

MINUTES
of the
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
Free Will Baptists

When Convened With
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Columbus, Mississippi

October 31 and November 1, 1986

The Next Session Will Be Held
With The
First Free Will Baptist Church
Pearl, Mississippi

Friday and Saturday
before the first Sunday
in November, 1987

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Moderator Rev. George Crowden
Assistant Moderator Rev. J. M. Creech
Clerk Rev. Glen Shelby
Assistant Clerk Rev. Jack Jones
Treasurer Rev. Tommy Wright

Board of Missions and Church Extensions

Rev. J. L. Gore — 1987
Rev. Bill Van Winkle — 1988
Bro. Jimmy Byrd — 1989
Rev. Gerald Gann — 1990
Rev. Glen Jones — 1991

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries

Rev. Milton Fields — 1987
Bro. George Kimbrow — 1988
Rev. Early White — 1989
Rev. Terry Booker — 1990

Board of Christian Education

Little Brown Association — Rev. Benny McKinney — 1989
Northeast Association — Rev. Randy Settle — 1990
South Mississippi Association — Bro. Theon Walley — 1987
Delta-Central Association — Rev. Steve Nichols — 1988

Auditing Committee

Rev. Mike Creech — 1987
Bro. Wayne Romines — 1988
Rev. Gerald Taylor — 1989
Rev. Ralph Hester — 1990

DIGEST REPORT

of Churches and District Associations Represented at the 1986 Mississippi State Association

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Antioch FWB Church P. O. Box 160 Burnsville, MS 38833	Rev. Glen Jones Rt. 6, Box 312 Corinth, MS 38834	Kathy Whitaker Rt. 2, Box 241V Burnsville, MS 38833
Antioch FWB Church Rt. 1 Randolph, MS 38864	Rev. Jerry Hooper Rt. 6 Booneville, MS 38829	Zone Waugh Randolph, MS 38864
Bethel FWB Church Rt. 3 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Norman Nowell Rt. 3, Box 132F Richton, MS 39476	Mrs. Peggy Hinton Rt. 5, Box 55B — Byrd Dr. Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Bethlehem FWB Church Rt. 2 Pontotoc, MS 38863	Rev. Lenarse Strickland Rt. 2 Pontotoc, MS 38863	Joyce Stubblefield Rt. 2 Pontotoc, MS 38863
Buckatunna FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 146 Buckatunna, MS 39322	Rev. Billy Trull Rt. 1, Box 132-A Buckatunna, MS 39322	Pauline Burgess Rt. 1, Box 146 Buckatunna, MS 39322
Burgess Creek Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Rev. Tommy Wright Rt. 6, Box 98 Booneville, MS 38829	Mara Nell Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45M Tishomingo, MS 38873
Corinth Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Jack Jones Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Edna Nowell Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367
County Line Rt. 2, Box 245 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Carter Brewer Rt. 4, Box 141B Richton, MS 39476	Gay Dykes Rt. 2, Box 267 Richton, MS 39476
Damascus Rt. 1 DeKalb, MS 39328	Rev. J. L. Lavender 1707 3rd Ave. N.W. Aliceville, AL	Mrs. C. C. McKee Rt. 1, Box 160 DeKalb, MS 39328
First, Amory 501 9th Ave. N. Amory, MS 38821	Rev. Robert Edmonson 504 9th Ave. N. Amory, MS 38821	Wanda Young Rt. 2, Box 355A Amory, MS 38821
First, Booneville 111 North Lake St. Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Luther Gibson 134 North Lake Booneville, MS 38829	Lou Bullard Rt. 3 Rienzi, MS 38865

Church

First, Old Cumberland
Hwy. 50, Box 130
Eupora, MS 39744

First, Oxford
Rt. 1, Box 664
Oxford, MS 38655

First, Pearl
Toni Lane & Upper Dr.
Pearl, MS 39208

First, Petal
Hwy. 42 East
Petal, MS 39465

First, Philadelphia
P. O. Box 332
Philadelphia, MS 39350

First, Richton
P. O. Box 485
Richton, MS 39476

Fawn Grove
Rt. 1, Box 116
Mantachie, MS 38855

Fellowship
Rt. 1, Box 96
Richton, MS 39476

Fulton
824 E. Main St.
Fulton, MS 38843

Harmony
P. O. Box 249
Eupora, MS 39744

Jones Chapel
Rt. 6
Booneville, MS 38829

Lee's Chapel (Wayne)
Rt. 5, Box 440
Waynesboro, MS 39367

Martin Hill
Rt. 5, Box 111-A
Booneville, MS 38829

Pastor

Rev. Robert Dykes
Hwy. 50, Box 130
Eupora, MS 39744

Rev. George Crowden
Rt. 1, Box 664
Oxford, MS 38655

Rev. J. L. Gore
136 Mayfair
Jackson, MS 39212

Rev. Dwight Fletcher
107 Pecan Terrace
Petal, MS 39465

Rev. Leander McAdams
Rt. 2, Box 814
Columbus, MS 39701

Rev. Terry Walley
P. O. Box 492
Richton, MS 39476

Rev. Phil Davis
Rt. 1, Box 116
Mantachie, MS 38855

Rev. Early White
Rt. 1, Box 97
Richton, MS 39476

Rev. Bill Van Winkle
208 Farrar Dr.
Fulton, MS 38843

None

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough
Rt. 1, Box 360
Saltillo, MS 38866

Rev. Glen Shelby
Rt. 3
Waynesboro, MS 39367

Rev. Terry Booker
Rt. 5, Box 111-A
Booneville, MS 38829

Clerk

Betty Rodgers
Rt. 4, Box 186
Eupora, MS 39744

Bobbie Frizzell
Rt. 1, Box 664
Oxford, MS 38655

Barbara Romines
409 Sarah
Pearl, MS 39208

Rachel Walley
Rt. 1, Box 38
Richton, MS 39476

Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Sr.
P. O. Box 332
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Olene Braddock
Rt. 2, Box 246
Richton, MS 39476

Carolyn Franks
Rt. 1, Box 211
Mantachie, MS 38855

Linda Little
Rt. 1, Box 96
Richton, MS 39476

Jane Hargett
P. O. Box 668
Fulton, MS 38843

Joe Beasley
Rt. 2
Eupora, MS 39744

Peggy Stacks
Rt. 3
Blue Springs, MS 38828

Nancy Anderson
Rt. 5, Box 472
Waynesboro, MS 39367

Peggy Griffin
Rt. 5
Booneville, MS 38829

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Meadowbrook Road Greenwood, MS 38930	Rev. Steve Nichols 709 Linden Greenwood, MS 38930	Louise Smith 603 2nd Ave. N. Greenwood, MS 38930
Mt. Pisgah Rt. 7 Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Hollis Southerland Rt. 7, Box 112 Savannah, TN 38372	Velma Garvin 101 Suburban Dr. Booneville, MS 38829
New Gauley Rt. 2, Box 182A Calhoun City, MS 38916	Rev. Bill Roberson 2613 Bryan Dr. Tupelo, MS 38801	Carl W. Bryant Rt. 1, Box 147 Calhoun City, MS 38916
New Lebanon Rt. 2, Box 260 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Rev. Gerald Taylor Rt. 2, Box 260 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Vaughanda Hall Rt. 2, Box 255 A1 Tishomingo, MS 38873
Pearce Chapel Rt. 1, Box 392 Smithville, MS 38870	Rev. James Hudson Rt. 1, Box 392 Smithville, MS 38870	Inez Robison Rt. 1 Smithville, MS 38870
Pine Grove Rt. 1, Box 331 Stateline, MS 39362	None	Betty Holyfield Rt. 1, Box 95C Buckatunna, MS 39322
Smith Chapel Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Benny McKinney Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Tina Johnson Rt. 1 Booneville, MS 38829
Smithville First Rt. 1 Smithville, MS 38870	Rev. Mike Creech Rt. 2, Box 105 Smithville, MS 38870	Patsy Frederick Rt. 1 Smithville, MS 38870
Springdale Rt. 6, Box 35 Oxford, MS 38655	Rev. Jackie Barnard Rt. 6, Box 35 Oxford, MS 38655	Janie Daniels Rt. 6, Box 47 Oxford, MS 38655
Tupelo 107 South Canal Tupelo, MS 38801	Rev. J. M. Creech P. O. Box 41 Tupelo, MS 38801	Diane Reese P. O. Box 715 Tupelo, MS 38801
Victory Rt. 10, Box 158 Columbus, MS 39702	Rev. Al Hamm 806 Belmont Dr. Columbus, MS 39702	Johnnie Mae Newmon Rt. 10, Box 158 Columbus, MS 39702
White Hill Rt. 2, Box 234-A Eupora, MS 39744	Rev. Hollis Warren Rt. 1, Box 11 Bailey, MS 39320	Elloyce Nelms Rt. 4, Box 220A Eupora, MS 39744

NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS

Delta-Central, Little Brown Creek, Northeast, South Mississippi.

Total Finances Received With Church and Associational Letters:

State General Fund	\$ 400.00
Missions	\$ 175.00
Representative Fees	\$2,085.00

STATISTICS

(Based on information received from local churches)

Number of Churches: 57 Combined Total Membership: 3,565
Number of Churches Reporting: 51
Total Members: Added 258, Lost 199 Number of Baptisms: 165
Number of Parsonages: 25
Combined Value of Churches and Parsonages: \$3,289,100.00
Number of Full Time Pastors: 28 Part-time Pastors: 12
Number of Churches: City 20, Rural 31
Number of Ordained Ministers: 69 Licensed Ministers: 20
Number of Ordained Deacons: 168
Number of Churches with Day Cares: 1 Kindergartens: 2
Christian Day Schools: 2 Colleges: 0 Bible Institutes: 0
Combined Sunday School Enrollment: 2736 Average Attendance: 1852
Combined CTS Enrollment: 938 Average Attendance: 697
Combined WNAC Enrollment: 390 Average Attendance: 214
Combined Master's Men Enrollment: 146 Average Attendance: 80

BIBLE CONFERENCE

October 31, 1986

Presiding, Rev. Terry Booker
Song Leader, Bro. Randy Settle

9:30 a.m. Welcome Host Pastor
Hymn and Prayer
10:00 a.m. Message Rev. Luther Gibson
10:40 a.m. Message Rev. Robert Dykes
11:20 a.m. Recess
11:30 a.m. Message Rev. Phil Davis
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Hymn and Prayer
1:35 p.m. Message Rev. Glen Shelby
2:10 p.m. Recess

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Friday night session was opened at 7 p.m. with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Bro. Randy Settle.

Moderator George Crowden welcomed all visitors to the state meeting. Rev. Milton Fields welcomed all to our state meeting on behalf of the host church.

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

Special music was rendered by a trio from the host church. They sang "He's the Master of the Sea."

A motion was made and carried that the Friday night offering be given to our treasury for the State paper.

Special music was rendered by the Ladies Chorale from First Free Will Baptist Church of Amory.

The Friday evening message was brought by Rev. Early White. His scripture text was II Timothy 4:1-5. The title of the sermon was "Lost Opportunities."

Dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with the congregation singing "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Bro. Randy Settle. Rev. Luther Gibson led in prayer.

Rev. Terry Crabb brought a devotion from Mark 10:35-40. The point of his message being that we should glorify God and not man.

Bro. Randy Settle led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus."

Special music was rendered by a Ladies group from Pearce Chapel who sang a medley of songs.

A report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by President Lou Bullard. This report was accepted as information to be entered in the minutes.

The Master's Men report was given by Bro. Jerry Nicholson. It was accepted as information.

The report of the State Mission Board was given by Rev. J. L. Gore. It was accepted as information.

The Treasurer's Report of the Mission Board was given by Rev. Dwight Fletcher. A motion was made and passed to accept this report.

A partial report of the nominating committee was given by Rev. Steve Nichols. Motion was made and passed to accept this report.

A partial report of the Resolution Committee was given by Rev. Glen Jones. (See Report).

The State Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. Tommy Wright.

A motion was made and passed to accept this report.

A report from Southeastern Bible College was given by Rev. Joe Haas. Accepted as information.

A report of the Advance Fifty Program was given by Rev. Milton Fields. Accepted as information.

Rev. Jack Jones led the congregation in singing "There's Power In the Blood."

A report of the Auditing Committee was given by Rev. J. M. Creech.

A report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Paul Kettelman.

The Moderator appointed a committee to study the possibility of inviting the National Association to our state. Appointed to serve on that committee were: Rev. J. L. Gore, Rev. Bill Van Winkle, and Rev. Ralph Hester.

The complete report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Steve Nichols. See report.

Rev. J. L. Gore was appointed to serve on the General Board. He replaced Rev. Al Hamm.

Rev. Ralph Hester gave a report on National Home Missions. Accepted as information.

Special music was rendered by Miss Faith Van Winkle. She sang "People Need the Lord."

Rev. George Crowden brought the final message of the meeting. He took his text from II Timothy Chapter 2.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee and the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries met at First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Mississippi, on August 2, 1986, at 10:00 a.m. to plan the annual Bible Conference and State Associational Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. George Crowden
Rev. Glen Shelby
Rev. Jack Jones
Rev. Tommy Wright
Dr. Milton Fields

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

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

Nominating Committee:

1. Steve Nichols, Chairman
2. Jack Jones
3. Paul Long
4. Benny McKinney

Resolutions Committee:

1. Glen Jones, Chairman
2. James Hudson
3. Wayne Romines
4. Billy Trull

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Gibson
Robert Dykes
Dwight Fletcher
J. M. Creech

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Moderator: Rev. George Crowden

Assistant Moderator: Rev. J. M. Creech

Clerk: Rev. Robert Dykes

Assistant Clerk: Rev. Jack Jones

Treasurer: Rev. Tommy Wright

Board of Missions and Church Extensions

Rev. Glen Jones 1991

Board of Christian Education

Bro. Randy Settle 1990

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries

Rev. Early White 1989

Auditing Committee

Ralph Hester 1990

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Nichols
Benny McKinney
Paul Long
Jack Jones

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists invite the National Association of Free Will Baptists to convene in Mississippi.

Amended to read

Be it resolved that a study committee be appointed by the Moderator to determine the feasibility of having the National Convention in our state. Passed.

2. Be it resolved that the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries coordinate a state missions conference in churches that wish to participate. Passed.
3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church for hosting the state convention. Passed.
4. Be it resolved that each church that participates in the Missions Conference give \$20.00 for the expense of printing and phone calls. Passed.
5. Be it resolved that we hold the state convention in the Delta-Central Association in Greenville unless the church at Pearl finishes their new building in which we would meet with the Pearl Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Jones
Wayne Romines
James Hudson
Billy Trull

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONFERENCES AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Pearl was the host church for the Second Annual Mississippi Pastors and Workers Conference April 25 and 26. Free Will Baptists around the state gathered together to be challenged in Church Growth ministries. Frank Owens, Bus Director of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama, presented some vital insights of practical experience into sustaining an effective bus ministry. Dr. Roger Reeds, National Director of the Sunday School and CTS Department, shared about the importance of follow-up in Sunday School campaigns; Rev. George Crowden, Pastor of Oxford, Mis-

Mississippi church moved audiences with inspirational messages. Pastor J. L. Gore and the Pearl congregation did a splendid job in cultivating a warm relaxed atmosphere throughout the conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Conferences and Itinerate Ministries
Bro. Early White
Bro. George Kimbrow
Bro. Milton Fields
Bro. Terry L. Booker

**MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
1985-1986**

I Samuel 12:24

DESIGNATED FUNDS

WNAC General Fund	\$ 786.38
Bible College	1,176.00
Student Loan	225.00
Home Missions	980.00
Foreign Missions	1,214.50
Co-Labor	628.67
Pre-Easter	362.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	541.50
Pre-Christmas	75.00
District Projects	2,481.60
Board of Retirement	99.50
Miscellaneous	58.00

STATE PROJECT

Delta Central	\$ 400.00
Little Brown	2,162.35
Northeast	1,944.15
South Mississippi	250.00

Total \$13,384.65

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 421.81

Membership Dues \$86.00 \$ 507.81

State Meeting, November 1985

Receipts \$724.25

Expenditures 718.25

BALANCE \$ 513.81

Lou Bullard, President

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditing Committee, have briefly examined the Books of the Treasurer of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists and The Mississippi State Missions Board and find them to be in order.

We again *recommend* that each treasurer get their books to the Auditing Committee as soon as possible after the Convention convenes.

We commend Brother Dwight Fletcher and Brother Tommy Wright for their thorough bookkeeping records.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Romines
J. M. Creech

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Treasurer's Report for year ending 9-30-86

Beginning balance 10-1-85 \$ 336.39

Add Receipts:

Representative fees	\$2,480.00
Gifts from churches	3,435.63
Gifts from associations	325.00
Fees to National Association	560.00
Offerings at state meeting	372.68
CTS competition	130.00
Editor's staff donations	152.00
Interest	41.65
Designated gifts from churches	<u>1,530.61</u>

Total Receipts 9,027.57

Funds Available for Use 9,363.96

Less Expenses 9,114.90

Ending balance 9-30-86 \$ 249.06

Prepared by Tommy Wright
State Treasurer

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION of Free Will Baptist

Expenses:

Messenger: 10 issues			
Printing	\$3,026.28		
Postage	951.37		
Editor's salary	<u>1,000.00</u>	\$4,977.65	
Leadership conference:			
Registration	100.00		
Travel	<u>241.68</u>	341.68	
Program for State Meeting:			
Printing 1985	107.68		
Printing 1986	<u>102.82</u>	210.50	
Clerk:			
Salary	100.00		
Travel	50.00		
Supplies	61.33		
Postage	<u>13.20</u>	224.53	
Treasurer:			
Salary	100.00		
Travel	40.00		
Supplies	3.82		
Postage	<u>11.93</u>	155.75	
Moderator Travel		44.00	
Miscellaneous Travel		50.00	
CTS:			
Supplies	46.70		
Registration	<u>75.00</u>	121.70	
Board of Conference		500.00	
Designated Gifts:			
Mississippi missions	1,067.45		
Home missions	161.30		
Foreign missions	351.93		
Children's home	120.63		
Bible College	<u>201.63</u>	1,903.29	
Bank Service Charge		5.80	
Fee to National Association		<u>580.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$9,114.90</u>	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES:

Antioch F.W.B. Church (Burnsville)	\$ 1,350.00
Antioch F.W.B. Church (Randolph)	210.00
Beech Springs F.W.B. Church	250.00
Bethel F.W.B. Church	318.38
Bethlehem F.W.B. Church	390.00
Calvary F.W.B. Church	50.00
Corinth F.W.B. Church	797.38
County Line F.W.B. Church	756.74
Eggville F.W.B. Church	1,706.76
Fawn Grove F.W.B. Church	705.61
Fellowship F.W.B. Church	3,901.32
First F.W.B. Church — Amory	369.90
First F.W.B. Church — Booneville	1,400.00
First F.W.B. Church — Columbus	270.00
First F.W.B. Church — Iuka	622.27
First F.W.B. Church — Old Cumberland	1,062.85
First F.W.B. Church — Pascagoula	135.02
First F.W.B. Church — Pearl	864.53
First F.W.B. Church — Petal	557.25
First F.W.B. Church — Richton	100.00
Fulton F.W.B. Church	3,404.92
Greenwood F.W.B. Church	100.00
Gulf Coast F.W.B. Church	9,050.00
Jones Chapel F.W.B. Church	485.50
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church — Jones County	309.87
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church — Wayne County	1,374.80
Little Brown F.W.B. Church	600.00
Macedonia F.W.B. Church	100.00
McGregor's Chapel F.W.B. Church	394.51
Main Street F.W.B. Church — Amory	703.00
Martin Hill F.W.B. Church	1,436.95
Mt. Pisgah F.W.B. Church	1,000.00
New Lebanon F.W.B. Church	634.48
Pearce Chapel F.W.B. Church	3,075.41
Pine Grove F.W.B. Church (S. MS. Assoc.)	300.00
Tupelo F.W.B. Church	1,582.67
Victory F.W.B. Church	535.00
White Hill F.W.B. Church	<u>364.47</u>
TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS	\$41,269.59

RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUALS \$ 695.00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS (Alphabetically):

Burgess Creek F.W.B. Church Sunday School	\$ 188.02
Burgess Creek F.W.B. — Woman's Auxiliary	30.00
Delta Central Association	100.00
Eggville F.W.B. Woman's Auxiliary	175.00
Fellowship F.W.B. Church Actionettes	50.00
Fellowship F.W.B. — Master's Men	867.00
Fellowship F.W.B. — Woman's Auxiliary (Via WNAC) ...	348.20
Jackson Area Master's Men	350.00
Joint Thanksgiving Offering — Eggville, Fulton, Tupelo, and Beech Springs	243.82
Lee's Chapel F.W.B. Church — Wayne Co. Woman's Aux.	30.00
Little Brown Creek Association	1,000.00
Little Brown Creek Association — Mission Board	246.14
Little Brown Creek Bass Tournament	461.00
Little Brown Creek Youth Rally	1,089.06
Mississippi State Association	888.27
Mississippi State Woman's Auxiliary (Via WNAC)	100.00
North East Association	400.00
Smith Chapel F.W.B. Church Mission Action Fund	75.00
WNAC	10.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 6,651.51</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 10/1/85 through 9/30/86	\$48,616.10
+ Balance forwarded	<u>4,355.47</u>

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$52,971.57

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DISBURSEMENTS:

Mission Board Expenses:

Mileage (\$1,042.01) / Meals (\$356.38) / Lodging (\$82.70)	\$1,481.09
Miscellaneous (Printing, Supplies, etc.) ...	44.84
Phone	64.46
Treasurer's Honorarium	<u>120.00</u>
	\$ 1,710.39

Missionary Hester:

Christmas Gift	\$ 100.00
Love Gift at Organizational Service	500.00
Mileage (\$439.56) / Meals (\$9.29) / Lodging (\$50.76)	499.61
Phone	12.80
Social Security — 1985	<u>1,641.38</u>
	\$ 2,753.79

National Home Missions for Ralph Hester's Account . . .	\$16,500.00
Sinking Fund Account #102-369-6	
at The First Greenville Bank	\$ 3,300.00
Miscellaneous Disbursements:	
Richton Bank and Trust Company:	
Interest payments on Loan #53457	\$ 893.70
Opening a Golden Savings Account	
(for designated funds for future	
projects land and building)	350.00
Payments and pay-off of Loan #53457 ..	<u>9,995.00</u>
	<u>\$11,238.70</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$35,502.88
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$52,971.57
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>35,502.88</u>
YEAR'S END BALANCE	<u><u>\$17,468.69</u></u>

Golden Savings Account Balance 9/23/86 was \$355.97.

REPORT FOR 1986 MARCH FOR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONS

Delta Central Association:	
Delta Central Association	\$ 100.00
First — Old Cumberland	219.25
First — Pearl	<u>864.53</u>
Total	\$1,183.78

*** Over Goal — \$183.78 ***

Little Brown Creek Association:

Antioch — Burnsville	\$1,020.00
Burgess Creek Sunday School	188.02
Calvary	50.00
First — Booneville	800.00
First — Iuka	622.27
Jones Chapel	400.00
Little Brown Creek Association	1,000.00
Little Brown Creek Bass Tournament	461.00
Little Brown Creek Mission Board	246.14
Little Brown Creek Youth Rally	979.06
Little Brown F.W.B. Church	600.00
Macedonia	100.00
Martin Hill	300.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,000.00
New Lebanon	504.00
Smith Chapel Mission Action Fund	75.00
Total	<u>\$8,346.17</u>

* * * Over Goal — \$3,346.17 * * *

North East Association:

Antioch — Randolph	\$ 210.00
Fulton	602.25
McGregor's Chapel	394.51
Pearce Chapel	1,027.55
Victory	535.00
White Hill	100.00
	<u>\$2,869.31</u>

South Mississippi Association:

Bethel	\$ 140.00
Corinth	300.00
County Line	500.00
Fellowship	1,175.41
Fellowship Actionettes	50.00
Fellowship Master's Men	867.00
Fellowship Woman's Auxiliary	348.20
First — Petal	557.25
First — Richton	100.00
Gulf Coast	350.00
Lee's Chapel — Jones County	309.87
Lee's Chapel — Wayne County	401.75

Lee's Chapel Auxiliary	30.00
Pine Grove	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$5,429.48

* * * Over Goal — \$429.48 * * *

1986 GOAL — \$16,000.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS — \$17,828.74

EXCEEDED THE GOAL BY \$1,828.74

* * * \$4,034.86 increase over 1985 * * *

E. Dwight Fletcher, Treasurer

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Article I – Name

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

Article II – Purpose

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

Article III – Treatise of Faith and Practice

This body adopts the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article IV – Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of all Associations and Churches that from time to time, upon approval 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 ten (\$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 one (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 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 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, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated and elected by a standing vote from the floor at each regular meeting.

Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting. Officers thus elected shall hold their positions until their successors are elected and installed.

Article VI – Board and Committees

Section 1. The Executive Committee is a standing committee, composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer.

Section 2. This Association shall elect whatever boards and committees it deems necessary for its operation and shall state whether they are standing or temporary.

Section 3. Board of Missions and Church Extension:

A. The Board of Missions and Church Extension is a standing Board composed of five (5) members with terms up to five (5) years, with a board member going off each year.

B. Policy:

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

(a) The organization of the Mission into a church.

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

(2) This Board 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 assests, 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.

(3) 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 four (4) members with terms of up to four (4) 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 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 — 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 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. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of "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.
9. The Moderator, when serving this Association in promotional services, shall be paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each service conducted in addition to mileage.
10. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees which shall present to the body nominations for such committees as necessary.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The Editor of the MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER shall be paid one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per issue for his labor and personal expenses in preparing the MESSENGER.
14. 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.
15. The Mississippi State Associational Year will begin on October 1 and end on September 30.