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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The North-East Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist met in the Sixth Annual Session with Damascus Church, on Thursday, the 19th day of September, 1940, at 9:30 a. m., and continued through Friday the 20th.

The Association came together by singing, Rev. Geo. C. Lee leading. The Moderator, Rev. R. V. Guyton, took the stand and read 33rd Psalm, followed by prayer by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

The Moderator called the pastor of the church to make a talk after which Brother Hollis was called to the floor and made a short talk and had an old-time heartfelt testimony and experience meeting all of which was very appropriate and full of Spirituality.

Rev. D. W. Jones was present and given the floor for two songs. Then Brother W. G. Prude took the floor and sang The Old Time Religion.

The following church letters were presented to the Clerk and read: Beech Springs, Priceville, Bethlehem, Antioch, Gauley, Damascus, Stetson Chapel, East Tupelo, Columbus, Fawn Grove. Reading Clerks were Mrs. L. E. Duncan and Miss Hilma Stone.

These letters were read and the delegation seated after there had been the usual hand-shaking in a fellowship meeting. Thus the body was duly organized and ready for business. The Association adjourned for preaching.

Rev. Fondren being absent the Program Committee called Rev. J. M. Haas to the stand and Bro. Haas preached an inspiring message, using Isa. 9-6 as text, "Wonderful."

Adjourned for lunch.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

The Association was called together by singing led by W. G. Prude. Scripture reading by Rev. D. M. Smitherman, Heb. 12th Chapter.

Rev. D. W. Jones, a representative from The Little Brown Creek Association of North Mississippi, was present and given a seat with us as corresponding delegate from said Association.

At this time Union Hill and Pleasant Grove letters were received, read and received and delegates given seats with us.

The Ministers reports were called for and the following ministers made their annual report:

Greeting to the Sixth Annual Session of the North-East Mis-

Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Damascus on September 19-20, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending on the 19th day of September, 1940.

I have preached 528 sermons, baptised 92, received 189 people into church, ordained 2 deacons, preached 1 commencement sermon, and 3 memorial sermons, pastored 9 churches, conducted 18 revivals, married 12 couples, conducted 46 funerals, received from churches pastored \$1,337.00, received from revival work \$343.00. Total received for year \$1,680.00. Traveled 24,000 miles.

My address is Red Bay, Alabama.

M. L. HOLLIS.

Greetings to North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Damascus Church on the 19-20 September, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending 15th day of September, 1940:

I have preached 87 sermons, baptised 12, received 24 people into the church, preached 1 memorial sermon, pastored 3 churches, conducted 5 revivals, married 5 couples, conducted 11 funerals, received from churches \$148.47 and from revival work \$49.42. Total for the year \$197.89. Traveled 4,154 miles.

My address is Calhoun City, Mississippi.

GEO. C. LEE.

Greetings to North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Damascus Church on the 19-20 day of September, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 20th day of September, 1940:

I have preached 165 sermons, baptised 1 convert, helped ordain 3 deacons, preached 2 memorial sermons, pastored 2 churches, conducted 6 revivals, married 3 couples, conducted 7 funerals, received from churches \$136.00, for help in meetings \$103.45. Total help \$239.45.

My address is Booneville, Mississippi.

R. V. GUYTON.

Greetings to North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Damascus Church on September 19-20, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my work ending September 8, 1940:

I have preached 30 sermons, baptised 1 convert, received 1 into

church, pastored 1 church, conducted 1 revival, married 2 couples, 2 funerals, received from church \$21.50. Total help \$24.00. Traveled 500 miles.

My address is Tocopola, Mississippi.

D. M. SMITHERMAN.

Greeting to the North East Mississippi Free Will Baptist when convened with Damascus Church, on September 19-20, 1940.

It is with true thoughtfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my work, Ending September 19, 1940.

I have preached 22 sermons, conducted 1 revival, married 1 couple.

E. W. Lewis, Denmark, Miss.

Greetings to North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Damascus Church on September 19-20, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make my report ending September 20, 1940:

I have preached 115 sermons, baptised 8 people, received 19 into church, preached 2 memorial sermons, married 5 couples, pastored 3 churches, conducted 5 revivals, preached 9 funerals, received from church \$153.36 and other work \$55.00. Total \$208.36.

J. M. HAAS,

Tupelo, Mississippi, Route 2.

Greetings to North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Damascus Church, on September 19-20, 1940—It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make my report of work ending September 20, 1940:

I have preached 19 times, received 18 into church, held 1 revival, married 7 couples, held 3 funerals, received \$20.00, traveled 590 miles.

W. H. FONDREN,

Denmark, Mississippi, Route.

The Moderator at this time appointed the following committees:
Associational Committee: W. G. Prude, J. C. Roberts, E. K. Brown, N. F. Bevill, Pearl Haas.

Education: L. E. Duncan, chairman.

Temperance: J. M. Haas, Nalo Bevill, Mattie Long, E. A. Lewis, D. W. Jones.

Obituary: Goldia Montry, Tera Waugh, Zona Polk, Ida Alexander.

Finance: W. G. Prude, chairman.

Resolution committee.

Sunday School: Lonnie Potts, Chairman.

Free Will Baptist League: Mrs. Virgie Pace, Mrs. E. K. Brown, Mrs. Effie May, Miss Hilma Stone, Elzey Harris.

Ladies Aid: Mrs. L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Nola Bevill, Mrs. E. K. Brown, Miss Florence Harbour, Miss Myrtle Johnson.

Recess for 10 minutes.

We met again by singing led by Rev. D. W. Jones, prayer by Rev. E. A. Lewis. Pearce Chapel Church letter was presented and read, and delegates were seated.

At this time the following committee reports were read and adopted:

We, the Associational Committee, find the reports of our ministers favorable and we want to insist that our churches co-operate with these ministers, that they may do greater work which is much needed.

W. G. PRUDE, Chairman.

We, your Committee on League Work, make the following report:

Knowing the future church depends on the young people, we urge that each church organize a League for the purpose of training the young people for future church work. We also urge that the churches already having a League begin to work toward the standard of excellence, we suggest that the pastors of the various churches be responsible in organizing the League until the Leagues are financially able to select a field worker for the sole purpose of organizing Leagues.

MRS. VIRGIE PACE, Chairman.

We, your Sunday School Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Believing that no church can successfully carry on the Lord's work without a live Sunday School, we ask that each church not at present having a school, organize and support same. Statistics show that 90 per cent of church members come from Sunday Schools. We ask that every Sunday School adopt and carry out as near as possible the standard of efficiencies as adopted by the National Association.

We ask that all Sunday Schools join the North-East Mississippi Sunday School Convention. Next meeting with Pearce Chapel, 2nd Fifth Sunday in 1941.

Churches interested in organizing a Sunday School may communicate with the president of the North-East Mississippi Sunday School Convention, with superintendent of any of the following schools: Springdale, Union Hill, Pleasant Grove, Priceville, Pearce Chapel, Columbus, Fawn Grove, East Tupelo, or Beech Springs.

Praying that another year will find all churches reporting schools.

Respectfully submitted,
LONNIE POTTS, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, wish to bring the following report:

We find that God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from this life ten (10) of our beloved members as follows:

From Pearce Chapel two, Gauley two, Damascus three, Bethlehem two, East Tupelo one; in order as listed above Mrs. Andy Pickle, Mrs. S. L. Cowley, Brother H. S. Parker, Brother J. J. Mayhan, Brother C. M. Johnson, Sister Annie Smith, Sister Altha Chisolm, Brother Bill Stubblefield, Brother Henry Guyman, Mrs. C. M. Long.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GOLDIE MONTRY, Chairman.

Sleep on sainted ones and take your rest, until that day when God shall call you from the grave to go into that haven of rest, where Soul and Body reunited shall be, to dwell with the redeemed of God forever. Amen.

At this time the Association assigned homes for the night, after which there was an adjournment of the business until 8:30 Friday, September 20.

NIGHT SERVICES

We were called to worship again at 7:00 p. m. for devotional and song, and for about 45 minutes we had a very soul-feasting song service, under the leadership of such ones as Rev. Guyton, Rev. Jones, Bro. Franks, and several other, and at the preaching hour Rev. M. L. Hollis filled the stand and brough a wonderful message from 3rd chapter of Malichi 3-10, "Prove Me Now."

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Association met at 8:30, singing conducted by W. G. Prude, short talk by Geo. C. Lee from Rev. 21-1—Heaven. Prayer by D. M. Smitherman.

The Association went into the business of the hour.

The following committee reports were made:

As worker for the National Superannuation Board in Mississippi, I beg leave to submit the following report for the past Associational year funds colected within the North-East Mississippi Associational

of original Free Will Baptist and forwarded to Mrs. J. E. Simpson, National Secretary, as follows:

Gauly Church.....	\$ 1.00
Priceville Church.....	2.15
East Tupelo Church League.....	2.10
Fawn Grove Church.....	3.10
Pearce Chapel Church.....	5.32
Pearce Chapel League.....	3.71
Pearce Chapel Sunday School.....	5.00
Columbus Church.....	10.00
Springdale Church.....	2.02

TOTAL.....\$34.40

I wish to thank each one who has responded to the call for aid to those who have given their best for the Master and have reached the place where they can no longer carry the Blessed Promises of Christ to those that are out in the broad way that leads to ruin.

To those that have already given, and those that have not yet contributed won't you do more the coming year in this worthwhile cause.

L. E. DUNCAN.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following:

One of the greatest tasks of the church today is to save the youth of tomorrow. That there is an awakening to this self-evident fact, is indicated by the new interest being taken in religious education by our ministers and church workers who are really interested in seeing our work put upon a higher plane of efficiency, and also by the fact that leaders and students of Christian Education are finding in the new work a fitting field in which to give themselves in Christian service to the cause of humanity.

Of course the church cannot take the place of the school. The home cannot, even in Christian teaching, for there is twelve or fifteen years in the life of the children of our country that is spent in the school room and are under the influence of the school. Hence we need religious instructions included in our educational system, but not having that we must, as a body of Christian people, pool our resources in order to build and equip a place of higher learning to which we can look forward to as a source of denominational strength. One of our greatest needs today is to educate our evangelistic forces, and if we expect to balance, sustain, and empower our

spiritual energies and aid in bringing in the reign of Jesus Christ in all the world we must be doing whatever we can to establish a training center.

First, that we observe October as Christian Education Month.

Second, that each church appoint a committee to solicit funds during October for the purpose of aiding financially in the building and equipping of a Free Will Baptist School for the training of our clergy and Christian workers.

Third, that these funds be kept in the treasury of North-East Mississippi Association until such time as the National Association begins work on the school.

Fourth, that the secretary for the National Board of Education be sent a report of the funds collected and retained for building of same.

Fifth, that all our churches make an effort to have some of their workers or leaders attend the Bible School and Training course that will be held at Natchez Trace Recreational Project August 10-16, 1941.

God has created us to live by Him; so let us all pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon us. Psalmist says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." So let us remember that without this lamp, education fails to save the youth of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. DUNCAN, Chairman,

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report as follows:

We ask that the place of next session be left with the delegated body to select.

We ask that a registration fee of twenty-five cents (25c) for all delegates and visitors to each annual session be collected by a committee, appointed by the host church, to help defray the expenses of the same.

We wish, on behalf of the delegates and visitors, to express our kindest respects to the people of Damascus Church and community for their warm hospitality and friendliness to each of us during our stay in their midst, may God's richest benediction rest and abide with them always.

Signed, COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

Knowing that it is our Heavenly Father's urgent command that we lead a temperate life which is but a Godly life, and being

taught of Him that temperance is one of the Christian graces which adds power and influence to Christian leadership, we therefore, recommend that all our members and especially our ministers and leaders watch their every step in this respect. We further recommend that special thought be given to temperance as applied to the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and being convinced that this is one of the most destructive agencies of the powers of darkness.

Therefore we beg that this body accept this report, spread the same on our minutes that those concerned may know that we stand 100 per cent against the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and pledge our selves with all our influence against the same.

REV. J. M. HAAS.

Mattie Long, Mrs. Nola Beville, Rev. E. A. Lewis
and Rev. D. W. Jones.

We, your Committee on Ladies Aid, beg leave to make the following report:

We find from the reports made by the churches of the Association that there are six churches reporting Ladies Aid Societies and they are as follows: First Church of Columbus, East Tupelo, Pearce Chapel, Fawn Grove, Antioch and Damascus.

Knowing the importance of this work in the church as we do, we recommend that every effort possible be put forth to organize Aid Societies in all our churches that do not have them.

We further recommend that our ladies organize themselves into an associational convention to meet in afternoon of the first day of the Association, that we may be able to better plan our work for the future, and receive instructions that will inspire us on to greater activity in our Master's work.

Respectfully,

MRS. L. E. DUNCAN, Chairman.

HOME MISSION REPORT

As your Associational Evangelist, I beg leave to make the following report of my year's work. Having nine churches to look after as pastor I have not had time to do the work that should have been done, however, I have taken time out to hold the following meetings with the tent in places where we have no church. I was in the midst of a meeting in Mantachie, Miss., during the setting of the last Association and carried on for a week after the Association closed. We felt that much good was accomplished in this meeting. Great crowds attended each service and a fine spirit of interest was shown, so much that they have asked for another meet-

ing this fall. Many confessed Christ as their Savior, seven of this number taking membership in our Fawn Grove Church. From there we moved the tent to Vernon, Ala., where we once had a church but it had died and many of the members had joined other churches. The weather became so bad that we were not able to continue services under the tent, so the Missionary Baptist people tendered the use of their church to us for the rest of the week and God blessed in a very great way. We got several of the old members back and made an effort to re-organize the church. Tore the old delapidated building down and cleaned off the lot to start the new building. The bad weather came on and we were not able to do any more until two weeks ago we went back and started another tent meeting in which God showed His mighty power in saving of souls and renewing back-sliders. We secured a deed to a lot right in the heart of town, 111x196 feet, raised \$1285.00 cash with many more pledges to be paid in sixty days. We bought and paid for thirty-five thousand brick, had ten thousand on the yard Wednesday when I left and the walls up to bottom story windows, with five men working laying brick, and three making window and door casing.

In April I went to Sulligent, Ala| (and held a two-week's meeting which resulted in a great awakening to the whole town. Having something over a hundred to confess faith in Christ and many of the old residents said that there was the largest crowds that had ever attended a religious service in Sulligent. We have fine prospects for a good church there. From there we moved to Fulton, Miss., where we had fine crowds and good interest, with twenty-three confessing Christ as their Savior during this two-week's meeting.

I have had many calls for tent meetings that I was not able to arrange for. Truly the fields are white to harvest, and how we need to go out and possess the land. I have received for my services as evangelist from the Home Mission Board the sum of \$50.00.

Respectfully,

M. L. HOLLIS, Association Evangelist.

By authority given by this Association, the funds in the hands of Rev. J. M. Haas, collected at FawnGrove during the Association there for old preachers fund was given to Rev. J. H. Norwood, as he is passed the day of ability to earn a livelihood.

The 1941 session of the North-East Mississippi Association was sent to East Tupelo Church by majority vote, then by unanimous vote.

Corresponding delegates were appointed to the following Associations: Jasper, Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the First Sunday in October, 1940, at Oak Grove Church, Hackelburg, Ala., Rev.

M. L. Hollis, Rev. Roy Guyton, W. G. Prude, Rev. J. M. Haas, and L. E. Duncan.

Verona, Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, Piney Grove Church near Beaverton, Ala., Geo. C. Lee, J. T. Baxter, E. K. Brown, J. M. Haas and J. S. Johnson.

Little Brown Creek, First Sunday, September, 1941, Rev. Roy Guyton, D. M. Smitherman, J. F. Parker.

National Association, Dun Wright, Oklahoma, July, 1941, Jack Parker, W. G. Prude, E. K. Brown, Tuesday night before the Second Sunday in July.

Election of officers for 1940-41.

M. L. Hollis, Moderator.

Geo. C. Lee, Clerk.

W. G. Prude, Treasurer.

There was public collection for Missions, and \$20.00 was collected.

It was decided to retain same Program Committee for next year, composed of L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude and M. C. Johnson.

Adjourned for preaching. Rev. D. W. Jones filled the stand, reading first chapter Hebrews, using as text found in Cor.

Adjournment for lunch.

Called in session again in the afternoon of the second day by singing led by Jones. Songs, "Love Lifted Me," and "There Is Power In The Blood."

Brother W. G. Prude made his report on the finance of the Association.

Moved and sustained by second that all funds hereafter sent to Association to defray expense of the Association be designated as Associational funds in church letter.

At this time there was a unanimous standing vote of thanks extended to Damascus Church and community for their generous hospitality and kindness shown this body while in their midst.

The Unclouded Day was the song led by Bro. Jones and Sister Elzey Johnson prayed the dismissing prayer, and thus closed one of the best and most soul stirring sessions of the North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist. The Association sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." All met in altar and had an old-time Christian hand shaking, then we were dismissed by Bro. M. L. Hollis.

M. L. HOLLIS, Moderator.

GEO. C. LEE, Clerk.

W. G. PRUDE, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bal. at close of 1938 session.....	\$221.57
Expenses paid prior to 1939 session.....	\$135.88

Balance at beginning of 1939 session.....	\$ 85.69
Minute and Associational funds collected for 1939 session.....	\$ 47.77
Home missions.....	22.31
Rent on tent.....	10.00
Total 1939 session.....	\$165.77

Paid clerk.....	\$ 10.00
Paid Moderator.....	5.00
Paid treasurer.....	5.00
Paid for minutes and postage.....	23.34
Correspondence with churches.....	.75
Home Missions (Bro. Haas, Doty farm).....	5.00
Home Missions (Rev. M. L. Hollis).....	50.00
National Convention dues.....	5.00
Printing of Programs and Church letter forms.....	5.00
Postage for Programs.....	.45

Total expenses for 1939-40 Association year.....	\$109.54
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Balance at beginning of 1940 session.....	\$ 56.23
Minute funds collected 1940 session.....	\$ 34.05
Association funds.....	4.20
Home Mission.....	5.25
Education.....	2.00
Foreign Missions.....	1.50
Superannuation.....	2.00
Offering.....	21.00

Total.....	\$126.23
Paid Clerk.....	\$ 10.00
Moderator.....	5.00
Treasurer.....	5.00

Balance at close of 1940 session.....	\$106.23
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W. G. PRUDE, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as the North-East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of ministers, deacons, clerk, and delegates of the various churches of this Association.

Section 2.—The purpose of the Association shall be to bring together our churches throughout North Mississippi for a closer union among our people and the establishment of new churches in our state.

Section 3.—This Association shall be composed of churches of the above named territory together with like bodies of same Faith and Practice which may be hereafter admitted.

Section 4.—Each church shall be allowed delegated representatives and they must be duly appointed by their church while in conference and bear credentials from the same to this body.

Section 5.—Visiting ministers and delegates may be seated as advisory members in this body.

Section 6.—It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of individual churches to one another in their efforts to accomplish good, and make each other more proficient in their undertakings for good.

Section 7.—This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting at any session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the close of each session by a majority vote of the delegates present.

Section 2.—This Association shall hold its sessions annually beginning on Thursday and continue through Friday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Section 3.—The Moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.

Section 4.—The Clerk shall have the right to supervise the printing of the minutes and shall be allowed \$10.00 for his service; Treasurer, \$5.00; and Moderator, \$5.00 for their services.

Section 5.—No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

Section 6.—All members desiring to speak shall arise, address the Moderator, and personal reflections shall be avoided.

Section 7.—All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

Section 8.—If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

Section 9.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

Section 10.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and not more than ten minutes at a time; without special leave from the body.

Section 11.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1.—THE BIBLE—The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and the Scriptures of the New Testament are our infalible rule of Faith and Practice.

Article 2.—GOD—There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe,, and in the Scriptures as Father Son and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to love, adore, and obey.

Article 3.—CHRIST—Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

Article 4.—THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

Article 5.—THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and the laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Article 6.—THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

Article 7.—THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a

redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

Article 8.—THE TERMS OF SALVATION—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

Article 9.—ELECTION—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

Article 10.—FREEDOM OF THE WILL—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

Article 11.—SALVATION FREE—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.

Article 12.—PERSEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

Article 13.—GOSPEL ORDINANCES—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

Article 14.—THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from peculiar employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

Article 15.—RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

**LETTER FROM CHURCH TO NORTH-EAST MISSISSIPPI
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

We, the Free Will Baptists, that worship at _____
_____ in or near what town _____

send greetings to the _____ annual session of the North-East
Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with
the _____ church, on Saturday before the
fourth Sunday in September _____. We send as Delegates to
represent us in your Honorable Body, the following Brothers and
Sisters in Christ: _____

Our Deacons are: _____

Praying that all you do may be done for the furtherance of God's
cause here on earth, our statistics are as follows: Number of mem-
bers received for baptism _____. Number of letter or recom-
mendation _____. Number deceased _____. Number
dismissed _____. Total number of members _____. Fi-
nancial statements, value of church property _____; value of
parsonage _____; indebtedness on church property _____;
indebtedness on parsonage _____; paid pastor _____;
paid evangelist _____; paid on buildings, or repairs _____;
paid for home missions _____; send for minutes _____
paid on benevolence _____; total expenditures for year _____;
Auxiliary work _____; Sunday School enrollment _____;
League enrollment _____; Ladies' Aid _____; How
often do you have preaching? _____; Do you want
the next session of the Association to meet with your church? _____
Pastor's name _____, Address _____
Church Clerk _____; Address _____

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

GREETINGS: To_____

Association of FREE WILL BAPTISTS, when convened with the_____
_____Church on the_____day of
_____, 194____. It is with true thankfulness of
heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's
work, ending on the_____day of_____, 194____. I
have preached_____Sermons; Prayed_____Prayers; visited
_____sick people; Baptized_____Converts; Received_____
people into churches; Helped to Ordain_____Ministers and_____
Deacons; Licensed_____Minister; Preached_____Commence-
ment Sermons and_____Memorial Sermons; Pastored_____
Churches; conducted_____Revivals; Married_____Couples; Con-
ducted_____Funerals. Received from churches pastored, \$_____;
Received \$_____for revival work; Total received for year's work,
\$_____; Traveled_____miles.

Respectfully submitted,

CHURCHES	Ladies Aid Enrolled	League Enrolled	S. School Enrollment	Total Amt. Sent	Amt. for Superan.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	For Education	Assn. Funds	For Minutes	Total Expenditures	For Incidentals	For Education	Benevolence	Repairs	Evangelist
East Tupelo.....	10	47	68	\$11.70	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$ 2.00	\$1.70	\$ 2.50	\$ 763.05	\$ 61.73	\$21.10	\$17.42	\$305.89	\$ 74.40
Columbus.....	16	75	98	2.00			2.00			2.00	653.14				334.34	108.00
Fawn Grove.....		75	73	1.40				12.00		1.40	170.81				1.45	45.00
Beech Springs...			50	2.00						2.00						22.21
Sringdale.....			60	3.70						3.70	151.86	16.20				42.80
Antioch.....	16			4.50			1.25		.50	2.75	61.55					8.55
Cauley.....				4.00						4.00	244.69				175.76	16.23
Bethlehem.....				3.50						3.50	85.60				21.00	
Stetson Chapel...				1.65						1.65	33.14					
Damascus.....	12	30		2.00						2.00					60.00	10.89
Pearce Chapel...	12	50		2.50						2.50	316.95	25.69	35.08	16.55	16.20	33.00
Pleasant Grove...				2.55						2.55					40.00	
Union Hill.....			60								63.75					23.75
New Life.....																
Priceville.....			72	2.00						2.00						12.40
Totals.....	66	277	481	\$43.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$5.25	\$14.00	\$2.20	\$32.55	\$2,544.54	\$103.62	\$56.18	\$33.97	\$958.64	\$377.23

Paid for Home Mis.	Auxiliary Work	Paid Foreign Missions	Paid Sueran.	No. Baptised	No. Rec. by Letter	No. Deceased	Dismissed by Letter	Total Members	Number Active	No. Inactive	Value of Church Prop.	Indebt. Church Prop.	Value of Parsonage	Indebt. Parsonage	Paid Pastor	Evangelist
\$	\$	\$	\$	1	1	1	2	208	68	140	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
65.80	49.54		4.10	11	11			141			7,000.00		350.00		150.00	74.40
.74			3.10				3	152			2,000.00				62.25	103.00
								107	30	77	1,500.00					45.00
				10				155	40	63	1,000.00				82.86	22.21
								103	40	56	900.00				53.85	42.80
				9		2	2	96	40	56	750.00				53.15	8.55
						2	2	149			1,500.00				61.60	16.23
				1				76	45	31	700.00				21.50	10.89
				3	1	3		56			750.00				52.92	33.00
27.42		15.01		7	2	2		350	65	285	2,500.00				180.00	
				7	1	1	1	85	35	50	600.00				40.00	
				16	2											23.75
				9				53	41	12	1,500.00				96.58	12.40
\$93.96	\$49.54	\$1.70	\$32.31	85	18	10	7	1731	364	714	\$23,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$350.00	\$325.00	\$1094.71	\$377.23

CHURCHES	Meeting Day Sunday	CLERKS	DEACONS	DELEGATES	PASTORS
East Tupelo	4th	Lucile Winders Tupelo, Miss.	Ramond Winders, Preston Marcy, W. C. Payne, C. C. Davidson, L. E. Duncan	Mattie Long, Hilma Stone, Myrtle Duncan.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Fawn Grove	4th	Mrs. Roy Comer Dorsey, Miss.	John Brown, Bob Enlow, Marvin Franks, Roy Com- er, Bud Knight.	Hollis Murphy, Tracy Franks.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Columbus	Monthly	Ruby Johnson Columbus, Miss.	W. M. Weir, J. T. Baxter E. K. Brown.	J. T. Baxter, Mrs. E. K. Brown, Mrs. Zona Polk, Ruby Johnson.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Beech Springs	4th	Winfred Winders Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2.	L. B. Hill, M. C. Stim- bridge.	B. H. Hill, Jollie Winders.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Springdale	2nd	Jodie Starnes Denmark, Miss.	T. F. McCord, M. C. Bowl- es, Jodie Walker, G. L. Dulin	Lonnie Potts, Lonnie Cobb.	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.
Antioch	4th	W. F. Bevill Toccopola, Miss., Rt. 2.	M. L. Morris, Bud Tutor, Roy Morris.	Nola Bevill, Tera Waugh, J. R. Strube.	G. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.
Gauley	1st	Geo. W. Calder Calhoun City, Miss.	W. A. Calder, Johnie Cal- der, E. H. Keenum.	J. F. Parker, Mrs. Estelle Lee, Mrs. Goldie Moutry.	G. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.
Bethlehem	Monthly	Callie Tucker Pontotoc, Miss., Rt. 2.	C. J. Ard, A. Graham, Edd Sugg.	Effie May, Lettie Russel.	Roy Guyton Booneville, Miss.
Stetson Chapel	2nd	J. J. Inmon Sarepta, Miss.	M. L. May, J. C. Swain, J. H. Bramlet.		D. M. Smitherman Toccopola, Miss.
Damascus	5th	Mrs. Covert McKee Dekalb, Miss., Rt. 6.	M. C. Johnson, J. E. Smith, J. R. Kynard.	Dewey L. Warren,, Mrs. Virgie Pace, Mrs. Chester Harbour, Myrtle Johnson.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Pearces Chapel	3rd	C. L. Duncan Smithville, Miss.	S. L. Cowley, F. R. Brook, Rufe Reedy, H. L. Francis W. W. Burrows.	J. S. Johnson, Mrs. John- son, Mrs. Woodrow Bur- row, Mrs. C. L. Duncan.	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.
Pleasant Grove	4th	J. V. Bennett Thaxton, Miss.	Jim Thomas, J. V. Bennett.	Willborn Warren.	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.
Union Hill	4th	C. Dozier Saltillo, Miss.	John Harris, Dutch Rob- bins, J. M. Loyd.	Hollis Price Herman Keith, Elsie Harris.	W. H. Fondren Denmark, Miss.
Priceville	1st	H. A. Roberts Tupelo, Miss., Rt. 2.	J. T. Alexander, H. A. Roberts.	Pearl Haas, Ida Alexander.	M. E. Carpenter _____, Ala.