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**MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Moderator ..... Rev. Luther Gibson  
134 North Lake, Booneville, Ms. 38829  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Robert Cooper  
Tupelo, Ms.  
Clerk ..... Rev. Glen E. Shelby  
Route 3, Box 793, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367  
Assistant Clerk ..... Rev. Wayne Hale  
Route 5, Box 440, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367  
Editor—Mississippi Messenger ..... Rev. Glen E. Shelby  
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**Board of Missions and Church Extension**

Rev. Johnnie Sexton, 1981; Rev. Dwight Fletcher, 1982; Rev. Phil Ange, 1983;  
Bro. Jimmie Byrd, 1984; Bro. John Pake, 1985.

**Board of Christian Education**

Rev. Dwight Whitworth, 1981; Rev. Eddie Vincent, 1982; Rev. Norman Nowell,  
1983; Rev. Lester Cahoon, 1984; Rev. Paul Long, 1985.

**Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries**

Rev. Al Hamm, 1981; Rev. Jack Jones, 1982; Rev. J. L. Gore, 1983.

**Board of Historical Commission**

Rev. Larry Reynolds, 1981; Bro. Tony Holifield, 1982; Rev. Hollis Sutherland,  
1983.

**Auditing Committee**

Rev. Steve Nichols, 1981; Rev. Terry Booker, 1982; Rev. Wayne Yarbough, 1983.

**Board of Children's Home**

Bro. Charles Walden

**General Board Member to the National Association**

Rev. Luther Gibson

**Master's Men State Senator**

Bro. Doyle Hadaway

**DIGEST REPORT OF THE CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED  
AT THE 1980 MISS. STATE ASSOCIATION**

CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE
Antioch—Burnsville	Rev. Glen Jones Route 6, Corinth, Ms. 38834	Eddie Davis
Antioch—Pontotoc Beech Springs	Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer Route 2, Box 448 Saltillo, Ms. 38866	
Bethel	Rev. Normal Nowell Route 3, Box 602 Waynesboro, Ms. 39367	Mrs. Azellene Nowell
Bethelhem Buckatunna	Rev. Andy Hoeflich Route 4, Box 157 Richton, Ms. 39476	Clayton Harrison
Burgess Creek	Rev. Lanarse Stricklen Route 1, Box 306, Booneville, Ms. 38829	Johnny Nonley
Community Route 3, Corinth, Ms. 38834 Corinth	Rev. J. K. Walley Route 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367	Steve Jones
County Line	Rev. Frank Henderson Route 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367	George Henderson
Damascus	Rev. H. L. Warren Route 12, Box 132 Meridian, Ms. 39301	Robbie Mills
Eggville	Rev. Charles F. Davis Route 4, Box 316 A, Tupelo, Ms. 38801	Carolyn Warren
First—Amory First—Booneville	Rev. Luther Gibson 202 North Lake, Booneville, Ms. 38829	Myra Parker
First—Columbus	Rev. Phil Ange 613 Browder St. Columbus, Ms. 39701	Eva House
First—Iuka	Rev. Dallas Jack Jones Route 3, Box 7741 Iuka, Ms. 38852	Mrs. Virginia Jones

CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE
First—Oxford	Rev. George Crowder 405 Vivian St. Oxford, Ms. 38655	Billy Clark
First—Pascagoula	Rev. Milton Fields 2914 Doby Street, Pascagoula, Ms. 39567	Mrs. Helen Fields
First—Pearl	Rev. J. L. Gore 136 Mayfair Dr. Jackson, Ms. 39212	Mrs. Dot Gore
First—Philadelphia	Rev. William Moses P. O. 1713 Columbus, Ms. 39701	Mrs. H. G. Cooper
First—Richton	Rev. Carter Brewer Route 4, Box 1418 Richton, Ms. 39476	
First—Smithville	Rev. Don Holland Route 1, Box 24-A, Smithville, Ms. 38870	Inez Armstrong
Fawn Grove Fellowship	Rev. Dwight Fletcher Route 1, Box 96, Richton, Ms. 39476	
Fulton	Rev. Jerry Smith 208 Farrar Dr. Fulton, Ms. 38843	Bobby Hargett
Jone's Chapel Lee's Chapel—Jones Co. Lee's Chapel—Wayne Co.	Rev. Wayne Hale Route 5, Box 440, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367	Mrs. Wanda Hale
Little Brown Creek	Rev. Gene Gilbert Route 1, New Site, Ms. 38859	
Lovewell	Rev. Truman Freeman  Route, 1 Richton, Ms. 39476	Mrs. Truman Freeman
Macedonia Route 1, Reinzi, Ms. 38865 Main Street—Amory		Margaret Maness
Martin Hill	Rev. Bill Nix Sulligent, Ala. Dr. Danny Sexton Route 5, Booneville, Ms. 38829	Mrs. Linda Knight
McGregor's Chapel Midway Mt. Pisgah		Darlene Cahoon

CHURCH	PASTOR	DELEGATE
New Gauley	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Route 2, Saltillo, Ms. 38866	
Pearce Chapel	Rev. Grady Runyon Route 1, Smithville, Ms. 38870	Judy Runyon
Pine Grove (Wayne Co.)	Rev. John Dailey Rt. 1, Buckatunna, Ms. 39322	Roy Holifield
Pine Grove (West Point)	Rev. Leander McAdams Route 2, Box 814, Columbus, Ms.	Mrs. Wilda McAdams
Smith Chapel	Rev. Danny Short Route 1, Marietta, Ms. 38856	
Tupelo		
Victory		
White Hill	Rev. Larry Reynolds Route 2, Box 234 A, Eupora, Ms. 39744	Billy Michael Truell
Petal	Rev. Lonnie Walley Route 1, Richton, Ms. 39476	James Nail
Thompson Creek	Rev. Johnny Aricer Route 6, Box 445, Laurel, Ms. 39440	

### NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS

South Mississippi, Little Brown Creek, Northeast.	
Total finances received with church and associational letters:	
State General Fund.....	\$361.50
Missions.....	160.00
Representative Fees .....	785.00

### STATISTICS:

Number of Churches 57 Combined total membership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of baptisms 265 Total new members gained \_\_\_\_\_ lost \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of parsonages 7 Combined value of churches and parsonages \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of churches giving to Cooperative Plan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of churches designating gifts to outside causes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of churches participating in Retirement and Insurance Plan 7  
 Number of churches providing hospital insurance for pastor or staff 4  
 Number of ordained ministers 63 Licensed Ministers 10  
 (List on the back; or attach their correct mailing addresses and telephone numbers.)  
 Total number of mid-week Prayer meetings 45 Average attendance 800  
 Number of ordained deacons in the quarterly meeting 169  
 Combined Sunday school enrollment 2,824 Average attendance 1,888  
 Combined CTS enrollment 1,102 Average attendance 718  
 Combined WNAC enrollment 378 Average attendance 186  
 Combined Master's Men enrollemtn 293 Average attendance 29

## **BIBLE CONFERENCE**

**October 31, 1980**

Rev. Milton Fields, Presiding

Rev. Jack Jones, Song Leader

9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction . . . . .	Rev. Milton Fields
	Hymn and Prayer	
10:00 a.m.	Message . . . . .	Rev. Wayne Hale
10:40 a.m.	Message . . . . .	Rev. Glen Jones
11:20 a.m.	Recess	
11:30 a.m.	Message . . . . .	Rev. Eddie Vincent
	(Joint Service with Woman's Auxiliary)	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Hymn and Prayer	
1:35 p.m.	Message . . . . .	Rev. Freddie Lockwood
2:10 p.m.	Recess	

## **MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING**

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The Sixteenth Annual Session of Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Amory, Mississippi, on Friday afternoon and Saturday, October 31 and November 1, 1980.

The session was opened with congregational singing. The meeting was called to order by the clerk, who introduced the Moderator, Rev. Luther Gibson.

The clerk gave a partial report of the Digest Committee of church and associational letters. A motion was made and carried to receive the report and seat the delegates.

The Executive Committee Report was given by the clerk. Motion was made and carried to accept the report. (See report).

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Terry Booker, Chairman, Rev. Milton Fields, Rev. Phil Ange.

The report of the Committee of Conference and Itinerate Ministries was given by Rev. Jack Jones. Motion was made and carried to accept the report. (See report).

The National Executive Committee Report was given by Dr. Melvin Worthington. Also a report from the Board of Retirement and Insurance was given by Dr. Worthington. A motion was made and carried to receive both reports as information.

A report from the Children's Home was given by Bro. Pat Buttrey. Motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Dismissed by prayer until Friday night session.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION**

The Friday night session was opened at 7:30 p.m. with special singing by Bro. Fred Lockwood. Congregation sang "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story", led by Bro. Dwight Whitworth.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Eddie Vincent.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Terry Booker. Motion made and carried to accept the report. (See report).



Congregation sang "Tell Me the Story", and special singing was rendered by Bro. Fred Lockwood. An offering was taken for the Greenwood Mission. Special singing was rendered by Mrs. Dwight Whitworth.

The Friday evening message was given by Dr. Charles Thigpen who used a text from Matthew 26:69-75.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

Congregational singing led by Bro. Dwight Whitworth was followed by prayer and special music rendered by the Ladies' Trio from the Tupelo Church.

Prayer meeting was led by Rev. Robert Dykes with scripture taken from I Timothy 6:6. Prayer was led by Rev. Jack Jones.

A report from the Board of the Children's Home was given by Bro. Charles Walden. Motion was made and carried to receive as information.

The Sunday School and C.T.S. report was given by Bro. Jim Lauthren. Motion was made and carried to receive the reports as information.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Betty Shelby. Motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The report of the Bible College was given by Dr. Charles Thigpen. Motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Jack Jones. Motion was made and carried to receive the report.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Rev. Norman Nowell. Motion was made and carried to receive report. (See report).

The Nominating Committee Report was completed by Rev. Jack Jones. A motion was made and carried to accept and vote them item by item. (See report).

The Report of the State Mission Board was given by Rev. Dwight Fletcher. Motion was made and carried to accept report. (See report).

The Report of the Auditing Committee was given by Rev. T. L. Booker. Motion was made and carried to receive the report. (See report).

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. A. V. Armstrong. Motion was made and carried to receive report. (See report).

The Master's Men Report was made by Bro. Lloyd Olson. Motion was made and carried to receive report as information.

A report of the Pearl and Faith Churches was given by Rev. J. L. Gore. A motion was made and carried to receive as information.

A motion was made and carried to give \$1,000 out of the Mississippi State General Fund to the Graduate Program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Moderator recognized the new pastor's in our state.

Recess.

A presentation of a check for \$1,00 was made to Dr. Charles Thigpen by Bro. A. V. Armstrong.

Special music was rendered.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Grady Runyon with a text taken from I Per. 1:18-21 and Exodus 12.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn.



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Executive Committee and the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi on September 13, 1980, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. to plan the program for the annual Bible Conference and the Mississippi State Association.

Members present were: Rev. Luther Gibson, Moderator, Rev. Glen Shelby, Clerk, Bro. A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer, and members of the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries, Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Al Hamm. Rev. Wayne Hale opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

We submit the following recommendations:

(1) We planned the annual Bible Conference and State Associational meeting programs.

(2) The Executive Committee voted to designate Friday night's offering to the Greenwood Mission and Saturday morning's offering to the State General Fund.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Luther Gibson  
Rev. Wayne Hale  
Bro. A. V. Armstrong  
Rev. Jack Jones  
Rev. Al Hamm  
Rev. Glen Shelby

## **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT**

We, The Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

For the Nominating committee we recommend:

Rev. Jack Jones  
Rev. J. L. Gore  
Rev. Eddie Vincent

For the Resolutions Committee we recommend:

Rev. Norman Nowell  
Rev. J. S. Whithead  
Rev. O. L. Fields

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. T. L. Booker  
Rev. Milton Fields  
Rev. Phil Ange

## **BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES REPORT**

We the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries, met with the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Association, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Miss. on Sept. 13, 1980, and planned the Bible Conference and the Mississippi State Associational meeting.

Submitted by,  
Rev. Andy Hoeflich  
Rev. Al Hamm  
Rev. Jack Jones

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following names for nomination:

Moderator:	Rev. Luther Gibson
Assistant-Moderator:	Rev. Eddie Vincent
Clerk:	Rev. Glen Shelby
Assistant Clerk:	Rev. Robert Dykes
Treasurer:	Bro. A. V. Armstrong
Editor-Mississippi Messenger:	Bro. Billy Tabb

### **Board of Missions and Church Extension:**

To fill the expired term of Bro. John Pike—1980: Bro. John Pake—1985.

To fill the unexpired term of Rev. Bill Smith—1981; (moved from state.)

Rev. Johnnie Sexton—1981.

To fill the unexpired term of Rev. Al Hamm—1983: (Resigned).

Rev. Phil Ange—1983.

Those serving presently on the Mission Board are: Rev. Dwight Fletcher—1982;

Bro. Jimmie Byrd—1984.

### **Board of Christian Education**

To fill the expired term of Rev. Paul Long—1980: Rev. Paul Long—1985.

To fill the unexpired term of Bro. Sam Postlewaite—1983: (Moved from state)—Rev. Norman Nowell—1983.

Those serving presently on the Board of Christian Education are: Rev. Dwight Whitworth—1981; Rev. Eddie Vincent—1982; Rev. Phil Ange—1984.

To fill the unexpired term of Rev. Phil Ange—1984; Rev. Lester Cahoon—1984.

### **Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries**

To fill the expired term of Rev. Andy Hoeflich—1980: Rev. J. L. Gore—1983.

Those serving presently on the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries are: Rev. Al Hamm—1981; Rev. Jack Jones—1982.

### **Board of Historical Commission**

To fill the expired term of Rev. Floyd C. Barber—1980: Rev. Hollis Southerland—1983.

Those serving presently on the Board of Historical Commission are: Rev. Larry Reynolds—1981; Bro. Tony Holifield—1982.

### **Auditing Committee**

To fill the expired term of Rev. Wayne Yarbrough—1983.

Those serving presently on the Auditing Committee are: Rev. Steve Nichols—1981; Rev. Terry Booker—1982.

To fill the unexpired term of Rev. Terry Booker—1982; Bro. Malcolm Garrett—1982.

### **Board of Children's Home**

Bro. Charles Walden

### **General Board Member to the National Association**

Rev. Luther Gibson

### **Master's Men State Senator**

Bro. Doyle Hadaway

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

I. Resolved that the Mississippi State Associational Meeting for 1981 be changed from Pascagoula to the Faith Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

II. Resolved the Home Mission Board make a quarterly report through the Mississippi Messenger.

III. Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church of Amory has most graciously provided their facilities and services to host the State Association: Be it therefore resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Rev. Eddie Vincent and the congregation of First Free Will Baptist Church of Amory for their gracious hospitality during this State meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Norman Nowell

Rev. O. L. Fields

Rev. J. S. Whitehead

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1, 1979 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

### Church Receipts:

Amory F.W.B. Church.....	\$125.00
Antioch F.W.B. Church (Burnsville).....	500.00
Beech Springs F.W.B. Church.....	239.84
Bethel F.W.B. Church.....	384.11
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church.....	415.53
Buckatunna F.W.B. Church.....	470.00
Burgess Creek F.W.B. Church.....	200.00
Community F.W.B. Church.....	200.00
Corinth F.W.B. Church.....	641.92
County Line F.W.B. Church.....	185.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church.....	65.00
Eggville F.W.B. Church.....	661.72
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church.....	500.94
Fellowship F.W.B. Church.....	1,718.30
First F.W.B. Church—Booneville.....	746.75
First F.W.B. Church—Columbus.....	1,835.79
First F.W.B. Church—Greenville.....	624.71
First F.W.B. Church—Iuka.....	390.00
First F.W.B. Church—Pascagoula.....	50.00
First F.W.B. Church—Pearl.....	258.00
First F.W.B. Church—Philadelphia.....	12.500
First F.W.B. Church—Smithville.....	94.00
Fulton F.W.B. Church.....	100.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	200.00
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church—Jones County.....	415.70
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church—Wayne County.....	965.34
Little Brown F.W.B. Church.....	387.25
Main Street F.W.B. Church—Amory.....	354.60
Macedonia F.W.B. Church.....	262.00

Martin Hill F.W.B. Church.....	775.86
Midway F.W.B. Church.....	50.00
Mount Pisgah F.W.B. Church.....	1,761.10
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church.....	485.00
North Side F.W.B. Church.....	120.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	1,745.10
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church.....	324.61
Smith Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	150.00
Thompson Creek F.W.B. Church.....	50.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church.....	1,025.09
Victory F.W.B. Church.....	471.36
White Hill F.W.B. Church.....	200.00
	\$20,274.62
Receipts from Individuals.....	100.00
Miscellaneous receipts (alphabetically):	
Beech Springs Ladies Auxiliary.....	\$5.00
Fellowship Ladies Auxiliary.....	305.64
Fellowship Master's Men.....	778.31
Lee's Chapel—Jones Co. Adult Sun. Sch.....	31.00
Lee's Chapel—Jones Co. Young People.....	28.00
Lee's Chapel—Jones Co. Ladies Auxiliary.....	25.00
Little Brown Creek Assoc. Youth Rally.....	60.00
Little Brown F.W.B. Ch. Sunday School.....	72.50
Mississippi St. Assoc. (gifts sent to the St. Assoc. mtg).....	255.00
Mississippi State Woman's Auxiliary.....	856.50
New Gauley F.W.B. Sunday School.....	50.00
North East Association.....	100.00
South Mississippi Youth Rally.....	25.00
Steve Nichols (Loan Payments).....	75.00
Steve Nichols (Sale of Old Pews).....	87.00
	\$2,753.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$23,128.57
DISBURSEMENTS	
To the National Home Mission Department—Steve Nichols Acct.....	\$10,000.00
To Missionary Steve Nichols: 1) 1979 Social Security.....	\$589.00
2) Christmas Gift.....	150.00
3) Mileage/Meals/Lodging.....	90.34
4) Phone.....	18.50
	1847.84
For St. Mission Bd. Expenses: 1) Mileage/Meals/Lodging.....	\$523.42
2) Phone.....	24.60
3) Postage Stamps.....	15.12
4) Miscellaneous.....	12.33
5) Treasurer's Honorarium.....	120.00
	\$695.47

Miscellaneous:

Greenwood F.W.B. Mission 1) Building Fund.....	408.00
2) Piano Fund.....	856.50
3) Loan to do the Brick.....	\$3,000.00
4) Reimburse for the fold-down of the mobile ch.....	450.00
First F.W.B. Ch./Pearl— Building Fund.....	75.00
J. L. Gore Family (Designated Gift).....	293.00
MS. State Gen. Fund (Miss. Messenger Donation).....	100.00
Richton Bank & Trust Co. (part of the purchase price of a 182 Day Money Market Certificate.....	\$6,000.00
	\$11,182.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$22,725.81
Balance 9/30/80.....	\$4,195.54
Balance forwarded from September 30, 1979.....	\$3,792.78
Total receipts 10/1/79 thru 9/30/80.....	23,128.57
	26,921.35
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	22,725.81

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT INFORMATION**

Amory Federal Savings & Loan Association (10/29/79).....	\$5,372.48
+ Interest earned.....	400.23
Balance 9/30/80.....	\$5,772.71
Richton Bank & Trust Co.— Passbook Savings (9/30/79).....	\$3,160.05
+ Interest earned.....	159.98
Balance 9/30/80.....	\$3,320.03
Richton Bank & Trust Co.— Golden Passbook Savings	
Balance 9/30/79.....	\$15,344.00
+ Interest earned.....	641.08
	15,985.08
— Withdrawal on April 2, 1980.....	9,000.00
Balance 9/30/80.....	\$6,985.08
Richton Bank & Trust Co.— 182 day Money Mkt. Cert.....	\$15,000.00
TOTAL ON SAVINGS.....	\$31,077.82

The \$9,000.00 withdrawn from savings was placed with \$6,000.00 from checking to purchase the 182 day Money Market Certificate of Deposit. This was at a 15.70% per annum rate. Purchased on April 2, 1980, the maturity date was October 1, 1980, therefore not showing the interest earned on this report. The interest earned was \$1,174.28, and this and the principal have been redeposited into the Golden Passbook account. (This was done 10/1/80.) The interest earned will actually show on next year's report, the Lord willing.

The board supported only one (1) missionary this past associational year. This, of course, was Bro. Steve Nichols. He received \$9,600.00 support from this board, or, \$800.00 per month.



He and his family are continuing their work in Greenwood, having experienced the blessing of moving from the mobile chapel into their building during this past year!

PLEASE continue to pray for the work in Greenwood and the Nichols family as they labor there.

Other prayer items: #1—A missionary for the next project.  
#2—Increased, consistent giving—we could not support 2 missionaries on the present monthly income.  
#3—A good March for MS. Missions—we fell short of our goal of \$11,000.00 this year! We exceeded 1979's total by \$90.02, but fell short of 1980's goal by \$358.70. May God's blessings rest upon those who worked diligently to reach the goal, and may those who failed to do their part be prompted to determine now, that by the Lord's grace, they will do their part if the Lord permits us to have another March for MS Missions!!

E. Dwight Fletcher, Treasurer

REPORT OF 1980  
MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS

N. E. ASSOCIATION		L. Br. Crk. Association		South Miss. Association	
Bethlehem	\$79.00	Antioch	500.00	Bethel	301.39
Eggville	75.00	Burgess Creek	200.00	Buckatunna	470.00
Fawn Grove	171.20	Community	200.00	Corinth	335.00
First-Columbus	350.79	First-Booneville	594.75	County Line	125.00
First—Greenville	165.37	First—Iuka	250.00	Fell. Ch. —	806.00
First—Philadelphia	100.00	Jones Chapel	200.00	Fell. Master's Men	778.31
First—Smithville	69.00	L. Br. F.W.B. Ch.	213.25	Women's Aux.	305.64
Fulton	100.00	Macedonia	262.00	First—Pascagoula	50.00
New Gauley Sun. Sch.	50.00	Martin Hill	388.19	First—Pearl	258.00
Pearce Chapel	669.54	Mount Pisgah	752.10	Lee's Chapel—Jones Co.	175.70
Victory	205.36	New Lebanon	485.00	Lee's Woman's Aux.	25.00
White Hill	200.00	Smith Chapel	150.00	Lee's Young People	28.00
				Lee's Chapel—Wayne Co.	323.71
Total	\$2,235.26	Total	\$4,195.29		
		Goal	\$2,500.00	Midway	50.00
GOAL	\$5,000.00			Pine Grove	104.00
Under	\$2,764.74	OVER	\$1,695.29	S. Miss. Youth Rally	25.00
				Thompson Creek	50.00
				Total	\$4,210.75
				Goal	\$3,500.00
				OVER	\$710.75

1980 March For Mississippi Missions goal was \$11,000.00. Total Receipts \$10,641.30.

E. Dwight Fletcher, Treasurer

## AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the Treasurer's books of the Mission Board and the State Association and have found everything in order.

Submitted by;

Rev. T. L. Booker

Rev. Steve Nichols

### FINANCIAL STATE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOR YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1 1979 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1980

#### GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Beech Springs F.W.B. Church	162.57
Bethel F.W.B. Church	173.49
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church	60.00
Corinth F.W.B. Church	714.34
County Line F.W.B. Church	120.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church	15.00
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church	77.09
Fellowship F.W.B. Church	65.00
First F.W.B. Church—Columbus	190.00
First F.W.B. Church—Greenville	60.00
First F.W.B. Church—Iuka	35.00
First F.W.B. Church—Pascagoula	2.00
First F.W.B. Church—Philadelphia	25.00
Hudson's Bible and Church Supply	27.38
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church—Jones County	384.50
Little Brown F.W.B. Church Sunday School	137.50
Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist	50.00
Lovewell F.W.B. Church	244.18
Miss. State Association Mission Board	100.00
Midway F.W.B. Church	15.00
Church Gifts Sent to State Meeting—General Fund	540.00
Church Gifts Sent to State Meeting—Mission Fund	255.00
Mississippi State Association—Offerings	232.53
Mississippi State Association—Delegate Fees	790.00
New Gauley F.W.B. Church	804.99
Northeast District Association of F.W.B.	105.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church	433.89
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church—South Mississippi	661.80
Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church	14.00
South Mississippi Association of F.W.B.	150.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church	788.89
Victor F.W.B. Church	19.90
Total Receipts	\$7,354.05
Balance Brought Forward	155.69
Total Available Cash	\$7,509.74



**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Treasurer—Expense Allowance.....	\$75.00
National C.T.S. Competition.....	20.00
National Association Delegate Fees.....	110.00
Board Travel Expenses.....	107.70
Clerk and Messenger Editor Expense Allowance.....	405.00
Mississippi Messenger—Printing.....	1,169.81
Mississippi Messenger—Postage—Phone.....	506.41
Designated to Mississippi Missions.....	315.00
Designated to Outside Ministries.....	1,023.60
Bank Service Charges.....	6.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$3,738.52
Total Available Cash.....	\$7,590.74
Less Disbursements.....	3,738.52
General Fund Balance—Sept. 30, 1980.....	\$3,771.22

Submitted By: A. V. Armstrong, Treasurer

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

## **Article I—Name**

This body shall be known henceforth as the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.

## **Article II—Purpose**

The object of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the various Associations and Churches of Mississippi and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in connection with the various Associations and Churches comprising this organization.

## **Article III—Treatise of Faith and Practice**

This body adopts the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will 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 Baptist and the area associations comprising its memberships 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 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 of any direct indebtedness at any time.
  - (4) This Board shall have the authority to select its Treasurer from among its members.

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 three (3) members with terms up to three (3) 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 thirty (\$30.00) per year and each local church give a representative fee of fifteen (\$15.00) 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 seventy-five dollars\* (\$75.00) 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 disburse same as authorized by the Association.  
(b) The Treasurer shall be paid seventy-five dollars\* (\$75.00) 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 Baptist 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 fifteen (15) 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.