

MINUTES

OF THE

*Tenth Annual Session*

OF THE

*MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION*

OF

**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

WHEN CONVENED WITH

*Tupelo*

*Free Will Baptist Church*

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

*November 8 & 9, 1974*

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD

WITH THE

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AND SATURDAY

BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY

IN NOVEMBER, 1975

# Mississippi State Association

## Of Free Will Baptists

1973-1974

MODERATOR.....REV. J. L. GORE  
905 Valencia Street, Jackson, Mississippi

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Fulton, Mississippi

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### BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION —

Rev. Wendell Walley — 1975; Bro. Charles Walden — 1976; Rev. Ron Neibruegge — 1977; Rev. Earl Langley — 1978; Bro. Bery Van Nowell — 1979.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION —

Rev. Paul Long — 1975; Rev. Bill Gardner — 1976; Rev. Norman Nowell — 1977; Rev. Luther Gibson — 1978; Rev. Glen Shelby — 1979.

### BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES —

Bro. Darrell Stafford — 1975; Rev. Jack Jones — 1976; Rev. Bobby Mills — 1977.

### BOARD OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION —

Rev. Herbert Knight — 1975; Rev. J. K. Walley — 1976; Rev. Curtis Briley — 1977.

### BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME —

Rev. Tillis Walley

GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION — Rev. Wendell Walley

### AUDITING COMMITTEE —

Rev. Herman McFadden — 1975; Rev. Bill Robinson — 1976; Rev. Wayne Yarbrough — 1977.

**DIGEST REPORT OF CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONVENING AT THE TUPELO FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI NOVEMBER 8 AND 9, 1974.**

**NAMES OF CHURCHES:**

White Hill; Mt. Pisgah; Antioch, Randolph; Antioch, Burnsville; West Point; Fellowship; Thompson Creek; First, Phila; Buckatunna; First, Pascagoula; Tupelo; First, Booneville; New Lebanon; Central, Jackson; Smith Chapel; Martin Hill; Pine Grove; Beech Springs; Jones Chapel; Lee's Chapel (Wayne Co.); Burgess Creek; County Line; New Gauley; McGregor Chapel; Lovewell; Bethel; Richton; Damascus; North Side; Macedonia; Lee's Chapel (Jones); Fulton; Eggville; Main Street, Amory; Corinth; First, Columbus; Pearce Chapel; Depriest Chapel.

**NAME OF ASSOCIATIONS:**

North East; South Mississippi; Little Brown Creek.

Total Finances received with Church and Associational letters:

State General Fund \$562.89; Mission — Mobile Chapel \$505.33; Representative Fees \$440.00.

**STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

**STATISTICS —**

Number of churches .....	47
Church Membership .....	4875
Number of Parsonages .....	12
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	64
Number of licensed ministers .....	8
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	194
Enrollment of Sunday School .....	3023
Enrollment of Church Training Service .....	1256
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries .....	330
Enrollment of Master's Men .....	59
Mid-week Service average attendance .....	838

**FINANCIAL REPORT —**

**Spent for local causes:**

Pastor's salaries .....	\$133,530.95
Evangelistic work .....	49,317.93
Building and repairs .....	143,619.27
Literature .....	3,764.25
Other .....	45,783.92
Total spent for local causes .....	\$457,545.32

**Spent for outside causes:**

Cooperative Plan .....	954.45
Foreign Missions .....	9,073.35

Home Missions .....	12,899.57
Orphanage .....	603.71
Education, Bible College .....	1,312.18
Superannuation .....	1,234.96
Other .....	97,930.00
State and National projects .....	36,616.90
Total spent for outside causes .....	160,625.12
 Total expenditures .....	 618,170.50
Value of Church property .....	1,574,120.00
Value of parsonage property .....	261,500.00

**PROCEEDINGS**

**BIBLE CONFERENCE**

**SPONSORED BY THE**

**BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES**

**AND**

**OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

convening at the Tupelo F. W. B. Church  
Tupelo, Mississippi

**BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

November 8, 1974

Rev. Jack Jones, Presiding

- 9:30 a.m. — Cooperative Evangelism Among  
Free Will Baptists .....Rev. J. L. Gore
- 10:10 a.m. —
- 10:50 a.m. — Methods of Outreach Evangelism .....Rev. Earl Langley
- 11:30 a.m. — Joint Service — Free Will Baptists  
Overseas Outreach .....Rev. Dab Merkh  
(with Woman's Auxiliary)
- 12:30 p.m. — LUNCH
- 1:30 p.m. — Outreach through the  
Youth Ministry .....Rev. Bill Gardener
- 2:10 p.m. — Recess

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The tenth annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, on Friday afternoon, November 8, at 2:30 p.m. with Moderator, Rev. J. L. Gore, presiding.

The session opened with congregation singing "Glory To His Name" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Norman Richmond. Moderator's message followed. Moderator appointed Rev. Norman Richmond to assist the clerk.

The clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins gave the digest report of churches and associational letters. The delegates were seated to conduct the business. Motion was made and carried to receive a partial report and seat the delegates who come in later.

Moderator appointed Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Norman Nowell and Rev. W. F. Clark to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The Executive Committee report was given by the clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins. Motion was made and carried to accept the report and vote on report item by item, tabling necessary recommendations. (See report.)

The report of the State Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Luther Gibson. Motion was made and carried that this report be received and printed in the minutes. (See report.)

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Paul Ketterman. Question and answer period followed which was very informative.

Recessed until the Evening Session. Benediction prayed by Rev. Herman McFadden.

## **FRIDAY EVENING SESSION**

Congregation sang, "He Lives" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. Scripture by Rev. J. K. Walley. He read from Psalms 16. Prayer by Brother Walley. The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Ron Niebruegge.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Luther Gibson. Motion was made and carried the report be adopted. (See report.)

The Evangelaire Trio from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus sang two beautiful songs. Congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Worship offering was received in the amount of \$115.57 for the State General Fund. Rev. Bill Gardener sang a solo.

Rev. Paul Ketterman, Director of Public Relations of the Free Will Baptists Bible College brought the Message. He read 1st Peter 2:6-10; 21-25. His subject, "Chosen on Purpose," Text 1st Peter 2:9. He preached a very challenging message. Congregation sang Invitation Hymn, "Where He Leads Me I'll Follow."

## **SATURDAY MORNING**

The Prayer Fellowship Breakfast began at 7:30. After breakfast Rev. Harold Harrison, from Nashville, Tenn., was the speaker. His message was very challenging.

## **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

The morning session was opened with congregation singing, "Follow Jesus" led by Rev. Bill Gardener. Rev. Don Johnson brought the devotions. He used



Ephesians 4:1-13 as his text.

The National Sunday School report was given by Rev. Harold Harrison. He named new books that are available through the Department.

Report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Bobby Mills. Motion was made and carried that we receive this report as information.

Report of the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries was given by Rev. Jack Jones, chairman. Motion was made and carried to adopt report. (See report.)

Partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Earl Langley. Motion was made and carried to receive this report. Rev. Norman Richmond declined the nomination to replace himself on the Board of Christian Education. Motion made and carried to elect the slate of officers nominated and refer the election of the Christian Education Board member back to the nominating committee to act on in the afternoon. (See report.)

Motion was made and carried that Article VI, Secion 3, part 3, number 4 be deleted from the Constitution. Motion carried that this report be tabled until afternoon session.

Report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. Norman Richmond. Motion carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Rev. Paul Long, who has been designated by the National Historical Commission requested those who have 1944, 1945, and 1946 state minutes to mail them to him. Motion carried this report be accepted for information.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Rev. Norman Richmond. Motion carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

The Treasurer's report was given by Brother A. V. Armstrong. Motion was carried to accept this report. (See report.)

Report of the Mississippi State Board of Missions and church Extension was given by Rev. Ron Niebruegge. Motion carried the adoption of this report. (See report.)

### WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregation sang "There Is A Name I Love To Hear" and "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Worship offering in the amount of \$118.36 for Mississippi State Missions was received. Rev. Norman Richmond prayed the offertory prayer. Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me."

Rev. Wendell Walley, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi, preached the morning message. He read Phillipians 3:7-15. He brought a very wonderful message. Following the message, Rev. Ron Niebruegge, chairman of the State Mission Board presented Rev. and Mrs. Walley a plaque of appreciation for five years of service as missionaries in Greenville. Prayer of benediction and blessings on the lunch was prayed by Rev. Russell Clouse.

### LUNCH

Afternoon session began with congregation sing "Tell It To Jesus" led by Rev. Gore. Rev. Paul Weaver read the Scripture from James 1:22-25. Prayer by Brother Weaver. Rev. Bill Gardener, Rev. Earl Langley, and Rev. Herman McFadden sang a trio.

A summary of the history of the Mississippi State Association was given by the clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

The resolution Committee report was given by Rev. Ron Niebruegge. Motion

was made and carried to accept the report and vote item by item. (See report.)

Motion made and carried that tabled motion concerning Article VI Section 3 part 3, number 2 that it be deleted be brought off the table. It was defeated.

The tabled recommendation of the Executive Committee was brought off the table. (See Executive Committee report.)

Motion was made and carried that the treasurer be given the authority to appoint a clerical assistant to treasurer.

Motion made and carried that the Assist. Moderator's name be placed on the checking account.

Final report of the nominating committee report was given by Rev. Earl Langley. Motion was made and carried this report be received for consideration item by item and dismiss the committee. (See report.)

Motion was made and carried that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Editor of the MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER.

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn. Prayer of Benediction was prayed by Rev. Leander McAdams.

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

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Pearce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithville, Miss., September 28, 1974 at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Rev. J. L. Gore, Rev. Norman Richmond, Rev. Dan Gaskins, and Brother A. V. Armstrong. Opened with prayer led by Brother Armstrong.

We recommend:

1. That article IV of the By-laws be amended to substitute 10c for 6c per mile.
2. That we add section 7 under article VI of the Constitution to add an Auditing Committee composed of 3 members with terms up to three years, with a member going off each year. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with the treasurer for the purpose of auditing treasurer's books prior to the State Association and give annual report to the State Association. (Adopted.)
3. That the State Association set a day to be not more than 60 days from the date of the State Association in order for all standing boards and committees to meet together and plan an overall State Program of action for the State Association. From this meeting the State Clerk shall publish in the Mississippi Messenger a calendar of events for the State Association. (Adopted.)
4. That we change article 14 of the By-laws to substitute \$30.00 for \$20.00 per issue. (Adopted.)
5. We planned the Bible Conference and State Association.
6. We recommend that we give our two National Speakers an honorarium of \$50.00 each.

### **MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT**

We are happy to have six new Auxiliaries organized this past year. This gives us a total of thirty five Auxiliaries — thirty two of these already affiliated with District conventions.

The ladies of our Auxiliaries gave \$6,490.35 in cash and non-cash gifts, with part of this helping support nine (9) missionary families.

Elizabeth Gibson, President

Eloise Crossly, Treas.

Eva House, Field Worker

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** — Rev. Earl Langley, Rev. Paul Long, and Rev. Carter L. Brewer.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** — Ron Neibruegge, Rev. Paul Weaver, and J. K. Walley.

Submitted by

Luther Gibson, Chairman

Norman Nowell

W. F. Clark

The Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries planned a State Youth Rally at the Palestinian Gardens near Lucedale, Mississippi. The date was September 21, 1974 beginning at 10:30 a.m. with open-air service overlooking the Palestinian Gardens, a miniature of the Holy Land. Rev. W. Harvell Jackson gave a brief history of how he and his wife developed the gardens. Two of our Bible college students, Phillip Long, who led the singing, and Russell Clouse, who brought the message, challenged those present. After the service we enjoyed a picnic lunch. After lunch we went through the Gardens by groups with Rev. Jackson and his wife and daughter guiding the tours. It was a real blessing to everyone attending. Even though distance and other district services hindered the attendance, we had churches represented from the northern part of the state to the coast, and 150 attended.

Through the executive committee we planned the annual session of the Bible Conference just prior to this session of the State Association.

Rev. Jack Jones, Chairman

Rev. Dan Gaskins, Clerk

## **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**MODERATOR** — Rev. J. L. Gore; **ASSISTANT MODERATOR** — Rev. Norman Richmond; **CLERK** — Rev. Daniel Gaskins; **ASSISTANT CLERK** — Rev. A. F. Ferguson; **TREASURER** — Mr. A. V. Armstrong; **EDITOR, MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER**, Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

**Nominating Committee:** Rev. Earl Langley, Ch., Rev. Paul Long, Rev. Carter Brewer.

Board of Missions and Church Extension to fill the expired term of Bro. Berry Van Nowell, is Bro. Berry Van Nowell, 1979 and to full the unexpired term of Rev. Odell Harris, Rev. Earl Langley, 1978.

Board of Christian Education to fill the expired term of Rev. Norman Richmond, Rev. Glen Shelby, 1979 and to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Edd



Mazingo, Bro. Norman Nowell, 1977.

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries to fill the expired term of Rev. Daniel Gaskins, Bobby Mills, 1977.

Children's Home Board — Tillis Walley.

Auditing Committee (1975) Herman McFaddin, (1976) Bill Robinson; (1977) Wayne Yarbrough.

Board of Historical Commission to fill the expired term of Bro. William Walden — Rev. Curtis Briley, 1977 and the unexpired term of Rev. Fred Hawkins — Bro. J. K. Walley, 1976.

General Board member to the National Association to fill the expired term of Rev. Norman Richmond — Rev. Wendell Walley.

Report of the Board of Christian Education. — The Christian Education Board planned the State CTS Rally held at Lee's Chapel in June. This was one of the best rallies we have had. We want to commend our churches and the young people who participated in these activities.

Submitted by:  
Rev. Paul Long,  
Rev. Luther Gibson  
Rev. Bill Gardner  
Rev. Norman Richmond

### Report of the Auditing Committee

We the auditing committee met with Bro. Armstrong Saturday, Nov. 3, We have examined both the State General Fund and Home Mission books and find them in order. We commend Bro. Armstrong for his diligence under the much increasing work load.

Rev. Bobby Mills  
Rev. Norman Richmond

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists for year beginning October 1, 1973, and ending September 30, 1974.

#### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

ANTIOCH F. W. B. CHURCH—BURNSVILLE .....	\$ 20.00
BETHEL F. W. B. CHURCH .....	68.76
CORINTH F.W.B. CHURCH .....	265.74
COUNTY LINE F. W. B. CHURCH .....	60.00
DAMASCUS F.W.B. CHURCH .....	25.00
EGGVILLE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	80.00
FAWN GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	25.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — COLUMBUS .....	275.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — GREENVILLE .....	55.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — JACKSON .....	265.42
FULTON F.W.B. CHURCH .....	45.00
LESS CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH — JONES COUNTY .....	42.60

LEES CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH — WAYNE COUNTY .....	393.87
LOVEWELL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	92.66
MAIN STREET F.W.B. CHURCH — AMORY .....	243.33
NEW GAULEY F.W.B. CHURCH .....	413.76
NORTH SIDE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	30.39
PEARCE CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	268.85
PINE GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	179.25
TUPELO F.W.B. CHURCH .....	387.85
WHITE HILL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	30.00
WEST MEMPHIS F.W.B. CHURCH .....	5.00
MISS. STATE ASSOCIATION — OFFERING .....	123.00
MISS. STATE ASSOCIATION — DELEGATE FEES .....	400.00
miss. state association 8 delegate fees .....	400.00
NORTH EAST MISS. ASSOC. OF F.W.B. ....	32.74
SOUTH MISS. ASSOC. OF F.W.B. ....	28.86
STATE CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE .....	80.00
HUDSON BIBLE AND CHURCH SUPPLIES .....	5.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$3,943.05
BALANCE BROUGHT FORAWRD .....	688.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....	\$4,631.05

#### GENERAL FUND CONTINUED

##### DISBURSEMENTS:

TREASURER — ENVELOPES, POSTAGE, EXPENSE ALLOWAN- CE .....	\$ 152.14
CLERK — EXPENSE ALLOWANCE .....	210.00
PRINTING .....	1,840.16
FILING CABINET .....	56.69
MESSENGER — POSTAGE, PHONE .....	470.01
MODERATOR — TRAVEL .....	56.14
DELEGATES FEES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION .....	115.00
EXECUTIVE BOARD — TRAVEL .....	27.36
STATE CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE .....	\$100.65
F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE — DESIGNATED .....	158.19
NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS — DESIGNATED .....	137.51
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS — DESIGNATED .....	137.51
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PLAN — DESIGNATED .....	144.49
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME — DESIGNATED .....	217.75
MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP — DESIGNATED .....	176.43
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....	\$4,000.03

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....	\$4,631.05
LESS DISBURSEMENTS .....	4,000.03
GENERAL FUND BALANCE .....	\$ 631.02
SEPTEMBER 30, 1974	

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists for year beginning October 1, 1973 and ending September 30, 1974.

### MISSION FUND RECEIPTS:

ANTIOCH F.W.B. CHURCH — BURNSVILLE .....	\$ 502.20
ANTIOCH F.W.B. CHURCH — RANDOLPH .....	301.50
BEECH SPRINGS F.W.B. CHURCH .....	406.86
BETHEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	335.53
BEHTLEHEM F.W.B. CHURCH .....	60.25
BUCKATUNNA F.W.B. CHURCH .....	170.00
CORINTH F.W.B. CHURCH .....	333.37
COUNTY LINE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	206.00
DEPRIEST CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	10.00
EGGVILLE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	364.90
FAWN GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	325.00
FELLOWSHIP F.W.B. CHURCH .....	451.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — AMORY .....	128.42
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — BOONEVILLE .....	611.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — COLUMBUS .....	1,144.54
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — GREENVILLE .....	1,373.88
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — JACKSON .....	148.60
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — PASCAGOULA .....	324.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — PHILADELPHIA .....	113.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — RICHTON .....	637.90
FULTON F.W.B. CHURCH .....	375.00
JONES CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	156.77
LEES CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH — JONES COUNTY .....	155.20
LEES CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH — WAYNE COUNTY .....	105.20
LITTLE BROWN F.W.B. CHURCH .....	180.00
LOVEWELL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	328.69
MACEDONIA F.W.B. CHURCH .....	25.24
MAIN STREET F.W.B. CHURCH — AMORY .....	321.71
MARTIN HILL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	551.48
MCGREGOR CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	301.03
MOUNT PISGAH F.W.B. CHURCH .....	562.71
NEW GAULEY F.W.B. CHURCH .....	531.91
NEW LEBANON F.W.B. CHURCH .....	75.00
NORTH SIDE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	662.60
PEARCE CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH — LADIES BIBLE CLASS ....	235.00
PEARCE CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	2,263.55
PINE GROVE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	381.74
SMITHS CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	148.00
SPRINGDALE F.W.B. CHURCH .....	50.00
THOMPSON CREEK F.W.B. CHURCH .....	15.00
TUPELO F.W.B. CHURCH .....	3,792.40
WEST MEMPHIS F.W.B. CHURCH .....	230.00
WHITE HILL F.W.B. CHURCH .....	200.00
WEST POINT F.W.B. CHURCH .....	8.00
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH — OXFORS .....	100.00

NEW LIFE F.W.B. CHURCH.....	40.00
NORTH EAST MISS. ASSN. OF F.W.B. ....	132.80
MISS. STATE ASSOCIATION — OFFERING .....	122.87
MISSION BOARD — BOND .....	\$ 500.00
FELTON HOLIFIELD .....	22.00
REV. L. E. WINTERS.....	100.00
JERRY FORD .....	100.00
MRS. ISOM WALLEY .....	22.00
MRS. JULIE BRADDOCK .....	45.00
REV. J. L. GORE .....	100.00
MRS. ALMA JACKSON .....	25.00
MRS. FRANCIS WILSON .....	15.00
MRS. DENTON DILL .....	10.00
MRS. JOHNNY BOOKER .....	5.00
MR. WOODROW SHOWS.....	20.00
MRS. LEROY SHOWS .....	10.00
MRS. ANNIE HINTON .....	15.00
MRS. FRANCIS WILLSON .....	5.00
REV. DANIEL GASKINS .....	20.00
REV. W. F. CLARK .....	1,200.03
MR. C. R. BRASFIELD .....	20.00
MR. V. S. STEWART .....	100.00
MRS. GLEN JONES .....	80.00
MRS. ANNIE STUBBLEFIELD .....	5.00
MRS. G. S. MURPHY .....	5.00
MR. LUTHER LEE.....	30.00
REV. HERBERT KNIGHT .....	50.00
MR. LARRY W. JONES .....	25.00
REV. LEANDER McADAMS .....	15.00
MR. B. V. NOWELL .....	20.00
MR. ROY SAUNDERS.....	100.00
MRS. NANCY SHOWS .....	5.00
MR. KENNETH R. WALLEY .....	5.00
MR. BUFORD A. PIERCE.....	25.00
MR. H. G. COOPER, SR.....	80.00
MRS. JEWELL SHEFFIELD .....	40.00
REV. WENDELL WALLEY .....	10.00
MR. ELMER D. HENDERSON .....	21.00
MR. WILLARD WOOD .....	100.00
MRS. THOMAS F. PAINE .....	5.00
JIMMIE E. BYRD .....	15.00
MR. MARVIN R. STENSON .....	15.00
REV. GLEN E. SHELBY .....	20.00
ANONYMOUS GIFT.....	200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	\$23,211.68
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD — CHECKING .....	2,856.98
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD — SAVINGS .....	7,115.14
INTEREST FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT .....	323.78
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .....	\$33,507.58



**MISSION FUND DISBURSEMENTS:**

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD — GREENVILLE PROJECT	\$ 26.32
NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD — JACKSON PROJECT	8,000.00
REV. WENDELL WALLEY — SALARY	379.98
REV. WENDELL WALLEY — DESIGNATED	375.00
MOBILE CHAPEL PAYMENTS	1,037.92
JACKSON BUILDING FUND	235.00
REV. WENDELL WALLEY — PHONE	95.97
REV. J. L. GORE — TRAVEL	1,193.54
REV. J. L. GORE — POSTAGE, PHONE	273.20
REV. J. L. GORE — MOVING EXPENSE	355.25
REV. J. L. GORE — LOAN	2,000.00
REV. J. L. GORE — DESIGNATED	515.50
MISSION BOARD — PHONE, TRAVEL	457.68
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$14,945.36

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH .... \$33,343.89  
LESS DISBURSEMENTS ..... 14,945.36

\$ 7,428.68 — CHECKING ACCOUNT  
7,438.92 — MISSION FUND SAVINGS  
3,594.62 — MOBILE CHAPEL SAVINGS

MISSION FUND BALANCE ..... \$18,562.22  
SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

**MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS — GREENVILLE PROJECT  
NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT:**

**RECEIPTS:**

MISSISSIPPI MISSION FUND	\$ 26.32
DIRECT GIFTS	91.78
W. N. A. C.	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	168.10

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

REV. WALLEY — SALARY	200.00
REV. WALLEY — RETIREMENT	145.32
REV. WALLEY — CHRISTMAS GIFT	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$395.32

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$168.10
BALANCE BRT. FORWARD	227.22
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	\$395.32
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	395.32
BALANCE IN ACCT. SEPT. 30, 1974	\$ - 0 -

<b>FROM BEGINNING TO END OF PROJECT NO. 2</b>	
<b>TOTAL SENT TO NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD .....</b>	<b>\$16,140.67</b>
<b>ALL OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE .....</b>	<b>5,327.28</b>
<b>TOTAL FOR PROJECT NO. 2 .....</b>	<b>\$21,467.95</b>

**MISSISSIPPI MISSION BOARD — JACKSON PROJECT  
NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT:**

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
<b>MISSISSIPPI MISSION FUND .....</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b>DIRECT CHURCH AND INDIVIDUAL GIFTS .....</b>	<b>89.00</b>
<b>W.N.A.C. ....</b>	<b>777.17</b>
<b>DESIGNATED BUILDING FUND .....</b>	<b>113.44</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$8,979.61</b>

<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
<b>REV. J. L. GORE — SALARY .....</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$8,979.61</b>
<b>LESS DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>
<b>BAL. IN ACCOUNT 9-30-74 .....</b>	<b>\$ 979.61</b>

<b>MOBILE CHAPEL FINANCIAL STATEMENT:</b>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$6,593.02</b>
<b>LESS DISBURSEMENTS .....</b>	<b>3,007.40</b>
<b>BALANCE IN FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 1974 .....</b>	<b>\$3,585.62</b>

**SUBMITTED BY  
A. V. ARMSTRONG, TREASURER**

**REPORT OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD  
OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSIONS**

**OBSERVATIONS:**

“This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!” These words from Psalm 118:23, express completely the feelings of the members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. We have seen so many wonderful things happen during this past year that we must praise our God and give Him all the glory.

Brother J. L. Gore coined a phrase earlier this year that describes what has taken place. It has been a “miracle of cooperation.” Let us share with you some of the accomplishments for which we praise God.

The work in Greenville became entirely self-supporting this year. Through years of struggle and faithful labor, this group came from a small beginning in 1969 to a good active church that has floated a \$75,000 bond issue and is now ready to begin building a sanctuary and educational complex.

We have successfully launched a work in Jackson which will prove to be a great blessing to the work of Free Will Baptists in the state of Mississippi. Brother J. L. Gore and his wife, Dot, have already put hours of effort and labor into this project.

One of the outstanding things that occurred this year was that Brother Gore was able to hold services in every church in the state, except two. This is unparalleled in the history of missions in Mississippi. We are excited about the way our people have caught the vision for missions like they have.

Our "March For Mississippi Missions" emphasis turned out to be the best one ever, from both the spiritual and financial standpoints. As you know we broke all records in the financial response to this emphasis. With the goal set at \$4,500, our people responded to the tune of almost \$5,500! We do feel, however, that there was as much of a spiritual victory in answered prayer as it was a financial victory.

The total giving for the past year has been almost unbelievable! Not only have our Free Will Baptist people given generously to help establish the Jackson work, they have freely given to the Mobile Chapel Fund. The total giving has for this year nearly tripled, from the previous year. The monthly average income is over \$1,000. Gifts were received from a record 46 churches, and 31 of those 46 churches are Honor Roll Churches.

### **THE REASONS WHY:**

What is behind such a tremendous year as this year? Is there an explanation? It is the opinion of the chairman of this Board that there are some clear reasons for the successes of this year. First of all, the Lord has greatly blessed in answer to the faithful and fervent prayers of His people. There has probably been more concerted prayer on behalf of our State Home Missions this year than ever before. Earnest prayer will always produce these blessed results. Secondly, Brother Gore's labors during his deputation in getting into most of our churches. This, and the fact that he had already gained the respect and confidence of many of our people as a result of his past labor and experience in starting a church in Booneville, Mississippi. Thirdly, we must never forget that this year we have reaped the harvest of the labor of the past Board members. We recognize the efforts of men like W. G. Prude, Tom Johnson, Lonnie Walley, Melvin Worthington, Felton Holiefield, Randy Cox, E. H. Brock, and Odell Harris. Their hard work has made our job easier. Fourthly, we have seen our pastors catching a vision this year as never before, and as they have shared that vision with their people, and challenged their people, their people have risen to the challenge and have responded tremendously. All of this has been made possible because of God's blessings being poured out upon us. Let us praise Him and give Him all the glory!

### **ACTION OF THE BOARD:**

Because of a marked increase in receipts, both as to the amount and the sources, the Board is presenting a resolution asking the Association's approval to elect one of the Board members to be the treasurer for all the monies of the State Home Mission work. In the past this area of finances has not been as detailed and timeconsuming as it has now become. It is the opinion of the Board that the funds can be handled more effectively and efficiently by assuming all of the responsibility in the handling of its own funds.

### **WHAT OF THE FUTURE?**

The work in Jackson is doing well, in spite of some problems and setbacks. However, we believe that with the Lord's blessings and the continued diligent



efforts of the Gores, there will be a strong Free Will Baptist Church in Jackson. The Board is well satisfied with the work of Brother Gore in Jackson.

In Greenville, the Mobile Chapel has been a tremendous blessing. Getting it and using it has provided a giant step forward for this congregation. It is the hope of the Board that it will be possible to soon move it to Jackson for the folks there to use. In the past year there has been a tremendous response on the part of several of our people in giving to the Mobile Chapel Fund. It is the prayer and expectation of the Board that enough money will be raised to completely pay this loan off. For this reason we have designated November as Mobile Chapel Emphasis Month. We are asking the Mississippi Free Will Baptists to give generously during this month to help raise enough money to do this. We are excited about this project and believe that our people will respond in an amazing fashion. This would be a fitting climax to crown the greatest year in the history of Mississippi missions. Help us raise this \$6,500 during November.

While this has been a great year for Mississippi Missions, especially in the area of giving, may we not rest on past victories nor fail to move forward. There is much more to do. The Board of Home Missions believes that we should be giving serious consideration to beginning another work soon. The fields are white unto harvest and soon will depend greatly upon whether our people continue to be as sacrificial and generous in their giving in the future. Jackson will continue to need financial support. The Board, though concerned about beginning a new work, does not intend to draw support away from Jackson in order to do so. Mississippi Home Missions needs your continued support, as well as increasing support if we are to move forward. We believe that we will be able to see more works begin in the future because we believe that you will do what you can with God's help!

#### **THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN \$100.00 OR MORE TO MOBILE CHAPEL FUND:**

**CHURCHES:** Pearce Chapel, First — Columbus, Antioch — Randolph, McGregor Chapel, Lovewell, North Side, Beech Springs, Fulton, Fawn Grove, Tupelo, New Gauley, Eggville, First — Jackson, First — Greenville, Bethel.

**INDIVIDUALS:** Quinton Stafford, Rev. W. F. Clark, V. S. Stewart, Rev. J. L. Gore, Jerry Ford, Rev. L. E. Winters, Rev. R. P. Ritch, E. S. Burrow, Anonymous gift.

#### **CHURCHES ON HONOR ROLL FOR 1973-74**

Antioch — Burnsville, Antioch — Randolph, Beech Springs, Bethel, Buckatunna, Corinth, County Line, Eggville, Fawn Grove, Fellowship, First—Booneville, First — Columbus, First — Greenville, First — Pascagoula, First — Philadelphia, First — Richton, Fulton, Jones Chapel, Lees Chapel — Jones County, Lees Chapel — Wayne County, Little Brown, Lovewell, Main Street — Amory, Martin Hill, McGregor Chapel, Mount Pisgah, New Gauley, North Side, Pearce Chapel, Pine Grove, Tueplo. Total 31

**NOTE: LAST YEAR THERE WERE 15 CHURCHES.**



## **REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

1. Whereas, many transactions involving legal matters require a Board treasurer,

And, whereas, other State Missions Boards solve this matter by establishing a separate Board treasurer,

And, whereas, increased activities, receipts, and transactions of the Board have put a greater load on the volunteer work of the State treasurer,

And, whereas, the missions Board believes that it is more feasible to have a separate treasurer, (postponed until next year),

Be it resolved that the Missions Board be authorized to have its own treasurer, beginning at the beginning of 1975 calendar year. (adopted.)

2. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee look into the possibility of abbreviating the minutes in order to reduce printing costs. (adopted).

3. Be it resolved that the next session of State Association meet with the Corinth Free Will Church near Waynesboro. (adopted).

4. Be it resolved that the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries plan a Bible Conference for the State of Mississippi and consider the possibility of having a ministers retreat.

## **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 arrival 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 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 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 — Board 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. Board of Missions and Church Extension:

A. 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.

B. Policy:

(1) This board will have the authority to approve:

a. The organization of the Mission into a church.

b. Purchase date, location, and price of property purchased by the church or mission until all financial support be terminated.

(2) This Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the removal of a mission or church pastor, and to approve or disapprove the selection of a new pastor until all financial support be terminated.

(3) This Board will have the right and authority for five (5) years after financial support has terminated, in the event the work fails, or the church disbands or ceases to function, to recover any equity from the work in the form of property, securities, cash, or any other assets, and such recovered equity is to be used in future mission projects at the discretion of the Board. However, this does not mean that the Board will assume any liabilities of the church for any direct indebtedness at any time.

(4) The State Association Treasurer shall be a non-voting member of this Board and will meet with the Board only at the request of the Board. All financial decisions made by the voting Board Members of the Board of Missions and Church Extension regarding its as-

signed ministries are binding upon the state Treasurer.

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.

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.

Section 7. The Auditing Committee is a standing committee composed of 3 members with terms up to three years, with a member going off each year. It shall be the duty of this Board to meet with the treasurer for the purpose of auditing treasurer's books prior to the State Association and give annual report to the State Association.

### **Article VII — Meeting**

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 twenty (20.00) per year and each local church give a representative fee of ten (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 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) 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. 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.
5. Board of Missions and Church Extension: It shall be the duty of this Board to:
  - (a) Receive and disburse money allocated them by the State and other money.
  - (b) To promote the organization of new churches.
  - (c) To give complete report of all funds received, disbursements and progress made to the State Association.
6. Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries: It shall be the duty of the board to:
  - (a) Work in conjunction with our National Departments in planning Itinerates and Conference speakers for the benefit of the local churches.
  - (b) To plan programs for Bible Conference on a State level.
7. Board of Christian Education. It shall be the duty of this Board to:
  - (a) Promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.
  - (b) To be a link from the local church to the National level.
  - (c) Promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.
  - (d) Plan and promote Sunday School and CTS Rallys on the State level. Expenses of promotional literature, such as correspondence, special Promotions, etc., to be paid out of General Fund.
8. Board of Historical Commission: It shall be the duty of this Board to:
  - (a) Obtain all possible information about the history of Free Will Baptists in Mississippi.
  - (b) Maintain a current record of Progress.
  - (c) Give a progress report annually at each session of the State Association.
9. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of ten (10) 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.
10. The Moderator when serving this Association in promotional services shall be paid \$4.00 for each service conducted in addition to mileage.
11. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees which shall present to the body nominations for such committees as necessary.
12. 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.
13. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Moderator if he deems it necessary, and any questions as to Parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules



of Order shall be final authority on the subject.

14. The Editor of the Mississippi Messenger shall be paid \$30.00 per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing Messenger.

15. 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.

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