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# MARTIN HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

## BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

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MINUTES

OF THE

*Eleventh Annual Session*

OF THE

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AND SATURDAY  
BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN NOVEMBER, 1976

# Mississippi State Association

## Of Free Will Baptists

1974-1975

MODERATOR.....REV. J. L. GORE  
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BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION —  
Bro. Charles Walden — 1976; Rev. W. H. Bostic — 1977; Rev. Earl Langley —  
1978; Bro. Bery Van Nowell — 1979; Rev. Wendell Walley — 1980.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION —  
Rev. Bill Gardner — 1976; Rev. Norman Nowell — 1977; Rev. Luther Gibson —  
1978; Rev. Glen Shelby — 1979; Rev. Paul Long — 1980.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES —  
Rev. Jack Jones — 1976; Rev. Glen Batten — 1977; Rev. Danny Dwyer — 1978.

BOARD OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION —  
Rev. J. K. Walley — 1976; Rev. Curtis Briley — 1977; Rev. Russell Clouse —  
1978.

BOARD OF CHILDREN'S HOME —  
Rev. Tillis Walley

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

AUDITING COMMITTEE —  
Rev. Bill Robinson — 1976; Rev. Wayne Yarbrough — 1977; Rev. Herman  
McFadden — 1978.

**DIGEST REPORT OF CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING  
AT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENING AT THE CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, ROUTE  
3, WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI, NOVEMBER 6 AND 7, 1975.**

**NAMES OF CHURCHES:**

Fellowship; Buckatunna; First, Phila.; Main Street, Amory; Jones Chapel;  
Antioch, Burnsville; Springdale; First, Oxford; Antioch, Randolph; First,  
Columbus; Corinth; Lee's Chapel, (Jones Co.); Lee's Chapel, (Wayne Co.);  
Tupelo; Damascus; Pearce Chapel; Martin Hill; Fulton; Fawn Grove;  
Lovewell; Beech Springs; Smith Chapel; White Hill; First, Amory; Little  
Brown; New Gauley; Bethel; First, Booneville; County Line; McGregor  
Chapel; Thompson Creek; First, Pascagoula; Pine Grove; Richton; Smith-  
ville; First, Waynesboro; Jackson; Macedonia; New Lebanaon; First, Iuka.

**NAME OF ASSOCIATIONS:**

North East; South Mississippi; Little Brown Creek

**TOTAL FINANCES RECEIVED WITH CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL  
LETTERS:**

State General Fund — \$265.00; Missions — \$210.00; Representative fees —  
\$480.00.

**STATISTICS AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

**STATISTICS —**

Number of Churches .....	50
Church Membership .....	5,282
Number of Parsonages .....	13
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	54
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	29
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	174
Sunday School Enrollment .....	2,966
CTS Enrollment .....	1,290
Woman's Aux. Enrollment .....	290
Master's Men Enrollment .....	72
Mid-Week average attendance .....	917

**FINANCIAL REPORT —**

**Spent for local causes:**

Pastor's Salaries .....	\$156,475.17
Building and Repairs .....	83,687.11
Other .....	59,040.09
Total spent for local causes .....	\$299,202.37

**Spent for outside causes:**

Cooperative Plan .....	\$ 605.03
Foreign Missions .....	8,917.02
Home Missions .....	13,463.24
Children's Home .....	425.58
Education, Bible College .....	8,525.14
Value of Church Property .....	\$4,117,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property .....	\$ 297,000.00

**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 Corinth F. W. B. Church  
Waynesboro, Mississippi**

**BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM  
November 7, 1975**

**THEME: NEW EMPHASIS ON OLD TRUTHS**

Rev. Don Johnson, Presiding  
Rev. W. H. Bostic, Song Leader

**FIRDAY MORNING**

9:30 a.m. Welcome .....	Rev. Don Johnson
Hymn and Prayer	
9:40 a.m. Introduction .....	Rev. J. L. Gore
10:00 a.m. Message — The Importance of Repentance	
	Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Hymn	
10:40 a.m. Message — The Importance of Faith	
	Rev. Jack Stallings
11:20 a.m. RECESS	
11:30 a.m. Joint Service with Woman's Auxiliary	
Message — The Importance of Missions	
	Rev. Allan Crowson
12:30 p.m. LUNCH	
1:30 p.m. Hymn and Prayer	
1:35 p.m. Message — The Importance of the New Birth	
	Rev. Danny Dwyer
Hymn	
2:10 p.m. Message — The Importance of Sancitification	
	Rev. Herman McFadden
2:45 p.m. RECESS	

**MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Waynesboro, Mississippi on Friday afternoon November 7, 1975 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

The session was opened with congregation singing, "Let Us Praise The Lord" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" led by Rev. W. H. Bostic. Prayer by Rev. Luther Gibson. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Daniel Gaskins. The clerk introduced the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Gore.

The clerk gave the digest report of churches and Associational letters.



Motion was made and carried to receive a partial report and seat the delegates.

Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees as follows: Rev. Paul Long, chairman; Rev. Curtis Briley and Rev. Al Hamm.

Moderator recognized Rev. J. D. O'Donnel, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He gave an informative report.

The Executive Committee report was given by Rev. Daniel Gaskins. Motion was made and carried to receive report and adopt the recommendation. (See report).

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Luther Gibson. Motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Rev. Bob Shockey, Director of the National Free Will Baptist Home Missions gave a very challenging report.

Recessed until the evening session. Benediction was prayed by Rev. Russell Clouse.

### **FIRDAY EVENING SESSION**

Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" led by Rev. W. H. Bostic. Scripture reading by Rev. Glen Batten. He read from John 15:12-14. Prayer by Rev. Batten. The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Andy Hoeflich.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Paul Long, chairman. Motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The final Digest report was given by the clerk. Motion was made and carried to adopt report and seat delegates added to the report. (See report.)

Congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Prayer by Rev. Norman Nowell. Congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable."

Worship offering was received in the amount of \$87.27 for the State General Fund. Brother B. V. Nowell prayed the offertory prayer. Dr. Malcolm Fry sang "He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Needs."

Rev. Bob Shockey, Director of the National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists preached the evening message. He read I Corinthians 1:17-31. His subject was "Evangelizing." He preached a very challenging message. He gave an invitation, the altar was filled with ministers and their wives, Deacons and their wives and laymen dedicating their life anew to Christ.

Congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Written reports of the National Departments were distributed. Dr. Malcolm Fry, Director of CTS Department presented an audio-visual presentation of "CTS is the Family Place." Prayer of Benediction was prayed by Brother H. G. Cooper.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

Prayer Meeting began with congregation singing "Stand Up, Stand Up." Rev. Luther Gibson read Mark 11:24, Matthew 6:6; Luke 11:24. Bro. Gibson challenged us to the importance of prayer and to God's will for our lives. Prayer requests were given. Rev. Russell Clouse prayed for these requests. Eva House gave a testimony concerning the blessings of the Lord on the Woman's Auxiliary. Lou Ballard and Rev. Billy Bevins prayed prayers of thanksgiving for God's blessings.

The morning business session was opened with congregation singing, "Blessed Assurance." Rev. Glen Batten read John 15:15. Prayer by Brother Batten.

The report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Daniel Gaskins. He read a letter and report from Rev. Tillis Walley, State Board member to the Children's Home. Motion was made and carried to adopt report (See report.)

The following men from the National Departments were recognized: Rev. Bob Shocky, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Dr. Malcolm Fry, Mr. Loyd C. Olsan, Rev. Wayne Spruill, Rev. Paul Ketterman. Rev. Ketterman gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, a very challenging and informative report.

Brother Olson, Director of the Master's Men Board gave a very good report of the Master's Men.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Luther Gibson. Motion was made and carried to receive the report. (See report.)

The Resolution Committee report was given by Rev. Danny Dwyer. Motion was made and carried to receive this report and act upon them item by item. (See report.) Motion was made and carried that the committee recommended in resolution number one by the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries. Rev. Danny Dwyer to be the chairman.

Two items were acted on. Balance of report to be given in afternoon session.

Report of the Mississippi State Mission Board was given by Rev. Wendell Walley. He asked Brother Gore to give a report of the Jackson Mission. (See report.)

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregation sang "Blessed Be The Name." Prayer by Rev. Paul Long. Rev. Earl Langley presented a challenge to assist the Greenville church in buying pews because of the delay in building caused by not being able to get building permit earlier. Inflation had caused about \$10,000.00 increase in building cost as result of the delay. Several pledged to help buy pews. Congregation sang "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Moderator introduced our new Missionary Rev. Steve Nichols to Greenwood. Bro. Nichols gave his testimony and shared his burden for missions. He brought the message, reading from Acts 8:5-8; 26-35. Prayer by Bro. Nichols. His subject, "Bible Basis for Church Growth." He preached a good message, closed message with prayer.

Worship offering was received in the amount of \$108.36 for State Missions. Benediction and blessing was prayed by Rev. Luther Gibson.

LUNCH — (All Board members met together during the lunch hour to organize work for the coming year.)

Afternoon session began by congregation singing "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Brother Carl Bullard.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Rev. Herman McFadden. Motion was made and carried to adopt report. (See report.)

The Treasurer's report was given by Brother A. V. Armstrong, treasurer. Motion was made and carried to accept the report. (See report.)

The tabled resolution relative to another treasurer for the mission Board was brought before the body. Motion was made and carried to table this resolution indefinitely.

The remainder of the resolution Committee report was given and acted upon. (See report.)

Motion was made and carried to adjourn. Prayer of Benediction was prayed by Miss Eva House.

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

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Jackson Mission, Jackson, Mississippi September 20, 1975. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Rev. J. L. Gore.

We recommend:

1. That we give our two National Speakers an honorarium of \$50.00 each.
  2. We planned the Bible Conference and State Association Programs.
- (Adopted.)

## **WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT**

We are happy to report 31 active Auxiliaries who have reported with 273 members. Our total giving amounted to \$5,682.33.

Woman's Auxiliary  
Mrs. Luther Gibson, Pres.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

We, your Committee on Committees submit the following recommendations for:

Nominating Committee — Luther Gibson, H. G. Cooper, Norman Nowell;  
Resolution Committee — Danny Dwyer, Jack Stallings, Glen Shelby.

Submitted by Rev. Paul Long, chairman; Rev. Curtis Briley; Rev. Al Hamm.

## **REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME**

Dear Bro. Moderator,

I regret that I will be unable to attend the State Association this year. My wife will enter the hospital on November 4th for major surgery, but this letter will be my report.

TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST IN MISSISSIPPI.  
Greetings:

On July 29th, my wife and I had the privilege to visit the children's home and were able to get some information that I feel will be helpful to us as an association and to the children's home.

They had at that time 25 children in the home and were receiving new applications. They have a capacity of 32 children.

Two students graduated from high school this year. Mike Reed joined the army and Mary Lou Gunter is living in Townley, Alabama.

They were desperately in need of house parents, they had no one with the teen girls at this time.

A number of the employees are leaving the children's home for better paying jobs, which creates another shortage.

A roof was put on the main building at a cost of \$4,593.00. There are two rooms on the girls hall to be remodeled, one guest room and one supply room. All the bedrooms, the piano room and the sewing room are completed.



We also learned that the well needed re-drilling because of iron in the water causing frequent pump repair.

To comply with the new Minimum Standards they will have to hire a social worker and dietitian. They will have to comply by February, 1976 in order to renew their license. (Please pray about this.)

Their expenditures are up, especially utilities. The light bill was \$466.00 up \$84.00 over last month. They had approximately \$1,500.00 in the bank then. Their income has been \$4,500.00 — \$7,500.00 a month, and expenditures \$8,000.00 — \$8,500.00 all summer. They have had about \$1,000.00 per month increase in spending over the same period last year.

The Foster Parent Fund needs \$1,500.00. They spent \$1,200.00 this year.

I traveled 150 miles.

In Christ, Tillis Walley

### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following names for nomination: Moderator — Rev. J. L. Gore; Asst. Moderator — Rev. Jack Stallings; Clerk — Rev. Daniel Gaskins; Assistant Clerk — Rev. A. F. Ferguson; Treasurer — Bro. A. V. Armstrong; Editor — Mississippi Messenger — Bro. Daniel Gaskins.

Board of Missions and Church Extension to fill the expired term of Rev. Wendell Walley — Bro. Walley (1980), and to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Ron Niebruegge (1977) — Bro. W. H. Bostic.

Board of Christian Education to fill the expired term of Rev. Paul Long, Bro. Long (1980).

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries to fill the expired term of Bro. Darrell Stafford — Danny Dwyer (1978), and to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Bobby Mills — Glen Batten (1977)

Board of Historical Commission to fill the expired term of Rev. Herbert Knight, Bro. Russell Clause (1978).

Board of Children's Home to fill the expired term of Rev. Tillis Walley, Bro. Walley.

Auditing Committee to fill the expired term of Rev. Herman McFadden, Bro. Herman McFadden (1978).

### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Whereas, there is a growing need in our state for Pastoral fellowship among those of all associations, and, Whereas, much can be learned to help us in our ministries and, Whereas, facilities can be made suitable for such, or are available we resolve therefore, that a committee of three men be appointed to plan a State Pastor's Retreat at the soonest possible convenience. (adopted)

2. Whereas, there have been many to express the desire to be included in the Bible Conference of our state meeting, and Whereas, the program may beed to be streamlined a bit more to keep from such a long Friday service, and, Whereas, those men representing our National Offices should be given ample time for effective presentation of their work. Be it therefore, resolved that the program be re-structured by the executive committee to meet such needs. (defeated)

3. Whereas, we are commanded in the scripture to pray for those in governmental authority over us and submit to their leadership, and, Whereas, this is a most crucial year in the history of our country, politically and

spiritually, and, Whereas, Free Will Baptists constitute a significant number of people of this state, Be it therefore resolved:

- a. That our people be exhorted to pray more earnestly and consistently for those in positions of governmental authority as commanded in I Tim. 2:1-4.
  - b. That our clerk send letters representing this State Association to our Governor, United States senators, and Legislators of Mississippi making them aware of our concern and exhorting them to conduct the business of our country by the guidelines of God's Word. (adopted)
4. Whereas, the Corinth F. W. B. Church has given us a warm welcome and provided facilities for our meeting. Be it resolved therefore, that this meeting give a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth Church and this association for their kind hospitality. (adopted)
5. Whereas, the Martin Hill Church from the Little Brown Creek Assn. has extended to us an invitation to meet there for the 1976 meeting, Be it resolved therefore, that this State Association accept the invitation. (adopted)
6. Whereas, the Mississippi Messenger is a vital link to our state work and, Whereas, there has been a sincere desire to improve the content of our paper in relating more of our state work, Be it resolved, therefore, that the Pastors of our State be encouraged to contribute to the content of the Mississippi Messenger by at least observing the following guidelines:
- a. Send regular progress reports and activities of the church to Bro. Gaskins for the Messenger.
  - b. Other areas of interest should be included such as District Meetings, Youth Rallies, Woman's Auxiliaries, Revivals, articles on good Christian people in our churches.
  - c. Consideration may even be given to electing or appointing someone to see that this work is done in the local church. (adopted)

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

### OBSERVATIONS

Mississippi Missions has experienced another great year. "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised . . ." (Psalms 48:1a). Many Free Will Baptist Churches and individuals also deserve thanks and commendation for consistent and faithful prayer and financial support.

Regular monthly gifts have continued strong and consistent throughout the year averaging over \$860 a month. In addition, record gifts for "March for Mississippi Missions" totaled nearly \$5,700. This kind of consistent support continues to strengthen our missions program.

### JACKSON MAKES PROGRESS

Our church in Jackson, less than two years old, continues to make commendable progress. They purchased approximately four acres of prime land in south Pearl near the first of the year. Later they bought a trailer and moved it to their site, enabling them, for the first time, to have a full schedule of services.

Membership gains have edged their attendance up toward the 30 mark. Offerings have increased from about \$250 a month a year ago to about \$700 a month now. Twice this year they have taken up part of their pastor's salary

and other benefits. We appreciate the Gores and what God is doing through them and their people.

Continue to stand behind this work with your prayers and financial support. Pray for their spiritual, numerical and financial growth. Also for wisdom and faith as they begin to think of building.

ABOUT THE FUTURE

After considerable prayer and evaluation of need and capabilities, your Mission Board has decided to launch another project. We do not feel this will jeopardize our responsibilities to Jackson nor overreach our financial capabilities.

Your newest missionaries are the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nichols and family, natives of Mississippi and former members of the Tupelo FWB Church. They have pastored in Fayette, Alabama since Bro. Nichols' graduation from FWBBC over six years ago.

Greenwood has been tentatively selected for the next project. We know of but one FWB family living there. This means the work will be hard, and that success will not be easy. Your faithful prayer and financial support are needed.

The Nichols will move to Mississippi around the middle of January. We are planning a statewide itinerate for them during February and March. Plan to have them in your church for a service so all of our people in the state can get acquainted with this dedicated family.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee has examined the books of the state treasurer and found them to be clear, well-kept and in order. We commend our treasurer for his time and efforts.

Respectfully, Herman McFadden, Chairman  
Bill Robinson, Wayne Yarbrough, Members

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists for Year beginning October 1, 1974 and ending September 30, 1975.  
All gifts to missions, mobile chapel, designated, etc., are listed as a total.

MISSION FUND RECEIPTS

Amory Fed. Savings and Loan - Interest on savings .....	277.92
Antioch F.W.B. Church - Burnsville .....	349.56
Antioch F.W.B. Church - Randolph .....	195.61
Beech Springs F.W.B. Church .....	722.11
Bethel F.W.B. Church .....	232.97
Behtlehem F.W.B. Church .....	178.17
Buckatunna F.W.B. Church .....	89.50
Corinth F.W.B. Church .....	312.84
Corinth Master's Men .....	25.00
County Line F.W.B. Church .....	91.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church .....	15.00
East Columbus F.W.B. Church .....	270.22
Eggville F.W.B. Church .....	312.13



Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church .....	282.11
Fellowship F.W.B. Church .....	525.00
First F.W.B. Church - Amory .....	761.00
First F.W.B. Church - Booneville .....	1,191.26
First F.W.B. Church - Columbus .....	1,656.35
First F.W.B. Church - Greenville .....	449.70
First F.W.B. Church - Jackson .....	91.92
First F.W.B. Church - Pascagoula .....	581.50
First F.W.B. Church - Philadelphia .....	80.00
Fulton F.W.B. Church .....	250.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	216.00
Lees Chapel F.W.B. Church - Jones County .....	278.94
Lees Chapel F.W.B. Church - Wayne County .....	239.57
Little Brown F.W.B. Church .....	160.00
Lovewell F.W.B. Church .....	120.49
Macedonia F.W.B. Church .....	125.00
Main Street F.W.B. Church - Amory .....	340.14
Martin Hill F.W.B. Church .....	521.67
McGregor Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	175.00
Mount Pisgah F.W.B. Church .....	404.50
New Gauley F.W.B. Church .....	254.29
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church .....	50.00
North Side F.W.B. Church .....	182.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	2,995.73
Thompson Creek F.W.B. Church .....	50.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church .....	3,681.96
White Hill F.W.B. Church .....	50.00
North East Miss. Assn. of Y.F.W.B. ....	206.79
Miss. State Association - Offering .....	118.36
South Miss. Association of F.W.B. ....	30.95
Little Brown Creek Association of F.W.B. ....	418.23
W.N.A.C. ....	313.50
Roy Holifield .....	35.00
Jimmie E. Byrd .....	20.00
Sandy Clifton .....	20.00
Mrs. Isom Walley .....	6.00
Mrs. Julie Braddock .....	25.00
Rev. J. L. Gore — Paid off loan .....	2,000.00
Peggie Ann Griffin .....	5.00
Dean Harris .....	35.00
James A. Harlow .....	5.00
Rev. Al Hamm .....	20.00
Verna M. Fagan .....	21.00
Mrs. Martha Dailey .....	35.00
Mrs. Francis Wilson .....	40.00
Mr. C. R. Brasfield .....	70.00
Rev. Glen Jones .....	30.00
Annie Walden .....	30.00
Charles E. Walden .....	100.00
Mr. Luther Lee .....	65.00
Rev. Jack Jones .....	100.00

Larry W. Jones .....	5.00
Mr. H. G. Cooper, Sr. ....	70.00
Jimmy E. Harrell .....	16.00
Transferred from savings .....	7,607.67
Mrs. Alma Walden .....	30.00
Rev. Glen E. Shelby .....	45.00
Anonymous Gifts .....	3,097.77
Total Receipts .....	25,878.76
Balance Brought Forward.....	7,528.68
Total Available Cash .....	\$33,407.44

**MISSION FUND**

**MISSION FUND DISBURSEMENTS:**

National Home Mission Board - Rev. Gore Acct.....	\$10,700.00
Mission Board - Travel, phone, postage .....	447.58
Rev. J. L. Gore - Travel .....	832.11
Rev. J. L. Gore - Phone .....	392.34
Jackson Bldg. Fund - Designated .....	1,148.26
Jackson Mission - Loan .....	4,000.00
Greenville Bldg. Fund - Designated .....	899.64
Transfer to Mobile Chapel Fund .....	605.32
Waynesboro Mission - Designated .....	123.50
Jackson Mission - Chairs - Designated .....	168.00
Rev. Wendell Walley - Designated .....	100.00
Rev. J. L. Gore - Designated .....	175.00
Designated Out of State .....	87.70
Total Disbursement .....	19,679.45

Total Available Cash .....	\$33,407.44
Less Disbursements .....	19,679.45
Checking Account .....	3,727.99
Savings Account .....	10,000.00
Mission Fund Balance	
Sept. 30, 1975 .....	13,727.99
Submitted by: A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer	

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

**RECEIPTS:**

Mississippi Mission Fund.....	\$10,700.00
Direct Church & Individual Gifts .....	732.11
W.N.A.C. ....	272.50
Total Receipts .....	\$11,704.61

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Rev. J. L. Gore — Salary .....	\$9,440.00
Rev. J. L. Gore — Christmas Gift .....	50.00
Jackson Bldg. Fund .....	175.94



Postage .....	37.54
Total Disbursements .....	\$9,703.48
Total Receipts .....	\$11,704.61
Bal. Brought Forward .....	979.61
Total Available Cash .....	12,684.22
Less Disbursements .....	9,703.48
Balance in Acct. Sept. 30, 1975 .....	\$ 2,980.74

#### MOBILE CHAPEL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Receipts .....	\$ 6,985.98
Balance Brought Forward .....	3,594.62
Total Available Cash .....	10,580.60
Less Disbursements .....	\$10,580.60
Balance Sept. 30, 1975 .....	- 0 -

MOBILE CHAPEL PAID IN FULL January 30, 1975

Submitted by A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOR YEAR  
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1974, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

#### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Antioch F.W.B. Church - Randolph .....	\$60.00
Antioch F.W.B. Church - Burnsville .....	48.67
Buckatunna F.W.B. Church .....	15.00
Beach Springs F.W.B. Church .....	65.00
Bethel F.W.B. Church .....	66.77
Corinth F.W.B. Church .....	341.72
County Line F.W.B. Church .....	70.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
Depriest Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
Eggville F.W.B. Church .....	100.00
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church .....	22.20
Fellowship F.W.B. Church .....	20.00
First F.W.B. Church - Amory .....	150.00
First F.W.B. Church - Booneville .....	10.00
First F.W.B. Church - Pascagoula .....	35.00
First F.W.B. Church - Philadelphia .....	10.00
First F.W.B. Church - Columbus .....	397.00
First F.W.B. Church - Greenville .....	50.00
First F.W.B. Church - Jackson .....	475.59
Fulton F.W.B. Church .....	60.00
Mr. Letcher Fields .....	15.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	25.00
Little Brown Creek Assn. ....	20.00
Lees Chapel F.W.B. Church - Jones County .....	86.44
Lees Chapel F.W.B. Church - Wayne County .....	468.18
Main Street F.W.B. Church - Amory .....	252.16

Mount Pisgah F.W.B. Church .....	61.75
Martin Hill F.W.B. Church .....	63.79
McGregor Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	185.00
B. V. Nowell .....	20.00
New Gauley F.W.B. Church .....	414.18
North Side F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	306.17
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church .....	273.68
Miss. State Association - Offering .....	115.57
North East Miss. Assn. of F.W.B. ....	30.00
South Miss. Assn. of F.W.B. ....	20.00
Hudson Bible and Church Supplies .....	15.41
West Point F.W.B. Church .....	15.00
White Hill F.W.B. Church .....	30.00
Richton F.W.B. Church .....	20.00
Smiths Chapel F.W.B. Church .....	92.00
Thompson Creek F.W.B. Church .....	10.00
Miscellaneous .....	126.54
Total Receipts .....	4,712.82
Balance Brought Forward .....	631.02
Total Available Cash .....	\$5,343.84

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Treasurer - Envelopes, Postage, Expense Allowance .....	125.84
Printing .....	2,291.64
Phone .....	12.08
Messenger - Postage, phone .....	796.54
Moderator - Travel .....	174.33
Delegates Fees to National Association .....	115.00
Executive Board - Travel .....	47.16
State Church Training Service .....	143.78
Honorariums .....	120.00
Designated to Outside Ministries .....	939.05
Total Disbursements .....	4,765.42
Total Available Cash .....	5,343.84
Less Disbursements .....	4,765.42
General Fund Balance - Sept. 30, 1975 .....	\$ 578.42

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 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 assigned 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 3 members with terms up to three 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 either 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.

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