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

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

*November 10 & 11, 1972*

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD  
WITH THE

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AND SATURDAY  
BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN NOVEMBER, 1973

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**MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**1972 - 1973**

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**BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—**

Rev. Odell Harris-1973; Bro. Berry Van Nowell-1974; Rev. E. H. Brock-1975; Bro. Charles Walden-1976; Rev. Randy Cox-1977.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—**

Rev. Luther Gibson-1973; Rev. Norman Richmond-1974; Rev. Nick Hollis-1975; Rev. Bill Gardener-1976; Rev. Edd Mazingo-1977.

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES—**

Rev. J. L. Gore-1973; Rev. Daniel Gaskins-1974; Bro. Darrell Stafford-1975.

**BOARD OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION—**

Rev. J. K. Walley-1973; Bro. William Walden-1974; Rev. Herbert Knight-1975.

**BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME — Rev. Fred Hawkins.**

**GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION —**

Rev. Norman Richmond

## DIGEST REPORT OF CHURCHES

Digest Report of Churches and Associations representing at the  
Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists convening at the  
First Free Will Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Miss., Nov. 10-11, 1972.

Name of Church	General	Mission	Fee	Total
First, Pascagoula .....			\$10.00	\$10.00
Fawn Grove .....	25.00		10.00	35.00
North Side .....			10.00	10.00
Pearce Chapel .....			10.00	10.00
New Gauley .....			10.00	10.00
White Hill .....	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.00
Pine Grove .....		10.00	10.00	20.00
Grace Chapel .....	10.00		10.00	20.00
First, Philadelphia .....			10.00	10.00
First, Booneville .....			10.00	10.00
Corinth .....	52.00		10.00	62.00
Fellowship .....			10.00	10.00
Antioch (Burnsville) .....			10.00	10.00
Lee's Chapel (Wayne Co.) .....			10.00	10.00
Jones Chapel .....			10.00	10.00
Lee's Chapel (Jones Co.) .....	5.00		10.00	15.00
First, Meridian .....			10.00	10.00
New Lebanon .....			10.00	10.00
Bethel .....			10.00	10.00
First, Richton .....			10.00	10.00
First, Amory .....			10.00	10.00
Beach Spring .....			10.00	10.00
Buckatunna .....			10.00	10.00
Thompson Creek .....			10.00	10.00
Martin Hill .....			10.00	10.00
McGregor Chapel .....	15.00	15.00	10.00	40.00
Antioch (Randolph) .....			10.00	10.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	8.00		10.00	18.00
Fulton .....			10.00	10.00
Lovewell .....			10.00	10.00
First, Columbus .....			10.00	10.00
Tupelo .....			10.00	10.00
County Line .....			10.00	10.00
GRAND TOTAL .....	\$195.81	\$108.50	\$400.00	\$704.31

### Name of Association

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

## STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statistics —

Number of Churches .....	49
Church Membership .....	5048
Number of Parsonages .....	9
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	51
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	5
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	184
Enrolment of Sunday Schools .....	3123
Enrolment of Church Training Service .....	1238
Enrolment of Women's Auxiliaries .....	270
Enrolment of Master's Men .....	42
Mid - Week Service Average Attendance .....	472

### Financial Report —

#### Spent for local causes:

Pastor's salaries .....	\$ 114,186.01
Evangelistic work .....	5,619.84
Building and repair .....	92,974.40
Literature .....	15,699.69
Other .....	93,498.32
Total spent for local causes .....	\$ 321,992.35

#### Spent for outside causes:

Cooperative plan ond other .....	\$ 5,436.13
Foreign missions .....	11,548.75
Home Missions .....	2,812.26
Education .....	8,409.15
Orphanage .....	3,652.57
Superannuation .....	183.00
Youth Camp .....	2,674.15
Associational projects .....	6,117.59
Total spent for outside causes .....	\$ 43,007.95
Total expenditures .....	\$ 329,715.44
Value of church property .....	\$1,193,750.00
Value of parsonage property .....	\$ 167,300.00

**— P R O C E E D I N G S —**

**BIBLE CONFERENCE**

**SPONSORED BY THE**

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES**

**and**

**Of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists**

**Convening at the First F.W.B. Church**

**Pascagoula, Mississippi**

**BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**November 10, 1972**

**Charles Walden, Presiding**

**Rev. Bill Gardener, Song Director**

**10:00 a.m.—Worship in Song**

**Welcome Address — Rev. Edd Mazingo**

**10:15 a.m.—Message — Rev. Daniel Gaskins**

**10:55 a.m.—Recess**

**11:00 a.m.—Worship in Song**

**11:20 a.m.—Message — Rev. Fred Hawkins**

**12:00 Noon—LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m.—Call to Worship**

**1:10 p.m.—Message — Rev. J. L. Gore**

**1:50 p.m.—Recess**

**2:00 p.m.—State Association**

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Eighth Annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Pascagoula, Mississippi on Friday afternoon, November 10, 1972 at 2:00 p.m. with the Moderator Rev. E .H. Brock, presiding.

The session opened with congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. Rev. Luther Gibson led in Prayer.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk who introduced the Moderator, Rev. E. H. Brock. The following message was delivered by the moderator.

"As moderator of the Mississippi State Association, I want to personally greet each of you and welcome you to this 8th session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We are here today as the Mississippi State Association organized to consolidate the efforts and promote the interests of the different churches composing the various District Associations of which this Association is composed; to harmonize the work; to unify the sentiment of the common cause of the Redeemer; and by a fraternal interchange of views among the members to promote that cause of the denomination and stimulate growth in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's kingdom among all of our churches.

We are challenged by the promise of victory through a mighty offensive. Like a mighty army we must march under the banner of the cross of Christ, to enlarge the place of our tent, to lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes with the Gospel of Christ in the great State of Mississippi.

As moderator, I will ask you to listen attentively, respect the chair and cooperate in every way to make our meeting successful.

The clerk gave the digest report of churches and associational letters, and the delegates present were seated to conduct the business

The moderator appointed Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. Herman Baker and Bro. Lenard Walden to serve on the Committee on Committees. Appointed on the Auditing Committee were Rev. Bobby Mills, Rev. Norman Richmond and Bro. Charles Walden.

The Executive Committee Report was given by the clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins. Motion was made and carried to accept the report and vote on recommendations separately. (See report). Motion was made and carried to amend the recommendations. (See report as amended.)



Report of Foreign Missions was given by Wayne Spruill. Report of National Home Missions was given by Rev. Wendell Walley. There was no report from the State Historical Commission. Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Paul Ketterman.

Report of the Mississippi Free Will Baptist Messenger was given by the Editor, Rev. Dan Gaskins. Bro. Gaskins urged church reporters to send in more news items to help make it a more informative paper. Motion was made and carried to adopt the report.

Report of Conference and Itinerate Ministries was given by Rev. J. L. Gore. (See report.) Motion was made and carried that the report be adopted.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Randy Cox:

WHEREAS, the 1971 session of National Association of Free Will Baptists selected a committee of thirteen (13) persons to re-study the National Association's relationship with N.A.E. (National Association of Evangelicals),

AND WHEREAS, this committee unanimously recommended that the National Association of Free Will Baptists withdraw from the N.A.E.,

AND WHEREAS, the National Association of Evangelicals is a compromise organization, having member churches which are also members of the National Council of Churches.

AND WHEREAS, the National Association's membership in N.A.E. violated local church autonomy, forcing every local church to be identified with an external organization without a local church vote,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists enthusiastically commend the National Association of Free Will Baptists for withdrawing from N.A.E., freeing us from identification with this compromise organization and strengthening our long established practice of local church autonomy.
2. THAT a copy of this resolution, along with a resume of the activities of this annual session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists, be sent to our National Association magazine, CONTACT, for publication.

Motion was made and carried that this resolution be adopted.

Brother Kimberly Crossly gave a report of the Master's Men. He offered his service to any church that wanted to start a Master's Men.

Special message in song was rendered by Rev. Randy Cox and Rev. Bill Gardener. Solo was rendered by Rev. Gardener.

### **FRIDAY EVENING SESSION**

Congregation sang "Unclouded Sky" led by Bill Gardener. A film of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was shown by Rev. Paul Kettermen. Congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight". Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J. K. Walley. He used Psalms 67. A worship offering was received for the State General Fund in the amount of \$68.00.

The Committee on Committee report was given by Rev. J. K. Walley. Motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

### **FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Congregation sang "There is Power" and "When the Roll is called up Yonder". Rev. Randy Cox brought the evening message. Rev. Bill Gardener sang "Down From His Glory" preceding the sermon. Rev. Cox read 3rd John verse 1. He preached a challenging message on the subject, Truth and Love. Benediction prayed by Rev. Milton Worthington.

### **SATURDAY MORNING**

Prayer Fellowship Breakfast began the day Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship room of the church. After breakfast we moved into the auditorium to hear Rev. Bill Gardener speak from God's Word. His message was a challenge to all.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

The morning session was opened by the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Odell Harris. He read Psalms 100.

Rev. R. P. Rich resigned from the Board of Christian Education. Motion was made and carried to accept his resignation.

Report of the National Sunday School Department was given by Rev. N. R. Smith.

Report of the Mississippi State Board of Missions and Church Extension was given by Rev. Randy Cox. Motion was made and carried that this report be accepted and the recommendations be adopted item by item. (See report.)



Report of the Church Training Service Department was given by Rev. John Hollis.

The Mississippi State Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Luther Gibson. Motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

Report of the National Free Will Baptist Executive Office was given by letter.

Report of the State Treasurer was given by the clerk, Rev. Dan Gaskins due to illness of Brother A. V. Armstrong, State Treasurer. Motion was made and carried to accept report as information. (See report.)

Report of the Resolution Committee was given by Rev. Paul Long. Motion was made and carried that this report be received and voted on item by item. (See report.)

The Nominating Committee report was given by Brother Vertis Smith. Motion was made and carried to receive report and nominate one by one. Motion made and carried to adopt recommendations of Nominating Committee. (See report.)

Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama was given by Rev. R. P. Rich.

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

Congregation sang "He Lives" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. A worship offering for Mississippi State Missions was received in the amount of \$73.50. Rev. Odell Harris prayed the offertory prayer. Congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus".

Rev. Thomas Parrish preached the morning message, using as his text 2 Kings 7:3.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn. Benediction was prayed by Rev. Wendell Walley.

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

### **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, September 9, 1972 at 10:00 a.m. All members were present. The Moderator, Rev. E. H. Brock read from Hebrews 11:24-27. Rev. J. L. Gore led in prayer.

- 1st. We planned the Bible Conference and State Association Program.

2nd. We recommend that the Hudson Bible and Church Supply, owned by Rev. Van Dale Hudson be authorized to be distributor of Sunday School literature for the State of Mississippi until the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists( might sponsor such program.)

Amended.

Motion was carried to adourn. Rev. Glen Shelby prayed the Benediction.

Rev. E. H. Brock, Moderator  
Rev. Daniel Gaskins, Clerk  
Rev. J. L. Gore  
Rev. Glen Shelby  
Brother A. V. Armstrong

Amended recommendation:

We recommend that the Hudson Bible and Church Supply, owned by Rev. Van Dale Hudson, be authorized to be the distributor of Sunday School literature for the State of Mississippi until the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists open its own book store and that one-half of one percent of the net profits go into the General Fund of the State Association.

## **REPORT OF CONFERENCES AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES**

The Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries did not have a meeting during the year but by correspondence and telephone calls. We planned Itinerates for Foreign and Home Missions. We had an itinerate for Rev. Fred Hersey and Rev. Bobby Poole from Foreign Missions and Rev. E. B. Ledlow from Home Missions durnig the first part of December.

We planned an itinerate for the Development Program of the Bible College. Rev. Al Hamm, Assistant to Rev. Jack Paramore had a very successful itinerate in April and exceeded a goal of \$10,000 for the building.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Vertis Smith  
Rev. Luther Gibson  
B. V. Nowell

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:**

Rev. Paul Long  
Rev. Curtis Briley  
Rev. Thomas Parrish

Signed—

J. K. Walley  
Leonard Walden  
Herman Baker

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

**OBSERVATIONS—**

A large banner hangs from the balcony of First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus. It says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Psalm 126:5). Missions is sowing the seed of the Gospel with Compassion. Every Christian is called to the missionary task. As a State Association we have accepted the task assigned us by Christ and this annual report is the testimony of our burden. There is the sowing with tears and then there is the reaping. Our present co-operate effort in sowing is Greenville, Mississippi. God is wonderfully giving a harvest.

This session is the eight (8th) birthday of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists. By remaining true to our Biblical founding purpose as a State Association, God has given us **another** new church to proclaim His TRUTH. AMEN! On March 7, 1972 the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, Mississippi was organized. This is the **ONLY** Free Will Baptist Church on the west side of Mississippi. The very existence of this State Association is Biblically justified by this new witness for Christ. God has done this as we have worked together. We praise Him. He has worked through YOU. This will be repeated in city after city in Mississippi as we stay close to HIM.

The average monthly giving, **excluding** March for Mississippi Missions, **INCREASED** this year from \$296.61 to \$328.00 per month. However, the **total** missions giving for the year **DECREASED**. The reason for this is that less money was given in the March promotion this year. The decrease is about \$330.00. **DID YOUR CHURCH GIVE?**

Your Board is recommending that we continue **MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS**. **AREA RALLIES** seem to be the best way to conclude the promotion. Some Associations use the regular April quarterly meeting as the time when the churches bring their special gifts for State Missions. Our Missionary, Wendell Walley, or a member of your State Board of Missions and Church Extensions 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 schedule of those involved.

Your Board is recommending this year that we begin an **HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES**. This Honor Roll is to be placed in the **MESSENGER** beginning in 1973. The way to get your church on the

Honor Roll is for your church to give at least ten (\$10.00) dollars per month to State Missions. For churches which send their check quarterly, each check must be a minimum of \$30.00. Each church giving a minimum of \$10.00 per month (not averaging) beginning in January, 1973 will receive a special certificate of recognition at the 1973 session of the State Association. We anticipate the continuation of this practice (see recommendation).

Your Board of Missions and Church Extension appreciates your confidence and support during this past year. As we are now in the place to look for another missionary and another city, the need for your prayers and confidence is increased. We serve YOU. We represent YOU.

Assured of God's faithfulness and yours, we move out to sow in tears that together we may REAP IN JOY.

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS—**

1. Praise God for the property purchased by the Greenville Church — \$7,829.54 paid — owe a balance of \$10,920.46 — Three (3) Acres.

2. Praise God for preliminary plans needed to order to build.

3. Praise God for the numerical growth and the financial growth of the Greenville church during the past year.

4. Praise God for our Missionaries in Greenville, the Walley's.

5. Pray for the continued spiritual growth of the Greenville church and its members.

6. Pray that the street and utilities will be extended to the Greenville church property enabling them to build soon.

7. Pray that we will meet our March for Mississippi Missions goal of \$3,000.00.

8. Pray for systematic support for State Missions from all the churches in our state.

9. Pray that God will direct us to the right man for our next mission city.

10. Pray that God will lead us to the right city for our next church.

11. Remember to pray for our Missionaries in Greenville, the Walley's.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS—**

1. We recommend that an HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES be established and work in the following manner:

- a. That this HONOR ROLL appear in each issue of the Mississippi Free Will Baptist Messenger.
- b. That the name of each church giving at least \$10.00 per month be listed.
- c. That churches giving quarterly, each check must be a minimum of \$30.00.
- d. Each church giving a minimum of \$10.00 per month (not averaging) beginning in January 1973 will receive a special certificate of recognition at the '73 session of the State Association. (Adopted)

2. We recommend that we continue the MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS promotion and that the 1973 goal be \$3,000.00.

- a. Each church spend March 1973 raising special funds for State Missions.
- b. That these gifts be presented at the AREA RALLIES. If an area rally is not held, these gifts are to be mailed to the state treasurer.
- c. All pastors are asked to encourage your churches in this undertaking. YOU are the KEY. (Adopted)

## **REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Be it resolved by this body that each pastor, deacon, and delegate be encouraged to request their church to appoint a correspondent to accumulate and send items of church news to the Mississippi Free Will Baptist Messenger. (Adopted)

2. Be it resolved that the travel expenses of our auditing committee be paid from the general fund using the guidelines as set forth in item 5 of our By-Laws when it is impossible for the books to be audited at the annual meeting of the State Association due to the absence of the treasurer. (Adopted)

3. Be it resolved that the next session of our State Association meet at the Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church east of Booneville. (Adopted)



4. Be it resolved that the editor of the Mississippi Messenger print a notice previous to the annual session reminding the chairman of each Board of their responsibility to give a report to the State Association.

AMENDED TO READ—

Be it resolved that the State Clerk inform the chairman of each Board as to when they will be expected to report at the State Association.

5. Be it resolved that we express by a rising vote our thanks to this church for their kindness and warm hospitality in serving this annual Association. (Adopted)

**REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Moderator—Rev. E. H. Brock

Assistant Moderator—Rev. J. L. Gore

Clerk—Rev. Daniel Gaskins

Assistant Clerk—Rev. Glen Shelby

Treasurer—Bro. A. V. Armstrong

Editor of Mississippi Messenger—Rev. Dan Gaskins

Board of Missions and Church Extension to replace the expired term of Rev. Randy Cox.

Board of Christian Education to replace the expired term of Rev. Edd Mazingo. Rev. Bill Gardener to replace unexpired term of Rev. R. P. Rich who resigned.

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries to replace the expired term of Bro. Darrell Stafford. Darrell Stafford.

Board of Historical Commission to replace the expired term of Rev. Paul Long — Rev. Herbert Knight.

Board of Children's Home Member, Rev. Fred Hawkins .

General Board members to National — Rev. Norman Richmond.

Submitted by Vertis Smith, Mrs. B. V. Nowell and Luther Gibson.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists for year beginning October 1, 1971 and ending September 30, 1972.

### General Fund Receipts:

Antioch F. W. B. Church—(Burnsville) .....	\$ 10.00
Bethel F. W. B. Church .....	18.52
County Line F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
Damascus F. W. B. Church .....	15.00
Eggville F. W. B. Church .....	120.00
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church .....	10.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Amory) .....	150.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Columbus) .....	240.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Meridian) .....	5.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Greenville) .....	46.27
Fulton F. W. B. Church .....	58.00
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	10.00
New Gauley F. W. B. Church .....	40.88
New Gauley F. W. B. Church—(Designated) .....	369.75
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	263.01
Smiths Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	292.95
White Hill F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Little Brown Creek Association .....	20.00
North East Miss. Association .....	30.00
South Miss. Association .....	20.00
State Association—(Offering) .....	54.65
State Association—(Reg. and Delegate Fees) .....	330.31
Miss. State C. T. S. Competition .....	30.00
Rev. Hollis L. Warren .....	3.00
Rev. Tillis Walley .....	5.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$2,202.34
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD .....	748.16
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TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....	\$2,950.50

### General Fund Disbursements:

Treasurer — Envelopes, checks, postage, phone .....	\$ 106.40
Treasurer — Expenses allowance .....	50.00

Moderator — Travel .....	44.40
Clerk — Postage, phone, envelopes .....	170.40
Clerk — Expense allowance .....	150.00
Printing — Miss. F. W. B. Messenger .....	957.42
Printing — State Minutes .....	219.98
Phone — State Committees .....	28.78
Historical Committee — filing cabinet .....	57.23
State C. T. S. Competition—Trophys and supplies .....	79.96
State Delegates to National Assn. and Registration .....	100.00
Executive Board — Travel .....	43.64
National Home Mission Board — Designated .....	82.64
National Foreign Mission Board — Designated .....	82.64
Free Will Baptist Bible College — Designated .....	102.24
Morganwood Youth Camp — Designated .....	40.88
Ala. Childrens Home — Designated .....	61.35

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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....\$2,377.96

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....\$2,950.50

LESS DISBURSEMENTS ..... 2,377.96

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GEN. FUND BAL. SEPT. 30, 1972 .....\$ 572.54

### **Mission Fund Receipts:**

Antioch F. W. B. Church—(Burnsville) .....	\$ 155.00
Antioch Womans Auxiliary—(Burnsville) .....	25.00
Beach Springs F. W. B. Church .....	257.00
Bethel F. W. B. Church .....	57.76
Bethlehem F. W. B. Church .....	100.69
Buckatunna F. W. B. Church .....	25.40
Corinth F. W. B. Church .....	98.34
County Line F. W. B. Chuch .....	75.00
Damascus F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Eggville F. W. B. Church .....	389.34
Fawn Grove F. W. B. Church .....	173.00
Fellowship F. W. B. Church .....	285.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Amory) .....	268.62
First F. W. B. Church—(Booneville) .....	201.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Columbus) .....	777.25
First F. W. B. Church—(Greenville) .....	179.55

First F. W. B. Church—(Pascagoula) .....	60.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Philadelphia) .....	50.00
First F. W. B. Church—(Richton) .....	25.00
Fulton F. W. B. Church .....	215.58
Grace Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	50.00
Jones Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	110.00
Lees Chapel F. W. B. Church—(Wayne Co.) .....	290.88
Little Brown F. W. B. Church .....	70.00
Lovewell F. W. B. Church .....	55.15
Martin Hill F. W. B. Church .....	185.00
New Gauley F. W. B. Church .....	67.89
New Lebanon F. W. B. Church .....	107.00
North Side F. W. B. Church .....	198.75
Pearce Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	1,006.00
Pearce Chapel Masters Men .....	25.00
Pine Grove F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Smiths Chapel F. W. B. Church .....	5.00
Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	171.82
West Memphis F. W. B. Church .....	40.00
White Hill F. W. B. Church .....	75.00
North East Miss. Assn. of F. W. B. ....	175.64
Little Brown Creek Assn. of F. W. B. Youth Rally .....	51.00
Miss. State Association—Offering .....	65.25
Mrs. Isom Walley .....	28.00
Mr. C. C. Brewer .....	5.00

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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....\$6,210.91

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD—Checking ..... 923.28

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD—Saving ..... 1,061.21

INTEREST FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT ..... 97.49

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TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....\$8,292.89

#### **Mission Fund Disbursements:**

Natl. Home Mission Board—Greenville Project Acct. ....	\$ 303.98
Greenville Mission—Phone .....	132.39
Greenville Mission—Pulpit Supply .....	50.00
Rev. Wendell Walley—Travel .....	217.20
Rev. Wendell Walley—Salary .....	519.96
Rev. Wendell Walley—Expense Allowance .....	140.00

Mission Board—Travel Expense .....	139.95
Mission Board—Phone and Postage .....	44.88
Printing—Promotional Supplies .....	54.34

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$1,602.70
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Total Available Cash .....	\$8,292.89
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Less Disbursements .....	1,602.70
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Checking Account .....	500.00
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Savings Account .....	6,190.19
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Mission Fund Balance, Sept. 30, 1972 .....	\$6,690.19
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**Mississippi Missions Greenville Project National Home Mission  
Board Account:**

**Receipts:**

Miss. State Mission Fund .....	\$ 303.98
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Churches and Individuals .....	12.00
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Tupelo F. W. B. Church .....	366.89
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Out of State Gifts .....	189.00
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Miss. Womans Auxiliary .....	5.00
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W. N. A. C. ....	126.58
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TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$1,003.45
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**Disbursements:**

Missionary Salary .....	\$2,920.80
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Missionary Retirement .....	57.24
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Missionary Superannuation .....	173.91
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$3,151.95
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Total Receipts .....	\$1,003.45
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Bal. Brought Forward .....	3,016.46
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Total Available Cash .....	\$4,019.91
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Less Disbursements .....	3,151.95
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Bal. in Account, Sept. 30, 1972 .....	\$ 867.96
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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 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.