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MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Moderator..... Rev. Eddie Vincent
504 9th Ave., North, Amory, MS 38821
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. George Crowden
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Route 1, Box 96, Richton, MS 39476
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Churches represented by letter and/or delegate:

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Antioch F.W.B. Church Burnsville, Miss.	Rev. Glen Jones Rt. 6, Box 312 Corinth, Miss. 38834	Doris Bray Rt. 2, Box 352 Iuka, Miss. 38852
Antioch F.W.B. Church Randolph, Miss.	Rev. Jerry Hooper	Mr. Zone Waugh Randolph, Miss. 38864
Beech Springs Rt. 2, Box 448 Saltillo, Miss. 38866	Rev. Robt. Hesselmeyer Rt. 2, Box 448 Saltillo, Miss. 38866	Susanne Stamey Rt. 2, Box 448 Saltillo, Miss. 38866
Bethel FWB Church Rt. 3, Richton, Miss. 39476	Rev. Norman Nowell Rt. 3, Richton, Miss. 39476	Mrs. Peggy Hinton 406 S. 23rd Ave. Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401
Buckatunna FWB Ch. Buckatunna, Miss.	Rev. Frank Fagan Buckatunna, Miss.	Pauline Burgess Rt. 1, Box 146 Buckatunna, Miss.
Burgess Creek Dennis, Miss. 38838	Rev. Eulon Pruiett Dennis, Miss. 38838	Mara Nell Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45M Tishomingo, Miss. 38873
Charity FWB Church Laurel, Miss.	Rev. Andy Hoeflich Rt. 1, Laurel, Miss. 39440	Elizabeth Hammonds Rt. 6, Laurel, Miss. 39440
Corinth FWB Church Rt. 3, Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Thomas Cochran Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Mrs. B.V. Nowell Rt. 3, Box 522 Waynesboro, MS 39367
Community FWB Ch. Corinth, Miss.	Rev. Malcolm Garrett Rt. 2, Box 177 Michie, Tenn.	Patricia L. Bonds Rt. 1, Box 11 Guys, Tenn. 38339
County Line Rt. 2, Richton, Miss. 39476	Rev. Carter Brewer Rt. 4, Richton, Miss. 39476	Gay Dykes Rt. 2, Box 267 Richton, Miss. 39476
Damascus FWB Church DeKalb, Miss. 39328	Rev. J.L. Lavender 1707 3rd Ave. N.W. Aliceville, Ala.	Mrs. C.C. McKee Rt. 1, Box 160 DeKalb, Miss. 39328

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Fawn Grove Mantachie, Miss. 38855	Rev. Phil Davis Rt. 1, Box 116 Mantachie, Miss. 38855	Miss Carolyn Franks Rt. 1, Box 211 Mantachie, Miss. 38855
Fellowship FWB Ch. Rt. 1 Richton, Miss. 39476	Rev. Ken Driggers Rt. 1, Box 96 Richton, Miss. 39476	Linda Little Rt. 1, Box 98 Richton, Miss. 39476
Fulton FWB Church Fulton, Miss. 38843	Rev. Bill Van Winkle 208 Farrar Dr. Rt. 3, Fulton, Miss. 38843	Jane Hargett P.O. Box 668 Fulton, Miss. 38843
First FWB Church Amory, Miss.	Rev. Eddie Vincent 504 9th Ave. North Amory, Miss.	
First FWB Church Booneville, Miss. 38829	Rev. Luther Gibson P.O. Box 818 Booneville, Miss. 38829	Mary Lou Bullard Rt. 3, Rienzi, Miss. 38865
First FWB Church Columbus, Miss.	Rev. Milton Fields	
First FWB Church Petal, Miss. 39465	Rev. Dwight Fletcher 1402 Old Richton Rd. Petal, Miss. 39465	Rachel Walley Rt. 1, Box 38 Richton, Miss. 39476
First FWB Church Richton, Miss. 39476	Rev. Terry Walley Rt. 3, Box 508 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Olene Braddock Rt. 2, Box 246 Richton, Miss. 39476
First FWB Church Iuka, Miss. 38852	Rev. J.T. Prince Rt. 2, Box 217 Tishomingo, MS 38872	Marilyn Williams Rt. 5, Box 6 Iuka, Miss. 38852
First FWB Church Oxford, Miss. 38655	Rev. George Crowden Rt. 1, Box 664 Oxford, Miss. 38655	Bobbie Frizzell Rt. 4, Box 248 Oxford, Miss. 38655
First FWB Church Pearl, Miss.	Rev. J.L. Gore 136 Mayfair Jackson, Miss.	Barbara Romines 409 Sarah St. Pearl, Miss.
First FWB Church Philadelphia, Miss. 39350	Rev. Leander McAdams Rt. 2, Box 814 Columbus, Miss. 39702	Mrs. H.G. Cooper, Sr. P.O. Box 332 Philadelphia, MS 39350

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Jones Chapel	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Rt. 6, Box 449B Booneville, Miss.	Peggy Stacks Rt. 3, Blue Springs, Miss.
Lee's Chapel (Jones Co.) Rt. 6, Laurel, Miss. 39440		Glenda Aricer Rt. 4, Box 1040 Laurel, Miss. 39440
Lee's Chapel(Wayne Co.) Rt. 5, Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Glen Shelby Rt. 5, Box 440 Waynesboro, MS	Nancy Anderson Rt. 5, Box 472 Waynesboro, MS 39367
Macedonia FWB Ch. Booneville, MS	Rev. Karl Sexton Rt. 5, Box 111-A Booneville, MS 38829	
Martin Hill Rt. 5, Box 111 Booneville, MS	Dr. Johnny Sexton Rt. 5, Box 111 Booneville, MS	Peggie Griffin Rt. 5, Box 109 Booneville, MS 38829
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. B.H. Southerland	
New Gauley Calhoun City, Miss.	Rev. Bill Roberson	
New Lebanon	Rev. Gerald Taylor Rt. 2, Tishomingo, MS 38873	Vaughanda Hall Rt. 2, Box 255A1 Tishomingo, MS 38873
Pearce Chapel	Rev. Thomas Parrish Rt. 1, Box 341 Smithville, MS 38870	Miss Madge Robison Rt. 1, Box 336 Smithville, MS 38870
Pine Grove Buckatunna, MS		Betty Holyfield Rt. 1, Box 956 Buckatunna, MS 39322
Smith Chapel	Rev. Benny McKinney Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Tina Johnson Rt. 1, Box 379 Booneville, MS 38829
Tupelo FWB Church Tupelo, Miss.	Rev. J.M. Creech 1106 Oakview Drive, Tupelo, MS 38801	Diane Reese Rt. 4, Garden Lane Tupelo, MS 38801
White Hill Eupora, Miss.		Elloyce Nelms Rt. 4, Box 220A Eupora, Miss. 39744

Number of Churches: 56 Combined total membership: 5,132
 Number of Baptisms: 165 New Members gained: 213 Lost: 142
 Number of Parsonages: 20 Combined value of parsonages: \$338,000
 Number of Churches giving to Cooperative Plan: 1
 Number of Churches designating gifts to outside causes: 22
 Number of Churches participating in Retirement & Insurance Plan: 4
 Number of Churches providing hospital insurance for pastor or staff: 5
 Number of ordained ministers: 72 Licensed ministers: 9
 Total number of Mid-Week Prayer Meetings: 47 Average attendance: 865
 Number of ordained deacons in quarterly meetings: 129
 Combined Sunday School enrollment: 2,104 Average attendance: 2,337
 Combined CTS enrollment: 929 Average attendance: 770
 Combined WNAC enrollment: 332 Average attendance: 269
 Combined Master's Men enrollment: 126 Average attendance: 105

FINANCES:

Total income of all member churches: \$437,044.82
 Total local expenditures: \$198,538.24
 Cooperative Plan: \$2,327.55 Retirement and Insurance: \$250.00
 National Executive Office: -0-
 Home Missions and Church Extension: \$17,029.20
 Foreign Missions: \$16,781.10 Other National Ministries: -0-
 Laymen's Board: -0- District or State Ministries: \$1,194.00
 Church Training Service: -0- Other causes: \$236.40
 Free Will Baptist Bible College: \$1,272.86
 Total outside giving: \$55,467.97

BIBLE CONFERENCE

November 2, 1985

Rev. Bill Van Winkle, Presiding
 Jeff Halliburton, Song Leader

9:30 a.m.	Welcome.....	Host Pastor
	Hymn and Prayer	
10:00 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Gene Gilbert
10:40 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Jakie Creech
11:20 a.m.	Recess	
11:30 a.m.	Message.....	Rev. Steve Trail
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Hymn and Prayer	
1:35 p.m.	Message.....	Rev. Clyde Eldridge
2:10 p.m.	Recess	

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Friday night session opened at 7:00 p.m. with congregational singing led by Jeff Halliburton.

A report of the Committee on Committees was given. Motion was made and carried to accept this report.

Special singing by quartet, "What a Day That Will Be."

Bro. Jeff Halliburton led the congregation in other congregational hymns.

The Friday night message was brought by Rev. Harrold Harrison. His text was Colossians 4:17 and Philemon 1 and 2.

Dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session was opened by congregational singing led by Bro. Jeff Halliburton. The time of prayer was led by Rev. Ken Driggers.

Bro. Jeff Halliburton led other congregational hymns.

A report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. Edd Warren. This report was accepted as information.

A report from the Home Missions Department was given by Bro. Trymon Messer. This report was accepted as information.

A report of the Woman's Auxiliary was made and accepted as information to be included in minutes.

A report from Sunday School Department was given by Rev. Harrold Harrison and accepted as information.

A report of the National Executive Office was given by Rev. Milton Worthington and accepted as information.

A report of the State Mission Board was made by Rev. J. L. Gore and accepted as information.

A report from Free Will Baptist Bible College was made by Rev. Ronald Creech and accepted as information.

A report of Master's Men was made by Bro. Jim Valance and accepted as information.

A report of Auditing Committee was made and accepted as information.

A report of the Resolutions Committee was made. Motion was made to accept and vote item by item.

By general consent, the body voted to send Rev. Luther Gibson to the Leadership Conference.

The host church for the 1985 State meeting will be First Free Will Baptist Church in Booneville, MS.

The general body voted to give the State Moderator power to appoint five delegates to the National Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee and the Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries met at First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, MS on August 18, 1984, at 10 a.m. to plan the annual Bible Conference and State Association meeting.

The meeting was opened with Scripture by Bro. Gibson and prayer by Bro. Tommy Wright.

The planning of the Bible Conference and the State meeting were the only items of business.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Luther Gibson

Rev. Tommy Wright

Rev. Milton Fields

Rev. Gene Gilbert

Rev. Clyde Eldridge

Rev. Robert Dykes

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

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

Nominating Committee:

Rev. J. L. Gore

Bro. Harold Byrd

Rev. George Crowden

Rev. Johnny Sexton

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Glen Shelby

Rev. Milton Fields

Rev. Glen Jones

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer

Rev. Steve Nichols

Rev. Ken Driggers

Rev. Gene Gilbert

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following names in nomination:

Moderator: Rev. Eddie Vincent

Asst. Moderator: Rev. George Crowden

Clerk: Rev. Ken Driggers

Asst. Clerk: Rev. Glen Shelby

Treasurer: Rev. Tommy Wright

Board of Missions and Church Extension

Rev. Dwight Fletcher – 1989

Board of Christian Education

From South – Theon Walley – to a new term, 1987

From Delta-Central – Rev. Steve Nichols – 1988

Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries

Rev. Milton Fields – to a new term – 1987

George Kimbrow – 1988

Board of Historical Commission

Rev. Paul Long – 1987

Auditing Committee

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer – 1987

Wayne Romines – 1988

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

I. Recommended changes to the constitution:

A. Recommended:

1. That Article IV, Membership, Section 3 be revised as follows:

Section 3. 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 a representative fee of (\$50.00) fifty dollars.

Section 4. Any local Free Will Baptist church whose association is not a member of the State Association, may represent with one (1) lay delegate and the ordained ministers and deacons of that church upon receipt of a letter and the payment of a representative fee of (\$50.00) fifty dollars.

2. That if the first recommendation is passed that Article IV, Sections 4 and 5 be renumbered 5 and 6 respectively.

B. Be it resolved that the Board of Historical Commission be dissolved and the clerk of the State Association be instructed to be custodian of all records and reports.

II. Recommended that in view of the dedicated planning and gracious hospitality of this pastor, this church, and the South Mississippi Association, that we give the Gulf Coast Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITENERATE MINISTRIES

In times past the Board of Conference and Itenerant Ministries has sponsored inspirational and educational state-wide activities on an annual basis. We have concluded that it would be good to revive this custom. Thus, this board is planning a state-wide Pastors and Workers Conference on January 18-19, 1985. The host church will be the First FWB Church of Columbus.

A. We have adopted the following criteria which shall guide the development of such a conference:

1. That conferences would be placed in areas with adequate amounts of hotel-motel space.

2. That programs would emphasize:

a. Spiritual growth

b. An accross-the-state common interest benefit

c. Developed expertise in:

1) Evangelism

2) Edification

3) Other Christian ministries (i.e., Music; Local church promotion; Local church staff growth)

3. That the conference would avoid using the conference for specific denominational department promotion.

4. That the board would attempt to house the conference in a local FWB church to benefit the local church and its staff.

5. That the conference would be rotated from district association to association.

6. That the Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries will be responsible for development and promotion of the conference and will work with the local church and pastor.

7. That program personalities be selected from among FWB personnel.

B. The following is given as information:

1. The Evangelism Team from the National Home Missions Department will be featured in the 1985 Conference.

2. Several mailings will be made state-wide and to adjacent states.

3. An attempt will be made to move the conference to late April in 1986 in order to place it midway between state association meetings.

C. Requests from this Association are as follows:

1. That we be allowed \$150.00 for planning (We have already been granted \$200.00 by the Executive Board).

— Justification —

a. Printing, mailing, and planning is expected to run approximately \$200.00

b. Lodging for the invited guests is expected to run \$150.00.

2. That we be permitted to solicit donations from Mississippi state

churches in order to provide an adequate donation to the National Home Missions Department for their gracious sharing of these men with us.

We also solicit your comments regarding planning, themes, and program personalities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Executive Board authorized expenditures.....	\$200.00
Expended:	
Brochures (Tabb Publishing).....	\$100.00
Office supplies.....	8.75
Total expended.....	(108.75)
Balance.....	\$91.25

Mississippi State Women's Auxiliary Convention
Annual Treasurer's Report

Designated Funds	1983-1984
WNAC General Fund.....	546.44
Bible College.....	30.00
Student Loan.....	191.50
Home Missions.....	1,088.65
Foreign Missions.....	455.00
Co-Laborer.....	754.90
Pre-Easter.....	606.55
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	725.07
Pre-Christmas.....	67.00
District Project.....	3,727.71
Board of Retirement.....	15.00
Miscellaneous.....	100.00
State Project	
Little Brown.....	1,500.00
Northeast.....	840.00
South Miss.....	440.71
Delta-Central.....	50.00
Balance brought forward.....	292.47
State Meeting November 1983	
Receipts 947.10	
Expenditures 975.00.....	264.57
Membership dues.....	90.25
Balance.....	354.82

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the auditing committee have examined the books of the state treasurer and Mission treasurer and have found them in good order. We commend the treasurers for their labor of love.

Respectfully,
Rev. Steve Nichols
Rev. Malcolm Garrett
Rev. Jakie Creech

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DISBURSEMENTS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR YEAR END 9/3084

Designated gifts:		
Bible College	368.81	
Miss. Missions	10.00	
National Home Missions	149.44	
Foreign Missions	149.44	
Children's Home	112.08	
Morganwood Youth Camp	35.92	825.69
Printing Expense:		
Mississippi <i>Messenger</i>	3,212.81	
State Association programs	44.63	
State minutes	269.52	3,526.96
Salaries:		
Billy Tabb	1,200	
Robert Dykes	100.00	
Tommy Wright	100.00	1,400.00
Postage & Phone Expense:		
Clerk	60.40	
Treasurer	11.77	
Mississippi Messenger	40.00	
Christian Education Committee	27.47	139.64
Travel Expense:		
National Leadership Conference	137.00	
State Boards	179.80	316.80
Supplies:		
Church Letters	5.50	
State CTS Competition	115.50	121.00

Fees:			
National Leadership Conference	70.00		
National Youth Conference	115.00		
National Association	580.00		765.00
Service Charge:			3.00
Honorarium to Dr. Picirilli			100.00
Total Disbursements			7,198.09

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1, 1983
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1984
RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES**

Amory F.W.B. Church.	\$ 409.20
Antioch F.W. Church (Burnsville).	900.00
Bethel F.W.B. Church (So. Ms.).	448.00
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church.	315.00
Beech Spring F.W.B. Church.	842.29
Buckatunna F.W.B. Church.	125.85
Corinth F.W.B. Church.	549.61
Calvary F.W.B. Church.	25.00
County Line F.W.B. Church (So. Ms.).	403.44
Eggville F.W.B. Church.	1,155.45
Faith F.W.B. Church (Jackson).	185.00
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church.	595.87
Fellowship F.W.B. Church.	5,739.65
First F.W.B. Church - Booneville.	1,654.00
First F.W.B. Church - Columbus.	1,291.12
First F.W.B. Church - Greenville.	21.00
First F.W.B. Church - Pascagoula.	146.25
First F.W.B. Church - Pearl.	294.00
First F.W.B. Church - Petal.	50.00
First F.W.B. Church - Philadelphia.	124.00
First F.W.B. Church - Richton.	45.00
Fulton F.W.B. Church.	1,445.78
Grace F.W.B. Mission (Oxford).	200.00
Greenwood F.W.B. Church.	25.00
Gulf Coast F.W.B. Mission.	5,100.00
Harmony F.W.B. Church.	60.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church.	500.00
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Jones County.	272.32
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church - Wayne County.	838.33
Little Brown F.W.B. Church.	162.35

Lovewell F.W.B. Church.....	547.44
Macedonia F.W.B. Church.....	300.00
Main Street F.W.B. Church - Amory.....	403.50
Martin Hill F.W.B. Church.....	1,278.22
Mount Pisgah F.W.B. Church.....	1,362.25
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church.....	166.05
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church.....	3,052.82
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church (So. Ms.).....	120.00
Pleasant Grove F.W.B. Church.....	25.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church.....	87.55
Victory F.W.B. Church.....	415.00
White Hill F.W.B. Church.....	615.91
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES.....	\$ 32,297.25

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Mississippi State Association Offering.....	\$ 446.09
Little Brown Creek Assoc. Youth Rally.....	131.00
Ms. Ladies Aux. through National Office.....	920.00
Northeast Assoc.....	75.00
Delta Central Assoc.....	155.00
Little Brown Creek Assoc.....	1,399.50
National Home Mission.....	125.00
Fulton Free Will Baptist Ladies Aux.....	110.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Ladies Aux.....	180.17
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Masters Men.....	855.73
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Sunday School Dept.....	70.00
Lee's Chapel (Jones County) Sunday School Dept.....	80.00
Burgess Creek Free Will Baptist Sunday School Dept.....	50.00
First Free Will Baptist Church (Jacksonville, Ark.).....	100.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.....	\$ 4,251.40

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOC. MARCH FOR MISSIONS

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church.....	\$ 900.00
Little Brown Creek Assoc.....	1,309.50
Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.....	500.00
Mount Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church.....	500.00
Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church.....	300.00
First Free Will Baptist Church - Booneville.....	1,054.00
Burgess Creek Free Will Baptist Church S.S. Dept.....	50.00
Little Brown Creek Assoc.....	60.00
Little Brown Free Will Baptist Church.....	162.35
Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church.....	165.00
Total.....	\$ 5,000.85

NORTHEAST ASSOC. MARCH FOR MISSIONS

First Free Will Baptist Church - Columbus.	\$ 172.00
Pearce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.	620.49
Harmony Free Will Baptist Church.	<u>60.00</u>
Total.	\$ 852.49

DELTA CENTRAL ASSOC. MARCH FOR MISSIONS

White Hill Free Will Baptist Church.	\$ 189.50
Total.	\$ 189.50

SOUTH MS. ASSOC. MARCH FOR MISSIONS

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church.	\$ 2,186.38
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church S.S. Dept.	70.00
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Ladies Aux.	180.17
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Masters Men.	855.73
County Line Free Will Baptist Church.	300.00
First Free Will Baptist Church - Petal.	50.00
Lee's Chapel (Jones County) S.S. Dept.	80.00
Buckatunna Free Will Baptist Church.	125.85
First Free Will Baptist Church - Pascagoula.	70.75
Tony Holifield.	30.00
Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.	225.54
First Free Will Baptist Church - Richton.	45.00
Corinth Free Will Baptist Church.	148.00
Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church (Wayne County).	<u>345.33</u>
Total.	\$ 4,712.75

TOTAL MARCH FOR MISSIONS. \$ 10,755.59

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR OCT. 1, 1983 - SEPT. 30, 1984

Churches.	\$ 32,297.25
Individuals.	1,379.00
Miscellaneous.	<u>4,700.49</u>
Total.	\$ 38,376.74

Brought forward from Sept. 30, 1983
in checking account. \$ 2,995.30
TOTAL IN CHECKING RECEIPTS. \$ 41,372.04

DISBURSEMENTS

To Missionary Ralph Hester:

1. Mileage/meals/lodging.....	\$ 964.09
2. 1983 Social Security.....	1,143.42
3. Phone/stamps.....	<u>5.20</u>
	\$ 2,112.71

To Missionary Kevin Francis:

1. Mileage/meals/lodging.....	\$ 982.87
2. 1983 Social Security Mar. - Aug. 84.....	586.66
3. Phone/stamps.....	77.03
4. Feb. 1984 salary.....	<u>334.00</u>
	\$ 1,980.56

Fill in pastor at Greenville Church

Rev. Warren Hollis.....	\$ 2,625.00
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Placed in Greenville Church sinking fund at First Greenville National Bank account

number 102-369-6 Sept. 1984.....	\$ 350.00
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Mission Board Expenses:

1. Mileage/meals/lodging.....	\$ 1,112.90
2. Phone/stamps.....	211.21
3. Miscellaneous (printing, mailout, supplies).....	<u>618.34</u>
	\$ 1,942.45

National Home Mission

1. Ralph Hester Account.....	\$ 13,700.00
2. Kevin Francis Account.....	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 18,700.00

Miscellaneous Items:

1. Gulf Coast Church designated.....	\$ 25.00
2. Interest on loan at Richton Bank.....	5,232.56
3. Principal on loan at Richton Bank.....	<u>7,000.00</u>
	\$ 12,257.56

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$ 39,968.28
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TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCE FORWARDED FROM

SEPT. 30, 1983.....	\$ 41,372.04
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LESS TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	<u>39,968.28</u>
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BALANCE FOR YEAR SEPT. 30, 1984.....	\$ 1,403.76
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Bro. Hester's church has given toward his salary through the mission treasurer this year \$5,100.00. They are to be commended for this effort. They are paying back a loan to Richton Bank and it takes all of their income to meet the needs of the church.

**** PRAISE ITEM ****

With all of the ups and downs at Greenville this year, the Lord has let it remain open as a Free Will Baptist church and all of the needs have been met.

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 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 fifty (50.00) 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 fifty (50.00)) 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, 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.

(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 or 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

The Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists may be altered or amended at any yearly session of the association by two-thirds visible vote of the members present, provided that the change is recommended, in writing, to the delegates, at the yearly session and tabled until the next year.

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 nor 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 Rallies 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 the 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.