative to the changing of the name of the Bible Conference be taken from the table for consideration. The original motion was rejected.

Motion made and carried to take from the table the Executive Committee Report relative to adding to Constitution and By-laws. The original motion was adopted. (See original motion)

Report of Conference and Itinerate Ministries was given by Rev. J. L. Gore. Motion made and carried to adopt this report. (See report).

Adjournment.



**REPORT OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**  
**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

The Executive Committee met at the Pearce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, September 18th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Rev. Odell Harris, Rev. Daniel Gaskins and Brother A. V. Armstrong. We began with prayer led by Brother Armstrong. The following business was transacted.

- I. We planned the program for the State Association.
- II. We made the following recommendations:
  1. That all Boards and Committees, appointed or elected, that fails to perform their duties or make reports as directed by this Association, shall automatically be terminated and another board or committee shall be appointed or elected. The Chairman of the terminated committee shall not be re-elected to this committee for at least one year; the other members may succeed themselves.
  2. That the organized activities of our State Bible Conference and State Association be altered as follows:
    - (1) The Bible Conference go from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday.
    - (2) The State Association convene at 2:00 p.m. on Friday instead of 7:00 p.m.
  3. That the clerk be given \$50.00 per year for his time, effort and personal expenses in preparation of the State minutes.
  4. That the Editor of the Mississippi Messenger be paid \$20.00 per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing the Messenger.
  5. That the State Treasurer be paid \$50.00 per year to cover his time and effort and personal expenses in preparing monthly and yearly reports.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rev. Herman Baker  
Rev. Jack Jones  
Otis Johnson  
(Carried)

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Rev. Truman Freeman  
Eva House  
Reba Wood  
(Carried)

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

Rev. Paul Long  
Norman Nowell  
Elizabeth Gibson  
(Carried)

### Signed —

C. C. Brewer  
Luther Gibson  
Randy Cox

## REPORT ON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Your State Historical Commission met on September 20, 1971 at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Columbus, Mississippi. We are making the following recommendations.

1. That we call on each individual and church to help us preserve the history of Free Will Baptist in Mississippi by giving their minutes, periodicals, magazines, and other historical papers of the various District Associations and the State Association from their first meetings until the present time. Adopted.
2. That the State Association authorize the Historical Commission to purchase a suitable metal cabinet or cabinets for the preservation of these materials. A 4-drawer filing cabinet can be purchased for \$54.50 — 28" depth. Adopted.
3. That these materials be kept in space offered by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus until a more suitable or permanent place is decided upon. Adopted.

Rev. Luther Gibson, 145 N. Lake St., Booneville, Ms. 38829

Rev. Paul Long, Rt. 5 - Box 131-A, Tupelo, Ms. 38801

Rev. J. K. Walley, Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

### Resolved:

1. That we accept the invitation of the First Church of Pascagoula as the meeting place for the 1972 Session of the State Association. Adopted.

2. That at least three copies of the State Association Program be sent to each local church at least a month in advance of the meeting. Adopted.
3. That we express by a rising vote our appreciation to the host church, our thanks for their kindness and hospitality during the Bible Conference and the State Association. Adopted.
4. That a copy of the elected officers and standing board members be sent to each elected member. And that this report contain a list of duties for each office and board. Adopted.
5. That a date be established at the State meeting for all boards to have their first meeting of the new Association year. The purpose to formulate a plan of action for the coming year. Not Adopted.

This above list and meetings to be within 60 days after the yearly Association.

Paul Long  
Norman Nowell  
Elizabeth Gibson

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator—Rev. E. H. Brock

Assistant Moderator—Rev. J. L. Gore

Clerk—Rev. Daniel Gaskins

Assistant Clerk—Rev. Glenn Shelby

Treasurer—Mr. A. V. Armstrong

Board of Missions and Church Extension to replace the expired term of Charles Walden—Charles Walden 1976

Board of Christian Education to replace all members (5): Rev. Edd Mazingo, 1972; Rev. Luther Gibson, 1973; Rev. Norman Richmond, 1974; Rev. Nick Hollis, 1975; Rev. R. P. Pitch, 1976.

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries to replace the expired term of Rev. Edd Mazingo—Rev. Daniel Gaskins, 1974.

Board of Historical Commission to replace the expired term of Rev. Luther Gibson—William Walden, 1974.

Herman E. Baker  
Dallas Jack Jones  
Otis E. Johnson

## STATE MISSIONS REPORT

### OBSERVATIONS—

“He first findeth his own brother . . . and he brought him to Jesus”. (John 1:41a) These words were spoken of Andrew. This is the missionary imperative on the home level. A great servant of God was born into the kingdom on that day as Andrew moved to meet the need nearest to him. Every Christian is called to the missionary task. If our concern for sinners is not tangible toward those we can see neither will it be toward those we will never see.

Missions still pays. There are costs involved but in the practical out-working, it PAYS. It **always** pays to **obey God**. His work on earth is strengthened through the obedience of His people. It is strengthened in souls being saved and through broadening financial abilities. People were saved this year through our efforts in Greenville. Also, the mission gave \$156.89 to State Missions, besides supporting other phases of the work. Missions PAYS.

Today we express appreciation to our National Executive Secretary, Rev. Rufus Coffey, and CONTACT Magazine for printing the Mississippi Missions story in the November 1970 issue. It is our prayer that our state missions endeavor may serve to encourage others.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Meridian is now self-sustaining. Rev. Levy Corey, feeling it to be God's will for him to go to another field of labor, resigned in September, and the new pastor, Rev. Nick Hollis, is on the field. Continue to be faithful in prayer for this young church and its pastor.

The **increase** in giving to State Missions this past fiscal year was about \$700.00 (note fund transfer of \$500.00 last year). Praise God for the increase. Thirty-two (32) churches and missions gave during the fiscal year (October 1, 1970 to September 30, 1971). This is the **same number** that gave the previous year. Regular, systematic giving is still the pressing need. Does **your church** give in this manner? The need is seen when we observe that the average monthly giving for the year was \$296.61, excluding March (special promotion). We urge more churches to participate in this ministry.

Your Board of Missions and Church Extension has been discussing the possible purchase of a mobile chapel. These have been used effectively by others in establishing new churches. We can see advantages and disadvantages. At present, the advantages override the disadvantages. However, your Board feels it unwise to assume the **total** cost for such a chapel by indebtedness. Your prayers and suggestions will be appreciated.

Praise God for His faithfulness and yours through this past year. With confidence in both we move forward to establish other witnesses for Him in Mississippi.

**Area Rallies** will be encouraged as a part of the MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS promotion this year. Our missionary Wendell Walley or a member of your State Board of Missions and Church Extension will be available to speak at these rallies at no expense to the rally. Of course, dates and times will have to be set to the schedules of those involved.

Keep working, praying and giving. VICTORY is ours through faith. BE a part of the WORK and then you can enjoy the VICTORY.

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS—**

1. Praise God for the increase at Greenville. Membership has more than doubled in the past year (mostly young couples saved).
2. Praise God for the liberal giving at the mission enabling them to accumulate a building fund of \$1850.00 in nine (9) months.
3. Pray daily for the Walley's.
4. Pray for the spiritual growth of the new converts at the Greenville work which is needed so they can assume their responsibility to their Lord and His church.
5. Pray for God's direction in property purchase for the Greenville church.
6. Pray for the success of MARCH FOR MISSIONS - 72. Prayer goal, \$3500.00.
7. Pray for God's direction regarding the mobile chapel.
8. Pray for God's direction in our next State Missions endeavor.

### **NEEDS OF THE GREENVILLE WORK—**

1. Blackboards, flannelgraph, easels, maps, etc.
2. Attendance record board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS—**

1. We recommend that each church make a **diligent effort** to give regularly to state missions from their general funds, making their intentions known by returning the enclosed card.
2. We recommend the following MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS promotion:
  - a. **Each** church spend MARCH raising special funds for State Missions.
  - b. That these gifts be presented at the Area Rallies. If an area rally is not held, that they be mailed to the state treasurer.
  - c. That the promotional literature be a poster and a bulletin insert handbill.



## REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the State Treasurer, and find them to be in order. We commend Brother A. V. Armstrong for a job well done.

Marlin Dykes  
Herman Baker

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist for year beginning October 1, 1970 and ending September 30, 1971.

### General Fund Receipts:

Antioch F. W. B. Church — (Randolph) .....	\$ 40.00
County Line F. W. B. Church .....	55.00
Damascus F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Eggville F. W. B. Church .....	120.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
First F. W. B. Church — (Amory) .....	150.00
First F. W. B. Church — (Columbus) .....	240.00
Fulton F. W. B. Church .....	36.00
Free Will Baptist Mission — (Greenville) .....	42.80
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	40.00
Lees Chapel F. W. B. Church — (Jones County) .....	20.00
New Gauley F. W. B. Church .....	30.00
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	257.52
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	279.88
State C. T. S. Rally — Designated .....	40.00
Pearce Chapel Masters Men .....	5.00
Miss. State Association Offering .....	71.90
Miss. State Association Fees and Church Gifts .....	452.80
Little Brown Creek Association .....	20.00
North East Miss. Association .....	30.00
South Miss. Association .....	20.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	1,965.90
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD .....	183.40
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TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....	\$2,149.30

**General Fund Disbursements:**

Treasurers Supplies .....	20.22
Treasurers Postage .....	26.84
State Association Speakers .....	50.00
Phone .....	55.93
State C. T. S. Rally — Supplies and Trophies .....	70.76
Travel .....	27.60
State Delegate & Registration Fee to National Association ....	115.00
Clerk Supplies & Postage for Messenger .....	112.05
Printing Miss. F. W. B. Messenger .....	922.74

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....\$1,401.14

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....\$2,149.30

LESS DISBURSEMENTS ..... 1,401.14

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE —**

Sept. 30, 1971 ..... 748.16

SUBMITTED BY

A. V. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer

**Mission Fund Receipts:**

Antioch F. W. B. Church — Randolphs .....	\$ 150.00
Antioch F. W. B. Church — Burnsville .....	162.00
Beach Springs F. W. B. Church .....	252.43
Bethlehem F. W. B. Church .....	47.80
Buckatunna F. W. B. Church .....	82.15
Corinth F. W. B. Church .....	84.44
County Line F. W. B. Church .....	80.00
Eggville F. W. B. Church .....	329.36
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church .....	125.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church .....	290.00
First F. W. B. Church — Amory .....	225.00
First F. W. B. Church — Columbus .....	945.00
First F. W. B. Church Womans Auxiliary — Booneville .....	7.05
First F. W. B. Church — Pascagoula .....	10.00
First F. W. B. Church — Philadelphia .....	42.00
Fulton F. W. B. Church .....	194.10
F. W. B. Mission — Greenville .....	156.89

Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	49.00
Lees Chapel F. W. B. Church — Wayne County .....	232.28
Lees Chapel F. W. B. Church — Jones County .....	43.58
Little Brown F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
Lovewell F. W. B. Church .....	52.00
Martin Hill F. W. B. Church .....	240.00
New Gauley F. W. B. Church .....	87.80
New Lebanon F. W. B. Church .....	95.00
North Side F. W. B. Church Womans Auxiliary .....	28.00
North Side F. W. B. Church .....	120.00
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	1,227.95
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church Masters Men .....	15.00
Macedonia .....	25.00
McGregor Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	40.00
Pine Grove F. W. B. Church .....	20.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	401.00
White Hill F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
Miss. State Association Offering .....	155.52
Northeast District Association Quarterly Meeting .....	109.79
Northeast District Womans Auxiliary .....	204.17
Rev. W. F. Clark .....	100.00
Buford A. Pearce .....	10.00
Charles Walden .....	12.00
Mrs. Isom Walley .....	8.00

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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$6,559.31
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Balance Brought Forward (Checking) .....	500.00
Balance Brought Forward (Savings) .....	1,000.00
Interest on Savings .....	61.21

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Total Available Cash .....	\$8,120.52
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#### **Mission Fund Disbursements:**

Miss. Greenville Project Account .....	\$4,696.53
Pulpit Supply — Greenville Mission .....	22.20
Rev. Wendell Walley — Raise in Salary .....	172.32
Rev. Wendell Walley — Salary Adjustment .....	66.00
Rev. Wendell Walley — Travel Expense .....	47.80
Rev. Levy Corey — Salary Supplement .....	800.00
Mission Telephone .....	103.70

Mission Board Travel .....	98.73
Printing .....	94.50
Postage and Phone — Mission Board .....	33.25
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	\$6,136.03

Total Available Cash .....	\$8,120.52
Less Disbursements .....	6,136.03

Checking Account .....	923.28
Checking Account .....	1,061.21

Mission Fund Balance, Sept. 30, 1971 .....	\$1,984.49
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**Mississippi Missions Greenville Project National Home Mission  
Board Account:**

**Receipts:**

Miss. State Mission Fund .....	\$4,696.53
Out of State Churches and Associations .....	227.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	365.19
W. N. A. C. ....	76.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$5,364.08

**Disbursements:**

Missionary Salary .....	\$3,337.44
Missionary S. S. and S. A. ....	312.14
Christmas Gift .....	50.00
Unknown .....	14.50
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$3,714.08

Total Receipts .....	\$5,364.72
Balance Brought Forward .....	1,365.82

Total Available Cash .....	\$6,730.54
Less Disbursements .....	3,714.08

Bal. in Account Sept. 30, 1971 .....	\$3,016.46
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SUBMITTED BY

A. V. ARMSTRONG, Treasurer

## CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES REPORT

We, your Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries submit the following recommendations.

1. That we have a State-wide Conference on Evangelism.
2. That the chairman be authorized to plan the program.
3. That the promotional expense be paid from the general fund.
4. That the location and date be left open.
5. A State-wide Itinerate for Bible College Quartet or Trio.

Rev. J. L. Gore, Chairman

Rev. Daniel Gaskins, Clerk

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Obituary Committee submit the following report. We find that the Lord has called from this walk of life the following:

### **South Mississippi Association—**

Corinth Church: Mr. Emitt Rains and Mrs. Dell Cooley.

Fellowship: Mr. Erastus McLain.

### **Northeast Association—**

Pearce Chapel: Mrs. Dorothy Noe and Mr. Robert Pierce.

Columbus, Miss.: Mr. W. C. Brown and Mrs. W. W. Wilcoxon.

Tupelo: Mr. L. E. Duncan.

Calhoun City: Rev. G. C. Lee Sr.

### **Little Brown Creek Association—**

Macedonia: Cordie Whittemore

Antioch: Mrs. Goldie Davenport

New Lebanon: Christine Richardson

Burgess Creek: George L. Lambert

Martin Hill: Shelton McKinney

Smith Chapel: Tyke Stevens

Jones Chapel: B. F. Lambert and Marcus Pollard

First, Booneville: Mrs. Ethel Gore

Mt. Pisgah: Grover Livingston, Willie Livingston, Sister Rozzie Garvin.

Submitted by: Rev. Truman Freeman, Chairman



# **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 Baptists.

## **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 Baptists.

## **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 and all Missionaries under the auspices of the State Mission Board 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 ministers and deacons of that church.

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

Section 5. The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists, the yearly Associations 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 (5) members with terms up to five (5) years, with a member going off each year.

Section 5. The Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries is a standing board composed of three (3) members with terms up to three (3) years, with a member going off each year.

Section 6. The board of Historical Commission is a standing board composed of three (3) members with terms up to three (3) 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 Association 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 or 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.  
(c) The Clerk shall be given fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year for his time, effort and personal expenses in preparation of the State minutes.
3. (a) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all Associational funds and disperse same as authorized by the Association.  
(b) The Treasurer shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year to cover his time and effort and personal expenses in preparing monthly and yearly reports.
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 complete report of all funds received, disbursements and progress made to the State Association.
  - (4) To take care of travel and promotional expenses of Board members out of the Mission Fund.

(c) Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries: It shall be the duty of this Board to:

(1) Work in conjunction with our National Departments in planning Itinerates 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) Promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.

(2) To be a link from the local church to the National level.

(3) Promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.

(4) Plan and promote Sunday School and C.T.S. Rallys on the State level.

(5) Expenses of promotional literature, such as correspondence, special promotions etc., to be paid out of General Fund.

(e) Board of Historical Commission: It shall be the duty of this Board to:

(1) Obtain all possible information about the history of Free Will Baptists in Mississippi.

(2) Maintain a current record of progress.

(3) Give a progress report annually at each session of the State Association.

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 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 appointed by the Moderator if he deem it necessary, and any question as to parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be final authority on the subject.

10. The Editor of the Mississippi Messenger shall be paid \$20.00 per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing Messenger.

11. 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.

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