

MINUTES OF THE
35th Annual Session
OF THE
Mississippi State Association
OF
Free Will Baptists

WHEN CONVENED WITH
CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WAYNESBORO, MISSISSIPPI
November 5 and 6, 1999



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WITH THE
BURGESS CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Tishomingo, Mississippi

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER
(NOV. 3 & 4, 2000)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Obituary report - Rev. Jack Jones:

Bethel:

Lewis Posey
Dicie Clark
Birdell Shoemaker

Lovewell:

Amos McLain

Charity:

Vallie Ainsworth

Corinth:

Lizzie Henderson

Pine Grove:

Josephine Rigney

Damascus:

Sybil Massey
Margerette Cooper

Pleasant Grove:

Corbit Plunk

Amory First:

Joyce Atwell

Fawn Grove:

Ruth Lucas
Dee Starling
Nancy Stembridge
Herman Keith

Beech Springs:

Eria Hill
Opel Stembridge
Mary Hartung

Pearce Chapel:

Ethleen Wigginton
Annie Burrow
Eustace Simmons
Elizibeth Schultz

Antioch (Burnesville):

Dorothy Garrett

Community:

J. S. Ayers

Cross Creek;

Virginia Bartee
Amel Norman
Edna Lindsey

Booneville First:

Sula Cole

Jones Chapel (Alabama)

Mildred Briley

Little Brown:

Verda Holley

Martin Hill:

Lola Mae Walden
Nell Wilemon

Mt. Pisgah:

Arby Livingston
Grace Ashby
William Doyle Livingston
Mattie Bell Huddleston

New Lebanon:

Alta Holland

Smith Chapel:

Linda Lawson

Maryland Williams

Obituary Committee Chairman makes the motion, it was seconded, for the reception of the Obituary Committee report, and that we stand for a moment of silence in honor of the departure and homegoing of these who have gone to be with Jesus.

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**Program of the
Mississippi State Association
Meeting with the
Corinth Free Will Baptist Church
Waynesboro, Mississippi**

Bro. Charles Walden	Moderator
Rev. J. L. Gore	Executive Secretary
Rev. Gary Walters	Music

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE CONFERENCE

9:00 a.m. Hymn and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters
Welcome by host Pastor - Rev. Robert Dykes
Moderator's comments - Bro. Charles Walden
Appointment of Committee on Committee's - Bro. Charles Walden
Rev. Gary Walters
Rev. Bill Van Winkle
Rev. Glen Jones

BIBLE CONFERENCE BEGINS

Special Music - Bro. Brandon Bell
Message - Rev. Trymon Messer
(Mark 1:16-28; ("The church that makes a difference"))

BREAK

Congregational singing and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters
Special Music - Rev. Allen Jones
Message - Rev. Ricky Willis
(John 5:1-6; ("Wilt thou be made whole?"))

Congregational singing and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters
Special Music - Rev. Jack Jones
Message - Rev. Van Dale Hudson
1st Thessalonians 4:13-5:1; ("The signs and times of the season")

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Congregational Singing and Prayer - Rev. Gary Walters
Business Session called to order by Clerk - Rev. Benny McKinney
Introduction of the Moderator - Rev. Benny McKinney
Scripture reading and comments by Moderator - Bro. Charles Walden
"Our churches need to acknowledge God more in our worship."
"Our churches need to do something toward Christian education."

Delegates Recognized and seated
Report of the Executive Secretary - Rev. J. L. Gore

Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Executive Secretary to go ahead and send \$50.00 per church for National Dues which was increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 at the 1999 National Association Meeting in Atlanta, GA, and became effective immediately. Motion Carried.

Motion was made and seconded that we change our District Association Dues to the State Association from \$50.00 to \$75.00; And to change individual church Dues to the District Association for National Dues from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

Motion was tabled until the 2000 meeting.

Family Ministries (Children's Home) in TN report - Bro. Jack Taylor.

State Home Missions report - Rev. Gerald Gann

Conference and Itinerant Ministries Board report - Rev. Dickie Dees

Master's Men report - Bro. Tom Dooley

Free Will Baptist Bible College report - Rev. Roy Harris

Committee on Committee's report;

Resolution Committee:

Rev. Allen Jones

Rev. Steve Nichols

Rev. Billy Trull

Rev. Johnny James

Nominating Committee

Rev. Malcom Garrett

Rev. Dennis Kizzire

Bro. George Kimbrow

Rev. Gerald Henderson

Obituary Committee:

Rev. Jack Jones

Bro. T. J. Armstrong

Bro. Charles Henderson

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Singing and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters

Welcome by host Pastor - Rev. Robert Dykes

National Executive Secretary report - Dr. Melvin Worthington

National Home Missions report - Bro. Trymon Messer

Singing and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters

Special Music - Corinth Church Choir

Special Music - Naomi

Message - Dr. Paul Park

(1 Kings 19:2-12 'Frustration in God's Work')

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing and Prayer - Rev. Gary Walters

State WNAC Report - Sis. Shirley Dykes

Nation WNAC report - Sis. Marjorie Workman

National Foreign Missions report - Rev. Rob Connely

Motion was made and seconded to allow the individual churches of the * Delta Central Association to be a voting part of this Association Meeting.

*(The Delta Central Association did not report by letter or dues)

Motion carried.

Auditing committee report - Rev. Gary Walters

"Having examined the financial records of the Mississippi State of FWB Executive Office, Home Missions Board Treasurer, and the Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries Treasurer, we the Auditing Committee find these financial records to be in order and accurate.

We further extend the wishes of this committee to meet with the treasurers and examine the financial records, as set forth in our constitution, prior to the 2000 State Association.

State Home Missions Financial report - Rev. Jack Jones (Treasurer)

**STATISTICAL
REPORTS:**

32 Ministers registered
11 Deacons registered
14 Delegates registered
57

Total registered

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

Total Number of churches	52
Number of churches in city/town	8
Number of rural churches	34
Number of churches reporting	43
Number of full-time pastors	27
Number of bi-vocational pastors	12

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Total number of baptisms	190
Total members added	259
Total members lost	79
Total membership	3,423

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Total income of all churches	\$1,265,569.90
Total number of churches with budgets	7

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

Total number of churches with parsonages	27
Total value of all church property (including parsonages)	\$5,794,700.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

Number of ordained ministers	56
Number of licensed ministers	8
Number of ordained deacons	128
Number of churches with:	
Day care	1
Kindergarten	2
Christian day school	2
Bible institute	1
College	0
Total Sunday School enrollment	2186
Total CTS enrollment	556
Total WNAC enrollment	220
Total Master's Men enrollment	100

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Executive Board:

Replacing Ken Bozeman -

Steve Nichols (2000)

Replacing Earl Langely -

Earl Langely (2003)

Board of Missions and Church Extension:

Replacing Dallas Jack Jones -

Dallas Jack Jones (2004)

Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries:

Replacing Dennis Kizzire -

Dennis Kizzire (2003)

Board of Christian Education:

Replacing Glen Shelby -

Glen Shelby (2003)

Auditing Committee:

Replacing Earl Langley -

Jerry Atwell (2003)

Youth Ministries Board:

Replacing Dennis Kizzire -

Brandon Bell (2003)

Free Will Baptist Children's Home representatives:

Charles Walden (Indefinite Term)

J. L. Gore (Indefinite Term)

GENERAL OFFICERS

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Replacing Charles Walden -

Charles Walden

Assistant Moderator:

Replacing Scot Wright -

Scott Wright

Clerk:

Replacing Benny McKinney

Benny McKinney

Assistant Clerk:

Replacing Steve Nichols -

Steve Nichols

Motion was made and seconded that we accept all nominations and by acclamation.

BREAK

Singing and prayer - Rev. Gary Walters

Special Music - Sis. Mitzi Robinson

Offering

Message - Rev. Gary Elder - (Mission Pastor to Madison)

Gen. 26:17 ("We need to re-dig some of the wells of our forefathers.")

DIGEST REPORT

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(Note: The Executive Secretary and the Editor of the Messenger are appointed by the Executive Board.)

Executive Board:

Rev. Steve Nichols - 2000

Rev. Robert Dykes - 2001

Rev. Glenn Jones - 2002

Rev. Earl Langley - 2003

Board of Missions and Church Extension:

Rev. Gerald Gann - 2000

Bro. Charles Henderson - 2001

Bro. George Kimbrow - 2002

Rev. Malcolm Garrett - 2003

Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries:

Rev. Dickie Dees - 2000

Rev. Gerald Henderson - 2001

Rev. Rick Bowling - 2002

Rev. Dennis Kizzire - 2003

Board of Christian Education:

Rev. Scott Wright - 2000

Rev. David Nicholson - 2001

Rev. Raymond Rivers - 2002

Rev. Glen Shelby - 2003

Auditing Committee:

Bro. Wayne Romines - 2000

Rev. Leonard Ball - 2001

Rev. Gary Walters - 2002

Bro. Jerry Atwell - 2003

Youth Ministries Board:

Rev. Gary Kelly

Rev. Jackie Whitley Jr.

Bro. Steve Jones

Bro. Brandon Bell



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1999 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

MISSISSIPPI ALL-BOARDS CONFERENCE April 30 and May 1

The Mississippi Executive Board sponsored a meeting of all the standing boards of the Mississippi state Association at the Oaktree Inn in Macon, Mississippi, Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1.

The conference began with a dinner Friday night with Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, speaking.

Saturday morning J. L. Gore, Mississippi Executive Secretary gave a presentation on the subject of, "Spiritual Factors In Church Growth." Following the presentation, the boards met and discussed plans for the Mississippi State Association ministries for the coming year.

The Executive Board in consultation with the Christian Education Board set dates for the 1999 CTS competition. The competition was conducted at Martin Hill, May 29.

Discussion continued on a combined trip to Mexico and members were appointed to explore the possibilities.

Dr. Paul Park was selected as the speaker for Friday night at the Mississippi State Association in November.

A combined youth trip for Mississippi youth to a future National Association was discussed.

All board members assembled again and a representative of each board gave a brief report on the activities planned by their board.

January 7, 8, 2000 at Lake Tiak-O'Khata near Louisville, Mississippi is set for the next Mississippi All-Boards Conference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING October 10, 1999

Reviewed financial report of the Mississippi Together way.

Made final plans for the 1999 Mississippi State Association (See program).

Selected the following dates for the 2000 Executive Board meetings: January at the All-Boards Conference, September at the Mississippi Master's Men conference.

The Mississippi Executive Board

THE MISSISSIPPI EXECUTIVE GENERAL FUND

INCOME:

Representation fees

Little Brown Creek Association	\$ 450.00
South Mississippi Association	\$ 350.00
Northeast Mississippi Association	\$ 550.00
Church Representation fees	\$2,050.00

Total Representation fees \$3,400.00

Other income

1998 State Association Offering	\$ 357.34
All-Boards Conference Registration	\$ 250.00
Reimburse postage	\$ 26.95
Together Way offerings	\$13,608.95
Account transfer	\$ 274.59

Total other income \$14,517.83

Total all income \$17,917.83

EXPENSE:

General Expense:

Executive Secretary Salary	\$1,800.00
Executive Secretary Travel	\$ 354.17
Executive Secretary Conference expense	\$ 680.01
Meals for Executive Board meeting	\$ 28.75
All-Boards Conference	\$ 750.06
Dr. Melvin Worthington honorarium	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 172.93
Postage and mailing fees	\$ 330.84
State clerk compensation	\$ 100.00
Bank Fee	\$ 2.98
Phone expense	\$ 74.95
State minutes	\$ 468.00
1998 National Representation fees	\$1,300.00

Total General Expense \$6,262.69

MESSENGER Expense:

Editor: Salary	\$1,500.00
Editor: Travel	\$ 782.52
Postage	\$2,938.34
Printing	\$4,507.48

Total MESSENGER expense \$9,728.34

Total Executive General Fund Expenses	\$15,991.03
Balance brought forward	\$ 2,664.99
Balance Carried Forward	\$ 4,591.79

MISSISSIPPI TOGETHER WAY FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999

Income

Amerivision	\$ 124.50	LBC Association	1,795.00
Antioch, LBC	4,354.00	LBC Youth Rally	45.00
Antioch, NE	130.00	Lee's Chapel	6,911.00
Bank Interest	1,095.03	Little Brown	3,864.25
Beech Springs	8,719.61	Lost check	70.00
Bethel	5,025.42	Lovewell	50.00
Bethlehem	2,898.63	Martin Hill	14,512.69
Bethlehem Sunday School	736.35	McGregor's Chapel	100.00
Buckatunna	2,830.00	Miss. Home Missions	50.00
Burgess Creek	2,941.17	Mt. Pisgah	18,127.67
Burgess Creek Aux.	50.00	New Gauley	2,442.40
Charity	3,201.76	New Lebanon	10,820.13
Community	2,220.99	New Lebanon Aux.	500.00
Corinth	11,986.50	New Life	1,790.00
Cornerstone	100.00	Northeast MS Association	1,197.00
County Line	50.00	Pearce Chapel	7,956.50
Cross Creek	10,861.00	Pearl	735.00
Damascus	50.00	Pine Grove	150.00
Eggville	6,781.09	Pleasant Grove	287.00
Fawn Grove	16,929.33	Pleasant Grove Aux.	170.00
Fellowship	13,739.86	Poplar Springs	400.00
First, Amory	1,900.00	Refund	58.95
First, Booneville	3,631.35	Smith Chapel	150.00
First, Columbus	370.00	South MS Association	350.00
First, Iuka	1,770.00	Springdale	575.00
First, Pearl	205.00	State Assoc. Off.	357.34
First, Petal	169,392.64	Tupelo	9,003.48
First, Smithville	2,580.00	White Hill	101.00
Fulton	25,040.45	WNAC	1,101.00
Gulf Coast	50.00		
Harmony	50.00		
Harvest	11,876.41		
Individuals	4,510.00		
Jones Chapel, AL	1,716.00		
Jones Chapel, MS	750.00		
		Total Income	\$ 402,337.50



MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Greetings!

This year has been a good year for Mississippi Missions! A quick synopsis of 1999 reveals:

- 1. We were able to find God's man for Harvest Church in Madison. Bro. Gary Elder is a wonderful man with a heart for God. We believe he will do well as he labors in Madison.**
- 2. We were blessed by the interim work of Bro. Lenarse Stricklin. Bro. Stricklin was very faithful to the Harvest Church. We have much gratitude and appreciation for his labor of love and faithfulness following the departure of Bro. Bozeman.**
- 3. We are thankful for the land we were able to purchase in Meridian. Hopefully, we will begin construction on the site by mid-spring of the new year. Please pray for this endeavor.**
- 4. We are thankful for your gifts to Mississippi Missions. Whether large or small, your offering was important. Thanks to each of you. Remember, we still depend upon your faithful giving. Please continue to support both our March for Mississippi Missions offering and regular monthly offerings. Each aspect of your giving is important. The monthly giving keeps the missionary on the field and the special March offering enables us to reach out for land, buildings, etc..**
- 5. May the Lord bless you richly for your faithful consideration to Mississippi Missions.**

THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Mississippi State Home Missions Report

Opening Balance.....	\$ 33,193.52
Receipts Sept.1, 1998 thru Aug. 31, 1999.....	\$ 78,811.11
Total of	\$ 112,004.63
Disbursements Sept. 1, 1998 thru Aug. 31, 1999.....	\$ 80,801.07
Balance for Sept. 1, 1999.....	\$ 31,203.56

Association Receipts:	Churches	March for Missions
Delta Central...	\$ 1,583.69 ...	\$ 530.00
Little Brown Creek...	\$ 22,382.79 ...	\$ 14,533.57 ...plus amount under misc.
Northeast...	\$ 16,676.86 ...	\$ 2,278.35
South MS...	\$ 15,913.27...	\$ 6,144.28
TOTALS...	\$ 56,556.61...	\$ 23,486.20

Miscellaneous Receipts:

1. Church Mutual Insurance	\$ 12.00	Premium rebate
2. First Petal	\$ 15,000.00	Madison & Meridian
3. Hudson Bible & Church Supply	\$ 500.00	
4. Individual	\$ 4,000.00	March for Missions
5. Ken Bozeman	\$ 70.00	Loan repayment
6. Little Brown Creek Association.....	\$ 1,000.00	March for Missions
7. Little Brown Creek Youth Rally.....	\$ 80.00	
8. Northeast Association	\$ 180.00	
9. WNAC	\$ 1,406.50	
10. To Balance Account	\$ 1.00	

TOTALS.....\$ 22,249.50

GRAND TOTOAL RECEIPTS\$ 78,806.11

Disbursements:

1. Bozeman, Ken.....	\$ 83.20	mileage
2. Church Mutual.....	\$ 1,264.50	insurance at Harvest Mission
3. Stanley A. Shannon Tax Collector.....	\$ 427.31	taxes on Meridian
4. Eggville F.W.B. Church.....	\$ 73.04	reimbursement for conference call
5. Gann, Gerald.....	\$ 566.49	mission board mileage expense
6. Garrett, Malcolm.....	\$ 372.80	mission board mileage expense
7. Perkins Restraunt.....	\$ 54.93	meals
8. Henderson, Charles.....	\$ 644.02	mission board mileage expense
9. Jones, Dallas J.....	\$ 1,238.99	mileage, honorarium, motel expense
10. Tommy's	\$ 82.00	meals
11. Kimbrow, George.....	\$ 157.49	mission board mileage expense
12. MS State Together Way.....	\$ 50.00	meals
13. National Home Missions Dept.....	\$ 7,500.00	Bozeman & Elders accounts
14. Oak Tree Rest. & Inn.....	\$ 601.02	mission board meals & motel expense
15. Richton Bank & Trust.....	\$ 60,000.00	Certificate of Deposit
16. Paul McKissick	\$ 247.00	meals & motel
17. Gary Elder	\$ 1,438.28	meals & salary expense
18. Harvest Mission	\$ 6,000.00	ministerial supplies

TOTALS\$ 80,801.07

Grand total of disbursements.....\$ 80,801.07

BALANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 1999.....\$ 31,203.56

MISSISSIPPI HOME MISSIONS

GIVING BY CHURCHES

Churches	Assoc.	Total given	MFM	
1. Antioch	LB	\$ 1,621.52	\$ 1,000.00	12
2. Antioch	NE	\$ 130.00		36
3. Beech Springs	NE	\$ 815.11		20
4. Bethel	S	\$ 806.73	\$ 600.00	22
5. Bethlehem	NE	\$ 1,721.87	\$ 736.35	10
6. Buckatunna	S	\$ 1,285.67		14
7. Burgess Creek	LB	\$ 1,614.51	\$ 1,550.00	13
8. Charity	S	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	16
9. Christian	NE			
10. Community	LB	\$ 938.66	\$ 600.00	17
11. Corinth	S	\$ 3,833.15	\$ 1,410.00	5
12. Cornerstone	DC			
13. County Line	S	\$ 506.28	\$ 506.28	30
14. Cross Creek	LB	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,000.00	9
15. Damascus	NE			
16. Eggville	NE	\$ 4,261.35		3
17. Fawn Grove	NE	\$ 637.45		27
18. Fellowship	S	\$ 5,107.69	\$ 1,778.00	2
19. First Amory	NE	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	32
20. First Booneville	LB	\$ 1,153.00	\$ 703.00	15
21. First Columbus	NE	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	33
22. First Iuka	LB			
23. First Pearl	DC	\$ 665.00	\$ 530.00	26
24. First Richton	S			
25. First Smithville	NE	\$ 515.00		29
26. Fulton	NE	\$ 3,511.43	\$ 505.00	6
27. Gulf Coast	S			
28. Harmony	DC			
29. Harvest Mission	DC	\$ 918.69		19
30. Immanuel	S			
31. Jones Chapel AL	LB	\$ 927.00	\$ 927.00	18
32. Jones Chapel MS	LB	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	28
33. Lee's Chapel	S	\$ 2,523.75		7
34. Little Brown	LB	\$ 1,714.25	\$ 1,714.25	11
35. Lovewell	S			
36. Macedonia	LB			
37. Martin Hill	LB	\$ 4,229.02	\$ 2,047.32	4
38. McxGregor's Chapel	NE			
39. Mid-Way	LB			
40. Mt. Pisgah	LB	\$ 6,421.90	\$ 3,892.00	1
41. New Gauley	NE	\$ 278.15	\$ 175.00	34
42. New Lebanon	LB	\$ 812.93		21
43. New Life	NE	\$ 750.00		25
44. Pearce Chapel	NE	\$ 2,403.50		8
45. Pine Grove	S	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	23
46. Pleasant Grove	NE	\$ 272.00	\$ 272.00	35
47. Poplar Springs	LB			
48. Smith Chapel	LB	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	31
49. Springdale	NE			
50. Tupelo	NE	\$ 791.00		24
51. Victory	NE			
52. White Hill	NE			

MISSISSIPPI WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR 1999

DESCRIPTION	SENT WNAAC (STATE PROJECT)	SENT DIRECT	KEPT IN TREASURY	TOTALS
DUES				
DELTA CENTRAL 1	\$10.00		\$0.50	
LITTLE BROWN 58	\$580.00		\$14.50	
NORTHEAST 64	\$640.00		\$16.00	
SOUTH 39	\$390.00		\$9.25	
TOTAL 162				
STATE PROJECT - CHARITY VAN WINKLE				
LITTLE BROWN		\$983.80		
NORTHEAST		\$1,000.00		
SOUTH		\$994.30		
PROJECT TOTAL \$2,957.90				
CO-LABORER FUND	\$248.00			
NORMAN RICHARDS LAND FUND	\$681.80			
JIM STURGILL - BRAZIL	\$151.00			
JAMES MUNSEY - MEXICO	\$200.00			
BRAZILIAN CHILDREN'S HOME	\$800.00			
JERRY PINKERTON - IVORY COAST	\$780.00			
FALL MISSIONS RALLY(1998)	\$200.00			
PRE-THANKSGIVING OFFERING	\$160.00			
FOREIGN MISSIONS GENERAL FUND	\$30.00			
STATE HOME MISSIONS GENERAL FUND	\$45.00			
PRE-EASTER OFFERING	\$273.50			
ROBERT BRYAN - IVORY COAST	\$200.00			
KEVIN STACY	\$815.80			
MUSLIM MISSIONS	\$25.00			
STUDENT LOAN FUND	\$15.00			
PROVISION CLOSET	\$850.00			
JALAYN MARTENS - IVORY COAST	\$80.00			
MADISON, MS MISSION WORK	\$120.00			
MERIDIAN, MS MISSION WORK	\$345.00			
WISEHART/HONOR ORGAN FUND	\$100.00			
JEFF TURNBOUGH - SPAIN	\$200.00			
SUSAN WHEATLY - KY	\$200.00			
TANYA HART - MK	\$200.00			
ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME	\$800.00			
NATIONAL OFFICES	\$80.00			
MARCH ON MISSIONS	\$80.00			
DAVID POTETE - CHICAGO LAND FUND	\$200.00		\$0.00	
EMPHASIS OFFERING	\$110.00		\$40.25	
TOTAL	\$12,327.90			

SUMMARY OF CASH

BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 10/30/98
 OFFERING AT STATE MEETING - 1998
 BANQUET TICKETS SOLD - 1998
 COST OF BANQUET - 1998
 SPEAKER FEE - 1998
 STOP PAYMENT FEE
 BANK FEES - 1999
 SUPPLIES FOR STATE MEETING - 1998
 COST OF PRAYER RETREAT
 PRAYER RETREAT SPEAKER FEE
 MONEY RECEIVED AT RETREAT
 MONEY RECEIVED FROM 1998 DUES
 ENDING BALANCE AS OF 11/05/99

\$298.49
 \$80.50
 \$666.00
 -\$550.00
 -\$200.00
 -\$20.00
 -\$72.40
 -\$10.17
 -\$1,242.00
 -\$200.00
 \$1,422.25
 \$40.25
 \$192.92

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CONFERENCE AND ITINERATE MINISTRIES

1998 - 1999 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance @ September 1, 1999 \$1,564.94

Total receipts by association (see next page for details):

Delta Central	700.00
Little Brown	17,826.63
Northeast	6,249.87
South MS	5,967.94
Other Receipts	586.36

Total all receipts \$31,330.80

Disbursements:

Ange, Nate - honorarium/travel expenses	682.00
Bank charges	67.25
Cariker, Connie - honorarium/travel expenses	600.00
Conference motel and meal expense	270.93
Dees, Dickie - mileage	79.20
Edwards, Mike - honorarium	50.00
Foreign Missions - Poole	3,493.31
Foreign Missions - Stacy	5,562.78
Foreign Missions - Van Winkle	9,247.78
Henderson, Gerald - mileage	60.00
Home Missions - Raper	7,741.56
Home Missions - Barron	3,493.30
Hudson, Van Dale - honorarium	100.00
Kizzire, Dennis - mileage	52.80
Kizzire, Dennis - misc. receipts	155.67
Oak Tree Inn - meal expense	234.13
Wright, Randall - honorarium	50.00

Total all disbursements \$31,940.71

Ending balance @ August 31, 1999 \$955.03

Board of Conferences and Itinerate Ministries Synopsis of Meetings for 1998-99

January 15, 1999 at Macon, MS

- The times and schedule for the Pastors and Workers Conference to be held at Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church were set. The conference will begin Thursday, February 25, 1999 and continue through Saturday, February 27, 1999.
- Rev. Nate Ange, Rev. Connie Cariker, Rev. Michael Edwards, Rev. Randall Wright, and Evangelist Van Dale Hudson were selected to be the speakers at the conference.
- The subject for the Friday afternoon forum for the conference was chosen to be the issues surrounding Y2K and its impact on the local church.
- Bro. Dickie Dees was chosen to serve as our board chairman.
- Bro. Gerald Henderson was chosen to serve as our board secretary and treasurer.
- The fall missions conference was discussed with specific plans to be made at our next meeting, pending information from the national mission's offices.

March 29, 1999 at Macon, MS

- Plans for the 1999 fall missions conference were discussed. Bro. Dickie Dees gave a report on preliminary information received from the national mission's offices.
- A possible change in the format for the missions rallies was discussed. Decisions were deferred to the next meeting.
- Having received much positive feedback from participants at the 1999 Pastors and Workers Conference, the board decided to continue with the current conference format. The 2000 Pastors and Workers Conference speakers will be discussed further at our next meeting pending availability of suggested speakers.

August 20, 1999 at Macon, MS

- The dates for the fall missions conference were set for October 23, 1999 through October 31, 1999. The missionaries for this year are: Foreign Missions – Bro. Jim Cowart Home Missions – Dr. Paul Park.
- The board decided to change our missions rallies to a banquet format. Bro. Dennis Kizzire will coordinate the banquet for the north area to be held October 23rd. Bro. Gerald Henderson will coordinate the banquet for the south area to be held October 30th. The missionaries will continue to visit as many area churches as possible for Sunday and weeknight services.
- Dates for the 2000 Pastors and Workers Conference were set for February 24th – 26th. The conference will be held at Martin Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Booneville. Conference speakers were also discussed with final decisions deferred to our next meeting.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE & ITENERATE MINISTRIES

Receipts for 1998 - 1999:

	Missions Rallies	Total Amount
Delta Central Association:		
Harvest	500.00	700.00
Little Brown Association:		
Antioch	-	4.51
Burgess Creek	600.00	604.31
Community	500.00	500.00
Cross Creek	426.00	591.00
First Booneville	200.00	300.00
First Iuka	1,320.00	1,320.00
Jones Chapel, AL	355.00	355.00
Little Brown	4,000.00	4,000.00
Martin Hill	2,000.00	2,100.00
Midway	200.00	200.00
Mt. Pisgah	5,300.00	5,459.95
New Lebanon	860.25	1,060.25
Smith Chapel	800.00	800.00
Offerings from Rallies and Individuals	531.61	531.61
Totals for Little Brown Association	17,092.86	17,826.63
Northeast Association:		
Beech Springs	410.00	410.00
Bethlehem	759.87	759.87
Eggville	-	100.00
First Amory	-	200.00
Fulton	4,475.00	4,475.00
Pearce Chapel	130.00	130.00
Springdale	175.00	175.00
Totals for Northeast Association	5,949.87	6,249.87
South MS Association:		
Bethel	330.00	330.00
Buckatunna	530.00	541.32
Charity	1,000.00	1,100.00
Corinth	1,200.00	1,200.00
County Line	52.50	52.50
Fellowship	2,500.00	2,510.62
Gulf Coast	-	50.00
Offerings from Rallies and Individuals	183.50	183.50
Totals for South MS Association	5,796.00	5,967.94
Other Receipts		
Due from Exec. Sec.	-	(35.64)
Offering at Conference	-	422.00
WNAC	200.00	200.00
Total of Other Receipts	200.00	586.36
Total of All Receipts	29,538.73	31,330.80

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Resolutions Committee report - Report accepted and items dealt with individually.

1. Be it resolved that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist oppose changing the name of the "Free Will Baptist Bible College" and recommend sending a letter to the National Association and the Free Will Baptist Bible College stating our concern.

Motion was made and seconded that the MS State Association oppose changing the name of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and that the letters recommended by the resolutions committee be sent.

Motion was made and seconded to table this matter until more information could be obtained.

Motion to table failed.

Business comes back to original motion.

Motion carried to oppose name change of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and that letters be sent to the National Association and the Bible College stating our concern.

2. Be it resolved that the Burgess Creek Free Will Baptist church has asked to host the 2000 State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Motion made and seconded that the State Association accept the invitation offered by the Burgess Creek church to host the 2000 meeting.

Motion carried.

3. Be it resolved that we give the Corinth church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the 1999 State Association, and a hand of applause for all those who prepared the food and worked so hard to make us welcome.

Motion was made and seconded to give Corinth church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the 1999 State Association.

Motion was carried by everyone standing and a round of applause.

Motion was made and seconded to give our Moderator a rising vote of thanks for the great job he has done.

Motion was carried by a round of applause for our Moderator, Bro. Charles Walden.

Motion was made and seconded to remove an item from the table which was tabled at the 1998 session. A motion was made, seconded, and tabled at the 1998 session that the Executive Board recommends that a State Youth Ministries Board be created, made up of four members. This would create a constitutional change and is required to be tabled until the next Annual Meeting.

Motion carried to remove the item of business from the table.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Motion carried. Youth Ministries Board is established.

Motion made and seconded that the name on the top of the list of standing boards be designated the chairperson of that board until the board meets and organizes.

Motion carried.

Nominating Committee report:

CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Article I - Name

This body adopts as its official name, *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 district Associations and churches of Mississippi and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in connection with the district 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

- 1. The membership of this Association shall consist of Free Will Baptist district Associations and their member churches. The district Associations shall make request for membership in the State Association. Upon examination and approval of the Mississippi State Association, they shall be received as members of this body.**
- 2. Representation: Each district association holding membership in the State association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity upon receipt of a letter and payment of the representative fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, plus twenty-five (\$25.00) per member church in the district association.**
- 3. Each local church holding membership, representing in person and by membership fees in a qualified district association, shall be entitled to one (1) delegate upon receipt of a letter and upon the payment of a representative fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.**
- 4. All ordained ministers and deacons of the qualified district associations shall be entitled to membership in this body, provided they are members in good standing of a local church, which represents by person and membership fees in a qualified district association of the Mississippi State Association.**
- 5. At the request and recommendation of the State Mission Board, all missionaries and mission churches under the auspices of the State Mission Board shall be entitled to membership in this body. They shall follow the requirements of item 3 of Article IV. Therefore, it is recommended that the district associations receive the missionaries and mission churches into their fellowship with full privileges.**
- 6. It is understood that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will**

Baptists has no judicial authority over any district association or church.
7. The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists, does not grant any judicial authority to any representative body to which it may belong.

Article V - Officers

GENERAL OFFICERS:

1. Moderator

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings of the Mississippi State Association and the Executive Board. He shall assist the Executive Secretary in associational business and activities.

2. Assistant Moderator

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to serve in the absence or at the request of the Moderator. He shall assist the Moderator in associational business and activities.

3. Clerk

(a) It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record and have printed annually the minutes of this Association and activities of the Executive Board.

(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, the case under question may be referred to a credential committee appointed by the moderator.

4. Assistant Clerk

It shall be the duty of the assistant clerk to serve in the absence of the Clerk, provide assistance to the Clerk during the annual meeting of the State association and preparation of minutes and reports.

5. At each regular session of the Mississippi State Association, the general officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and elected to serve for the next associational year. Elections shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present.

4. Executive Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to:

1. Serve as treasurer of the Mississippi State association. An accurate and complete record of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept and a written report shall be included in his report to the association in its annual session.

2. Administer the affairs of the state executive office and carry out the responsibilities delegated to him by the State Association of Free Will Baptists and the State Executive Board.

3. Fulfill all the duties commensurate with the office and present such plans and/or procedures he feels would be effective in the furtherance of the denominational program.

4. Assist in coordinating the work of the various boards of the Mississippi State Association. He shall be an ex officio member of all standing boards.

5. Present a written report of his work quarterly to the State Executive

Board concerning his promotional activities and financial reports for the quarter. A written report of his work shall be presented at each annual session of the Mississippi State Association.

6. The Executive Secretary is permitted to sign all legal papers on behalf of the Executive Board, except where law or demands make it imperative for the Executive Board or its Chairman to sign.

7. Make plans for the correlation and interrelation of all State and National ministries. The total program of work as devised by all the state boards shall be promoted impartially. He shall promote both the state and national programs.

8. Assist in the arrangement of itineraries for state and national workers and missionaries. He shall assist in the promotion of various conferences and/or retreats as proposed by the various state boards.

9. The work of the Mississippi State Association shall be promoted by visiting churches, quarterly meetings, and annual associational meetings. These periodic visits shall be made at his discretion.

10. Serve as consultant on general denominational affairs, and as official representative when occasion demands. Through personal communication he shall keep close contact with pastors, and local district associations. He shall represent the Mississippi State Association to Free Will Baptists and to other bodies in the interest of Mississippi Free Will Baptists.

11. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the publishing of the association's official paper, **THE MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER**. He shall print the association's official announcements and articles. He shall publish general promotional materials and pamphlets as approved by the State Executive Board or other state boards.

12. He shall promote the stewardship plan of support adopted by the Mississippi State Association. He is further charged with the responsibility of receiving and disbursing associational funds, and to serve as business manager of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

13. He shall expedite the planning of the annual State Association as directed by the State Executive Board.

The executive secretary shall be elected for an indefinite term according to the provisions set forth under the duties of the Executive Board.

Article VI - Boards and Committees

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is a standing board composed of seven members: the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk of the Mississippi State Association. Four (4) members shall be elected from the State Association delegates, with a board member going off each year. The Mississippi State Association Moderator shall serve as the chairman of the Executive Board. This board shall organize itself and elect such officers as deemed necessary to orderly conduct its affairs and labors.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to:

- 1. Plan the program, promote attendance and secure speakers for the annual sessions of the Mississippi State Association.**
- 2. Act in behalf of the Mississippi State Association when it is not in session. It shall be bound to carry out the directions of the association and shall hold itself bound by every consideration of morality and honor to carry out the wishes of the Mississippi State Association and to act under its instructions in whatever technical rights, civil laws and the decisions of courts may give it in certain emergencies.**
- 3. Fill any vacancies which may occur in its own body, and any vacancies which may occur in any office, standing board or committee between sessions of the Mississippi State Association. An office may be declared vacant for any of the following reasons: If a member fails to meet the requirements of item 5 of the By-laws; if a member fails to attend the board or committee meetings for a period of one year without providential hindrance; or if for any reason he submits a statement of resignation.**
- 5. Assist the Executive Secretary for the general promotion of the State association as is deemed needful or necessary as the means available shall permit.**
- 6. Serve as the coordinating agency of the association to correlate the work of all standing boards and committees.**
- 7. Keep a record of all work accomplished, money raised, meetings conducted, and make a full and complete report at the annual association of the Mississippi State Association. The Executive Board shall receive, hold, manage, use, control, and convey property entrusted to the Mississippi State Association, except as stipulated elsewhere in the constitution. All decisions of this board shall be governed by the constitution of the Mississippi State Association.**
- 8. Have oversight of the work of the Executive Secretary.**
 - a. Seek out a prospective candidate for Executive Secretary and make recommendation to the Mississippi State Association in its regular session. The Association will also have the privilege of nominations from the floor.**
 - b. Set a salary for the Executive Secretary according to the availability of funds.**
 - c. Approve expenses to state and national conferences and conventions according to availability of funds.**
 - d. If a majority of the Executive Board requests a vote of confidence on the Executive Secretary, a vote shall be taken by the board previous to the annual meeting of the State Association. If such action results in the termination of the Executive Secretary at the November annual Association, his employment shall end the last of November. He shall receive severance pay equal to one week for each year of employment, up to a maximum of eight weeks.**
 - e. In the event of immorality on the part of the Executive Secretary, or of him teaching or preaching doctrine contrary to the *Free Will Baptist***

Treatise, he may be dismissed by a majority vote of the Executive Board immediately with no severance pay.

THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Board of Home 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.

It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to:

1. Promote the organization of new churches.
2. Make a complete report annually of all funds received, disbursements and action taken, to the Mississippi State Association.

This board will have the authority to approve:

1. The selection of sites for mission projects in the state of Mississippi.
2. Location and purchase of property purchased by the church or mission until all financial support be terminated
3. Location and purchase of property purchased for the church.
4. The organization of a Mission into a church.

The Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall not:

1. Choose a site for a mission project in a town, city, or community where there is an organized Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association unless there is agreement and cooperation of the established church or churches in the area.
2. Assist in the organization of a group that is out of fellowship with a Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association.

The Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension shall have the right and authority for missions and churches receiving financial support from the Mississippi Home Mission Board, in the event the work fails, or the church disbands or ceases to function, to recover any equity from the failed work in the form of property, securities, cash or any other assets, for five (5) years after financial support has terminated. 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.

When the Mississippi State Association through the Mission Board has paid for the purchase of property and/or buildings, the final deed to property will be made under the name of the organized church and the Mississippi Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Also the following dissolution clause shall be inserted into the property deeds: "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:

- a. The dissolution of the mission or church.

b. If the mission or church refuses to or ceases to affiliate with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

c. 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 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 a mission or church, as long as the purpose and intent of the local congregation is to maintain a Free Will Baptist church affiliated with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERANT MINISTRIES

The Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries is a standing board composed of four (4) members with terms of up to four (4) years, with a member going off each year.

Duties:

1. Work in conjunction with our National Departments in planning and promoting an annual state-wide missions conference.
2. To plan and promote at least one state-wide conference for the purpose of assisting and promoting the work of the local Free Will Baptist churches in the Mississippi State Association. These conferences shall be conducted on a revolving schedule between the north and south sections in the state of Mississippi.
3. To assist both state and national missions departments in planning and promoting itinerant missionary schedules in the state of Mississippi.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Board of Christian Education to:

1. Promote all phases of educational work in the State Association.
2. Be a link from the local church to the National level.
3. Promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church.
4. Plan and promote state-wide Christian education conferences.

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

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

It shall be the duty of the Youth Ministries Board to:

1. Promote all phases of youth work in the State Association.
2. Be a link from the local church to the National level.
3. Plan and promote Youth Rallies on the State level.

4. Plan and promote Mississippi C.T.S. competition. (see note after By-Laws)

AUDITING COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee is a standing committee composed of four (4) members with terms up to four (4) years, with a member going off each year.

It shall be the duty of this Board to:

1. Establish guidelines for auditing procedures for all state treasurers.
2. Audit all treasurer's books prior to the State Association.
3. Give an annual audit report to the State Association.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is a standing committee composed of the Moderator, Executive Secretary, and chairmen of all standing boards and committees

It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare and recommend a yearly budget to the Mississippi State Association along with recommended percentages for the distribution of undesignated funds given through *Mississippi Together Ministries*.

Article VII - Meetings

The Mississippi State Association shall meet annually upon the Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in November at a place fixed at its last regular session and made known before adjournment. In the event of no invitation, the Executive Board shall secure a site and have it announced three (3) months previous to the date of meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when extreme necessity demands, provided that the Clerk of the State Association has properly notified the moderators of the member associations at least thirty (30) days before the date set for the meeting. Twenty-five (25) legal delegates shall constitute a quorum for any special meetings of this Association.

Article VIII - Mississippi Together Way Ministries Guidelines For Unified Support

The Mississippi Together Ministries provides local churches and individuals a simple and unified method of voluntary support from the local church to state and world-wide ministries. This plan also provides for one central treasurer to receive and distribute both designated and undesignated state funds.

The *Mississippi Together Ministries* shall follow these guidelines.

1. The Mississippi State Association possesses no authority to assess member churches for any funds other than membership fees.
2. As an association of churches, the member churches may voluntarily unite together for the promotion of both state and national Free Will

Baptist ministries.

- 3. Each member church may voluntarily contribute a percentage of offerings to support state and national ministries through the *Mississippi Together Way Ministries*. The method of giving and actual percentage to be determined by the local church body.**
- 4. Each church shall decide if its offerings to state and national ministries will be designated, undesignated or both.**
- 5. The Mississippi State Association when in session shall adopt a budget and set the percentages for the distribution of undesignated funds.**
- 6. All special fund raising campaigns by state boards and committees shall be approved by the Executive Board of the Mississippi State Association.**
- 7. The Executive Secretary shall receive and distribute designated funds as designated. Undesignated funds will be distributed according to the percentages established by the Mississippi State Association.**
- 8. A form with a self addressed envelope shall be provided by the Executive Secretary to each church whereby the church may list its offerings. Space will be provided for either designated or undesignated offerings.**
- 9. The Executive Secretary shall make a quarterly report of funds received and disbursed in the MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER. A yearly report shall be made to the Annual meeting of the Mississippi State Association.**

THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)

HOW THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION ACTION PLAN WORKS:

- 1. Choosing the missionary accounts to be included.**
- 2. Listing the missionary accounts annual Budgets.**
- 3. Calculating Mississippi's percentage of responsibility.**
- 4. Determining the dollar amounts of the percentages.**
- 5. Totaling the missionaries' fund amounts.**
- 6. Dividing the total by 400 shares to ascertain amount of one share.**
- 7. Assigning distribution percentages to the missionaries of the Mississippi MAP funds received.**
- 8. Local churches and individuals voluntary assuming a number of shares.**

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Missionaries receiving support through the Mississippi MAP will be approved, commissioned, directed, and disciplined by the National Foreign Missions Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The General Fund of the Foreign Missions Department finances the Home Offices, a vital part of all missionaries' total support team. The Foreign Missions General Fund is included in the Mississippi MAP. Designated giving to missionary accounts will always be honored. However, designated giving to the accounts of our Mississippi MAP missionaries

should be gradually phased out in favor of the new Plan. One should not drop a Missionary presently being supported if he/she is not included in our MAP program. His/her ministry is dependent on that support. Let the giving to other missionaries run its natural course.

Missionaries' annual budgets and Mississippi's percentages of responsibility is information the Mississippi State Executive Office will receive from the National Foreign Missions Office. Churches or individuals giving through their churches will be asked to share in this ministry by monthly voluntarily contributing shares for Mississippi's MAP. Each month the church treasurers send the shares to the State Executive Office. The State Executive Office distributes the shares on the last business day of each month.

To keep the plan current, the State Executive Office will work very closely with the National Foreign Missions Office: If a missionary's active status is discontinued, his/her support will be stopped after his/her account is in the black. At that time, the distribution percentages will be adjusted accordingly.

If a missionary's account is over funded, his/her support will be stopped for the remainder of that fiscal year and the distribution percentages will be adjusted accordingly. The point of actually being over funded will be determined in consultation with the National Foreign Missions Office.

Surplus funds will be directed to the accounts of other missionaries who are not adopted by other states. Again, these decisions will be made in consultation with the Foreign Missions Office.

The Mississippi State Executive Board is empowered to adjust the plan as needed between the annual sessions of the State Association. Adjustments will be made in the spirit of the State Association's voted directions and within the scope of the above-stated guidelines. The State Executive Secretary will make a report to the regular annual sessions of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists

The plan will be funded by the Mississippi State Association churches supporting the Acts 1:8 task our Lord gave us. A share will be \$120 (\$10.00 monthly). No Mississippi church is too small to have a share in supporting the Mississippi MAP. For 52 churches to assume 400 shares means the larger congregations will have to take several shares. Individual members must also assume several shares or half shares.

Article IX - Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be recommended in writing, to the delegates, at the yearly session and tabled until the next yearly association. Amendments must receive two-thirds visible vote of the delegates present for adoption.

**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 Executive Committee. When neither the Moderator or the Assistant Moderator is present, the Executive Committee shall elect a Moderator pro tempore, who shall call the Association to order.
2. This Association shall elect whatever boards and committees it deems necessary for its operation and shall state whether they are standing or temporary. Each standing board shall meet by January of the following year. In the event there is no elected chairman, the member who is listed first in the list of members shall be the temporary chairman. It shall be his duty to call the first meeting and serve until a permanent chairman be elected. Meeting expenses, for boards with no provision for funds, shall be paid from the Executive General Fund.
3. At each sitting of the Association, the Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees which shall present to the body recommendations for such temporary committees as deemed necessary, along with nominations for members to serve on each committee.
4. The Association shall receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Clerk's report and omit public reading of the letters. All letters are to be mailed with the representative fee, to the State Association Clerk by the tenth (10) of October preceding the November annual session.
5. All officers, board and committee members must be members in good standing of a local Free Will Baptist church, which represents by person and membership fees in a qualified local association of the Mississippi State Association.
6. 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.
7. All standing boards and committees shall have the authority to select a Treasurer from among their members. They shall have the authority to receive and disburse funds allocated and contributed to them.
8. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of the same as and not to exceed the current rate set by the the I.R.S. plus compensation for food and lodging for all members of standing Boards or committees while transacting business authorized by said boards or committees, or the Mississippi State Association. Treasurers shall pay such expense when written claim is presented by each individual involved.
9. No board or committee shall encumber the Mississippi State Association beyond their current fiscal year budget, or enter into litigation when the Mississippi State Association is not in conference without the approval of the Executive Board. The chairman of the Executive Board and the Executive Secretary shall sign all papers by which the Mississippi State Association is to become legally responsible.
10. The Mississippi State Associational year will begin on September 1 and

end on August 31. All treasurers shall close their books on August 31. The financial records of the State association shall be audited annually.

Treasurer's records shall be submitted to the auditing committee for audit no later than September 30.

11. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Moderator if he deems it necessary, and on any questions as to parliamentary procedure, *Roberts' Rules of Order* shall be final authority on the subject.

12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the Friday session and voted on during the Saturday session.

ADOPTED RULES FOR MISSISSIPPI STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION OBJECTIVE

The competition shall be for the purpose of discovery and development of talents, discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, Bible skills, and dependence upon the Lord.

AREAS OF COMPETITION

The two areas of competition are:

Bible Competition: Bible Memorization, Bible Sword Drill, Bible Tic Tac Toe, and Bible Bowl.

Music and Arts Festival: Vocal Solo, Vocal Ensemble, Chorale and Choir, Instrumental, Oral Communication, Creative Writing, Multi-Media, Creative Arts.

The divisions and break-downs shall be as noted in the Official Guide book of the National Association.

RULES:

1. The Guide Book of the National Association shall set the guidelines and rules for state competition.

2. No person shall be allowed to enter the state completion without first going through Their respective district competition. An exception shall be granted if there is no district competition and no other entry in the category applied for.

3. All entries must be received by May 15. Entries shall be sent to the Chairman of The State Education committee unless otherwise noted. These entries shall be made on the entry forms provided in the Guidebook of the National Association.

4. All entries must regularly attend a local Free Will Baptist church.

5. **Clothing:** The dress code shall be as stated in the Guidebook of the National Association. (No individual or team will be allowed to compete until they comply with the rules as determined by a unanimous decision of the judges.)

6. If in a category, there is only one competitor, and a first place rating is not received the person shall be allowed to represent the state of Mississippi at the National level, provided the following situations occur:

- a. The competitor receives no lower than a second place rating.
 - b. Provided that there is only one entry in that particular category.
7. Judges: Judges shall be chosen by a Majority of board members with final approval being given by the chairman of the board.
- a. Due to the limited access to qualified individuals in all the areas of competition the judges should be as well rounded as possible in all of the areas of competition
 - b. Open complaining of judges and judging techniques only serves to hurt in the very areas the competition organized to promote, therefore outward complaining shall be considered a violation and shall be cause for disqualification of the participant (i.e. no public complaints of judges will be tolerated. In many cases the judges have sacrificed to help with the competition.) It is most important that a Christlike spirit is maintained at all times.
 - c. Any complaints shall be brought to the chairman or a delegated committee member in private during the time of the competition. If a problem persists after this meeting. the Board of Christian Education members present shall be called for a vote on the issue at hand.
10. The location for the state meeting shall be announced at the Annual State Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that it is not announced it shall be the responsibility of the participants to contact a board member to find out the dates of the competition.