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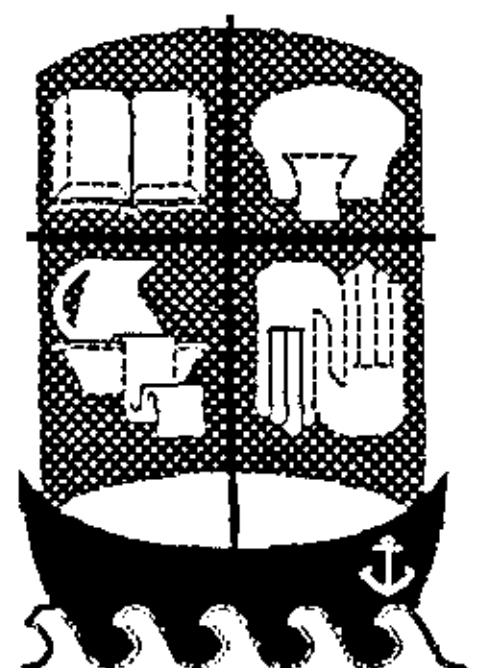
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**Program of the
Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist
Convention Meeting**

November 3 & 4, 2000
At Burgess Creek FWB Church
Tishomingo, Mississippi

Moderator..... Charles Walden
Executive Director Rev. J.L. Gore
Music..... Bro. Dick Williams

The moderator, Charles Walden, made some initial comments and then Grady Pitman, Jackie Whitley, and Jack Jones were appointed to the Committee on Committees.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

9:00 a.m. Hymn and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams
Welcome by host pastor - Bro. Allen Jones
Moderator's comments – Bro. Charles Walden
Appointment of Committee on Committees
Grady Pitman
Jackie Whitley
Jack Jones

BIBLE CONFERENCE BEGINS

Special music – Allen Jones
Message - Bro. Gary Walters
“Living in the Shadows While the Son is Shinning”, Isaiah 63:7-64:4, 10-12

Break

Congregational singing and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams
Special Music - Bro. Rick Bowling and Sis. Mitzi Robinson
Message - Bro. Richard Atwood
“Our Responsibility to Warn the People”, Ezekiel 33:1-7.

Congregational singing and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams
Special Music - Bro. Jack Jones
Message - Bro. Glen Jones
“Persevering Saints”, 1 Cor. 16:13-14.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

- Congregational singing and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams
- Business Session called to order by Clerk – Rev. Benny McKinney
- Introduction of the Moderator - Rev. Benny McKinney
- Comments by the Moderator - Charles Walden
- Delegates recognized and seated

The following reports are provided at the end of the minutes.

- Report of the Executive Secretary - Bro. J.L. Gore
- State Home Missions Report - Bro. Gerald Gann
- State Home Missions Financial Report - Bro. Jack Jones
- National Foreign Missions Report – Bro. James Forlines
- Committee on Committees Report – Bro. Jack Jones

Nominating Committee	Resolution Committee	Obituary Committee
Robert Dykes	Dennis Kizzire,	Jay Clifton
Brandon Bell	Wayne Robison	Scott Wright
Malcolm Garrett.	Allen Jones.	Allen McLain.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CONFERENCE SESSION

Singing and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams

Special Music - Dr. John Chang, and Dave Franks Jr.

National Offices Report – Bro. Jack Williams

Message - Bro. Jack Williams

How To Win Someone to Christ When You Are Too busy to Try”, Luke 19:1-10.

SATURDAY MOURNING SESSION

Singing and prayer – Bro. Dick Williams

The following reports are provided at the end of the minutes, if not given here.

- State WNAC Report - Shirley Dykes
- Conference and Itinerate Ministries Report - Dennis Kizzire
- Master’s Men Report - Jerry Atwell
- Free Will Baptist Bible College Report - Michael Waddell
- Board of Retirement Report - Ray Lewis
- National Master’s Men Report - Kenneth Akers
- Southeastern Bible College Report - Larry Haggart
- Family Ministries Report -Dawn Sweeney
- National Home Missions Report - Richard Atwood
- Randall House Publishing - Alton Loveless
- **OBITUARY REPORT** - Jay Clifton

The 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 home going of these who have gone to be with Jesus. (see reports)

- **AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT - 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.

- **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT - Dennis Kizzire (see reports)**

A motion to accept a recommendation from the Executive Committee to edit the Mississippi State Association By-laws changing Section 2 reading "Each standing board shall meet by January of the following year," to read "A Mississippi All-Boards conference shall be conducted in January of each year. The Executive Board will be responsible for planning and promoting said conference. All standing boards shall meet during the All-Boards conference to plan, promote, and coordinate the ministry of the Mississippi state association. Each Board chairman shall each year call such meeting at the time of the All-Boards Conference" was seconded and carried.

- A motion from the Executive board to accept Rick Bowling and Dr. John Chang indefinitely as the MAP beneficiaries was seconded and carried.
- A motion was seconded and carried to remove from the table a previous motion made at last year's state meeting to raise district association dues from \$50 to \$75 and to raise church dues to the national from \$25 to \$50. This previous motion was also carried.
- The Nominating Committee Report. (See reports at end of minutes.) – Robert Dykes
These nominations were voted on as a group and unanimously accepted.
- Bro. Gore requested replacement on the Children's Home board. Bro. Johnny Cook volunteered to be on this board.
- Meeting was adjourned 10:55 a.m.. The next general meeting will be November 2nd and 3rd at the Fulton FWB Church in 2001.

SATURDAY MOURNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing and prayer - Dick Williams

Special Music - Dick Williams

Message - Dr. John Chang

"How Can We Fulfill the Great Commission?", Matthew 28:18-20.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES: 130 total in attendance including 32 pastors, 14 deacons, 28-seated delegates, and 56 visitors.

Minutes submitted by: Benny McKinney ddw

Approved by: J.L. Gore (Exec. Sec.)

REPORTS

STATISTICAL REPORTS:	
Ministers registered	32
Deacons Registered	14
Delegates registered	28
Total registered	74
A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS	
Total number of churches	51
Number of churches in city/town	16
Number of rural churches	35
Number of churches reporting	42
Number of full-time pastors	42
Number of bi-vocational pastors	7
B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION	
Total number of baptisms	190
Total members added	323
Total members lost	96
Total membership	3,609
C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION	
Total income of all churches	\$2,452,134.53
Total number of churches with budgets	19
D. BUILDING INFORMATION	
Total number of churches w/parsonages	14
Total value of all church property including parsonages	\$6,019,700.00
E. GENERAL INFORMATION	
Number of ordained ministers	64
Number of licensed ministers	10
Number of ordained deacons	133
Number of churches with:	
Daycare	1
Kindergarten	2
Christian day school	2
Bible institute	1
College	0
Total Sunday School enrollment	2,261
Total CTS enrollment	596
Total WNAC enrollment	218
Total Master's Men enrollment	118

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2001 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

MISSISSIPPI ALL-BOARDS CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Executive Board sponsored a meeting of all the standing boards of the Mississippi State Association at Lake Ti-O-Kata in Louisville, Mississippi, Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13.

The conference began with a dinner Friday night followed by Bro. Eddie Payne representing the Foreign Missions Board and showing a Power Point presentation, "Embracing the Vision."

Saturday morning the state boards met and discussed plans for the Mississippi State Association ministries for the coming year.

January Executive Board meeting

Bro. Gore was instructed to contact members of the Youth Ministries Board and arrange a meeting for the purpose of activating this board.

An error in the election of board members at the last Yearly association was noted and corrected. On the Executive Board, Steve Nichols was to be reelected in 2000 to serve to 2004. Robert Dykes' term expires in 2001. Johnny Cook was selected to replace Jerry Atwell on the Auditing Committee to avoid a conflict of interest since Bro. Atwell is currently on the Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries. Bro. Cook's term will expire in 2003. There is a vacancy in the Board of Christian Education. This vacancy will be filled as this board is activated.

Robert Dykes was instructed to get Bro. Glenn Shelby to contact and work with Bro. Charles Walden in activating the Board of Christian Education.

The Executive Board agreed to raise the salaries of the Executive Secretary and the Editor of the Mississippi Messenger to \$300.00 per month, effective the first of January 2001.

The suggestion to replace members of the Executive Board with the moderators of the three local associations was discussed. No action was taken.

The report and information from the Missouri Executive Secretary regarding the method Missouri uses to provide retirement to all participating pastors in the state was received as information to be studied.

The following were selected as speakers at the state meeting in 2001: Friday morning – Ron Dail, Wayne Robinson, and Johnny Cook; Friday night – Rick Bowling; Saturday morning – Dr. John Chang. (Due to Dr. Chang's schedule he was not able to be present for the State Association. Dr. Larry Powell, executive Director of the National Home Missions Board was selected to speak Saturday morning.)

Executive Board meeting, Tupelo, Mississippi, September 22, 2000

Received yearly treasury reports concerning the Executive General Fund and the Mississippi Together Way.

Appointed members to replace vacancies on Conference & Itinerant Board: To replace Rick Bowling, Allan Jones. To replace Dickie Dees, Wayne Robinson.

Due to the resignation of missionaries supported by the MA P program, The Executive Board made the following recommendation: That Mississippi MAP support be divided equally between Rick Bowling, Hispanic ministries in the U. S. and Dr. John Chang, Korean mission ministry.

Reviewed and approved the revised Mississippi State Association program for the 2001 session.

MISSISSIPPI TOGETHER WAY Net Cash Flow September 01, 1999 through August 31, 2000

Income			Jones Chapel, MS	50.00
Antioch, LBC	\$	3,429.00	LBC Association	1,853.10
Antioch, NE		70.00	LBC Youth Rally	582.35
Beech Springs		10,031.25	Lee's Chapel	8,229.53
Bethel		4,287.62	Little Brown	2,400.25
Bethlehem		1,934.35	Lost check	42.00
Bethlehem Sunday School		986.34	Lovewell	50.00
Buckatunna		3,050.00	Martin Hill	18,610.44
Burgess Creek		4,351.34	Martin Hill WNAC	280.00
Charity		2,027.90	McGregor's Chapel	125.00
Community		1,002.00	Midway	1,000.00
Corinth		15,455.90	MSWNAC	120.00
County Line		50.00	Mt. Pisgah	17,135.63
Cross Creek		10,969.89	NE Association	1,050.00
Damascus		50.00	NE Master's Men	200.00
Eggville		7,412.80	New Foundation	50.00
Fawn Grove		5,368.69	New Gauley	2,551.16
Fellowship		14,438.91	New Lebanon	1,823.28
First, Amory		1,775.00	New Life	1,850.00
First, Booneville		5,625.05	Offering at State Assoc.	302.09
First, Columbus		50.00	Other income	1,588.78
First, Iuka		800.00	Pearce Chapel	9,190.00
First, Pearl		2,554.50	Pine Grove	1,000.00
Fulton		25,062.65	Pleasant Grove	129.00
Gulf Coast		50.00	Pleasant Grove Aux.	330.00
Harmony		50.00	Poplar Springs	500.00
Harvest		5,551.81	Richton	100.00
Immanuel		50.00	S. MS Association	650.00
Individuals		286.00	Smith chapel	2,070.00
Interest: Bank		1,024.75	Smithville	870.00
Jones Chapel, AL		1,801.00	Springdale	450.00

Tupelo	2,659.10	Morganwood Camp	5,874.35
White Hill	318.50	MS Map	5,086.99
WNAC	45.00	MSmissions Gen Fund	20,154.07
		MSmissions: Bozeman	456.70
Total Income	\$ 218,001.96	MSmissions: Gary Elder	3,998.01
		MSmissions: Madison proj.	5,766.59
Expense		MSmissions: MFM	24,875.15
All-Boards Conference \$	485.61	N. C. Disaster Fund	2,000.00
Church fee	200.00	Nat Ex. Dept.	250.00
College Students	253.10	Nat Home Missions	15,218.19
Conference & Itinerant Mi	1,233.30	Nat. Representative fee	2,550.00
Designated	425.00	Office Supplies	343.96
Error in deposit	0.88	Phone: Ex. Sec.	42.23
Fall Missions Conference	12,755.89	Postage: Ex. Sec.	132.00
Foreign Missions	45,933.59	Salary: Ex. Sec.	2,000.00
FWB Children's Home	11,625.46	South MS Youth Camp	9,335.99
FWB Family Ministries	620.00	South MS Youth Rally	100.00
FWBBC	8,819.94	Southeastern Bible Colleg	1,688.78
Gideons International	596.00	St. Jude Hospital	63.30
Here Am I, Inc.	10.00	State Minutes, 1999	468.00
Maintenance Fee	2.73	Together Way Ministries	6,704.29
Mark Riggs Account	646.86	Travel: Ex. Board	84.94
Meals: Ex. Sec.	40.37	Travel: Ex. Sec.	292.02
MESSENGER: Ed Salary	1,800.00		
MESSENGER: Ed. Travel	570.45	Total Expense	\$ 200,444.88
MESSENGER: Lodging	58.85		
MESSENGER: Phone Expense	17.41	INCREASE IN CASH	\$ 17,557.08
MESSENGER: Postage	2,600.00	BALANCE 8/31/1999	\$ 5,279.18
MESSENGER: Printing	4,263.88	BALANCE 8/31/2000	\$ 22,836.26

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. A resolution to hold the 2001 state meeting at the Fulton FWB church was seconded and adopted.
2. A resolution recommending that all association churches have a special prayer service on Sunday, November 5, for the national and presidential elections on the following Tuesday was seconded and carried.
3. A resolution calling for a vote of appreciation to Burgess Creek FWB Church for hosting the convention was adopted.
4. A resolution to express our appreciation to the National Offices for participation in our state meeting was adopted.
5. A resolution to express our appreciation to our State Executive Secretary and other state officers for diligent work in coordinating and compiling state reports was approved and executed.

MISSISSIPPI HOME MISSION BOARD

Greetings!

This year has been one of progress and patience for Mississippi mission work. We have seen progress at Harvest Church and delight in the continued success of our work there. "Saturation Saturday" was a success. Over 2200 homes were reached. Each received information about the church and a special invitation to attend worship services. I extend a heart-felt thank you for your participation and prayers.

We saw the Harvest Church blessed with a paved parking lot. This was made possible because of commitments made with local authorities. We are thankful for this blessing. With designated offerings we have been able to enclose a drive through area and enlarge the facilities of the church. Thanks to Bro. Elder and all the people of the Harvest Church for your continued service.

We have exercised more patience in the Meridian work. We have gone through the tedious work of blue prints, etc.. As I write this report, the board anticipates a meeting tomorrow (October 19) in Meridian to discuss ground breaking and concrete work with a local contractor. We hope that this portion of work can be completed by year's end. That will open the door for construction next year.

Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom. The board appreciates your concern and encouragement as we continue to serve our state and our Lord.
Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Gann

Mississippi State Home Missions Report

Opening Balance.....	\$31,130.84	
Receipts for 9/1/99-8/31/00.....	\$68,978.94	
Total	\$100,109.78	
Disbursements 9/1/99-8/31/00	\$45,751.49	
Balance for 9/1/00	\$54,358.29	
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Association Receipts:	Churches	March for Missions
Delta Central	\$3,201.50	\$706.50
Little Brown.....	\$31,374.62	\$23,668.76 (includes amount in misc)
Northeast	\$18,529.12	\$5,989.04 (includes amount in misc)
South.....	\$14,693.66	\$5,738.75
Total.....	\$67,798.90	\$36,103.05
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Miscellaneous Receipts:		
1. Bozeman, Ken.....	\$40.00	
2. Lauderdale Co. Tax Collector.....	\$52.44	
3. LBC Youth Rally	\$177.35	
4. LBC Association.....	\$750.00	
5. Northeast Association.....	\$145.25	
6. WNAC	\$15.00	
Total.....	\$1,180.04	
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Disbursements:		
Checks.....	\$30.73	
Church Mutual Insurance	\$831.00	
Elder, Gary	\$5,526.26	
Ellen Bonner Asso.	\$200.00	
Gann, Gerald.....	\$69.93	
Garrett, Malcolm.....	\$312.16	
Harvest Mission.....	\$10,000.00	
Henderson, Charles.....	\$528.25	
Jones, Dallas J.	\$353.80	
Kimbrow, George.....	\$236.16	
Kirby Estes Arch,	\$500.00	
Lake-Tiak-O-Khata	\$58.85	
National Home Missions.....	\$26,000.00	
Oak Tree Inn and Rest.	\$463.38	
Stanley Shannon	\$640.97	
Total.....	\$45,751.49	
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Balance For September 1, 2000.....	\$54,358.29	

GIVING BY CHURCHES

Churches	Association	Total Given	M-F-M	
1 Antioch	LB	\$1,384.95	\$220.00	15
2 Antioch	NE			
3 Beech Springs	NE	\$1,100.00	\$600.00	17
4 Bethel	S	\$570.39	\$290.00	27
5 Bethlehem	NE	\$1,697.59	\$663.79	12
6 Buckatunna	S	\$1,235.60		16
7 Burgess Creek	LB	\$1,434.49	\$510.00	14
8 Charity	S	\$182.00	\$182.00	32
9 Christian	NE			
10 Community	LB	\$317.32		30
11 Corinth	S	\$5,399.79	\$2,360.00	4
12 Cornerstone	DC			
13 Country Line	S	\$480.78		29
14 Cross Creek	LB	\$2,825.00	\$2,200.00	9
15 Damascus	NE			
16 Eggville	NE	\$6,192.46	\$1,887.00	2
17 Fawn Grove	NE	\$707.78		25
18 Fellowship	S	\$5,219.08	\$2,106.75	5
19 First Amory	NE			
20 First Booneville	LB	\$1,512.00	\$612.00	13
21 First Columbus	NE			
22 First Iuka	LB			
23 First Pearl	DC	\$521.50	\$521.50	28
24 First Richton	S			
25 First Smithville	NE	\$65.00		34
26 Fulton	NE	\$3,051.77	\$570.00	7
27 Gulf Coast	S			
28 Harmony	DC			
29 Harvest Mission	DC	\$2,680.00	\$185.00	10
30 Immanuel	S			
31 Jones Chapel AL	LB			
32 Jones Chapel MS	LB			
33 Lee's Chapel	S	\$806.02		23
34 Little Brown	LB	\$2,250.25	\$2,250.25	11
35 Lovewell	S			
36 Macedonia	LB			
37 Martin Hill	LB	\$4,086.11	\$1,826.51	6
38 McGregor's Chapel	NE			
39 Mid-Way	LB	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	18
40 Mt. Pisgah	LB	\$5,564.50	\$3,300.00	3
41 New Gauley	NE	\$666.52	\$340.00	26
42 New Lebanon	LB	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	19
43 New Life	NE	\$900.00		22
44 Pearce Chapel	NE	\$2,865.00	\$600.00	8
45 Pine Grove	S	\$800.00	\$800.00	24
46 Pleasant Grove	NE			
47 Poplar Springs	LB	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	1
48 Smith Chapel	LB	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	20
49 Springdale	NE			
50 Tupelo	NE	\$100.00		33
51 Victory	NE	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	21
52 White Hill	NE	\$183.00	\$183.00	31
		\$67,798.90	\$35,207.80	

Conference and Itinerate Ministries 1999 - 2000 Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance September 1, 1999	855.03
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Total receipts by association (see next page for details):

Delta Central	1,373.00
Little Brown	6,849.68
Northeast	8,357.25
South MS	7,201.44
Other Receipts	1,488.50
Total all receipts	\$ 25,269.87

Disbursements:

Bank Charges	72.00
Days Inn - Speaker accommodations	171.20
Dykes, Robert - Honorarium FWB	50.00
Foreign Missions - Cowart	11,198.14
FWB Home Missions - Park	11,289.78
Henderson, Frank - Mileage	40.80
Henderson, Gerald - mileage	70.50
Henderson, Melissa : Reimbursement	58.61
Hudson's Bible Supply	20.00
Kizzire, Dennis - Reimbursement	191.69
Lawson's Grocery - Rally supplies	5.96
Loveless, Alton - Honorarium	450.00
Messer, Trymon - Honorarium	350.00
Nicholson, David - Honorarium	60.00
South MS Youth Camp - Telephone	60.15
Tupelo Ramada Inn - Banquet	1,226.70
Williams, Barbara - Reimbursement	34.32
Total all disbursements:	\$ 25,339.85

Ending Balance @ August 31, 2000	\$ 885.05
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**Conference & Itinerats Ministries
Receipts for 1999 - 2000**

	Missions Rallies	Other	Total Amount
Delta Central Association:			
First Pearl	983.00	150.00	1,133.00
Harvest		240.00	240.00
Totals for Delta Central Association	985.00	390.110	1,373.00
Little Brown Association:			
Antioch	-	4.50	4.50
Burgess Creek	500.00	61.62	561.62
Cross Creek	545.89	110.00	755.89
First Booneville	178.00	-	178.00
Marlin Hill	1,101.00	100.00	1,201.00
Martin Hill - W.A.	150.00	-	150.00
Mt. Pisgah	2,000.00	128.87	2,128.67
New Lebanon	500.00	500.00	
Poplar Springs	150.00	200.00	350.00
Smith Chapel	1,020.00	-	1,020.00
Totals for Little Brown Association	8,244.89	604.78	8,849.68
Northeast Association:			
Amory	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Beech Springs	1,183.00	30.00	1,213.00
Eggville	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
First Smithville	287.25	-	287.25
Fulton	3,740.00	50.00	3,790.00
Pearce chapel	300.00	-	300.00
Pleasant Grove	217.00	-	217.00
Pleasant Grove - W.A.	50.00	-	50.00
Totals for Northeast Association	8,277.25	80.00	8,357.25
South MS Association:			
Bethel	159.00	-	159.00
Buckatunna	700.00	13.51	713.51
Charity	1,448.22	-	1,448.22
Corinth	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
Fellowship	2,753.20	-	2,753.20
Gulf Coast	50.00	-	60.00
Lovewell	200.00	-	200.00
Pine Grove	500.00	-	500.00
Rally Offering	177.51	-	177.51
Totals for South MS Association	7,187.93	13.61	7,201.44
Other Receipts			
North MS Banquet	-	1,147.50	1,147.50
Offering at Conference	-	341.00	341.00
Total of Other Receipts	-	1,488.60	1,488.50
Total of All Receipts	22,683.07	2,576.80	26,269.81

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

On Saturday, September 23, 2000, three members of the auditing committee met with the Executive Secretary, J. L. Gore, Mississippi Mission Board Treasurer, Jack Jones. The Conference and Itinerant Ministries Treasurer, Gerald Henderson was unable to attend, but sent his records to be examined by the committee.

The Auditing Committee makes the follow statement: "We have examined the financial records of the Mississippi Executive office, Mississippi Missions Board and the Conference and Itinerant Ministries. We find these financial records to be in order and accurate."

The Auditing Committee:

Leonard Ball, Gary Walters and Jerry Atwell

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Board

Replacing Steve Nichols: Steve Nichols (2004)

Unexpired term of Earl Langley – Bill VanWinkle (2003)

Board of Missions and Church Extension

Replacing Gerald Gann: Gerald Gann (2004)

Board of Conference and Itinerant Ministries

Replacing Dickie Dees: Wayne Robinson (2004)

Replacing Gerald Hinderson: Jerry Atwell (2001)

Unexpired term of Rick Bowling: Allen Jones (2002)

(Note: The above was action taken by the Executive Board, as directed by the Constitution, in Article VI, section 3, on page 5.

Board of Christian Education

Replacing Scott Wright: Gary Elder (2004)

Auditing Committee

Replacing Wayne Romines: Tommy Wright (2004)

Youth Ministries Board

Replacing Gary Kelly: Scott Coghill (2004)

Free Will Baptist Children's Home representatives

Charles Walden

Johnny Cook

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator: Replacing Charles Walden: Charles Walden

Assistant Moderator: Replacing Scott Wright: Malcolm Garrett

Clerk: Replacing Benny McKinney: Dick Williams

Assistant Clerk: Replacing Steve Nichols: Steve Nichols

Mississippi Executive Secretary/Editor: J. L. Gore (indefinite term)

Field Representative for MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER: Billy Tabb (indefinite term)

OBITUARY REPORT

The following brothers and sisters in the Lord went to be with the Savior this past year.

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOC.

Antioch

Bro. Luther Lambert

Sis. Maurine Lambert

Sis. Molly Bray

Sis. Grace Brkown

Cross Creek

Bro. Eugene King

Bro. Terry Goin

First Booneville

Sis. Carrie Johnson

Sis. Geneva Hatfield

Jones Chapel-MS

Sis. Lena (Lizzie) Jones

Sis. Lucille Jones

Macedonia

Sis. Ethleen Whittemore

Sis. Ruby White

Sis. Louvina Rorie

Martin Hill

Bro. Homer Dodds

Sis. Nellie Walden

Sis. Molene Hare

Mt. Pisgah

Bro. Gene Garvin

Sis. Lillian Crabb

Sis. Sula Livingston

NORTHEAST ASSOC.

White Hill

Modera Nelms

Bethlehem

Violet Graham

Joe Morgan

Lena Cook

Beech Springs

Paul Long

William White

L.V. Matkins

Onedia Dallas

Chester Night

Virginia Leech

Pierce Chapel

Trannie Sullivan

SOUTH MS ASSOC.

Bethel

Katy Posey

Lavonne Shows

Charity

Lottie Hammonds

Vic Walters

County Line

Myrtle Phillips

Estell Cooley

Fellowship

Vaudie Walley

Richton

Ramsey Braddock

Thompson Creek

Earline Cooley

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 (\$75.00) dollars, plus twenty-five (\$50.00) 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. A Mississippi All-Boards conference shall be conducted in January of each year. The Executive Board will be responsible for planning and promoting said conference. All standing boards shall meet during the All-Boards conference to plan, promote and coordinate the ministry of the Mississippi State Association. Each Board chairman shall each year call such meeting at the time of the All-Boards Conference. If no Board Chairman has been elected, the named at the top of the list for that board shall act as Chairman. 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

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 competition 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.