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## MINUTES

### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists met in the Seventh Annual session with East Tupelo church on Thursday Sept. 25, 1941, at 9:30 a. m.

The assembly came together in singing, "Rock of Ages" led by Bro. W. G. Prude. Prayer by Rev. George Lee. Welcome address was given by Bro. L. E. Duncan

X Rev. J. M. Haas, in the absence of the moderator Rev. M. L. Hollis, took the chair and served throughout the session. Rev. Hollis being unable to attend because of revival work in North Carolina wired his regrets and prayers for a God directed session of the Association.

Rev. J. M. Haas read 1 Cor. 13th chapter.

At this time the church letters were called for and read and the delegates seated. Serving as reading clerks were Sisters Ida Alexander and Myrtle Johnson.

X The following churches sent letters: Priceville, Pearce Chapel, Springdale, Bethlehem, Damascus, East Tupelo, Antioch, New Life, Fawn Grove, Gauley, Union Hill, Pleasant Grove and Beech Springs.

Bro. Prude took the floor and led "Love Lifted Me". Adjourned for preaching. Rev. George Lee took the stand and read a few verses from Acts 16th chap., and preached on Prayer.

A delicious plate lunch was served at the noon hour by ladies of host church.

### FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

Association met by singing led by Bro. Earnest Taylor. Devotion by Rev. W. H. Fondren who read from Psalm 133. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Lewis.

X Corresponding delegates were called for and Rev. M. E. Carpenter of the Vernon Association of Ala., was seated as a messenger from his association.

While the Moderator and clerk retired and made out lists of Committee appointment the congregation sang several songs directed by Brothers Henry Ard, Earnest Taylor and M. E. Carpenter.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Temperance: Mrs. Mortimer McKee, Mrs. J. R. Strube and Miss Ida Alexander.

Finance: W. G. Prude, W. F. Bevill, H. E. Roberts and J. F. Parker

Obituary: Mrs. J. C. Brasfield, Mrs. Effie May, Miss Myrtle Johnson

Education: L. E. Duncan, E. K. Brown and H. M. Murphy.



Resolution: C. L. Duncan, J. T. Alexander, G. W. Calder and M. E. Carpenter.

Sunday School: Mrs. S. O. Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Haas, Mrs. Paul Johnson and H. E. Roberts.

F. W. B. League: Mrs. E. K. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Duncan and Mrs. Cecil Brooks.

Ladies Aid: Mrs. J. C. Brasfield, Mrs. E. K. Brown and Mrs. Zona Smith.

Associational: Earnest Taylor, L. M. Morris, Ed Smith, Charley Ard and E. K. Brown.

Recessed for ten minutes.

Singing led by Rev. Lee, "The Lily of the Valley". Business resumed.

The Finance Committee audited books of Bro. W. G. Prude, treasurer and same accepted as follows:

Treasurer's report for 1940-41:

Receipts:

Brought forward from 1940 session.....	\$106.23
Rec'd from G. C. Lee Sept. 1940.....	3.00
Rec'd for use of tent 1941.....	11.00

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Total to Sept. 24, 1941.....	\$120.23
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Disbursements:

Minutes 1940.....	\$30.00
Tent transportation from Sulligent 1941.....	9.90
Evangelist 1940.....	25.00
National Association Fee.....	5.00
Transportation to and erection of tent at Meridian.....	11.57
Taking down and transportation to Tupelo.....	9.76
Programs for 1941.....	2.50
Postage.....	.51

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Total to Sept. 24, 1941.....	\$94.24
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Balance Sept. 24, 1941.....	\$25.99
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### MINISTERIAL REPORT

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with East Tupelo church on Sept. 25th 1941. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my years work ending Sept. 21st 1941. I have preached 21 sermons, prayed many prayers and visited numerous sick people. My address is Denmark, Miss.

Rev. E. A. Lewis

## MINISTERIAL REPORT OF YEAR'S WORK ENDING

SEPT. 22, 1941

I beg leave to make the following report of my work as one of your humble Ministers. The Lord has been wonderfully good to me during this year and has blessed me with good health and plenty of work to do in His vineyard, and I have tried in my humble way to use it as best I could. I have preached to eleven churches as pastor, and these churches have been great in their forbearance with me, giving me the opportunity of being away in revival work a lot of the time, for which I am very grateful, and always give thanks to God in my prayers for them.

I have preached 254 pastoral sermons. I have been in revival work eight months during the year, preaching 361 times. One commencement sermon. Four memorial sermons. 37 funerals. Married 2 couples. Traveled 32,000 miles. Received for all services during year \$1868.00. Baptized 161 converts.

Yours for a greater service,  
M. L. Hollis  
Red Bay, Ala.

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELIST

I beg leave to make my report as Evangelist for the Association: With all the other work I have had very little time to devote to this much needed work. However, I have held three tent meetings, as follows: In October 1940 I went to Mantachie, Miss. for a ten days meeting and the Lord blessed in a great way with large crowds attending each service, and a number confessed Christ as their Saviour. We have a fine opportunity in this little town to establish a fine church, if we only had the money in the Home Mission Treasury to help get the work started.

In April 1941 I went to Sulligent, Ala., for a second meeting in this beautiful little city. This was a glorious meeting with large crowds and fine interest shown throughout the meeting. Twentysix came the last night and offered themselves for membership in a Free Will Baptist Church and expressed their interest by pledging their support in the erection of a house of worship. A committee was appointed to look after the purchasing of a lot and raising funds for this work. How we need a man on this field to lead this people and carry this work on. Without a leader it is most impossible to accomplish our goal there.

In August 1941 I went to Meridian, Miss., a city of 48,000 souls and held a weeks meeting. Found several Free Will Baptist that were

anxious for a church to be established there. We also found a beautiful church building that had once been occupied by the Protestant Methodist but since the merger it was not being used, so they offered to sell it to us for the indebtedness which amounted to \$8,000, a give away price for this property, as the lot alone cost \$5,000 when purchased in 1932. I feel that this property is worth around \$25,000. We went to work and received pledges totaling \$1,000., but will have to raise another \$1,000 before we can close the deal. I pray that we may be able to raise the rest of the money and buy this house of worship which is fully equipped for service. I have received \$25.00 for services from the Home Mission Board as your evangelist.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. L. Hollis.

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the East Tupelo church on 25th day of Sept. 1941. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending Sept. 24. I have preached 156 times, prayed many prayers, visited a number of sick people, baptized 29 converts, received 34 people into churches. Pastored 3 churches, conducted 5 revivals, married 5 couples, conducted 5 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$159.10. Received for revival work \$89.22. Total received for year \$248.32 Traveled many miles.

Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with East Tupelo church on the 25th day of Sept. 1941. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make this report of my year's work, ending 29th day of August 1941. I have preached 22 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited several sick people, baptized 5 converts, received 9 people into churches, ordained one deacon, pastored one church, conducted one revival, married 10 couples, conducted 3 funerals. Received from church pastored \$39.70. Traveled 600 miles.

Rev. W. H. Fondren, Denmark, Miss.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with East Tupelo church on Sept. 25th 1941. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make this report of my year's work ending the 25th day of Sept. 1941. I have preached 134 sermons, prayed hundreds of prayers, visited many sick ones, baptized 5 converts, received 20 into church, preached 2 memorial sermons, pastored 2 churches, conducted 6 revivals,



married 3 couples, conducted 13 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$199.54. Received \$103.32 for revival work. Total received for year's work \$302.86. Traveled 2802 miles.

Rev. George C. Lee  
Calhoun City, Miss.

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with East Tupelo church. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending Sept. 24, 1941. I have preached 135 sermons, prayed many prayers, received 32 into church, baptized 22, preached one memorial sermon, pastored 3 churches, held 3 revivals, conducted 10 funerals, married 3 couples. Received from churches pastored \$234.80. Received for revival work \$20.00. Total received \$254.80. Hoping to do more for Him next year.

Rev. R. V. Guyton  
Booneville, Miss.

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with East Tupelo church on the 25-26 of Sept. 1941. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending Sept. 24, 1941. I have preached 37 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, received one into church, pastored one church, conducted one revival, married 4 couples, conducted 2 funerals. Received from church pastored \$13.40. Total received \$19.40.

Rev. D. M. Smitherman  
Toccopola, Miss.

There was a move to give clerk authority to write a short obituary to memory of deceased and lamented minister, Rev. J. H. Norwood, and have same printed in minutes.

### OBITUARY

To the honor of one of God's annointed ones, who served Him faithfully and lovingly for the past forty years, these lines are affectionately dedicated.

Our Beloved Brother in Christ, Elder J. H. Norwood, as he was known and called, passed on to his reward of sweet rest and sleep on November 29, 1940, at his home 3 miles southeast of Toccopola, Miss., in Pontotoc County.

Brother Jim Norwood was born, April 26, 1866, and professed hope and faith in Jesus Christ when quite young and united with the church. When he had been in the church a short time he was made a

Deacon, notwithstanding the fact that he was young in the cause and inexperienced as a Deacon—to say the least of the duties of a pastor. He was called upon in the absence of the beloved pastor to administer the ordinance of baptism to believers in Christ, and he, being full of faith and good works, donned the garb of the pastor and went into the watery grave and buried the believers beneath the water in likeness of the burial and resurrection of the Blessed Lord—thus fulfilling his duty.

All this time, however, he felt that the Lord had a work for him to do. His desire to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ pressed him until he asked for ordination to the ministry, to which place he was ordained some forty odd years ago. Since that time he has pastored churches in Mississippi and Texas, and did evangelistic work in several states, and had hundreds of converts. He was a good pastor, a successful evangelistic, and an able debater. He was one who believed, and would defend his belief anywhere, anytime, with anyone or group who denied his affirmation.

He helped in every worthy cause and always saw the need of the underdog, or the unfortunate. He did what he could for the relief of the poor, the widows, and the orphans.

Early in life he met his life-companion, Miss Maggie Carr, and on March 4, 1886, took to himself her for his wife. They lived a very devoted united life until the end. He was faithful and true to his dear wife and she was faithful and true to him. They shared each others joys and sorrows.

He has gone from us, but his work still lives—and he lives in the heart of his people, and the good work of his ministry and the fullness of the same Eternity will only tell. May we say beloved one weep not as those who have no hope, but cheer up, for soon we shall cross this Jordan and when we come to the end of life's way on earth it be said of us, as truly can be said of him: He was a good and useful servant of the Lord and God bless the memory of him.

Written by one who was an earthly son of him in the ministry and we shall ever say thank you, Bro. Norwood, for the encouragement given us some thirty year ago when he said:

"Brother George, don't you feel you have something to do for the Lord?" and I answered in the affirmative. Then he said the words that caused me to recognize the call of God to preach his word and consented to do the work for God. Since that time he has meant so much to me. In August, 1909, he and his counsel put their hands on me and I have tried to be true to his instructions and the command of the Lord.

I am glad to have been permitted this privilege at this time.

REV. GEO. C. LEE

Calhoun City, Miss.



### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 working Sunday school, we ask that each church not having a working Sunday school, organize and support same. Not just finance it, but by the presence of more of our fathers and mothers. We ask that all Sunday schools join the Northeast F. W. B. Sunday School Convention when it meets again on May 31, 1942 at East Tupelo church. We find the following churches reporting Sunday schools: Pleasant Grove, Fawn Grove, Priceville, East Tupelo, Union Hill, Springdale, Columbus, Antioch, Beech Springs, Bethlehem and Pearce Chapel. Praying that another year will find all our churches with working Sunday schools.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this life 14 of our beloved members as follows: Bethlehem, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Martha Ramsey. New Life, Bro. Bob Hill. Gauley, Bro. Trenton Blaylock. Columbus, Bro. Leach, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Ida Cole and Mrs. Gabliss. Antioch, Rev. J. H. Norwood, Sister Donia Hamilton. Pearce Chapel, Bro. J. C. Brasfield, Sisters Jessie Maxey and Jessie Holloway. East Tupelo, Bro. Edgar Brown.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

"Kneel at the Cross" was sung by the congregation and prayer offered in memory of those deceased ones.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

If Paul, educated as he was, realized what it meant to be fortified by Christian training; then how much more should we be interested in learning more about the Scriptures.

Resolved:

1. That each church in our association have a two weeks Bible Training Institute sometime during the next associational year.

2. That our ministers take more interest in our auxiliary work. That they attend and lend their aid and influence in our Sunday School Convention and the Alabama-Mississippi League Rally.

3. That we make October Christian Education Month. That each church take a free will offering for education and send funds to Association Treasurer same to be retained by him until the National body begins the building and equipping of an Institution for the education of our Christian workers and clergy, if this does not materialize that these funds may be used to assist some of our worthy

young people, in our body, in securing Christian training.

4. That we subscribe for one or both of our denominational papers, that we use our denominational literature in auxiliary work.

5. That we form the daily practice of reading God's word.

6. That if the above resolutions are adopted we make an honest effort to carry them out. Praying that God will endow us with the wisdom and knowledge to press forward in this worthwhile task and that we will not be satisfied until we have done our best.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

Assignment to homes for the night made and business adjourned to meet Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Nan Post conducted devotional services at 7:00 p. m. after which Rev. M E. Carpenter brought a wonderful message, using as a text Luke 9:15.

Next session of Alabama-Mississippi League Rally will convene with Priceville church on 5th Sunday in March 1942 at 9:30 a. m.

## FRIDAY — SECOND DAY

### Morning Session

Association met in song service led by Rev. Geo. Lee . Prayer by Rev M. E. Carpenter. Scripture reading by Rev. Lewis, John 17th chapter.

A praise service led by Bro. Claud Roberts, in which many joined and gave testimonies that were inspiring to all present.

Rev. G. M. Pearson, from the Zion's Rest Free Will Baptist Association near Laurel, Mississippi, was seated as a corresponding delegate.

## COMMITTEE ON REPORTS

We, the Associational Committee, find the reports of our ministers and churches favorable, and we want to insist that all our churches cooperate with the ministers that they may do a greater work which is much needed at this time.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on F. W. B. League, make the following report: Knowing that the future of the church depends on the young people of the present, we urge that each church organize a league for the purpose of training young people for future church work. We also urge that those churches now having league begin work toward the standard of excellence. We ask that pastors of the various churches take upon themselves the responsibility of organizing

leagues where there are none until the League Rally will have enough funds to pay a field worker for this purpose.

We find 7 out of 14 churches reporting leagues.

(Signed) COMMITTEE.

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

1. We recommend that the next session of the Association meet with Gauley church and that Rev. M. L. Hollis preach the introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m. Thursday, first day of session.

2. That the 25c registration fee collected at each session of our association be retained by the host church to be used as they see proper.

3. That the program committee use ministers or laymen of the Free Will Baptist Association on the program.

4. That we extend to the East Tupelo church and vicinity our heartfelt thanks for the splendid way in which they have entertained this association. We shall never forget your kindness and hospitality shown us while in your midst, and pray God's richest blessings may ever be with you.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to make the following report:

Knowing the Condition of the world today when everything is in turmoil and men's hearts failing them because of fear, we feel that we should use all the intelligence that God has endowed us with, abetted with Christian courage to check the malicious ravages of intemperance that are blighting our fair land. That we abstain from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages. We earnestly pray that all Christians will work together to make this world of ours a better place in which to live.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

The resolution adopted in the 1940 session of the association, found on page 8 of the minutes of same year, was amended to read as follows: We ask that a registration fee of 25c each for all qualified delegates and church members attending each annual session of the association be collected by a committee appointed by the host church, to help defray the expenses of the same.

There was a free will offering taken at this time for Home Missions, which amounted to \$16.50. Singing was led by Bro. H. E. Roberts

Adjourned for speaking.



Hon. Hugh Clayton, layman of New Albany, Miss., brought an inspiring message on Christian living.

During the noon hour a plate lunch was served by the ladies.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association assembled and enjoyed two numbers in song led by Bro. Prude. Bro. D. C. Lambert, of the Little Brown Creek Association, was seated as a corresponding delegate from that body.

Rev. Pearson, from Zion's Rest came to the floor at this time and made a request for help in forming a closer union among the Free Will Baptists of Miss. The Moderator appointed Brothers L. E. Duncan, E. K. Brown, E. A. Lewis and M. E. Carpenter to confer with Bros. Pearson and Lamber relative to this matter. This committee reported as follows:

Resolve that we appoint delegates from our association to meet with delegates from Little Brown Creek and Zion's Rest Association at Meridian, Miss. F. W. B. Church on October 17th, 1941, for the purpose of forming a state body.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

• The moderator appointed L. E. Duncan and W. G. Prude as delegates to the above named meeting.

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

We find only four churches reporting Ladeis Aid Societies. We urge every church to organize and cooperate in this work.

(Signed) COMMITTEE

Corresponding delegates were appointed as follows:

To Jasper Association: W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan.

To Vernon Association: J. M. Haas, Earnest Taylor, J. T. Baxter and Mike Vail.

To Little Brown Creek Association: Rev. Geo. Lee, Jack Parker, W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan.

To State Line Association: Rev. J. M. Haas, J. T. Alexander and J. M. Harris.

To National Association: L. E. Duncan.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

Rev. J. M. Haas, Mod.

Rev. George Lee, Clerk.

W. G. Prude, treasurer

Rev.. M. L. Hollis, Vice Mod

Program committee as follows: L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude, M. C. Johnson and G. W. Calder.

Thus closed another harmonious session of the Northeast Miss. Association, same to meet with Gauley Church, 5 miles northwest of Calhoun City, Miss., in 1942.

## MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi 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 ordain \_\_\_\_\_ Ministers and \_\_\_\_\_ Deacons; Licensed \_\_\_\_\_ Ministers; Preached \_\_\_\_\_ Commencement sermons and \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial sermons; Pastored \_\_\_\_\_ Churches; Conducted \_\_\_\_\_ funerals. Received from churches pastored \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for revival work; Total received for year \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Traveled \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

Respectfully submitted,

On Thursday November 6, 1941 Elder Hollis, Haas and Carpenter and Bros Duncan and Prude visited the Zion's Rest Association near Laurel, Miss. Half of the churches in this association were represented at the meeting on Thursday night. In a short business meeting preceeding preaching services it was voted unanimously that a call session of all the churches in Mississippi belonging to the Free Will Baptist be held at Damascus on Thursday and Friday before THIRD SUNDAY IN APRIL 1942, for the purpose of forming a state body. Each church is asked to send THREE delegates to this meeting and all ministers urged to attend.

## CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptists, that worship at \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in, or near \_\_\_\_\_ send  
 greetings to the \_\_\_\_\_ annual session of the Northeast Miss-  
 issippi Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Church on Thursday before the  
 fourth Sunday in September, 194\_\_\_\_\_. We send as delegates to re-  
 present us in your Honorable Body, the following named Brothers  
 and Sisters in Christ: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Our Deacons are: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Praying that all you may do may be for the furtherance of God's  
 cause here on earth.

Our church statistics are as follows: Number of members re-  
 ceived for baptism \_\_\_\_\_, Number by letter or recommendation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Number dismissed by letter  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Total number members \_\_\_\_\_ number active \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number inactive \_\_\_\_\_. Financial statements: Value of Church  
 property \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Value of parsonage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Indebtedness  
 on Church property \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Indebtedness on parsonage \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paid Pastor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Evangelist \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid on build-  
 ings or repairs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid for Home Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Paid for Foreign Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Benevolence \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Superannuation \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Incidentals  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total expenditures \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We are sending funds as follows: Minutes \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Associa-  
 tional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Education \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Home Missions \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unified Program \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Total amount sent \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Auxiliary Work: S. S. Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_ League Enrollment  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Aid Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preaching days \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_



### 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 Saviour 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 Saviour 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."



CHURCHES	League Enrollment	Amount sent to Ass'n.	Paid for Super-annuation	Paid for Foreign Missions	Paid for Education	Ass'n. Fund	Minute Fund	Total Expenditures	Paid for Benevolences	Paid for Incidentals	Paid for Repairs	Paid Evangelist	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property	Inactive Members	Active Members	Total Membership	Dismissed by Letter	Number Deceased	No. Rec'd. by Letter	Number Baptized	S. School Enrollment	Paid for Home Missions
EAST TUPELO	40	8.60	1.90	5.00	117.68	2.00	2.00	822.71	39.55	68.18	196.41	130.00	240.00	5,000.	114	86	200	5	1	3	2	74	34.40
COLUMBUS	40	12.00	4.35	4.35	24.35	2.00	2.00	1141.52	69.50	234.27	420.00	130.00	210.	7,000.			163	2	4	17	11	100	50.20
FAWN GROVE	75	3.05	1.15				2.00						92.50	1,500.	100	53	153	1		3		80	.80
BEECH SPRINGS		2.00					2.00	109.54				50.00	75.00	1,500.	40	76	116				9	45	30.54
SPRINGDALE		3.90		1.40		0.50	2.00	190.41		36.20		52.16	75.50	1,500.	127	30	157				1	35	
ANTIOCH		5.75				1.00	2.75	97.15		9.00			88.15	900.	56	41	107		2		5		3.40
GAULEY		4.00					3.25	118.64					111.39	750.	62	40	102		1	2		73	
BETHLEHEM		4.29					4.29	69.30	10.00		14.00	32.00	99.30	1,400.			169	3	1		9		
DAMASCUS	20	3.35					2.20	148.94			20.00	33.04	92.75	750.	34	50	84		2		8		2.00
PEARCE CHAPEL	60	11.25	29.66	4.10	42.17	1.25	3.00	548.12	10.00	64.78	41.63	130.00	194.95	2,500.			380		2		33	90	33.87
PLEASANT GROVE		4.55					3.25						58.20	750.	50	35	85	2		1	9	46	1.30
UNION HILL		3.50					3.50			59.71		20.00	39.71	500.	74	12	86	3		4	5	61	
NEW LIFE		3.00					3.00					16.95	25.40	300.		35	85		1				
PRICEVILLE	50	6.00			1.00		2.00				177.20		179.32	1,500.	30	44	71	1		6	10	60	2.00
TOTALS	285	62.80	37.06	14.85	185.76	6.75	37.24	3246.33	29.50	472.14	472.14	594.15	1582.17	26,350.	687	499	1968	17	14	36	122	684	160.51

\*E. Tupelo has a parsonage valued at \$1500. Indebtedness \$360.

Stetson Chapel did not represent.

E. Tupelo paid for Unified Program Fund \$2.60.

Ladies Aids reported by E. Tupelo, Columbus, Antioch, Damascus and Pearce Chapel.

CHURCHES		DEACONS	DELEGATES	PASTORS	CLERKS
EAST TUPELO	4th Sunday	W. C. Payne, D. P. Marcy R. L. Winders C. C. Davidson L. E. Duncan	W. V. Long Faye Bailey Nettie Reese	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.	Nan Post Tupelo, Miss.
FAWN GROVE	4th Sunday	Roy Comer, Bob Enloe John Brown Marvin Franks Bud Knight	Ona B. Morgan Hollis Murphy Mrs. Paul Brown	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.	Mrs. Roy Comer Dorsey, Miss.
COLUMBUS	2nd Sunday	E. K. Brown W. M. Weir J. T. Baxter	Mrs. E. K. Brown Mike Vail Eva House Troy Waldon	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.	Mrs. Mary Allen Columbus, Miss.
BEECH SPRINGS	4th Sunday	L. B. Hill M. C. Stembridge	Elzey Heatherly Annie Brooks Mrs. C. Brooks	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.	M. C. Stembridge Saltillo, Miss.
GAULEY	1st Sunday	W. A. Calder J. H. Calder E. H. Keenum	J. F. Parker G. W. Calder	Geo. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.	Geo. W. Calder Calhoun City, Miss.
BETHLEHEM	Monthly	C. J. Ard, B. E. Sugg S. W. Tucker H. M. Graham	Effie May Dora May Callie Tucker	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.	H. C. Ard Pontotoc, Miss.
DAMASCUS	3rd Sunday	M. C. Johnson J. E. Smith J. R. Kynard	Sue Alday Myrtle Johnson Mrs. S. O. Johnson	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.	Mrs. Covert McKee DeKalb, Miss.
PEARCE CHAPEL	1st & 3d Sunday	F. R. Brook, R. Reedy W. W. Burrow S. L. Cowley H. Francis, J. M. Thompson	Nonie Brasfield J. S. Johnson C. L. Duncan	M. L. Hollis Red Bay, Ala.	C. L. Duncan Smithville, Miss.
PLEASANT GROVE	4th Sunday	Jim Thomas J. V. Bennett	J. D. Stepp Grover Price Mrs. J. V. Bennett	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.	J. V. Bennett Thaxton, Miss.
SPRINGDALE	2nd Sunday	T. F. McCord, G. L. Dulin M. O. Bowles Jodie Walker	Top Starnes Earnest Taylor Lonnie Potts	Geo. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.	W. H. Fondren Denmark, Miss.
UNION HILL	4th Sunday	J. M. Lloyd, J. Harris Elzie Harris D. B. Robbins	Hollis Price Leo Bridges Billie Dozier	J. M. Haas Tupelo, Miss.	C. Dozier Saltillo, Miss.
PRICEVILLE	1st Sunday	J. T. Alexander Alvourn Roberts	E. Alexander Mrs. J. M. Smith Zona Mae Smith	M. E. Carpenter Fernbank, Ala.	Ida Alexander Tupelo, Miss.
NEW LIFE	4th Sunday	Jim Corder Tom Hancock H. E. Roberts	H. E. Roberts R. W. Hill Vester Corder	Geo. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.	W. H. Morphis Pontotoc, Miss.
ANTIOCH	3rd Sunday	Bud Tutor M. L. Morris Roy Morris	Dock Henderson Oma Strube Mrs. Tera Waugh	Geo. C. Lee Calhoun City, Miss.	W. F. Beville Toccopola, Miss.