

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Free Will Baptists

When Convened With

FAITH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

October 30 & 31, 1981

The Next Session Will Be Held

With The

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

IUKA, MISSISSIPPI

Friday afternoon and night and Saturday

before the first Sunday

in November, 1982

**MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Board of Missions and Church Extension

Rev. Dwight Fletcher - 1982; Rev. Phil Ange - 1983; Bro. Jimmie Byrd - 1984; Bro. John Pake - 1985; Rev. Johnny Sexton - 1986.

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Bro. Malcolm Garrett - 1982; Rev. Wayne Yarbrough - 1983; Rev. Steve Nichols - 1984; Rev. Wayne Yarbrough - 1983.

Board of Children's Home

Bro. Charles Walden

General Board Member To The National Association

Rev. Luther Gibson

Master's Men Senator

Bro. Doyle Hadaway

DIGEST REPORT OF THE CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE 1981 MISS. STATE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH and DELEGATE	PASTOR	CLERK
Antioch (Burnsville)	Rev. Glen Jones Rt. 6, Box 312, Corinth, Ms.	Doris Bray Rt. 2, Iuka, Ms. 38852
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Burgess Creek Mr. Johnny Nunley	Rev. Leonard Casabella Rt. 1, Iuka, Ms. 38873	Mara Nell Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45 M Tishomingo, Ms. 38873
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Corinth J.D. Walley	Rev. J.K. Walley Route 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367	Mrs. B.V. Nowell Rt. 3, Box 522, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367
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Damascus Mrs. Carolyn Warren	Rev. Hollis Warren Rt. 1, Bailey, Ms. 39320	Mrs. C.C. McKee Rt. 1, DeKalb, Ms. 39328
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First-Amory	Rev. Eddie Vincent 504 9th Ave. North Amory, Ms.	Grace Sanderson
First-Booneville	Rev. Luther Gibson 202 North Lake St. Booneville, Ms. 38820	Mrs. Ruth McCoy Rt. 6, Booneville, Ms. 38829

CHURCH and DELEGATE	PASTOR	CLERK
First-Columbus Eva House	Rev. Phil Ange 613 Browder St. Columbus, Ms. 39701	Patsy Blevins 1800 Main St. Columbus, Ms. 39701
First-Iuka	Rev. Dallas Jack Jones Rt. 3, Box 408 Iuka, Ms. 38852	Mrs. Betty Jean Barnes Rt. 2, Box 523, Iuka, Ms. 38852
First-Oxford		
First-Pascagoula	Rev. Robert Dykes 2914 Doby St. Pascagoula, Ms. 39567	Mrs. Shirley Bradley 1302 Washington Ave. Pascagoula, Ms. 39567
First-Pearl	Rev. J.L. Gore 136 Mayfair Dr. Jackson, Ms. 39212	Barbara Romines 409 Sarah Dr. Pearl, Ms. 39208
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First-Smithville Fawn Grove	Rev. Phil Davis Rt. 1, Box 105 A, Mantachie, Ms. 38855	Miss Carolyn Franks Rt. 1, Box 187, Mantachie, Ms. 38855
Fellowship Rayford Walley	Rev. Dwight Fletcher Rt. 1, Box 96, Richton, Ms. 39476	Miss Linda Little Rt. 1, Box 94, Richton, Ms. 39476
Fulton Mr. Bobby Hargett	Rev. Jerry Smith Rt. 3, 208 Farrar Dr. Fulton, Ms. 38843	Mrs. Jane Hargett P.O. Box 668, Fulton, Ms. 38843
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Lee's Chapel- Wayne Co. Little Brown Creek Lovewell Mr. Johnny Brewer	Rev. Wayne Hale Rt. 5, Rev. Truman Freeman Rt. 1, Richton, Ms. 39476	Mrs. Nancy Anderson Katherine Brewer Rt. 1, Box 105 Richton, Ms. 39476
Macedonia Main Street-Amory	Rev. L.B. Nix Vernon, Ala.	Lloyd Minor Amory, Ms. 38821
Martin Hill Mrs. Peggy Sexton	Rev. Johnny Sexton Rt. 3, Booneville, Ms. 38829	Peggie Griffin Rt. 5, Booneville, Ms. 38829

CHURCH and DELEGATE	PASTOR	CLERK
McGregor's Chapel	Rev. Lester Cahoon Rt. 5, Pontotoc, Ms. 38863	Faye Moore Rt. 5, Box 438, Pontotoc, Ms. 38863
Midway Mt. Pisgah New Gauley	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Rt. 2, Saltillo, Ms. 38866	Linda Dolar Rt. 2, Box 182 A, Calhoun City, Ms. 38016
Pearce Chapel Hattie Duncan	Rev. Grady Runyon Rt. 1, Smithville, Ms. 38870	Madgie Robinson Box 336, Rt. 1, Smithville, Ms. 38870
Pine Grove-Wayne Co.	Rev. Allen Jones Rt. State Line, Ms.	Betty Jean Holifield Rt. 1, Box 75 C, Buckatunna, Ms. 39322
Pine Grove-West Pt. Smith Chapel	Rev. Danny Short Rt. 1, Marietta, Ms.	Jewell Reeves Rt. 1, Booneville, Ms. 38829
Tupelo Victory	Rev. Al Hamm 806 Belmont Dr. Columbus, Ms. 39701	
White Hill	Rev. Larry Reynolds Eupora, Ms. .	
Petal Harold Walley	Rev. Tillis Walley 405 E. Second Ave. Petal, Ms. 39465	Rachel Walley Rt. 1, Box 38, Richton, Ms. 39476
Thompson Creek	Rev. John Dailey Buckatunna, Ms.	Janet Jones Rt. 1, Box 559, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367

NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS

South Mississippi, Little Brown Creek, Northeast.	
TOTAL FINANCES RECEIVED WITH CHURCH AND ASSOCIATIONAL LETTERS:	
State General Fund	\$ 355.00
Missions	100.00
Representative Fees	1610.00

STATISTICS:

Number of churches 58 Combined total membership 4,599
Number of baptisms 263 Total new members gained 312 lost 246
Number of parsonages 17 Combined value of churches and
parsonages \$ _____
Number of churches giving to Cooperative Plan 3
Number of churches designating gifts to outside causes 24
Number of churches participating in Retirement and Insurance Plan 1
Number of churches providing hospital insurance for pastor or staff 4
Number of ordained ministers 66 Licensed Ministers 14
(List on the back or attach their correct mailing addresses and
telephone numbers.)
Total number of mid-week Prayer meetings 45 Average
attendance 775
Number of ordained deacons in the quarterly meeting _____
Combined Sunday school enrollment 2490 Average
attendance 1590
Combined CTS enrollment 970 Average attendance 344
Combined WNAC enrollment 242 Average attendance 99
Combined Master's Men enrollment 92 Average attendance 13

FINANCES

Total income of all member churches	\$443,144.00	Total local expenditures	\$388,700.68
Outside Giving as follows:			
Cooperative Plan	\$2367.57	Retirement and Insurance Board	\$_____
National Executive Office	\$_____	Home Missions and Church and Ext.	\$1,982.42
Foreign Missions	\$6,170.16	Other National ministries	\$_____
Layman's Board	\$_____	District or state ministries	\$15,334.17
Church Training Service	\$_____	Other causes	\$_____
Free Will Baptist Bible College	11,731.20		

BIBLE CONFERENCE

October 31, 1981

Rev. Jack Jones, Presiding

Rev. Dwight Fletcher, Song Leader

9:30 a.m.	Welcome.....	Rev. J.L. Gore
	Hymn and Prayer	
10:00 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Hollis Warren
10:40 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Johnny Sexton
11:20 a.m.	Recess	
11:30 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Vance Sexton
	(Joint Service with Woman's Auxiliary)	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Hymn and Prayer	
1:35 p.m.	Message.....	Rev. Robert Dykes
2:10 p.m.	Recess	

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The seventeenth Annual Session of Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, on Friday afternoon and Saturday, October 30 & 31, 1981.

The session was opened with congregational singing. The meeting was called to order by 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).

A motion was made and carried to suspend Article IX of the Constitution, for this session only, so that Constitutional changes might be presented at the night session and voted on Saturday morning.

The Foreign Missions Report was given by Rev. Eugene Waddell. A motion was made and carried to receive as information.

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Paul Long, Rev. Malcolm Garrett, and Rev. Truman Freeman.

Dismissed by prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Friday night session was opened at 7:00 p.m. with special singing by Rev. Eddie Vincent.

Congregational singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" was led by Bro. Dwight Whitworth.

The Associational body was welcomed by Rev. J.L. Gore.

A printed copy of the proposed constitutional changes was handed out to the congregation.

A report was given by Rev. Joe Haas, missionary to France. Motion was made and carried to receive as information.

A report was given by the Committee on Committees. Motion was made and carried to receive. (See report)

Congregation sang "He Lives". Followed by special singing by Dr. Melvin Worthington and Rev. Fred Lockwood, accompanied by Bro. Dwight Whitworth.

Offering was taken by Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Paul Long.

Special singing was rendered by Rev. Eddie Vincent.

The Friday evening message was brought by Rev. Eugene Waddell from Jonah 1:15-2:10.

Directions were given by Rev. J.L. Gore for meeting places of Master's Men Prayer service and Breakfast.

Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Dwight Whitworth, followed by special singing by Rev. Eddie Vincent, who sang "Five Rows Back".

The speaker for the Prayer Meeting was Rev. Gene Gilbert, who spoke from I Samuel 17 on "Five Stones".

Congregational singing "Love Lifted Me" was led by Bro. Whitworth.

A motion was made and carried to enter into the business session.

The Report of the Children's Home was given by Bro. Charles Walden. A motion was made and carried to receive as information.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Betty Shelby. A motion was made and carried to accept as information.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Larry Reynolds. A motion was made and carried to receive the report and vote item by item. All proposed were elected by acclamation. (See report).

A report was given from the Free Will Baptist Bible College by Rev. Larry Hughes. A motion was made and carried to receive as information.

A report of the National Executive Office was given by Dr. Melvin Worthington. A motion was made and carried to receive as information.

A report of the Resolutions Committee was made. A motion was made to receive report and vote item by item. All resolutions were passed. (See report).

A report of the State Home Mission Board was given by Rev. Dwight Fletcher. (See Report) Also reports were made by Rev. Ralph Hester from the Gulf Coast Mission and Rev. Steve Nichols from the Greenwood Mission. A motion was made and carried to receive reports as information.

A full report was made by the clerk Rev. Glen Shelby. A motion was made and carried to receive. (See report).

A report of the State Treasurer, Mr. A.V. Armstrong, was made. A motion was made and carried to receive the report. (See report)

A motion was made and carried to vote the proposed constitutional changes item by item. Constitutional changes were adopted with amendments. (See report).

A report was given by Jim Lauthern. A motion was made and carried to accept as information.

An offering was taken for the Gulf Coast Mission. Ushers taking the offering were Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Dwight Fletcher.

Special singing was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Fletcher.

The Saturday morning message was brought by Rev. Ralph Hester from Ezekiel 22:23-30. His topic was "God Sought for a Man".

The Master's Men report stated that Bro. Troy Hinton is the State Senator.

Adjourned by prayer. The host church served lunch.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee and the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists met at Macon, Mississippi, on September 12, 1981, at 10:00 a.m. to plan the program for the annual Bible Conference and the Mississippi State Association.

Members present were: Rev. Luther Gibson, Moderator, Rev. Eddie Vincent, Assistant Moderator, Rev. Glen Shelby, Clerk, Rev. Robert Dykes, Assistant Clerk, Bro. A.V. Armstrong, Treasurer, and members of the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries, Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. J.L. Gore.

We submit the following items:

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 General Fund, and Saturday morning's offering to the Gulf Coast Mission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. Eddie Vincent
Bro. A.V. Armstrong
Rev. Jack Jones
Rev. Robert Dykes
Rev. Glen Shelby
Rev. J.L. Gore

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We the Committee on Committees, submit the following recommendations:

Nominating Committee:

Larry Reynolds
Glen Jones
Bobby Mills

Resolutions Committee:

Robert Hesselmeyer
Steve Jones
Johnny Brewer

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Long
Malcolm Garrett
Truman Freeman

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

Board of Missions and Church Extension

To fill the expired term of Rev. Johnny Sexton - 1981:

Rev. Johnny Sexton - 1986

Those presently serving on the Missions Board are: Rev. Dwight Fletcher - 1982, Rev. Phil Ange - 1983, Bro. Jimmie Byrd - 1984, Bro. John Pake - 1985.

Board of Christian Education

From the Little Brown Creek Association - Bro. Tommy Wright - 1982

From the Northeast Miss. Association - Rev. Don Holland - 1983

From the South Miss. Association - Bro. Vernon Walley - 1984.

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries

To fill the expired term of Rev. Al Hamm - 1981: Rev. Al Hamm - 1984.

Those serving presently on the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries are: Rev. Jack Jones - 1982, Rev. J.L. Gore - 1983.

Board of Historical Commission

To fill the expired term of Rev. Larry Reynolds - 1981; Rev. Leander McAdams - 1984.

Those serving presently on the Board of Historical Commission are: Bro. Tony Holifield - 1982, Rev. Hollis Sutherland - 1983

Auditing Committee

To fill the expired term of Rev. Steve Nichols - 1981: Rev. Steve Nichols - 1984.

Those serving presently on the Auditing Committee are: Rev. Malcolm Garrett - 1982, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough - 1983:

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Glen Jones

Rev. Bobby Mills

Rev. Larry Reynolds

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Resolved - that the Mississippi State Association accept the invitation from the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church to host the 1983 session.
2. Whereas the Faith and Pearl Free Will Baptist Churches of Jackson have most graciously provided their facilities and services to host the Mississippi State Association: Be it therefore resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Rev. J.L. Gore and the congregations of the Faith and Pearl Churches for their gracious hospitality during the State meeting.
3. Whereas - the city officials of Jackson were most gracious to welcome our State Association to their city: Be it therefore resolved that our clerk write a letter of appreciation for their hospitality.

Robert Hesselmeyer
Johnny A. Brewer
Steven Jones

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1, 1980 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1981

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES:

Amory F.W.B. Church.	\$ 369.49
Antioch F.W.B. Church (Burnsville).	700.00
Beech Springs F.W.B. Church.	291.29
Bethel F.W.B. Church.	864.19
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church.	282.35
Buckatunna F.W.B. Church.	315.00
Burgess Creek F.W.B. Church.	200.00
Community F.W.B. Church.	300.00
Corinth F.W.B. Church.	891.18
County Line F.W.B. Church.	460.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church.	100.00
Eggville F.W.B. Church.	561.98
Faith F.W.B. Church.	263.00
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church.	513.30
Fellowship F.W.B. Church.	2,670.45
First F.W.B. Church - Booneville.	775.98
First F.W.B. Church - Columbus.	2,993.06

First F.W.B. Church - Greenville.	161.45
First F.W.B. Church - Iuka.	455.00
First F.W.B. Church - Oxford.	208.16
First F.W.B. Church - Pascagoula.	9.00
First F.W.B. Church - Pearl.	151.29
First F.W.B. Church - Philadelphia.	125.00
First F.W.B. Church - Richton.	100.00
First F.W.B. Church - Smithville.	135.68
Fulton F.W.B. Church.	100.00
Grace F.W. Mission.	179.67
Greenwood F.W.B. Mission.	200.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church.	266.00
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Jones Co.	266.49
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Wayne Co.	1,044.14
Little Brown F.W.B. Church.	363.00
Lovewell F.W.B. Church.	300.00
Main Street F.W.B. Church.	340.73
Macedonia F.W.B. Church.	250.00
Martin Hill F.W.B. Church.	1,286.43
McGregor Chapel F.W.B. Church.	69.00
Mount Pisgah F.W.B. Church.	1,984.50
New Gauley F.W.B. Church.	153.00
North Side F.W.B. Church.	60.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church.	1,985.09
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church.	695.50
Smith Chapel F.W.B. Church.	95.00
Springdale F.W.B. Church.	40.00
Victory F.W.B. Church.	525.00
Waynesboro F.W.B. Church.	20.00
White Hill F.W.B. Church.	230.00
	<u>\$24,350.40</u>
RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUALS.	\$ 834.53

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS (Alphabetically)

Fellowship F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary.	\$ 575.82
Fellowship F.W.B. Master's Men.	710.58
Fellowship F.W.B. Teen Sun. Sch. Class.	73.80
First F.W.B. - Iuka Woman's Auxiliary.	5.00
Greenwood F.W.B. Mission (Repayment of Loan). .	3,000.00
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. - Jones Co. Woman's Aux.	53.06
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. - Jones Co. Master's Men.	40.00
Little Brown Creek Assoc. Youth Rally.	160.00
L. Br. Crk. Assoc. Churches (Hester Itinerate).	342.65
Little Brown F.W.B. Church Sunday School.	60.00
Martin Hill F.W.B. Youth Fund.	20.00
MS. State Association (gifts sent to St. mtg.).	160.00

MS. State Woman's Auxiliary.....	5.00
North East Association.....	100.00
Ralph Hester (Itinerate receipts).....	165.00
Steve Nichols (Designated gift).....	6.60
Steve Nichols (Loan Payment).....	25.00
Steve Nichols (Reimbursement of miscalculated 1980 Social Security).....	113.40
W.N.A.C. (a gift designated to Curtis Briley).....	35.00
W.N.A.C. (a gift design. to N.E. Youth Camp).....	79.05
	<u>\$ 5,729.96</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS 10/1/80 - 9/30/81	\$30,914.89
+ Balance forwarded from 9/30/80	4,195.54
+ Deposit from savings 1/31/81	4,328.03
+ Deposit from savings 9/28/81	<u>26,708.65</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR IN CHECKING =	\$66,147.11

DISBURSEMENTS:

To the National Home Missions Dept..... \$22,700.00 \$22,700.00

To Missionary Ralph Hester:

1) Travel expense to meet with Mission Bd.	\$ 425.00
2) Moving expense from KY. to MS.	883.87
3) Mileage/Meals/Lodging	2,139.54
4) Phone	14.35
	<u>\$ 3,462.76</u>

To Missionary Steve Nichols:

1)Christmas gift.....	\$ 150.00
2)Mileage (Car Expense).....	90.00
3)1980 Social Security.....	603.45
4)Phone.....	25.00
	<u>\$ 868.45</u>

For Mission Board Expense:

1)Mileage/Meals/Lodging.....	\$ 959.76
2)Miscellaneous.....	56.40
3)Phone.....	301.51
4)Postage.....	26.82
5)Treasurer's Honorarium.....	120.00
	<u>\$ 1,464.49</u>

Miscellaneous:

1)Camp Morganwood (Forwarded design. gift)....	\$ 79.05
2)Curtis Briley (Forwarded design. gift).....	35.00

3)Faith F.W.B. Ch.-Jackson (gift of the funds designated to Bro Gore from April 1, 1979 thru December 1980).	1,634.30
4)First F.W.B. Ch.-Greenville (gift on note payment due Oct. 1, 1981).	1,500.00
5)MS. St. Assoc. Gen. Fund (forwarding designated gifts).	196.49
6)Ralph Hester (for Gulf Coast F.W.B. advertising expense).	1,000.00
7)Richton Bank & Trust Co. (Golden Svgs.).	3,000.00
	\$ 7,444.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 35,940.54

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR IN CHECKING (P. 2)	= \$66,147.11
LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (above)	= 35,940.54
BALANCE IN CHECKING ON SEPT. 30, 1981	= \$ 30,206.57

SAVINGS ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Amory Federal Savings & Loan Association (9/30/80)	\$ 5,772.71
+ Interest Earned	430.04
Balance 9/30/81.	\$ 6,202.75
Richton Bank & Trust Co. — Golden Savings (9/30/80).	\$ 6,985.08
+ Deposit of \$15,000 C.D. + Interest of \$1,174.28 on 10/1/80.	16,174.28
+ Deposit on 11/25/80	3,000.00
+ Interest earned on acct. 10/1/80 — 9/30/81	72.15
	\$26,231.51
-Withdrawals of \$22,000 & \$4,000.00.	26,000.00
Balance 9/30/81.	231.51

The \$22,000.00 withdrawal shown above was used with \$3,000.00 from Passbook Savings to purchase a \$25,000.00 182 Day, Certificate of Deposit @ 13.519% interest per annum. The certificate matured on May 8, 1981. The principal plus the earned interest of \$1,708.65 was deposited in checking on September 28, 1981. On January 31, 1981 the passbook savings account with Richton Bank & Trust Co. was closed with the \$328.03 balance being deposited in checking along with the \$4,000.00 withdrawal from Golden Savings *((Total interest earned on all accounts for 1980-1981 year= \$3,393.12.))

TOTAL ON SAVINGS SEPTEMBER 30, 1981 = \$6,434.26

Mississippi Missions supported Bro. Steve Nichols and family in his work at Greenwood for the entire associational year. The support was \$800.00 per month for October thru January. In January, when the board hired Bro. Ralph Hester to go to the Gulf Coast as a missionary, we re-evaluated Bro. Nichols' salary and in view of the present economic situation gave him a raise in pay and benefits. His salary from the mission board was raised to \$1,345.00 per month plus \$31.00 per month savings. His church was assuming another \$300.00 per month support. (The \$1345.00 included housing, health insurance and salary.) This arrangement continued until August 1981 when the Greenwood Mission assumed an additional \$100.00 per month of Bro. Nichols support thus dropping the Board's portion to \$1,245.00 per month savings. The board is responsible for Social Security on the portion of the missionary's income coming from the board.

On January 13, 1981, Bro. Ralph Hester entered into a contract with the Miss. State Board of Missions and Church Extension and the National Home Mission Board of F.W.B. as a joint project missionary. His assigned place was the Gulf Coast area with the final city becoming Gulfport, (actually a suburb north of Gulfport). His salary began on February 1, 1981 as in the early part of this year he began itinerate and has been in over forty (40) of the churches of this state, finished up a Master's Degree program at Bob Jones University, contacted over 2000 homes, had three (3) get-acquainted meetings, and began services August 30, 1981 with 41 in attendance. During the month of September he witnessed 3 conversions and 3 rededications.

The salary arrangement for Bro. Hester and his wife per month is as follows: salary = \$1,000.00, housing = \$450.00, health insurance = \$67.00, and savings = \$29.00. The savings for the missionaries is based on 2% of the salary and housing total and stays in the National Home Missions Board Savings Fund until the missionary retires or ceases to work for the board.

Due to the demands upon the missionary, the Mississippi St. Mission Board has tried to set the salaries and allowances for your missionaries and ours at a rate that they can live on, providing adequately for their families without laboring under financial stress in these days of inflation. THEREFORE, we are obligated to \$2,822.00 per month for the support of our two (2) missionary families. There is a NEED for increased systematic monthly giving. The \$2,822.00 only covers the missionary support and not the operating expenses of the board nor other expenses for the missionaries such as itinerate expense, newsletter printing, etc.

MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS
 1982 GOALS
 LITTLE BROWN CREEK \$5,000.00 + NORTH EAST \$6,000.00
 + SOUTH MISS. \$7,000.00 ==
 \$18,000.00
 ??? Will you do your part ???

REPORT FOR 1981 MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS

N.E. ASSOC.	L. BR. CRK. ASSOC.	S. MS. ASSOC.
Amory \$ 369.49	Antioch-Burnsville\$ 700.00	Bethel \$ 436.72
Beech Springs 77.50	Burgess Creek 200.00	Buckatunna 315.00
Damascus 100.00	Community 300.00	Corinth 432.50
Eggville 72.51	1st-Booneville 321.55	County Line 125.00
Fawn Grove 69.16	1st-luka 200.00	Faith 263.00
1st-Columbus 825.93	Jones Chapel 266.00	Fellowship Ch. 1,159.63
1st-Oxford 208.16	L. Br. F.W.B. Ch. 235.00	" Master's Men 710.58
1st-Philadelphia 125.00	L. Br. Crk. Y. Rally 100.00	" W. Aux. 575.82
1st-Smithville 135.68	Macedonia 250.00	1st-Pearl 151.29
Fulton 100.00	Martin Hill 198.30	1st-Richton 100.00
Greenwood 200.00	Martin Hill Y. Fund 20.00	Lee's Chapel-Jones
Main Street 60.00	Mt. Pisgah 760.00	Co. Master's M. 40.00
McGregor Chapel 69.00	Smith Chapel 75.00	Lee's Ch.-Jones 91.49
New Gauley 100.00	Curtis Briley 80.00	Lee's Chapel-
N.E. Assoc. Aux. 800.00	Rhonda King 24.41	Wayne Co. 447.23
Pearce Chapel 866.44	Terry King 15.00	Lovewell 300.00
Victory 300.00	Mrs. Fay Nixon 10.00	Pine Grove 650.00
White Hill 125.00	Rev. Vance Sexton 10.00	
Grace F.W. Mission 93.43	Danny Short 20.00	TOTAL \$5,798.26
	Charles South 40.00	
TOTAL \$4,697.30	TOTAL \$3,825.26	

1981 GOAL
 \$15,000.00
 Total Receipts were
\$14,320.82
 Under goal \$679.18
 *Over 1980 by \$3,679.52

Mission Board Clerk/Treasurer E. Dwight Fletcher

PRAISE ITEMS—AND—PRAYER REQUESTS
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PRAISE ITEMS

- 1)Souls have been saved and revived!!
- 2)A new missionary family has begun a new work on the Gulf Coast.
- 3)Safe travel for Bro. Hester in all his travel—iterate and otherwise.
- 4)Health of both missionary families.
- 5)Good increase in March for Missions giving over 1980!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Souls to be saved and believers revived.
- 2)Maturity of mission families.
- 3)Health for missionary families.
- 4)Land on the Gulf Coast.
- 5)Wisdom and guidance for the board.
- 6)Involvement from all our F.W.B. churches in the regular support of missions
- 7) Successful March for Missions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FOR YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1980 AND
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1981.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS:

Beech Springs F.W.B. Church.....	\$ 63.53
Bethel F.W.B. Church.....	179.96
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church.....	30.00
Corinth F.W.B. Church.....	929.88
County Line F.W.B. Church.....	120.00
Damascus F.W.B. Church.....	20.00
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church.....	115.62
Fellowship F.W.B. Church.....	60.00
First F.W.B. Church - Columbus.....	325.00
First F.W.B. Church - Iuka.....	45.00
Grace F.W.B. Church - Oxford.....	28.74
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Wayne Co.....	65.00
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Jones Co.....	246.55
Little Brown F.W.B. Church Sunday School.....	150.00
Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptists	30.00
Lovewell F.W.B. Church	108.66
State C.T.S. Dues.....	75.00
Church Gifts Sent To State Meeting—General Fund.....	361.50
Church Gifts Sent To State Meeting—Mission Fund.....	160.00
Mississippi State Association - Offerings.....	83.65
Mississippi State Association - Delegate Fees.....	664.00
New Gauley F.W.B. Church.....	535.77
Northeast District Association of F.W.B.....	35.00
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	447.74

Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church. 33.00
South Mississippi Association of F.W.B.. 30.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church. 540.95
State Association Offering For Greenwood. 174.35

TOTAL RECEIPTS. \$5,658.90
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD. 3,771.22

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH. \$9,430.12

DISBURSEMENTS:

Free Will Baptist Bible College Founders Fund. \$1,000.00
Treasurer-Expense Allowance-Postage-Supplies. 146.92
National C.T.S. Competition. 67.50
National Association Delegate Fees. 80.00
Board Travel Expenses. 234.67
Clerk and Messenger Editor Expense Allowance. 315.00
Mississippi Messenger - Printing. 1,966.24
Mississippi Messenger - Postage - Phone. 571.28
Designated To Mississippi Missions. 394.35
Designated To Outside Ministries. 1,214.32
State C.T.S. Supplies. 223.89
State Association Speakers. 137.50

DISBURSEMENTS. \$6,351.67

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH. \$9,430.12

TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH. . . \$9,430.12
LESS DISBURSEMENTS. 6,351.67

GENERAL FUND BALANCE — SEPT. 30, 1981. . . \$3,078.45

SUBMITTED BY: A.V. Armstrong, Treasurer

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Item 1. To change Article IV, Section 2 to read:

“Each district association holding membership in the state association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity upon the receipt of a letter and upon the payment of the representative fee of fifty (50.00) dollars, plus (10.00) dollars per member church

in the district association. All ordained ministers and deacons of qualified district associations shall be entitled to membership in this body. All missionaries under the auspices of the State Mission Board shall be entitled to membership in this body upon request by the State Mission Board."

Item II. To change Article IV, Section 3 to read:

"Any local Free Will Baptist Church whose association is not a member of the State Association, may represent with (1) lay delegate and the ordained ministers and deacons of that church upon receipt of a letter and the payment of the representative fee of twenty (20.00) (amended to read twenty-five (25.00)) dollars. Each local church holding membership in a qualified district association shall be entitled to one (1) lay delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of the representative fee of twenty (20.00) (amended to read twenty-five (25.00)) dollars."

Item III. To delete from the Constitution the entire Article VIII, Representative Fees.

Item IV. To change Article VI, Section 4 to read:

"The Board of Christian Education is a standing board composed of three (3) members with terms of up to three (3) years, with a member going off each year. The Board of Christian Education is to be composed of a member elected from each of the district associations."

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Whereas, inflation is increasing the expenses our state officers and board members are having to pay in carrying out the various duties required by their offices,

Whereas, it is the responsibility of our State Association to set the proper example for our churches to follow,

Whereas, over the last few years we have been negligent in that we have not increased the amount of reimbursement to our officers and board members for their time, talent, effort, and mileage used in carrying out the various duties of their offices,

It is proposed that the BY-LAWS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS be amended to read as follows in the following sections:

2. (c) The Clerk shall be given one hundred dollars (100.00) per year for his time, effort, and personal expenses in preparation of the state Minutes.

3. (b) The Treasurer shall be paid one hundred dollars (100.00) per year to cover his time, effort, and personal expenses in preparing monthly and yearly reports.

9. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of twenty-one (21) cents per mile (amended to read "the same as or not to exceed the current rate set by I.R.S.") 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 fifteen dollars (15.00) for each service conducted in addition to mileage.

14. The Editor of the MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER shall be paid sixty dollars (60.00) per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing the MESSENGER. (Amended to read "shall be paid one hundred (100.00) dollars per issue.")

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 upon the receipt of a letter and upon the payment of the representative fee of fifty (50.00) dollars, plus (10.00) dollars per member church in the district association. All ordained ministers and deacons of qualified district associations shall be entitled to membership in this body. All missionaries under the auspices of the State Mission Board shall be entitled to membership in this body upon request by the State Mission Board.

Section 3. Any local Free Will Baptist Church whose association is not a member of the State Association, may represent with (1) lay delegate and the ordained ministers and deacons of that church upon receipt of a letter and the payment of the representative fee of twenty (20.00) (amended to read twenty-five (25.00)) dollars. Each local church holding membership in a qualified district association shall be entitled to one (1) lay delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of the representative fee of twenty (20.00) (amended to read twenty-five (25.00)) dollars.

Section 4. It is understood that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists 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, an 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.

(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 three (3) members with terms of up to three (3) years, with a member going off each year. The Board of Christian Education is to be composed of a member elected from each of the district associations.

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

—Deleted by 1981 Association—

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 one hundred dollars (100.00) 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 one hundred dollars (100.00) per year to cover his time, 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 twenty-one (21) cents per mile (amended to read "the same as or not to exceed the current rate set by I.R.S.") 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 fifteen dollars (15.00) 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 sixty dollars (60.00) per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing the MESSENGER. (Amended to read "shall be paid one hundred (100.00) dollars per issue.")
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.