

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Free Will Baptists

When Convened With
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pearl, Mississippi

October 30 and 31, 1987

The Next Session Will Be Held
With The
Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Waynesboro, Mississippi

Friday and Saturday
before the first Sunday
of November, 1988

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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 Extension

Rev. Bill Van Winkle – 1988

Bro. Jimmy Byrd – 1989

Rev. Gerald Gann – 1990

Rev. Glen Jones – 1991

Rev. J. L. Gore – 1992

Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries

Bro. George Kimbrow – 1988

Rev. Early White – 1989

Rev. Terry Booker – 1990

Rev. Bobby Greene – 1991

Board of Christian Education

Delta-Central Association – Rev. Steve Nichols – 1988

Little Brown Association – Rev. Benny McKinney – 1989

Northeast Association – Rev. Randy Settle – 1990

South Mississippi Association – Rev. Gerald Henderson – 1991

Auditing Committee

Bro. Wayne Romines – 1988

Rev. Gerald Taylor – 1989

Rev. Ralph Hester – 1990

Rev. James Hudson – 1991

DIGEST REPORT

Of churches and District Associations represented at the 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 241-V Burnsville, MS 38833
Antioch FWB Church Rt. 1 Randolph, MS 38864	Rev. Jerry Hooper Rt. 6 Booneville, MS 38829	Mrs. Jean Allen P. O. Box 356 Toccopola, MS 38874
Beech Springs FWB Church Rt. 3, Box 202 Saltillo, MS 38866	Rev. Bobby Greene Rt. 3, Box 202 Saltillo, MS 38866	Kay McCarter Rt. 1 Tupelo, MS 38801
Bethel FWB Church Rt. 3 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Norman Nowell Rt. 3, Box 132-F Richton, MS 39476	Mrs. Peggy Hinton Rt. 5, Box 55-B—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 FWB Church Rt. 2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	Rev. Tommy Wright Rt. 4, Box 98 Booneville, MS 38829	Mara Nell Crowell Rt. 2, Box 45-M Tishomingo, MS 38873
Corinth FWB Church Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Jack Jones Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Edna Nowell Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367
County Line FWB Church Rt. 2, Box 245 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Carter Brewer Rt. 4, Box 141-B Richton, MS 39476	Gay Dykes Rt. 2, Box 267 Richton, MS 39476
Damascus FWB Church Rt. 1 DeKalb, MS 39328	Rev. H. L. Warren Rt. 1 Bailey, MS	Mrs. C. C. McKee Rt. 1, Box 160 DeKalb, MS 39328

Eggville FWB Church Rt. 4, Box 316A Tupelo, MS 38802	Rev. Gerald Gann Rt. 4, Box 316-A Tupelo, MS 38802	Elsie Parmer Rt. 1 Mooreville, MS 38857
First FWB Church, Amory 501 9th Ave. N. Amory, MS 38821	Rev. Robert Edmondson 504 9th Ave. N. Amory, MS 38821	Wanda Young Rt. 2, Box 355-A Amory, MS 38821
First FWB Ch., Booneville 111 North Lake St. Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Russell Wright 202 N. Lake St. Booneville, MS 38829	Lou Bullard Rt. 3 Rienzi, MS 38865
First FWB Ch., Columbus 1800 Main St. Columbus, MS 39702	Rev. Ron Ivey 613 N. Browder Columbus, MS 39702	Faye McCullough 816 Skylark Columbus, MS 39702
First FWB Ch., Greenville 1590 S. Colorado St. Greenville, MS	Rev. John Emerson P. O. Box 571 Lake Village, AR	Sally McKinnon 121 Primrose St. Greenville, MS
First FWB Church, Iuka 100 Meadowbrook Circle Iuka, MS 38852	Rev. J. T. Prince Rt. 2, Box 248-C Tishomingo, MS 38852	Debbie Hudson Rt. 5, Box 186 Iuka, MS 38852
First FWB Old Cumberland Hwy. 50, Box 130 Eupora, MS 39744	Rev. Robert Dykes Hwy. 50, Box 130 Eupora, MS 39744	Alice White Rt. 1, Box 94 Mantee, MS 39751
First FWB Church, Oxford Rt. 1, Box 664 Oxford, MS 38655	Rev. George Crowden Rt. 1, Box 664 Oxford, MS 38655	Bobbie Frizzell Rt. 1, Box 664 Oxford, MS 38655
First FWB Church, Pearl Toni Lane & E. Upper Dr. Pearl, MS 39208	Rev. J. L. Gore 136 Mayfair Jackson, MS 39212	Barbara Romines 409 Sarah Pearl, MS 39208
First FWB Church, Petal Hwy. 42 East Petal, MS 39465	Rev. Alvin Keener 112 North Mamie Petal, MS 39465	Rachel Walley Rt. 1, Box 38 Richton, MS 39476
First FWB, Philadelphia P. O. Box 332 Philadelphia, MS 39350	Rev. Leander McAdams Rt. 2, Box 814 Columbus, MS 39701	Mrs. H. G. Cooper, Sr. P. O. Box 332 Philadelphia, MS 39350
First FWB Church, Richton P. O. Box 485 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Terry Walley P. O. Box 492 Richton, MS 39476	Olene Braddock Rt. 2, Box 246 Richton, MS 39476

Fellowship FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 96 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Early White Rt. 1, Box 97 Richton, MS 39476	Linda Little Rt. 1, Box 96 Richton, MS 39476
Fulton FWB Church 824 E. Main St. Fulton, MS 38843	Rev. Bill Van Winkle 208 Farrar Dr. Fulton, MS 38843	Jane Hargett P. O. Box 668 Fulton, MS 38843
Gulf Coast FWB Church 13040 Three Rivers Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503	Rev. Ralph Hester 11 Wingate Dr. Gulfport, MS 39503	Levi Helmuth 13180 Dedeaux Rd. Gulfport, MS 39503
Harmony FWB Church P. O. Box 249 Eupora, MS 39744	Rev. Randy Busby Rt. 4, Box 195 Eupora, MS 39744	Harold Chandler Rt. 2, Box 201 Eupora, MS 39744
Immanuel FWB Bible Ch. Rt. 1, Box 190 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Gerald Henderson 403 East 5th St. Apt 3 Petal, MS 39465	Carol Henderson Rt. 1, Box 190 Richton, MS 39476
Jones Chapel FWB Church Rt. 6 Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Wayne Yarbrough Rt. 1, Box 360 Saltillo, MS 38866	Helen Johnson Rt. 6, Box 396 Booneville, MS 38829
Lee's Chapel (Jones Co.) Rt. 4, Box 1040 Laurel, MS 39440	Rev. Robert McLain Rt. 6, Box 85 Laurel, MS 39440	Glenda Aricer Rt. 4, Box 1040 Laurel, MS 39440
Lee's Chapel (Wayne Co.) Rt. 5, Box 440 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Frank Henderson Rt. 5, Box 440 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Nancy Anderson Rt. 5, Box 472 Waynesboro, MS 39367
Little Brown Creek FWB Rt. 1, Box 360 New Site, MS 38859	Rev. Russell Clouse Rt. 1, Box 360 New Site, MS 38859	Bettie Raye Akers Rt. 5, Box 164 Booneville, MS 38829
Lovewell FWB Church Rt. 1 Richton, MS 39476	Rev. Thomas Cochran Rt. 3, Box 495-C Waynesboro, MS 39367	Lottie Walley Rt. 1 Richton, MS 39476
Martin Hill FWB Church Rt. 5, Box 111-A Booneville, MS 38829	Rev. Terry Booker Rt. 5, Box 111-A Booneville, MS 38829	Peggy Griffin Rt. 5 Booneville, MS 38829
McGregor's Chapel FWB Hwy. 6, West Pontotoc, MS 38863	Rev. Norlin Jones Rt. 6, Box 406-A Booneville, MS 38829	Kathleen Holloway Rt. 7, Box 117 Pontotoc, MS 38863

Mt. Pisgah FWB Church 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 FWB Church Rt. 2, Box 182-A 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 FWB Church 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
New Life FWB Church Rt. 3 Houlka, MS 38850		Hazel Garrett Rt. 3, Box 274 Houlka, MS 38850
Pearce Chapel FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 392 Smithville, MS 38870	Rev. James Hudson Rt. 1, Box 392 Smithville, MS 38870	Madgie Robinson Rt. 1, Box 383 Smithville, MS 38870
Smithville First FWB Ch. Rt. 1 Smithville, MS 38870	Rev. Mike Creech Rt. 2, Box 105 Smithville, MS 38870	Patsy Frederick Rt. 1 Smithville, MS 38870
Thompson Creek FWB Rt. 1 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Rev. Marshall Walters Rt. 3 Waynesboro, MS 39367	Janet Jones Rt. 1, Box 559 Waynesboro, MS 39367
Tupelo FWB Church 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 FWB Church Rt. 10, Box 158 Columbus, MS 39702	Rev. Al Hamm 606 Belmont Dr. Columbus, MS 39702	
White Hill FWB Church Rt. 2, Box 234-A Eupora, MS 39744		Elloyce Nelms Rt. 4, Box 220-A Eupora, MS 39744

NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS

Delta-Central, Little Brown Creek, South Mississippi.

Total Finances Received with Church and Associational Letters:

State General Fund	\$185.00
Missions	\$351.35
Mississippi Messenger	\$645.90
Representative Fees	\$2340.00

STATISTICS

(Based on information received from local churches)

Number of Churches: 57 Combined Total Membership: 2675

Number of Churches Reporting: 43

Total Members: Added: 169 Lost 136 Number of Baptisms: 81

Number of Parsonages: 16

Combined Value of Churches and Parsonages: \$4,701,500.00

Number of Full Time Pastors: 30 Part-time Pastors: 13

Number of Churches: City: 15 Rural: 42

Number of Ordained Ministers: 51 Licensed Ministers: 22

Number of Ordained Deacons: 111

Number of Churches with Day Cares: 3 Kindergartens: 3

Christian Day Schools: 3 Colleges: 0 Bible Institutes: 0

Combined Sun. School Enrollment 2736; Average Attendance 1700

Combined CTS Enrollment: 938 Average Attendance: 639

Combined WNAC Enrollment: 390 Average Attendance: 201

Combined Master's Men Enrollment: 146 Average Attendance: 89

BIBLE CONFERENCE

October 30, 1987

Presiding, Rev. Terry Booker

Song Leader, Bro. Randy Settle

9:30 a.m.	Welcome	Host Pastor
	Hymn and Prayer	
9:45 a.m.	Message	Rev. Bobby Greene
10:30 a.m.	Message	Rev. Norman Nowell
11:15 a.m.	Recess	
11:30 a.m.	Message	Rev. John Emerson
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session was opened with scripture reading and prayer by Bro. George Kimbrow.

The Association was called to order by Clerk, Rev. Robert Dykes. The Moderator, Rev. George Crowden, was introduced by the Clerk.

Moderator Crowden opened the business session by receiving church and associational letters and seating of delegates.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the Clerk.

The report of the Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries was given by Rev. Terry Booker.

(See report).

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

The report of the Master's Men was given by State leader, Bro. Bob Birmingham. The report was accepted as information.

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

Written reports were received from both the Home and Foreign Missions Departments. Rev. Jerry Gibbs, missionary, brought these reports.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Friday night session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Randy Settle.

Host Pastor, Rev. J. L. Gore, welcomed all to the Mississippi Association and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pearl, Mississippi.

The Committee on Committees gave their report. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

Several special numbers were rendered by a host of talented people.

A report from Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Frank Breeden. It was accepted as information.

The Friday evening message was delivered by Rev. Frank Breeden.

Dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Randy Settle.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Gerald Henderson.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was given.

A partial report of the Resolutions Committee was given.

The Woman's Auxiliary Report was given by Lou Bullard. (See the report).

A report from the Auditing Committee was given by Rev. Ralph Hester.

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

A complete report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Glen Jones.

A complete report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Bro. Ewell Wright.

A report from the Executive Office was given by Executive Secretary, Rev. Melvin Worthington.

The final message of the Association was delivered by Rev. Melvin Worthington.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee and Board of Conference and Itenerate Ministries met at First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus on August 15, 1987, at 10 a.m. to plan the state associational meeting and Bible Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. George Crowden
Rev. Robert Dykes
Rev. Jack Jones
Rev. Tommy Wright
Rev. Terry Booker

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

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

Nominating Committee:

1. Rev. Ron Ivey
2. Rev. J. L. Gore
3. Rev. Glen Jones
4. Rev. Billy Trull

Resolutions Committee:

1. Rev. Lenarse Strickland
2. Rev. John Emerson
3. Bro. Ewell Wright
4. Rev. Gerald Henderson

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James Hudson
Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. Steve Nichols
Rev. Jack Jones

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Nominating Committee submit the following names for nomination:

Board of Missions and Church Extension

J. L. Gore, 1992

Board of Conference and Itinerate Ministries

Bobby Green, 1991

Board of Christian Education

Gerald Henderson, 1991

Auditing Committee

James Hudson, 1991

Assistant Clerk

Jack Jones

Treasurer

Tommy Wright

Assistant Moderator

J. M. Creech

Clerk

Robert Dykes

Moderator

George Crowden

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Jones
J. L. Gore
Ron Ivey
Billy Trull

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists be amended with an addition to Article VI, Section 3, under B. Policy Number (3), as recommended by the Mississippi State Home Mission Board. The addition is as follows:

"The following dissolution clause shall be inserted into the property deeds of mission churches, where the Mississippi State Association through the State Home Mission Board has paid for the purchase of property and/or buildings:

"All business, property and assets shall be turned over to the Home Mission Board of the Mississippi State Association in event of one or more of the following circumstances:

1. The dissolution of the mission or church
2. If the mission church refuses to or ceases to affiliate with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.
3. If the mission or church shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes of a Free Will Baptist Church as set forth in the *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists*.

"This does not give the Mississippi State Association through its Home Mission Board any authority in the internal affairs or business of any mission or church."

Resolution passed.

2. Be it resolved that the state Clerk have the minutes of the state meeting to the printer by the end of December following the state meeting each year. Passed.

3. Be it resolved that we, the body of the State Association, give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pearl for their tremendous effort put forth in hosting the state session. Passed.

4. Whereas, the State Associational meeting of 1988 will convene in the South Mississippi Association, be it resolved that we meet with the Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Wayne County. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Henderson
Lenarse Strickland
John Emerson
Ewell Wright

REPORT OF BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERANT MINISTRIES: October 1987

Over 150 people gathered at the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Corinth, Mississippi, on Friday evening, February 27, for the 1987 Mississippi Pastors & Workers Conference. This year's theme was, "Evidences of Being Spirit-Filled." It featured Rev. Leroy Forlines, Bible College professor and chairman of the Commission on Theological Integrity of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Also featured on the program was Rev. Hughes Ellis, evangelist, former home missionary and pastor with over 26 years experience.

During the Friday evening services, Bro. Forlines clarified the meaning and differences between the baptism of the Holy Ghost and being filled with the Holy Ghost. Bro. Ellis finished the services by explaining about the misconceptions of the charismatic movement.

The Saturday morning session brought a house full of folks with eager anticipation for the messages. Bro. Forlines continued his explanation of the meaning of being Spirit-filled. Bro. Ellis presented the problems, purposes, principles, and practices of spiritual gifts. The conference concluded with an informative, informal question and answer session.

Special music was provided throughout the conference by local churches. Evaluation questionnaires were distributed and received to be used for planning future conferences.

The Board began planning for this year's fall state-wide Missionary Conference, at the close of the state association meeting last year at Columbus. It was determined and agreed upon by the pastors around the state that the conference should be held November 1-14, 1987. Arrangements were made with the National Home Missions and Foreign Missions Departments to reserve these dates in order to assist with the scheduling of missionaries to be in this conference.

On Monday, June 1, the board chairman met with the Department representatives in Nashville to coordinate an appropriate schedule that would include 35 churches in the state. In August, correspondence was sent out to the various participating churches to inform about the schedule and encourage planning.

An orientation week was held on Tuesday, September 29 in Tupelo for the pastors from the Northeast and Little Brown Creek Associations. Continual contact was made with pastors and churches of the Delta-Central and South Mississippi

Associations. Conference brochures and missionary materials have been distributed to those churches involved in this year's conference. The success of this first annual state-wide Missionary Conference now depends upon the promotion by local pastors and churches.

It is essential that conference report forms be returned so as to evaluate and make appropriate plans for next year's conference.

Finally, the Board would like to express its appreciation to those churches which have faithfully supported the efforts of this Board by contributions. The Board still holds the belief that it exists to serve the interests of the Free Will Baptists in the state of Mississippi. Your input is encouraged and welcome.

Respectfully, submitted,
Board of Conference and
Itinerate Ministries

Rev. Terry Booker, chairman
Bro. George Kimbrow
Rev. Early White
Rev. Milton Fields

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION
Conference and Itinerate Ministries Committee
FINANCIAL REPORT
October 30, 1986 – October 30, 1987

Balance October 30, 1986 \$61.25

RECEIPTS:

Mississippi State Association.....	625.00
Cash Offerings.....	193.61
Delta Central Association.....	100.00
Antioch FWB Church.....	50.00
Martin Hill FWB Church.....	25.00
Beech Springs FWB Church.....	50.00
Damascus FWB Church.....	25.00
First FWB Church, Philadelphia.....	25.00
Little Brown FWB Church.....	50.00
Pearce Chapel FWB Church.....	25.00
Tupelo FWB Church.....	50.00
New Lebanon FWB Church.....	25.00

Bethlehem FWB Church	50.00
Macedonia FWB Church	25.00
First FWB Church, Cumberland	50.00
Betty Rodgers	5.00
Burgess Creek FWB Church	45.00
First FWB Church, Columbus	50.00
McGregors Chapel FWB Church	25.00
Pleasant Grove FWB Church	25.00
Christian FWB Church	25.00
Fellowship FWB Church	25.00
Community FWB Church	25.00
Fulton FWB Church	50.00
First FWB Church, Burnsville	25.00
Smithville FWB Church	25.00
Mid-Way FWB Church	25.00
Meal Refund	6.53
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	\$1,786.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage of 1986 Conference	125.00
Postage of 1987 Conference	100.00
Tabb Publishing for 1987 Conference	124.84
EconoLodge - Speaker lodging	60.38
Speaker fees - 1987 Conference	400.00
Phone, gas, meal & postage expense for Missionary Conf..	170.74
Cost of printing Missionary Conference brochures	371.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	1,351.96
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT AS OF OCTOBER 30, 1987	\$434.43

MISSISSIPPI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 1986 - 1987

DESIGNATED FUNDS

WNAC General Fund	\$426.23
Bible College	32.50
Student Loan	186.00
Home Missions	772.00
Foreign Missions	1,821.00

Co-Laborer.....	483.32
Pre-Easter.....	176.00
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	317.22
Pre-Christmas.....	25.00
District Projects.....	3,012.00
Advance Celebration.....	152.85
Eunice Edwards Fund.....	144.00
Board of Retirement.....	20.00
Miscellaneous.....	162.00

State Project (Southaven Home Missions)

Little Brown.....	2,050.00
Northeast.....	2,500.00
South Mississippi.....	818.65
Delta-Central.....	350.00
	\$5,718.65

State Meeting 1986

Receipts.....	625.25
Expenditures.....	615.00
Balance brought forward.....	421.00
Membership fees.....	90.00
Balance from State Meeting 1986.....	10.25
Balance.....	521.25

State Project 1986 (Ivory Coast Clinic)..... \$4,756.50

Lou Bullard, President

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We your Auditing Committee have examined the report of the State Associational Treasurer, and the State Mission Board Treasurer. We find these to be correct and in order.

We commend these brethren for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Romines
Ralph Hester
Gerald Taylor

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 9-30-87

Beginning Balance 10-1-86..... \$249.06

Received from Churches:

Antioch, Burnsville.....	250.00
Antioch, Randolph.....	50.00
Beech Springs.....	100.00
Bethel.....	100.00
Bethlehem.....	100.00
Buckatunna.....	50.00
Burgess Creek.....	150.00
Charity.....	50.00
Corinth.....	451.70
County Line.....	50.00
Damascus.....	175.00
Eggville.....	.00
Fawn Grove.....	239.05
Fellowship.....	110.00
First, Amory.....	50.00
First, Booneville.....	50.00
First, Columbus.....	50.00
First, Cumberland.....	50.00
First, Greenville.....	.00
First, Greenwood.....	.00
First, Iuka.....	.00
First, Oxford.....	50.00
First, Pascagoula.....	25.00
First, Pearl.....	50.00
First, Philadelphia.....	50.00
First, Smithville.....	50.00
First, Waynesboro.....	.00
Fulton.....	179.72
Gulfport.....	.00
Harmony.....	50.00
Jones Chapel.....	85.00
Lee's Chapel, Jones County.....	.00
Lee's Chapel, Wayne County.....	150.00
Little Brown.....	150.00
Lovewell.....	241.12

Macedonia00
Main St., Amory.....	.00
Martin Hill	50.00
McGregor Chapel	50.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	50.00
New Gauley.....	117.90
New Lebanon.....	200.00
Pearce Chapel	894.00
Pleasant Grove.....	95.00
Petal.....	50.00
Pine Grove.....	30.00
Smith Chapel.....	70.00
Springdale.....	50.00
Richton.....	50.00
Thompson Creek.....	.00
Tupelo.....	50.00
Victory.....	50.00
White Hill.....	50.00

\$5,013.49

Received from Associations

Delta-Central.....	90.00
Little Brown.....	190.00
Northeast.....	310.00
South Miss.....	110.00

\$700.00

Designated Gifts

New Gauley.....	543.25
Petal.....	100.00
Poplar Springs.....	25.00

\$668.25

Personal Gifts

Zola Beaver.....	20.00
Hudson Book Store.....	100.00
John Pake Jr.....	50.00
M/M Hollis Warren.....	150.00
M/M Carl Bullard	20.00
M/M E. C. Wright.....	10.00
State Women's Auxiliary	142.00
Fellowship Master's Men.....	50.00
Miss. Home Mission Board.....	50.00

\$592.00

Misc.

Offering at State Meeting.....	264.20
CTS Competition fees.....	245.00
Cash gift.....	25.00
Interest on Savings.....	46.86
	\$581.06

TOTAL RECEIVED..... \$7,554.80

Funds Available for Use..... \$7,803.86

EXPENSES:**Messenger (10 issues)**

Printing.....	2,811.07
Postage.....	1,265.91
Editor's salary.....	1,000.00
	\$5,076.98

Clerk

Salary.....	100.00
Postage.....	35.40
	\$135.40

Treasurer

Salary.....	100.00
Office Supplies.....	3.80
	\$103.80

CTS

Supplies for State Competition.....	119.90
Registration.....	260.00
	\$379.90

Board of Conference..... \$600.00

Designated Gifts Sent

Miss. Missions.....	100.00
FWBBC.....	169.76
Foreign Missions.....	135.81
Home Missions.....	135.81

Children's Home	101.87
Board of Conf.	25.00
	\$668.25
Fee to National Association	\$550.00
Bank Service Charge	\$12.10
TOTAL EXPENSE.....	\$7,526.43
ENDING BALANCE 9-30-87.....	\$277.43

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1986 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 1987**

Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists

Board of Missions and Church Extension

RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES

Antioch FWB Church - Burnsville.....	\$2,335.00
Antioch FWB Church - Randolph.....	216.00
Bethel FWB Church	266.82
Bethlehem FWB Church	600.00
Burgess Creek FWB Church	380.50
Charity FWB Church	80.00
Community FWB Church	200.00
Corinth FWB Church	420.80
County Line FWB Church	230.81
Eggville FWB Church	1,726.25
Fawn Grove FWB Church	655.03
Fellowship FWB Church	3,674.20
First - Amory FWB Church	99.15
First - Booneville FWB Church	1,321.50
First - Columbus FWB Church	120.00
First - Iuka FWB Church	1,256.85
First - Old Cumberland FWB Church	72.28
First - Pascagoula FWB Church	328.13
First - Pearl FWB Church	704.68
First - Petal FWB Church	100.00

First - Richton FWB Church	200.00
Fulton FWB Church.....	3,269.05
Gulf Coast FWB Church.....	7,266.29
Jones Chapel FWB Church	500.00
Lee's Chapel FWB Church (Wayne Co.).....	1,361.84
Little Brown FWB Church.....	1,000.36
Macedonia FWB Church.....	100.00
Martin Hill FWB Church.....	1,276.13
Mt. Pisgah FWB Church.....	1,400.00
New Lebanon FWB Church.....	3,643.10
Pearce Chapel FWB Church.....	3,017.34
Pine Grove FWB Church(S. MS. Assn.).....	400.00
Pleasant Grove FWB Church.....	39.22
Smith Chapel FWB Church.....	745.00
Tupelo FWB Church.....	976.14
White Hill FWB Church.....	30.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES.....	\$40,012.47

RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUALS..... 555.42

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Mississippi State Master's Men	\$2,114.00
Fellowship Master's Men.....	816.00
Petal Master's Men	233.00
Little Brown Creek Youth Rally.....	120.00
Northeast FWB Association.....	50.00
Tupelo area Thanksgiving offering.....	124.00
Little Brown Creek FWB Assn. March for Missions....	2,115.00
South MS FWB Association.....	500.00
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.....	\$6,072.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Mission Board Expenses:

Mileage.....	\$895.52
Meals	140.77
Lodging.....	45.78
Total.....	\$1082.07
Miscellaneous (printing, supplies, etc.)	135.94
Telephone	126.10

Treasurer's honorarium.....	50.00
Total.....	\$1,394.11
Missionary Ralph Hester (Social Security 1986).....	1,625.20
National Home Missions (Ralph Hester Acct.).....	24,000.00
Sinking Fund No. 102369-6	
First Greenville Bank.....	3,600.00
Miscellaneous disbursements:	
Richton Bank & Trust Co. Loan No. 63706.....	1,310.00
Transfer from checking to Golden Savings.....	2,114.00
Check returned (insufficient funds).....	100.00
Total.....	\$3,524.00
Southaven Project:	
Land Purchase (down payment).....	20,000.00
Desoto County Chancery Clerk (records).....	3.50
Total.....	20,003.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... \$54,146.81

BROUGHT FORWARD OCTOBER 1, 1986..... 17,468.69

TOTAL INCOME SEPTEMBER 30, 1987..... 46,639.89

BALANCE OF RECEIPTS..... \$64,108.58

LESS DISBURSEMENTS..... \$54,146.81

TOTAL BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 1987..... \$9,961.77

GOLDEN SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

 SEPTEMBER 30, 1987..... \$2,554.36

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Delta Association.....	\$663.10
First, Pearl.....	663.10
Northeast Association.....	2,545.61
Bethlehem.....	200.00
Eggville.....	203.00
Fulton.....	1117.00
Pearce Chapel.....	1025.61
South Mississippi Association.....	\$4,102.66
Bethel.....	108.00
Charity.....	80.00

Corinth.....	153.00
Fellowship.....	1487.37
Fellowship Master's Men	816.00
First Richton.....	100.00
Gulf Coast.....	266.29
Lee's Chapel (Wayne County).....	459.00
Petal Master's Men.....	233.00
Pine Grove.....	400.00
Little Brown Creek Association.....	\$14,258.22
Antioch (Burnsville).....	2000.00
Burgess Creek.....	380.50
Community.....	200.00
First Booneville.....	721.50
First Iuka.....	1256.85
Jones Chapel.....	500.00
Little Brown Church.....	1000.36
Little Brown Creek Assn.....	2115.00
Macedonia.....	100.00
Martin Hill.....	300.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	1400.00
New Lebanon.....	3539.01
Smith Chapel.....	745.00

TOTAL MARCH FOR MISSIONS RECEIPTS \$21,569.59

Submitted by Jimmie Byrd, Treasurer

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Article 1 – 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 a Missions 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 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.

- (3) This Board shall have the authority to select its Treasurer from among its members.

The following dissolution clause shall be inserted into the property deeds of mission churches, where the Mississippi State Association through the State Home Mission Board has paid for the purchase of property and/or buildings:

"All business, property and assets shall be turned over to the Home Mission Board of the Mississippi State Association in event of one or more of the following circumstances:

1. The dissolution of the mission or church.
2. If the mission or church refuses to or ceases to affiliate with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.
3. If the mission or church shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes of a Free Will Baptist Church as set forth in the *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists*.

This does not give the Mississippi State Association through its Home Mission Board any authority in the internal affairs or business of any mission or church."

Section 4. The Board of Christian Education is a standing board composed of four (4) members with terms up to four (4) years, with a member going off each year. The Board of Christian Education is to be composed of a member 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 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 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 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.