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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist met in the Twelfth Annual Session with the Union Hill Church, Lee County, Miss., on Thursday, the 3rd day of October, 1946, and continued through the 4th.

The session was called together by singing conducted by W. G. Prude. Ted Finley sang No. 90 from favorite songs and hymns, and Rev. Grover Price conducted the devotional.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. Geo. C. Lee took the chair and called for nominations for Moderator, Pro Tem, and L. E. Duncan was elected to hold the chair until the Moderator came. Soon the Moderator came, and Rev. M. L. Hollis took over and the business went forward.

The church letters were called for and read as follows: Amory, Beech Springs, Columbus, East Tupelo, Damascus, Bethlehem, Fawn Grove, New Gauley, Pearce's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Depriest Chapel, Priceville, Springdale, Union Hill, Stetson Chapel, Antioch, and New Macedonia. The letters were read and the delegates seated to represent in this session of the Association.

Brother Jim Corder, from the New Life Church, was present and had no letter from his church, but was given a seat.

At this time there was a short recess, and came together by singing, and Rev. H. A. Pitts filled the stand and preached an inspiring sermon, and used as his foundation, 16th chapter of St. John, subject, "Jesus Going Away."

Adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing, led by Geo. C. Lee, and devotional was conducted by John Brown.

Visitors were seated with us as follows: Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Lavender from Mt. Moriah Association of Alabama; Rev. T. T. Quick, of Flate River Association, of Alabama; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Pitts, of Jasper Association of Alabama; Rev. J. E. Tilley, of Mt. Moriah Association of Alabama; Rev. Joe S. Fredrick of Jasper Association, and Rev. I. K. Boyte of the Mississippi and Alabama State Line.

At this time the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis, delivered his annual message to the Association, and it was timely and instructive, as well as inspiring to all of us. He showed that we were

making progress and that we were destined to make a greater showing in the years to come.

The following committees were appointed:

League—Elton Coleman, W. O. Knight, Mrs. Pauline Murphy, and Cuple Bevill.

Sunday School—L. E. Duncan, chairman.

Obituary—Opal Tutor, Clyde Goodson, and Pauline Murphy.

Christian Education—Rev. Elton Coleman, Rev. W. O. Knight.

Ladies' Aid—Mrs. R. R. Crowsley, Mrs. Estelle Lee.

Finance—J. E. Smith, Clarice Goodson, Leonard Hill, William Gunner, W. G. Prude.

Temperance—J. T. Alexander, Clyde Francis, Rev. E. L. Winter, Rev. Oliver Wages, James Tutor.

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We beg leave to report as follows: We find that fourteen (14) churches report Sunday Schools. We commend the pastors and leaders in these churches for the good work in this field. We trust that all churches will report schools another year. We ask that our people be careful of the literature they use or allow to be used in their homes or Sunday Schools. We urge our people to use as much as possible our denominational literature and publications. And that other literature be used as a substitute only when we cannot get our own. We ask that our people take our denominational papers and read them when they can. (Signed by Com.)

There was a committee appointed at this time to formulate plans for a building fund in the Association to help finance new churches in building their churches. The following brothers were appointed by the Moderator: C. R. Hollis, chairman; Ivy Daniels, and Clyde Francis. This committee retired and had up a report, and made it orally, as follows: "We, as your committee, have pledged a fund to the perfecting of a building fund, to the amount of \$600.00, two hundred dollars for each of the members—C. R. Hollis for his church, Depriest, \$200.00; Ivy Daniels, for Antioch Church, \$200.00; and Clyde Francis, for the Amory Church, \$200.00." And this was reported to the Association and the Association endorsed it and there was pledged by the members as follows: New Gauley, by G. C. Lee, \$50.00; East Tupelo, by W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan, \$125.00; Pearce's Chapel, by M. L. Hollis, \$100.00; Bethlehem, by C. J. Ard, \$50.00; Fawn Grove, by J. D. Morgan, \$50.00; Springdale, by Jodie Walker, \$50.00; Damascus, by J. E. and Milton Smith, \$100.00; Union Hill, by Herman Keith and Poteet, \$50.00; Columbus, by Rev. Tilly, \$50.00, and Rev. Tilly paid Columbus' subscription; Priceville, by J. T. Alexander, \$50.00;

Beech Springs, by Leonard Hill, \$50.00; making a total subscribed of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$1,325.00).

There was a resolution offered to make some changes in the constitution, as follows: 1st, Resolved that words "North East" be deleted from section 1 of the constitution.

2nd, Resolved, that the word "North" be deleted from section 2 of the constitution.

The above was passed and carried over to next session according to article 7 of the constitution, for final passage.

There was another section added by way of resolution to be Article nine (9) of the constitution, as follows: Resolved, that section 9 be added to the constitution to read as follows: That the Association be empowered to organize the following boards: Missions, Christian Education, Superannuation, and F.W.B. Home fore Children.

Resolved, that to section 1 of the Decorum, be added "Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk."

Recess.

Called together by singing by W. G. Purde, Hymn No. 98.

A resolution was offered, as follows: "Be it resolved, that we have a Superannuation Board, appointed by this Association to handle the affairs of and caring for our old and needy ministers, and that a treasurer be elected to pay out the funds as directed by the board."

The above resolution was adopted, and the following board was appointed: L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude, Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Mrs. Pauline Murphy, and W. F. Bevill. They retired and proceeded to elect their officers as follows: W. F. Beill, chairman; L. E. Duncan, secretary, and W. G. Prude, treasurer.

The Association, hearing the report of the above board, voted unanimously to make November the Superannuation month and ask the churches to take note of same. As November was made the month for collection of funds for the board, there was an offering taken at this time to afford some means to start with, and there was raised the amount of \$35.00, and turned over to the treasurer.

The next session of the Association was voted to got to Bethlehem Church.

LADIES' AID COMMITTEE REPORT

The Ladies' Aid Committee made their report as follows: We notice from the reports from the different churches that there were but few Ladies' Aids reported. We feel that a Ladies' Aid is one of the best assets to any church, and sincerely hope that

more of our churches will organize and report Ladies' Aids to the next Association.

LEAGUE AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

We, your Committee on League and Christian Education, report as follows: We urge that each church which has no League, organize one as soon as possible. We feel that if we would study to show ourselves approved workmen, more youth would attend our League and Christian programs. We urge that each League work whole-heartedly toward getting more into the work. This is a work in which we can be if our lives are yielded to Him. A soul-winner for Jesus if we will get them into the League. We are helping to bring them into the church as a christian worker. We find six Leagues reported this time. (Signed, Elton Coleman, Cgr.)

OBITUARY REPORT

We find that the Lord of mercy, in His providence, called from this life the following beloved members of our Association: Union Hill, Sister Mary Parker and Sister Agnes Harris; from Bethlehem, Brother Jim Harrison and Sister Edd Logan; from Stetson Chapel, Sister Henrietta Mitchell and Sister Jessie Frezell; from Priceville, Sister Georgia Pierce; from Pearce's Chapel, Hugh Maxey and Sister H. F. Cooper; from East Tupelo, Sister Evelyn Moore; from Damascus, Brother Lewis Smith; from Antioch, Sister Susie White. We thank God for people who died in the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live." Psa .23rd. Jno. 11, 25.

D. M. SMITHERMAN, Cgr.

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. L. C. Johnson being absent, Rev. M. L. Hollis was selected to fill the stand at the evening hour, and he used as a subject, 1st Kings, 20th chapter. The text: "God is the God of the Hills, but not of the Valleys." His message was very inspiring and well received.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We urge all church members to guard against evil in every form and to be at peace with all men, which is well pleasing unto

the Lord, for this is right, and to keep the golden rule, "As ye would that men do to you, do ye even so to them."

Signed by Committee.

The building committee requests that the proceedings of that board and association pertaining to the work of this board be referred back to the churches, and the funds collected be sent in to this board, or to the treasurer of the board by the time the State Association meets at Antioch in November. The board is composed of the following members: C. R. Hollis, chairman, Gattman, Miss.; Rev. W. O. Knight, secretary Amory, Miss.; Ivy Daniels, Toccopola, Miss.; Clyde Francis, Amory, Miss., and W. G. Prude, Tupelo, Miss.

The finance report was made and the finances are handled in a satisfactory way. The report will be found elsewhere in minutes.

The following ministers made their reports: Revs. E. A. Lewis, Elton Coleman, O. W. Wages, Luther Gibson, D. M. Smitherman, L. E. Winter, Grover L. Price, M. L. Hollis, Geo. C. Lee, W. O. Knight—ten reporting—and one licensed preacher reported, Brother Harris, of the Union Hill Church.

At this time homes were assigned and adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

Met at 6:30 P.M. with singing, conducted by W. G. Prude, and several leaders were invited to take the floor and lead, which resulted in a good song service. At 6:45, the services were turned over to Geo. C. Lee, and a good spiritual song and experience meeting was had with many testifying to the salvation of the Lord and much rejoicing. Then Rev. Hollis brought the message referred to previous to this.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing, led by Brother Ford. Devotion by Rev. Winter, reading from Matt., 25th chapter.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed one member from each church to be associated on board with the Mission Board, and the following were appointed: From New Gauley, Johnnie Calder; Springdale, Jodie Walker; Beech Springs, Leonard Hill; Union Hill, Herman Keith; Columbus, Mrs. R. R. Crowsley; Bethlehem, C. J. Ard; Fawn Grove, John Brown; Pearce's Chapel, Mrs. Johnnie Sullivan; Stetson Chapel, Martin May; Depriest Chapel, C. R. Hollis; Antioch, W. F. Beville; Amory, D. H. Cannon.

The following were appointed as corresponding delegates to the different associations: Rev. M. L. Hollis, to the Jasper Association of Alabama, which convenes October 5th; W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan, to the Mt. Moriah Association, which meets with the Union Hill Church, near Reform, Ala., October 12-13-14; W. G. Prude, L. E. Duncan and M. L. Hollis, to the Vernon Association, which meets with the Vernon Church of third Sunday in October; Rev. Geo. C. Lee, W. G. Prude and L. E. Duncan to the Litte Brown Creek Association, which meets in September, 1947.

The Alabama State Line Association meets Thursday night, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in November.

The Association went into the election of officers for another year and the following were elected: M. L. Hollis, Moderator; Rev. L. C. Johnson, Asst. Moderator; Geo. C. Lee, Clerk; L. E. Duncan, Asst. Clerk; W. G. Prude, Treasurer.

The old Mission Board was retained for another year. This board is composed of the following members: C. R. Hollis, W. G. Prude, L. E. Duncan, J. T. Alexander, and W. F. Beville.

Rev. M. L. Hollis was retained as associational evangelist for the next year.

Song No. 205 was used by W. G. Prude and a short recess was taken.

Called together again for the final session. There was a memorial service by Rev. Geo. C. Lee, and this was a very sad service for so many of our beloved ones had gone from us since our last meeting. There was a moment of silent prayer while the congregation stood with bowed heads, and then prayer was closed by Rev. M. L. Hollis in a very fervent way, and all felt the loss of these members, and, too, the loss of the presence of some of our members who were on the bed of affliction. We missed Rev. J. M. Haas, Brother Jack Parker, and others who have always been with us to help carry on. May God bless them and may they be with us some more yet. God bless all.

Rev. J. T. Quick, of Birmingham, Ala., filled the stand and preached a masterful sermon on the thought of "The Word of God."

There was an ordination of two Deacons for the Pearce's Chapel Church, Brothers Thomas Lee Cowley and Robert Pierce. The following ministers took part: M. L. Hollis, Geo. C. Lee, D. M. Smitherman, W. H. Fondren, G. L. Price, Elton Coleman, L. E. Winter, I. K. Boyte, Joe S. Fredrick, E. A. Lewis, and J. T. Quick.

There was a rising vote of thanks to the people of Union Hill Church and community for their kind hospitality shown us while there.

Here are some more resolutions that were passed. We recom-

mend that each church pay the expense of their pastor to the National Association of the Free Will Baptist when convened each year.

We recommend that there be at least three scriptural references to each of the Articles of Faith in the minutes.

CHURCHES	No. Members.....	Rec. by Baptism.....	Rec. by Letter.....	Dismissed.....	Deceased.....	Sunday School Enrollment.....	League Enrollment.....	Benevolence.....	Christian Education.....
AMORY.....	71	4	5			45			
ANTIOCH.....	120	14	10		1	80			2.00
BEECH SPRINGS.....	136	2				66		22.81	
BETHLEHEM.....	105	1		1	2				4.60
COLUMBUS.....	157		3	5		50	35	10.00	
EAST TUPELO.....	200	6	2		2	68	24	527.88	337.64
FAWN GROVE.....	201	11		1					52.00
NEW GAULEY.....	161	11	5			96		24.75	50.00
NEW MACEDONIA.....	12								
PEARCE'S CHAPEL.....	448				1	39	30	22.50	18.81
PLEASANT GROVE.....	40								24.00
PRICEVILLE.....	88				1	52	58		30.00
STETSON CHAPEL.....	70				2	20			
UNION HILL.....	106	9		2	2	54			
DAMASCUS.....	88	1		3	1			20.00	
DEPRIEST CHAPEL.....	65	5	1	3		32	43	19.00	
SPRINGDALE.....	180	2	2	3		25			
TOTALS.....	2248	66	28	18	12	629	190	\$ 649.94	\$ 579.05

Indebtedness: Amory; \$4,500.00.

Ladies' Aid Enrollment: Amory, 12; Columbus, 18; Pearce's Chapel, 11.

Value Parsonage: East Tupelo, \$3,000.00.

Weekly Prayer Meetings: Amory, 12; Columbus, 15; New Gauley, 25.

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Incidentals.....	Paid Pastor.....	Paid Evangelist.....	Buildings and Repairs.....	Total Expenditures.....	Value Church Property.....	Paid Home Mission.....	Paid Foreign Mission.....	Minutes.....	Superannuation Fund.....
	650.00	104.21	1741.22	2,495.43	25,000.00	2.00		3.00	
	285.33	164.45	5.00	531.78	1,000.00	30.00	2.00	5.30	3.00
	385.18	254.11	53.00		2,500.00			3.00	
	289.75	100.00		415.35	3,000.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	
50.00	1320.00	150.00	300.00	1,980.00	10,000.00	50.00		10.00	
249.93	2080.00	350.00	940.00	4,969.77	5,500.00	252.16	191.08	10.00	38.88
261.35	300.00	167.25		815.50	2,700.00	10.00		3.00	22.00
235.24	954.64	252.96	150.84	1,615.43	5,000.00	17.50	17.50	5.00	
97.40	720.00	403.30	77.50	1,429.83	5,000.00	120.75	13.00	10.00	
	72.00	55.00	14.00	165.00	750.00			3.00	
427.32	452.37	64.45	108.87	1,126.01	2,500.00	50.00	15.00	5.00	30.00
2.20	85.50	45.72			1,250.00	3.70		4.20	
	260.60	75.00	91.10	443.00	2,000.00			5.00	
24.00	583.00	280.91		946.91	1,000.00	9.00	25.00	2.00	10.00
124.30	360.00	74.00	231.74	799.04	3,000.00	15.00		4.00	6.00
	134.60	105.00		431.64	1,500.00	28.50		4.00	
171.74	\$8932.97	\$2649.36	\$2146.37	\$18,064.65	\$49,200.00	\$592.61	\$266.58	\$ 80.50	\$109.88

MINISTERS' REPORT

To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist: I make the following report of my work for the year of 1946: I have preached 20 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, received for my work \$289.75, received 1 into the church, conducted several funerals. My address is Amory, Miss.

W. O. KNIGHT.

I have preached 110 times, held 13 funerals, married 3 couples, had 11 reclaimed, 28 professions, 34 received into the church, helped ordain three deacons, one preacher; traveled 3,578 miles, received as support, \$1,532.62; I have prayed many prayers and visited many sick. My address is Calhoun City, Miss., Box 175.

GEO. C. LEE.

My report to the Association: I have preached 12 sermons, prayed many times, visited several sick. My address is Denmark, Miss.

E. A. LEWIS.

Greetings to the Association: I have preached 27 times, helped in one revival, helped ordain one deacon, made weekly visitations to the Station Hospital, taught a weekly soldiers' Bible Class, done much personal work, and led many to Christ; prayed daily prayers, conducted two services in the Old Ladies' Home, and one jail service; traveled 2,562 miles in the work. I must say that God has really blessed me in my work among the soldiers and many are the times when my heart has been thrilled in hearing penitent souls cry out to God, seeking pardon for sin. Army address, Headquarters, 9th Bat. 1st Regiment, RTC, Ft. Knox, Ky.

ELTON COLEMAN, Toccopola, Miss.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist: I have preached 25 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited several sick, pastored one church, helped in two meetings, married one couple, received from my work, \$75.00. My address is Houlka, Miss., Rt. 3.

O. W. WAGES.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association: I have preached 118 sermons, baptized 8 persons, received 44 into the church, helped ordain one minister, preached one commencement sermon, received for my pastoral work \$583.00, and for evangelistic work \$640.74; total received, \$1,223.74. My address is Columbia, S. C., 1813 Pickens St.

LUTHER GIBSON.

I have preached 45 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, pastored one church, conducted two funerals, married 4 couples, traveled 739 miles, received for my pastoral work, \$76.90; total received, \$86.40. God bless this Association. My address is Toccopola, Miss.

D. M. SMITHERMAN.

I have preached 14 times, prayed many prayers and visited some sick, helped in one meeting, traveled 675 miles, received for revival work, \$40.00, and other work, \$120.91; total, \$160.91. My address is Calhoun City, Miss., R. 1.

L. E. WINTER.

Greetings to the Association: I have preached 96 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, had 2 professions, baptized one, helped in 4 revivals, conducted two funerals, married one couple, pastored one church, received for my work as pastor \$85.56, and for evangelistic work \$429.13; total received, \$514.63. My address is Springville, Miss., R.F.D.

GROVER L. PRICE.

I am very grateful to be able to make the following report of my work ending October 1, 1946: I have pastored 4 half-time churches, as follows: Red Bay, Pearce's Chapel, Amory, and Beech Springs. The Lord has blessed our labors in these fields. I have preached 144 pastoral sermons and held 8 revivals, preached 115 revival sermons and eight special sermons, making a total of 267 sermons preached during the year; conducted 33 funerals, married 5 couples, organized one church in Fulton, Miss. Pastoral work paid me \$2,100.00, and evangelistic work, \$750.00; total received, \$2,850.00. Received into church 104 members, traveled 11,000 miles. My address is Red Bay, Ala.

M. L. HOLLIS.

The following is the reports of the churches by deacons, delegates, pastors and clerks:

NEW GAULEY—Pastor, Geo. C. Lee, Calhoun City, Miss.; Clerk, Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Calhoun City, Miss.; Deacons, W. A. Calder, J. H. Calder, E. H. Keenum, Clarice Goodson; Delegates, Mrs. Estell Lee, Clyde Goodson.

FAWN GROVE—Pastor, I. K. Boyte, Hamilton, Ala.; Clerk, Nevill Franks, Dorsey, Miss.; Deacons, John Brown, Preston Yealding, Marvin Franks, Bob Enloe, Bud Knight, Roy Brown; Delegates, Jesse Morgan, Virgil Murphy, Tracy Franks.

EAST TUPELO—Pastor, L. C. Johnson, East Tupelo, Miss.; Clerk, Larue Marcy, East Tupelo, Miss.; Deacons, D. P. Marcy,

C. C. Davidson, L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude, L. C. Bedford; Delegates, Lovie West, Hazel Bedford, Myrtle Duncan.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, G. L. Price, Springville, Miss.; Clerk, Mrs. Covert McKee, DeKalb, Miss., R.F.D.; Deacons, J. E. Smith, M. C. Johnson, J. R. Kynard; Delegates, Milton Smith, J. E. Smith.

COLUMBUS—Pastor, J. E. Tilly, Ethelville, Ala.; Clerk, Leither Fields, Columbus, Miss.; Deacons, J. T. Baxter, Letcher Fields, A. J. Sanders; Delegates, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. Joe Allen, D. D. Hollis.

PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor, D. M. Smitherman, Toccopola, Miss.; Clerk, Jim Thomas, Thaxton, Miss.; Deacons, Jim Thomas, J. V. Bennett; Delegates, William Warren, Charley Russell, A. J. Owens.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL—Pastor, E. W. Graves, Vernon, Ala.; Clerk, Mrs. Clayton Knight, Gattman, Miss.; Deacons, C. R. Hollis, D. A. Williams, J. T. Cox, Clayton Knight, J. L. Lee; Delegates, Mrs. E. G. Pegue, Mrs. Clarence Holcomb, Joe Hollis, Ruth Lee.

PRICEVILLE—Pastor, L. Q. Larwood, Fayette, Ala.; Clerk, Mrs. J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.; Deacons, J. T. Alexander, H. A. Roberts; Delegates, L. J. McVay, Wesco Millwood, Oliver Haas.

SPRINGDALE—Pastor, Joe S. Fredrick, Hackleburg, Ala.; Clerk, W. H. Fondren, Denmark, Miss., R.F.D.; Deacons, Jodie Walker, Lester Dulin, Lonnie Cobb, Mac Bowles; Delegates, William Gunner, Emma Fondren.

NEW MACEDONIA—Pastor, Oliver Wages, Houlka, Miss., R.F.D. 3; Clerk, R. W. Hill, Houlka, Miss., R.F.D. 3; Deacon, Egbert Roberts; Delegates, Mrs. H. B. Harlow, Mrs. J. B. Oliver.

The above church sent a letter as follows: We met in conference at Macedonia in the union church and organized. Rev. Jenkins acted as Moderator. We want to be represented in the Free Will Baptist Association at New Macedonia.

Signed by R. W. HILL, Clerk.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, W. O. Knight, Amory, Miss.; Clerk, C. J. Ard, Pontotoc, Miss., Box 242; Deacons, C. J. Ard, S. W. Tucker, Ed Sugg; Delegates, Henry Ard, C. J. Ard, B. E. Sugg.

STETSON CHAPEL—Pastor, Grover L. Price, Springville, Miss.; Clerk, J. J. Inmon, Toccopola, Miss., R.F.D.; Deacons, Martin May, J. C. Swain; Delegates, Boyd Tallant, Sallie May.

AMORY—Pastor, M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.; Clerk, Mrs. Clyde Francis, Amory, Miss.; Deacons, G. J. Robinson; Clyde Francis, D. H. Cannon, George Robinson, R. L. Barnes; Delegates, Mrs. Leroy Moon, Marjorie Isbel.

UNION HILL—Pastor, Joe S. Fredrick, Hackleburg, Ala.; Clerk, E. F. Harris, Guntown, Miss., R. 1; Deacons, J. M. Harris, D. B. Robbins, Herman Keith, E. L. Brooks, Raybon Lofton.

BEECH SPRINGS—Pastor, M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.; Clerk, Elbert Brooks, Saltillo, Miss.; Deacons, L. B. Hill, Elbert Brooks, Ezel Heathly, Bilbo McCoullough, N. J. Greely.

ANTIOCH—Pastor, Grover L. Price, Springville, Miss.; Clerk, W. F. Bevill, Toccopola, Miss., R.F.D.; Deacons, Luther Morris, Roy Morris, Bud Tutor, Ivy Daniels, Rufus Davis; Delegates, Ted Finley, James Tutor, Mrs. James Tutor.

PEARCE'S CHAPEL—Pastor, M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala.; Clerk, Robert H. Pierce, Smithville, Miss.; Deacons, W. R. Reedy, F. R. Brooks, S. L. Cowley, W. W. Burrow, H. L. Francis; Delegates, Thos. L. Cowley, Robert H. Pierce. (These two delegates were ordained as deacons at this session.)

Thus closed another good Association. May the good Lord be with you all till we meet again. Closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

M. L. HOLLIS, Moderator,
L. C. JOHNSON, Asst. Moderator,
GEO. C. LEE, Clerk,
L. E. DUNCAN, Asst. Clerk,
W. G. PRUDE, Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of ministers, deacons, clerks, 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 three 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 alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

Section 8.—There shall be an ordaining council, elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination to preach the Gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and make recommendations to the Association for the ordination of said applicant. This council shall be composed of three ministers and two laymen.

Section 9. There shall be the following Boards: Mission, Christian Education, Superannuation, and F.W.B. Home for Children.

RULES OF DECORUM

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

Section 2.—This Association shall hold its session annually beginning on Thursday and continue through Friday before the first Sunday in October.

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 reflection 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 are our infallible Rule of Faith and Practice. I Cor. 1:21; Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 1:16.

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 supremely love, adore, and obey. I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

Article 3.—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. I Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16.

Article 4.—THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scripture assigns to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men. St. John 16:7-8; Act 2:45; Eph. 2:1.

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. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; I Tim. 2:4.

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. Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:19.

Article 7.—THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of

salvation by faith. Act 3:19; Matt. 28:19-20; Eph. 2:5-10.

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 live and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death. Luke 13:3; Act 17:30; Rom. 10:10.

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. Matt. 28:20; I Cor. 1:21; Matt. 25:31-46.

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. Tit. 2nd chpt.; Rev. 2:10-15.

Article 11.—SALVATION FREE—God desires salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will come and take the water of life freely. Cal. 1:13-14; Rev. 22:17.

Article 12.—PERSEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. Rom. 6:18-22; Rom. 5:21.

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. Act 8 chpt.; I Tim. 5:10; Luke 22:49.

Article 14.—TITHING—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23-23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him."

Article 15.—THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy work and activities, and for personal communion with God. Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4.

Article 16.—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 damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. Jno. 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 15:53.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, 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; visited.....sick people; Baptized.....converts; Received.....people into church; 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,

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