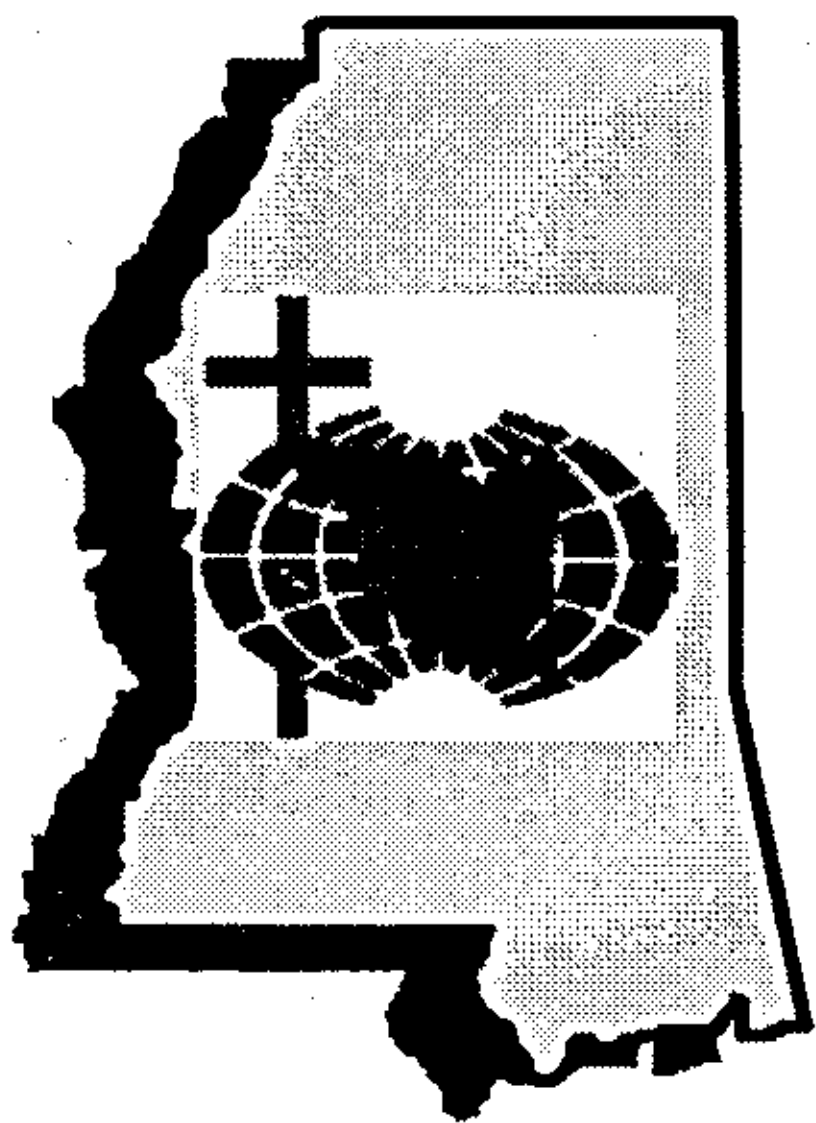


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45TH ANNUAL SESSION  
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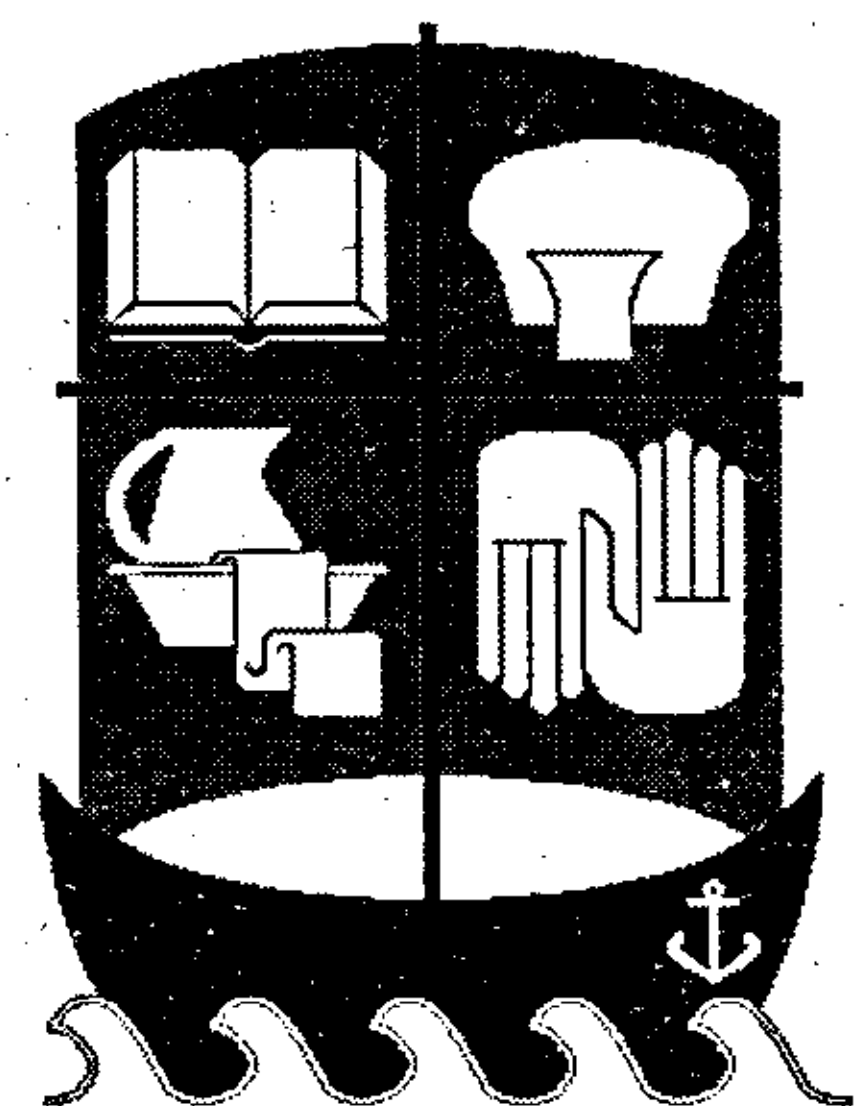


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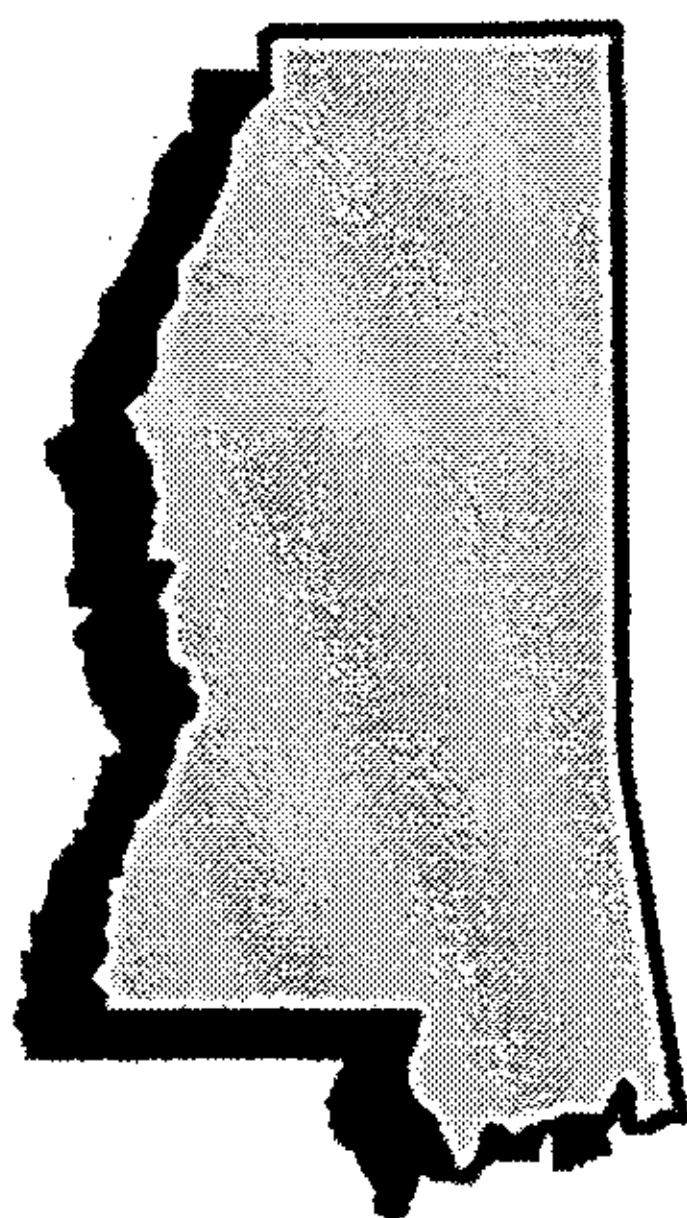
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45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION  
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MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**WHEN CONVENED WITH**

**TUPELO FWB CHURCH**

**TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI**

**OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

**NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD  
WITH THE**

**COTTON HEIGHTS FWB CHURCH**

**MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI**

**Friday and Saturday**

**Before the first**

**Sunday in November, 2009**

OFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF THE  
45th ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2008

TUPELO FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Moderator - Rev. Dennis Kizzire  
Clerk - Mr. Bob Birmingham  
Executive Secretary - Rev. J. L. Gore  
Music Coordinator - Mr. Bob Birmingham

The 45th Annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist began on Friday morning, October 31, 2008 meeting with the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. Delegates to the meeting included Ministers, Deacons, District Association and Individual Church delegates from Free Will Baptist Churches around the State. Visitors were also on hand which included representatives from the National Association of Free Will Baptist as well as individuals from neighboring States.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session began with an opening hymn led by Bro. Terry Richardson and an invocation. Rev. Terry Pierce, host Pastor, extended a warm welcome to the delegates and offered his assistance in making their stay in Tupelo as comfortable as possible. Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire called the meeting to order and recognized and welcomed the visitors who were present. Moderator, Rev. Kizzire's comments urged unity and harmony among the delegates.

The traditional Friday morning Bible Conference included inspirational special music and Holy Spirit led preaching from God's Word. Mrs. Shirley Mills and Mr. Terry Richardson, both members of Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church, sang inspiring solos. Rev. Mike Fields, Pastor of Little Brown Free Will Baptist Church and Rev. Paul Bryant, Pastor of Cross Creek Free Will Baptist Church preached challenging and Spirit anointed messages.

A brief recess was then called for by the Moderator and the delegates were asked to re-assemble for the Friday morning Business Session at 11:15 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Friday morning Business Session began with the singing of a hymn and prayer led by Mr. Terry Richardson. The Association was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire followed by his remarks. Moderator Kizzire recognized visitors from the National offices and then proceeded to seat the delegates for the 45th annual session. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the delegates be seated.

Moderator, Rev. Kizzire, then called for Reports from the Executive Secretary, Rev. J. L. Gore, the Executive Board and the other Standing Boards and Committees of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.



## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Executive Secretary, Rev. J. L. Gore gave an oral report as well as handing out a booklet he had prepared that contained a written report. The Report was not included in the 2008 Digest of Reports but is on file with the State Association Clerk. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Executive Secretary's Report. A very lengthy discussion then followed regarding the Secretary's Report. A vote was then called for and the motion to adopt the Executive Secretary's Report failed to pass because of the lack of the required two-thirds majority.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT

Mississippi State Association Clerk, Mr. Bob Birmingham, gave an oral as well as referring the attention of the Delegates to a written report on pages 7-9 of the 2008 Digest of Reports. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Executive Board Report. A very lengthy discussion then followed regarding the Executive Board's Report. A vote was then called for and the motion to adopt the Executive Board's Report failed to pass due to the lack of the required two-thirds majority. During this Report, Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire called for a brief recess to allow the Executive Board to meet. After the brief recess and the business session resumed, Moderator, Rev. Kizzire announced to the delegates that all members of the Executive Board were resigning from their posts on the Executive Board effective at the end of the 2008 session. The meeting then adjourned for lunch

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The Friday afternoon business session began with Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire calling for a continuation of Reports from the Standing Boards and Committees of the Association. The following Reports were given to the delegates the details of which can either be found in the 2008 Digest of Reports or are on file with the State Association Clerk.:

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

MISSISSIPPI MASTER'S MEN REPORT----- Mr. George Kimbrough

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM----- Mr. Bob Birmingham

STATE HOME MISSIONS REPORT-----Rev. Malcolm Garrett, Chairman  
Rev. Jack Jones, Treasurer

The Home Mission Board gave special recognition to Executive Secretary, Rev. J. L. Gore and his loving and faithful wife Dot for their 48 years of ministry in Mississippi and especially their sacrificial labors in planting two churches in Mississippi under the auspices of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. Rev. and Mrs. Gore also were commended by the Board for their willingness to take on yet another challenge in building up the Board sponsored Gulf Coast Free Will Baptist Church.

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD-----Rev. Chris Moody

AUDITING COMMITTEE -----Mrs. Rhonda Jones

CONFERENCE & ITINERANT MINISTRIES-----Mr. Jerry Atwell & Rev. Terry Pierce

By Web-Cam technology the delegates received a special blessing by having a real time conference with the M-Team in southern France. Rev. Jeff Nichols, Executive Pastor of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church, was visiting with the M-Team at the time of the conference.

Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire then called for a recess in the business session and that the business proceedings resume on Saturday morning, November 1, 2009.

## FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

The Friday night worship service was preceded by a thirty minute musical concert of Southern Gospel songs presented by the "Looking Above Quarter" from the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church. The worship service then began with congregational singing led by Mr. Terry Richardson. Host Pastor, Rev. Terry Pierce led in the invocation and welcomed the delegates to the service. After another congregational song, an offering was taken. The delegates were then blessed by special singing from a Combined Choir consisting of members of the Tupelo, Beech Springs and Fawn Grove Free Will Baptist Church Choirs. Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire then introduced the special guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Larry Powell. Dr. Powell, General Director of National Home Missions preached a challenging message entitled "The Value of a Lost Soul" and used as his text, Luke 15:1-7.

## SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Saturday morning business session began with a congregational hymn and invocation. Moderator, Rev. Dennis Kizzire called for a continuation of Reports. The follow reports were given to the delegates the details of which can be found in the 2008 Digest of Reports or on file with the State Association Clerk. The Nomination and Resolution Committee Reports are given in detail in these minutes.

STATE WAC REPORT..... Mrs. Heather Moody  
ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT... Rev. Terry Booker  
HISPANIC MINISTRIES REPORT.....Rev. Rick Bowling  
OBITUARY REPORT.....Mr. Bob Birmingham

Mr. Birmingham called for a moment of silence to remember the faithful soldiers of the Cross who had gone to their reward and a prayer of thanksgiving for their faithful service to their Lord in their respective Free Will Baptist churches.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. That a rising vote of Thanks be given to the Rev. Terry Pierce and the Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church for their Christian hospitality for the 45th annual session. MSC
2. That the invitation of Cotton Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Meridian , Ms. to host the 46th annual Association be accepted. MSC

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The following three items were tabled at the 2007 Annual sessions and was removed from the table and voted on by the delegates:

1. The Executive Board recommends a change in Article iv, Membership, item two to read:

"Representation: Each district Association holding membership in the State Association shall be entitled to five representatives elected from the laity upon receipt of a letter and payment of the representative fee of one hundred (\$100) dollars, plus one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars per member church in the District Association. (\$100 dollars of the per member church fee is for the National representation fees and \$50 dollars to the State

Association.) MOTION DENIED

2. The Executive Board recommends that Article V, General Officers be changed

FROM:

“At each 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.”

TO:

A committee of five be elected each year to serve as a Nominating committee and report their nominations in the September “Mississippi Messenger” for consideration at the next State Associational meeting. The five would be nominated each year by the present nominating committee. Members may not nominate themselves for any office. If a member is nominated for a position, They must remove themselves from the nomination committee and the Moderator will appoint someone to replace them. Elections shall be determined by a Majority vote of the delegates present.” MOTION APPROVED

3. The Executive Board recommends that the Disaster Response Team Board become a Standing Board (Article VI). This Board to be funded by 5% of the States un-designated funds. MOTIONS APPROVED

MOTION FROM THE FLOOR

A motion was made, seconded and CARRIED that the Executive Secretary’s budget proposed in the Executive Board Report be approved to give the Executive Secretary the means to carry on the State Association business during the 2008-2009 Associational year.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT- Rev. Billy Trull

The following nominations were offered for General Officers, Standing Boards and Committees and were elected by the delegates:

GENERAL OFFICERS (One Year Term)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator-----Dr. Larry Reynolds  
Asst. Moderator----Rev.Allen Jones  
Clerk----- Rev. Steve Nichols  
Asst. Clerk----- Rev. Glenn Shelby

Rev. Norman Nowell	Rev. Billy Trull
Rev. Mike Edwards	Rev. Greg Rucker

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. Malcolm Garrett

BOARD OF CONFERENCE AND ITINERANT MINISTRIES

Rev. Kenny Dykes



## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Jason Parker  
Rev. Glenn Jones

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Shirley Dykes

## DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM BOARD

Mr. David West  
Mr. Bob Birmingham

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Birmingham  
Rev. Jerry Hooper  
Rev. Mike Fields  
Rev Gene Cullen  
Mr.Charles Rigney

## FWB CHILDREN'S HOME REPS.

Rev. Norman Nowell  
Rev. Terry Booker

The 45th Annual Session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist ended with the gavel being passed from Rev. Dennis Kizzire to Dr. Larry Reynolds who then called all delegates to an Altar of Prayer that was led by Dr. Larry Powell. Meeting then adjourned.



## **PROGRAM**

### **MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST October 31 and 1 November, 2008**

#### **Meeting with Cotton Heights Free Will Baptist Church**

#### **Meridian, Ms..**

Dr. Larry Reynolds, Moderator  
Rev. J.L. Gore, Executive Secretary  
Rev. Steve Nichols, State Clerk  
Rev. Allen Jones, Music Coordinator

#### **FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

8:30 Registration  
9:00 Hymn and Prayer ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Dr. Larry Reynolds

#### **BIBLE CONFERENCE**

9:15 Special Music .....  
Message: ..... Rev. Glenn Jones  
Pastor, Mount Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church  
10:00 Special Music: .....  
Message: ..... Rev. Jack Jones  
Pastor, Corinth Free Will Baptist Church  
10:45 Recess

#### **FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

11:15 Hymn and Prayer ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Association called to order ..... Moderator  
Recognition of Visitors  
Moderator's Remarks ..... Dr. Larry Reynolds  
o Seating of Delegates  
o Executive Secretary Report  
o Executive Board Report  
o Christian Education Board Report  
o Mississippi Master's Men Report  
o Disaster Response Team Report  
o State Home Mission Board Report  
o Youth Ministries Board Report  
o Auditing Committee Report  
12:30 Lunch (Committees Meet) (Reconvened at 2:00 PM)

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION**

- 2:00 Hymn and Prayer ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
o Conference & Itinerate Ministries Report  
o National Association Departments Reports  
o Partial Resolution Committee Report
- 3:00 Recess: (Business reconvenes Saturday morning 9:00 AM)

## **FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

- 7:00 Associational Singing ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Welcome and Prayer ..... Dr. Larry Reynolds  
Associational Singing ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Offering  
Introduction of Speaker  
Special Music ..... Nowell Family  
Message: ..... Rev. Keith Burden  
Executive Director, National Association of FWB

## **SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION**

- 9:00 Hymn and Prayer ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Mississippi State Women Active for Christ Report  
Alabama Children's Home Report  
Hispanic Ministries Report  
Final Resolution Committee Report  
Obituary Report  
Nominating Committee Report
- 10:30 Recess

## **SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

- 11:00 Associational Singing ..... Rev. Allen Jones  
Prayer and Offering  
Special Music .....  
Introduction of Speaker  
Message ..... Rev. Billy Trull  
Pastor, Harmony Free Will Baptist Church  
Adjourn 2008 session

## **WNAC BANQUET**

**5:00 PM**

Message ..... Mrs. Janie Aldridge

**Mississippi Women Active for Christ**  
**State Convention**  
Cannon Heights Free Will Baptist Church  
Meridian, MS  
October 30, 2009

**Theme: That You May Know**  
**Verse: Ephesians 1:18-19**

**8:30 a.m.** Registration

<b>9:00</b>	Congregational Singing .....	Host Church
	Welcome .....	Sherry Reynolds
	Devotion .....	Shirley Dykes

**9:45** Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Field Worker's Report  
Appointment of Resolution Committee  
Appointment of Nominating Committee  
Report from National WNAC

**10:15** Fellowship Break

<b>10:30</b>	Congregational Singing .....	Host Church
	Prayer Time .....	Vivian Stevens

**11:00** Resolution Committee Report  
Completion of Business

<b>11:30</b>	Congregational Singing .....	Host Church
	Offering	
	Special Music .....	Host Church
	Message .....	Janie Aldridge

**12:30** Adjourn for Lunch

**Friday Night WAC Banquet**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Invocation .....	Rev. J.L. Gore
	Special Music .....	Host Church
	Message .....	Janie Aldridge
	Benediction .....	Rev. Larry Reynolds

**Executive Secretary Yearly Report  
September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009**

About this time last year, I faced one of the most difficult health issues I have ever known. I thought having colon Cancer and six months chemo was the worst I could have. However, I was wrong! The fall, the bleeding on the brain, brain surgery. and the following stroke almost took me out of here to Heaven's glory.

I give praise to God for my recovery. I am one of a few that has had the stroke I had and have lived to tell about it. One of my nurses said: "Mr. Gore, God has left you here for a reason". Well if that is true, I want to serve Him the best I can with the years I have. I Am so grateful for the prayers for my recovery.

Due to the surgery, recovery, and rehabilitation, I have not traveled as much as I had before. Through My wife's great assistance we were able to keep the MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER and the Together Way financial programs going.

We trust the Lord for victory in the Gulf Coast Free Will Baptist church. The Lord is opening some opportunities and we are beginning to see some results.

Considering my health and the work of the church, I am resigning the end of November of 2009. Dot and I ask for your prayers as we continue to serve the Lord.

We began our ministry in 1960 and served in every office of the State Association. We worked in revivals, VBS, youth camps, pastoring and starting new churches. Now it is 2009, that's 49 years in Mississippi, 55 years in the ministry and still counting.

Following is the Together way financial report

J. L. Gore, Executive Secretary



MSFW0708  
Net Cash Flow  
August 31, 2008 through September 01, 2009

Income	
Antioch, LBC	\$ 12,344.00
Antioch, NE	100.00
Archie Harris	1,475.50
Bank Interest	74.40
Beech Springs	100.00
Bethel	3,333.97
Bethlehem	657.42
Bobby Stork	25.00
Buckatunna	4,850.00
Burgress Creek	3,931.00
Cash	5.00
Christian Education Board	\$ 2,323.88
Community	841.42
Corinth	11,344.83
Cotton Heights	3,750.00
County Line	3,084.09
Cross Creek	23,132.79
Damascus	1,194.00
Dean Harris	174.00
Donnal Haynes	12.50
Eggville	8,388.15
Fawn Grove	9,816.59
Fellowship	34,926.10
First, Amory	620.00
First, Amory, WNAC	220.00
First, Booneville	2,560.00
First, Pearl	19,156.79
Fulton	19,299.76
Gulf Coast	1,100.00
J. L. Gore	439.94
Jones Chapel	1,450.00
LBC Association	1,645.00
LBC Youth Rally	360.00
Lee's Chapel	3,252.72
Little Brown	8,852.90
Lovewell	2,799.50
Macedonia	2,301.85
Martin Hill	21,854.53
McGregors Chapel	3,303.31
Mid-Way	2,200.00
Mt. Pisgah	10,116.24
NE Association	2,000.00
NE Master's Men	168.50
New Gauley	2,200.00
New Lebanon	650.00
New Life	2,350.00
Norman Nowell	27.99
Pearce Chapel	1,800.00
Pine Grove	11,090.00
Pleasant Grove, Aux	350.00
Poplar Springs	8,381.13
Randy Stanley	50.00
Smith Chapel	1,615.00
Smithville	100.00
South MS Assoc.	1,550.00
Springdale	200.00
Trinity	3,767.96
White Hill	748.90
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Total Income	\$ 264,466.66

Expense	
Books	\$ 1,315.94
Box Rent	98.00
Callf. Christian College	3,599.91
Check order	59.45
Christian Education Board	2,062.52
Clerk fee 07-08	500.00
Conference and Int. Board	756.35
Delbert Gillette Account	2,720.00
Digest	502.90
Disaster Response Team	47.44
Ex. Board: Board Meeting	117.00
Ex. Board: Mileage	418.00
Ex. Sec.: Office Supplies	432.29
Ex. Sec.: Part time Sec.	2,400.00
Ex. Sec.: Phone	466.35
Ex. Sec.: Postage	131.32
Ex. Sec.: Salary	5,609.00
Ex. Sec.: Travel	968.50
Ex. Sec: Healthcare	6,248.00
Fall Missions Conference	1,275.80
FWB Children's Home	25,092.18
FWBEC	10,027.42
Gideon's International	1,337.00
Hemant Patel Account	3,672.36
Here Am I, Inc	497.00
International Missions	33,368.89
Messenger: Postage	2,000.00
Messenger: Printing	2,568.00
Messenger: Return Postage	50.00
Mississippi Home Missions	65,418.59
Morganwood	7,766.69
MS Disaster Response Team	486.27
MS WNAC	85.67
NAFWB 2009 State Rep. Fee	4,800.00
National Home Missions	51,643.08
National Together Way	9,946.78
National Trip 2009	1,498.45
South MS Youth Camp	10,780.35
Speaker	200.00
TN Family Ministries	550.00
Youth Ministries Board	366.91
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Total Expense	\$ 261,884.41
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	\$ 2,582.25
BALANCE AT START OF PERIOD	\$ 11,665.52
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END OF PERIOD BALANCE	\$ 14,247.77
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## MISSISSIPPI BOARD REPORTS

### The 2009 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Mississippi Executive Board met on three occasions during 2009.

The Executive Board met on January 31, 2009 during the All Boards Conference at Cotton Heights FWB Church in Meridian, Mississippi. Moderator, Dr. Larry Reynolds called a special meeting of the Executive Board on April 13, 2009 that met at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Eupora, Ms. The Board met again on October 5, 2009 during the All Boards Conference at Harmony FWB Church in Eupora, Ms. Executive Secretary, Rev. J. L. Gore requested a special meeting with Moderator, Dr. Larry Reynolds and Clerk, Rev. Steve Nichols on March 23, 2009 at Cotton Heights Free Will Baptist Church. Meridian, Ms. The names of those who attended the Executive Board meetings and the All Boards Conferences can be found in the detailed minutes of these meetings on file with the State Clerk.

The following items are motions that were brought to the floor, seconded, and carried unanimously by the Executive Board. The items indicated by an asterisk (\*) are resolutions that the Executive Board moves to be adopted by the voting body of the 2009 session of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.

1. To meet at least twice a year in January and October or as many times as need should dictate.
- \*2. To place the current Moderator, Larry Reynolds and Clerk, Steve Nichols of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist or their successors on the checking account of the Treasury of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist with the Executive Secretary, J. L. Gore or his successor and that this proposal be placed in the By-Laws of the Association.
- \*3. In the event of any emergency resulting in the death or incapacitation of the Executive Secretary of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist, the Clerk, Steve Nichols or his successor shall have the authority to temporarily perform the duties of the Executive Secretary until his successor can be secured as duly constituted and this proposal be placed in the By-Laws of the Association.
4. To change the names on the savings account that holds the \$75000 previously designated as "Windstorm Account" to the current Moderator, Larry Reynolds and the Clerk, Steve Nichols or their successors.
5. To accept the invitation of Cotton Heights FWB Church's invitation to host the 2009 meeting of the Mississippi State Association of FWB.(Fellowship FWB Church rescinded its request to host the 09 meeting but wishes to host the 2010 meeting.)
6. Speakers for the 2009 Association and Bible Conference are as follows:  
Bible Conference: Rev. Glenn Jones and Rev. Jack Jones  
Friday Evening: Rev. Keith Burden, Executive Secretary, National FWB



7. Rev. Allen Jones to be in charge of the music for the 2009 session.
8. Mrs. Heather Moody to replace Rev. Greg Rucker on the Christian Education Board.
9. To reorganize the Executive Office of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist for the purpose of dividing the responsibilities of said office into three separate offices to include a Promotional Director, a Treasurer, and an Editor of the Mississippi Messenger. The three offices are to be manned by three different individuals to be elected by the body at the 2009 session of the State Association.
10. Whereas, the previous motion if approved by the body involves a change in the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist,  
And, Whereas, any Constitutional change must lay on the table for one year before consideration and final approval,  
Therefore, Be it Resolved that the rules be suspended to allow the proposed changes in the Executive Office to become effective temporarily for one year so that the election of a Promotional Director, a Treasurer and an Editor can be held at the 2009 session to insure that the work of the Lord can continue through the united effort of our Churches.
11. That Moderator, Dr. Larry Reynolds draft the necessary changes in the Constitution to reflect the re-organizational proposals voted on and passed by the Executive Board and to be presented for final approval by the body of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.
12. That the Executive Board and All Boards meeting be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 9:30 A.M. at Harmony FWB Church in Eupora, Ms.
13. To reimburse the Gulf Coast Free Will Baptist church in the amount of \$1400.00 for windstorm damage it incurred and that this amount be paid from the previously designated "windstorm account".
14. To refer the motion adopted at the January 31, 2009 Executive Board meeting to the Resolutions Committee at the 2009 session of the Mississippi State Association which states: In the event of any emergency resulting in the death or incapacitation of the Executive Secretary of the State Association, the Clerk, Rev. Steve Nichols or his successor shall have the authority to temporarily perform the duties of the Executive Secretary until his successor can be secured as duly constituted and the proposal be placed in the By-Laws of the State Association.
15. That Rev. Norman Nowell and Rev. Tommy Wright be prepared to speak at the 2009 Bible Conference in the place of Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Glenn Jones if they can not speak due to providential circumstances.
16. To rescind the motion adopted at the April 13, 2009 meeting of the Executive Board which states: To re-organize the Executive Office of the Mississippi State Association Of Free Will Baptist for the purpose of dividing the responsibilities of said office into three separate offices to include a Promotional Director, A Treasurer, and an Editor



of the Mississippi Messenger. The three offices are to be manned by three different individuals to be elected by the body at the 2009 session of the State Association.

\* 17. To re-organize the Executive Office of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist for the purpose of dividing the responsibilities of said office into three separate offices to include a Minister of Public Relations, a Director of Communications (Editor of the Mississippi Messenger) and a Director of Finance (Treasurer). The three offices are to be manned by three separate individuals to be appointed on a temporary basis for one year by the Executive Board until Constitutional changes can be approved by the body of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist.

\* 18. That the motion adopted at the April 13, 2009 meeting of the Executive Board which states:

WHEREAS, the previous motion, if approved by the body, involves a change in the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist, AND, WHEREAS, any Constitutional change, "shall be recommended in writing to the delegates at the yearly session and tabled until the next yearly Association", BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the rules be suspended to allow the proposed changes in the Executive office to become effective temporarily for one year so that the appointment of a Promotional Director, a Treasurer and an Editor can be made by the Executive Board for these three offices.

BE CHANGED TO READ:

WHEREAS, the previous motion, if approved by the body, involves a change in the Constitution of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist, AND WHEREAS, any Constitutional change, "shall be recommended in writing to the delegates at the yearly session and tabled until the next yearly Association", BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED, that the rules be suspended to allow the proposed changes in the Executive Office to become effective temporarily for one year so that the appointment of Rev. Terry Booker as Minister of Public Relations, Rev. Dennis Kizzire as Director of Communications and Rev. Steve Nichols as Director of Finance can be made by the Executive Board for these three offices.

\*19. That the Director of Communications be paid \$300.00 per issue for his services not to exceed four issues for his first year in office to publish the Associations official paper, THE MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER, and that a budget of \$1200.00 per issue be allocated to publish and mail THE MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER. And, furthermore, that an annual review of the General Fund income and the availability of funds will determine if more issues per year are feasible.

\*20. That the Director of Finance be paid \$200.00 per month for his services and that he be allowed to hire a Certified Public Accountant or Accountant Firm on a part-time basis to be paid \$300.00 per month for their services. The combined annual budget for the Director and Accountant shall not exceed \$6000.00 for the first year.

\*21. That the Minister of Public Relations be paid \$400.00 per month for his services for his first year in office not to exceed \$4800.00. The duties of this office shall be performed on a part-time basis for the first year.

\*22. That item number thirteen (13) be struck from the By-Laws because of redundancy.

\*23. That special appreciation be expressed to Rev. Billy Trull, Pastor of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church and the ladies of the church for providing the lunch for the All Boards meeting on October 5, 2009.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

Promotional Director Salary.....\$4800.00

#### Director of Communications:

Salary.....\$1200.00

Mississippi Messenger.....\$4800.00

#### Director of Finance:

Salary.....\$2400.00

Part-Time Accountant.....\$3600.00

Clerk Honorarium.....\$500.00

Office Expense.....\$1000.00

Executive Board Travel Expense.....\$3000.00

Printing of Minutes/Digest of Reports/Programs.....\$1000.00

Miscellaneous Expenses.....\$1700.00

TOTAL COMBINED BUDGET \$24000.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME.....\$24000.00

## **BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT**

**WE HAVE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT PLACES TO HAVE A FUTURE CHURCH. NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALIZED AT THIS TIME. SOME SITES ARE BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO PURCHASE AND OTHERS HAVE NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT THE SITE OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. SUPPORT HAS BEEN REGULAR EVEN WITH THE DOWN SIZED ECONOMY. THE ONLY WAY TO BUILD AND MOVE FORWARD IS ALL WORKING TOGETHER FOR A STRONGER FREE WILL BAPTIST INFLUENCE IN MISSISSIPPI.**

**WE WANT TO THANK BROTHER AND SISTER REYNOLDS FOR THEIR HARD WORK AT COTTON HEIGHTS CHURCH.**

**MALCOLM GARRETT  
CHAIRMAN**

Financial Report  
Conference and Itinerant Ministries FY 2009

Beginning Balance: \$2,927.84

Receipts:

Together Way	793.20
Fall Missions	5115.05
Bible Conference	881.24
Golf Tournament	<u>5665.00</u>

Total Receipts: \$12,454.49

Expenses:

Fall Missions	5115.05
Bible Conference	1850.58
Expense - Golf Tour	2386.08
To Missions – Golf Tour	<u>3278.92</u>

Total Expenses: \$12,630.63

Ending Balance: \$ 2,751.70



Conference and Itinerant Ministries Board  
Proposed Budget 2010

Projected Income

Bible Conference Offering	\$2000
Together Way	\$800
Home Missions	\$6000
Int'l Missions	<u>\$6000</u>
Total Income	\$14,800

Projected Expenses

Bible Conference	\$2500
Fall Mission Conf.	\$ 100
Home Miss	\$6000
Int'l Miss	\$6000
Miscellaneous	<u>\$200</u>
Total Expenses	\$14,800

Mississippi State Youth Board  
2009 Financial Statement

Beginning Balance on 09-01-08: \$7,956.32

Income:

9-30-08	State Lock-in/Together Way	\$ 466.21
10-1-08	Check from Con. And Itinerate Board	\$1,000.00
10-3-08	Bank Fee refund	\$ 45.00
1-27-09	Together Way (Sep.-Dec.)	\$ 165.16
1-27-09	Refund Bank error	\$ 5.00

Total Income: \$1,681.37

Expense:

9-8-08	Bank Fee	\$ 5.00
10-1-08	Morganwood Camp (check 1054)	\$ 250.00
10-3-08	Super 8 Motel Board Meeting (ck 1055)	\$ 66.80
10-4-08	Rick Brown mileage (check 1056)	\$ 99.45
10-4-08	Chris Moody mileage (check 1057)	\$ 175.50
10-6-08	Bank Fee	\$ 5.00
5-30-09	Rick Brown Comp. reimbursement (ck 1058)	\$ 198.74
5-30-09	South MS Youth Camp (check 1059)	\$ 200.00
6-8-09	National Youth Comp. (check 1060)	\$ 490.00

Total Expense: \$1,490.49

Total Gain (loss) \$ 190.88

Ending Balance on 8-31-09: \$8,147.20

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**  
**(REPORT TO THE MS STATE ASSOCIATION 2009)**

The Christian Education Board has been blessed to be the servant of our people in providing opportunities for ministry during this year. We are grateful for the support our churches have given us. We welcome all of our churches to become involved with our efforts and any input will be appreciated.

On October 17, 18, 2008 a Family Conference at the South Mississippi Freewill Baptist Youth Camp was held. Rev. Terry Forest conducted the conference. It was a very inspirational time for all who attended. We are praying for God to send us another conference for the northern sections of the state in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert McLain  
Rev. Greg Rucker  
Rev. Jason Parker  
Rev. Glen Jones

**Mississippi Disaster Response Team  
Financial Report  
September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009**

**Beginning Balance September 1, 2008 .....\$13,398.05**

**Received From:**

**Together Way .....\$556.88**

**Total Received for 2008/2009 Year .....\$556.88**

**Total to Account For .....\$13,954.93**

**Expenses:**

**Equipment:**

**Lee Jordan (Shelve) .....\$100.00**

**Travel Expense (Gas, Oil, and Flat Tire) .....\$300.00**

**Total Equipment .....\$400.00**

**Trailer Tag ..... \$48.60**

**Total Expenses .....\$448.60**

**Total Expenses .....\$448.00**

**Ending Balance August 31, 2009 .....\$13,506.33**

**Saving Account:**

**Established from funds from Hurricane Katrina .....\$75,000.00**

**Interest .....\$13.72**

**Total .....\$75,013.72**



**Mississippi Disaster Response Team  
Proposed Budget  
2010**

**Balance August 31, 2009 ..... \$13,506.33**

**Estimated Revenue:**

**Together Way ..... \$556.88**

**Total Receipt ..... \$556.88**

**Balance ..... \$14,063.21**

**Estimated Expenses:**

**Trailer (Gas for Truck) ..... \$300.00**

**Disaster Trip ..... \$1,500.00**

**Equipment ..... \$1,200.00**

**Trailer Tag ..... \$52.42**

**Gulf Coast FWB Church ..... \$1,400.00**

**Total Expenses ..... \$4,452.42**

**Balance August 31, 2009 ..... \$9,610.79**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Replacing Rev. Norman Nowell.....Rev. Norman Nowell (2013)

### BOARD OF MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

Replacing Rev. Jack Jones.....Rev. Jack Jones (2014)

### BOARD OF CONFERENCE & ITINERATE MINISTRIES

Replacing Rev. Jerry Atwell..... Rev. Dennis Kizzire (2013)

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Replacing Rev. Glenn Jones.....Rev. Gene Cullen (2013)

Replacing Rev. Greg Rucker.....Rev. William Smith (2013)

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Replacing Mrs. Rhonda Jones..... Mrs. Rhonda Jones (2013)

### YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Replacing Rev. Chris Moody.....Rev. Chris Moody (2013)

Replacing Rev. Rick Brown.....(2010)\_

### DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Replacing Rev. Jack Whitley..... (2013)

Replacing (Vacant Post)..... (2014)

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPRESENTATIVES

Replacing Rev. Terry Booker.....Rev. Terry Booker

Replacing Rev. Norman Nowell.....Rev. Norman Nowell

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator: Replacing Dr. Larry Reynolds.....Dr. Larry Reynolds

Assistant Moderator: Replacing Rev. Allen Jones.....Rev. Allen Jones

Clerk: Replacing Rev. Steve Nichols.....Rev. Steve Nichols

Assistant Clerk: Replacing Rev. Glenn Shelby.....Rev. Glenn Shelby

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

Replacing Mr. Bob Birmingham.....Mrs. Maggie Rigney

Replacing Rev. Jerry Hooper..... Rev. Timothy Dederick

Replacing Rev. Gene Cullen..... Rev. Willie Pittman

Replacing Mr. Charles Rigney..... Rev. Tommy Wright

Replacing Rev. Mike Fields.....

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
Officers/Standing Boards and Committee Members

2008-2009 Associational Year

Executive Secretary: Rev. J. L. Gore (Indefinite Term)

GENERAL OFFICERS:

Dr. Larry Reynolds- Moderator  
Rev. Allen Jones - Asst. Moderator  
Rev. Steve Nichols- Clerk  
Rev. Glenn Shelby - Asst. Clerk

BOARD OF MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXT.

Rev. Jack Jones (2009) Treasurer  
Rev. Gerald Gann (2010)  
Mr. Charles Hendeson (2011)  
Mr. George Kimbrow (2012)  
Rev. Malcolm Garrett - Chairman 2013

BOARD OF CONFERENCE & ITINERANT MIN.

Mr. Jerry Atwell (2009) Chairman  
Rev. Leonard Ball (2010)  
Rev. Paul Bryant (2011)  
Rev. Kenny Dykes (2112)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Glenn Jones (2009) Chairman  
(Vacant Post) (2010)  
Rev. Robert McLain (2011)  
Rev. Jason Parker (2012)

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Rev. Chris Moody (2009) Chairman  
Rev. Rick Brown (2010)  
Rev. Steven Jackson (2011)  
Rev. Allen Jones (2012)

DISASTER RESPONSE BOARD

Rev. Jack Whitley (2009)  
Mr. Jack McQuary (2010)  
Mr. Lavell Braddock (2011)  
Mr. Bob Birminham (2012)  
(Vacant Post) (2013)

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Dr. Larry Reynolds - Chairman  
Rev. Allen Jones  
Rev. Steve Nichols  
Rev. Norman Nowell  
Rev. Billy Trull  
Rev. Norman Nowell  
Rev. Mike Edwards

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Rhonda Jones (2009) Chairman  
Rev. Richard Hoeflich (2010)  
Mr. John Webb (2011)  
Mrs. Shirley Dykes (2012)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (one year terms)

Mrs. Bob Birmingham  
Rev. Jerry Hoper  
Rev. Mike Fields  
Rev. Gene Cullen  
Mr. Charles Rigney

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
REPRESENTATIVES (one year terms)

Rev. Terry Booker      Rev. Norman Nowell

# MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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## DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS MODERATORS & CLERKS

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# ANNUAL STATE ASSOCIATION LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Name of State Association MISSISSIPPI STATE Association of F.W.'s  
Period of time this report covers: From Nov 1, 20 08 to Nov 1, 20 09  
Present Moderator's Name LARRY REYNOLDS Telephone (601) 735-8872  
Mailing Address 5309 Old Combside Dr.  
City Meridian State MS Zip 39367

DELEGATES: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATES: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of district associations 3
2. Total number of district associations reporting 3
3. Total number of churches 48
4. Total number of churches reporting 48
5. Total number of churches in:  
City/Town 9 Rural 39
6. Total number of churches with:  
Full-time pastors 27  
Bivocational pastors 21

## B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 108
2. Total members added 226
3. Total members lost 48
4. Total membership 2337

## C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$ 1,621,500
2. Total number of churches with budgets 10

## D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 13
2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$ 8,585,1600

## E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers\* \_\_\_\_\_  
licensed ministers\* 6
2. Total number of ordained deacons 99
3. Total number of churches with:  
Day Care \_\_\_\_\_  
Kindergarten 2  
Christian Day School 1  
Bible Institute \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 1395
5. Total CTS enrollment 244
6. Total WNAC enrollment 152
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 127

Name and Address of State  
Associational Property

Director's Name  
and Address

Value of Associational  
Property

_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Representation fee (\$100 per church) enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Clerk's Name Steve Nichols Telephone (662) 231-8692  
Mailing Address 204 Hwy 348  
City Guntown State MS Zip 38849

\*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Order from Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002.  
Please make a photocopy for your records.

Form 504 (Rev. 2/04)

LOCAL/DISTRICT ASSOCIATION LETTER  
TO THE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Name of Local/District Association \_\_\_\_\_  
Period of time this report covers: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Moderator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS**

1. Total number of churches \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total number of churches reporting \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total number of churches in:  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Rural \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total number of churches with:  
Full-time Pastors \_\_\_\_\_  
Bi-vocational Pastors \_\_\_\_\_

**B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

1. Total number of Baptisms \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total members added \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total members lost \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total membership \_\_\_\_\_

**C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION**

1. Total income all churches \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total number of churches with budgets \_\_\_\_\_

**D. BUILDING INFORMATION**

1. Total number of churches with parsonages \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total value of all Church  
Property \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**E. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Total number of ordained:  
Ministers \_\_\_\_\_  
Deacons \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total number of Licensed Ministers \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total number of churches with:  
Day Care \_\_\_\_\_  
Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_  
Christian Day School \_\_\_\_\_  
Bible Institute \_\_\_\_\_  
College \_\_\_\_\_
4. Total Sunday School Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_  
Total CTS Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_  
Total WNAC Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Master's Men Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Representation Fee (\$100 per church enclosed) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH DELEGATE FORM\*

TO

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

FROM \_\_\_\_\_ FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ADDRESS: STREET OR P.O. BOX \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WEB SITE \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Cotton Heights Free Will Baptist Church at Meridian, Ms., October 30 and 31, 2009.

WE SEND AS OUR DELEGATE OUR BELOVED \_\_\_\_\_  
WHOM WE PRAY YOU TO RECEIVE TO SIT WITH YOU IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

WE ARE ENCLOSING THE CHURCH DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVE FEE OF \$100  
MADE PAYABLE TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL  
BAPTIST..

\*NOTE: Please note that this form and representative fee is to be sent in to the State Clerk ONLY if you are sending a delegate in addition to your Pastor and Deacons. If your Church is sending a Delegate please mail this form and enclose a check in the amount of \$100 to the State Clerk's address listed below. All other contributions are to be sent to Executive Secretary, Rev. J. L. Gore.

Please mail this form by October 10 to:      STEVE NICHOLS  
304 HIGHWAY 348  
GUNTOWN, MS. 38849



**THE NATIONAL TOGETHER WAY**  
**UNDESIGNATED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This amount is divided by the following: Underwrite the National Executive Office not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts. Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts to the following national ministries according to these percentages:

FWBBC	23%
Foreign Missions	23%
Home Missions	18%
Retirement & Insurance	14%
Master's Men	14%
FWB Foundation	6%
Commission for Theological Integrity	5%
Historical Commission	5%
Music Commission	5%
Media Commission	5%

**DESIGNATED NATIONAL MINISTRIES**

**BIBLE COLLEGES**

FWB Bible College, Tennessee

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hillsdale, FWB College, Oklahoma

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Southeastern FWB College, North Carolina

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

California Christian College

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gateway Christian College, Virginia

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL MISSIONS**

**International Missions**

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Missionaries

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**National Home Missions**

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Missionaries

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**National Executive Department** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Retirement & Insurance**

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Master's Men** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Commission for Theological Integrity** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Historical Commission** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Music Commission** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Media Commission** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Women National Active For Christ** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**National Youth Conference** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER MISSIONARIES, MINISTRIES, OR PROJECTS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL OFFERING SENT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please total all items and enter here. Make one check to Mississippi Together Way. Please note: Make the amount of your check equal to the total amount you list, including undesignated and designated.

**Send offerings to:**

Mississippi Together Way  
P. O. Box 429  
Hurley, MS 39555

Thank you for having a part in the world-wide ministry of Mississippi Free Will Baptists.



MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTISTS TOGETHER WAY OFFERINGS

Offerings may be sent by either the Together unified method, designated or both.

Churches may give any amount they choose anyway they choose.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_  
% \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mississippi State Association

Executive General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
MISSISSIPPI MESSENGER \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Editor's Travel Expense Fund \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mississippi Home Missions

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Meridian Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry Reynolds \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
March for Mississippi Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Education Board

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Conference and Itinerant Ministries

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fall Mission Rally \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Bible Conference \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Disaster Response Board

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Ministries Board

General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
State CTS Competition \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mississippi Youth Camps

Morganwood, North Mississippi \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
South Mississippi \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FWB Children's Home, Alabama

FWB Family Ministries, Tennessee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FORM FOR OFFERINGS TO NATIONAL  
MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS ON OTHER  
SIDE.

Pastors and church treasurers: This is an  
excellent guide for formulating a budget for your  
church's support ministry through the  
Mississippi Together Way. Remember we can do  
together what none of us can do separately.  
-J. L. Gore

UNDESIGNATED: THE MISSISSIPPI TOGETHER WAY  
PLAN OF UNIFIED SUPPORT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The amount listed above will be divided by the following  
percentages:

National Free Will Baptist ministries 20%  
Mississippi Free Will Baptist ministries 75%

The 75% of Free Will Baptist ministries disbursed by the  
following percentages:

Mississippi Home Missions 45%  
Mississippi Executive Board 35%  
Mississippi Disaster Response Board 5%  
Conference & Itinerant Ministries 3%  
Christian Education Board 3%  
Youth Ministries Board 3%  
MS WNAC 1%  
Children's Home, Alabama 10%

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:

(The amount listed in the following spaces will go directly to  
that for which it is designated.)

MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION PROJECTS

MISSISSIPPI MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This amount is divided by the following percentages:

Hispanic Ministries in the U. S. (Rick Bowling) 50%  
M-Team International FWB Ministries 50%

DISTRICT ASSOCIATION PROJECTS:

Little Brown Creek Association:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

South Mississippi Association

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Northeast Mississippi Association:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 one hundred (\$100) dollars, plus one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per member church in the district association. (\$100.00 of the per member church fee is for National Association representative fee.)
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 one hundred (\$100.00) 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, a Committee of five be elected each year to serve as a Nominating Committee and report their nominations in the September Mississippi Messenger for consideration at the next State Associational Meeting. The five would be nominated each year by the present Nominating Committee. Present Members would not be eligible for the next years Nominating Committee. Members may not nominate themselves for any office. If a member is nominated for a position, they must remove themselves from the Nominating Committee and the Moderator will appoint someone to replace them. 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.

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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.
5. Plan and promote Youth Rallies on the State level.
6. 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.

#### **THE DISASTER RESPONSE BOARD**

The Disaster Response Board is a standing board composed of five (5) members with terms of up to five (5) years, with a member going off each year. The State Master's Men President shall be an ex-officio member to this board.

It Shall be the duty of this board to:

1. Purchase one (1) enclosed tandem trailers outfitted with disaster relief equipment as shown in the Disaster Response Team booklet.
2. Establish an account for all money received for disaster relief.
3. Create guidelines to account for receiving funds and establish lines of accountability for those whom funds are disbursed.
4. The Disaster Response Team to be funded as a standing board receiving 5% of undesignated Together Way funds.
5. Gather disaster information and make recommendations on how best to respond to a request for help.
6. Serve as point of contact between disaster needs and available disaster responders.
7. Keep an inventory of all equipment as stated in the Disaster Response Team booklet and replace items as needed.
8. Maintain a record of all work accomplished.
9. Update as needed the Disaster Response Team booklet, which contains the equipment list and guidelines on how the Response Team operates.
10. Contact National Master's Men Disaster Response Unit when appropriate.
11. Make a report annually of all funds received, disbursements and action taken, to the Mississippi State Association.

### **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 funds as designated. Undesignated funds will be distributed according to the percentages established by the Mississippi State Association.
8. A form 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.

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.

## **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 nor 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 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. A Resolution Committee shall be appointed at each association to report at the next year's session. This committee will be responsibly to receive and consider resolutions from members of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist. They will report their recommendations to the State Association when in regular session.

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, (if the church desires to send a delegate) to the State Association Clerk by the tenth (10) of October proceeding 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. For the Obituary report, Each district association clerk is to include the names of the deceased in the annual report to the State Association . They shall note if the deceased is a Deacon or Minister. The State Clerk shall read the names of those gone to be with the Lord the previous year and appropriate recognition be given. The names of the Deacons and Ministers shall then be included in the state letter to the National Association of Free Will Baptist

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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.

9. Travel shall be paid by this Association at the rate of the same as and not to exceed the current rate set by 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 he 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 he 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 he 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.