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## MINUTES

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Northeast Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist met in the Thirteenth Annual Session with the Bethlehem Church in Pontotoc County, Miss; on Thursday the 2nd day of October, 1947 and continued through Friday the 3rd.

The session was called together by the clerk, Rev. Geo. C. Lee, who called the house to order. After a song and devotional by Rev. Elton Coleman and prayer by G. C. Lee, Brother M. L. Hollis being absent the Assistant Moderator, Rev. L. C. Johnson took the chair.

The moderator called for the churches to hand in their reports and the following churches made their reports: Antioch, Beech Springs, Stetson Chapel, New Macedonia, Fulton, New Life, East Tupelo, Priceville, Pearces Chapel, New Gauley, Damascus, Springdale, Fawn Grove, Bethlehem, Depriest Chapel, Amory, Pleasant Grove, Union Hill, Columbus.

The delegates were seated, and a call for visiting delegates. The following were received as visitors, Brother E. A. McGregory, a Baptist minister, and Rev. J. L. Lavender and wife and Rev. T. L. Walker and J. H. Tilley all from the Mt. Moriah association of Alabama.

At this time there was a business committee appointed as follows: W. F. Bevill, Oliver Haas, C. R. Hollis, Johnnie S. Sullivan and Jodie Walker.

Thus completed the organization and there was a song by W. G. Prude and Rev. L. C. Johnson took the stand and delivered a wonderful message on Stewardship which was well received. After which there was a recess for lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The association met by singing and devotional conducted by Ivy Daniels, prayer by L. C. Johnson.

The moderator's message followed, and it was a timely message and was well received by the body.

Sister, S. L. Moon was appointed on the business committee in Oliver Haas' place as he could not be with us through Friday.

Vacancy on the ordaining counsel by the passing of Rev. J. M. Haas, was filled by the moderator appointing, Rev. W. O. Knight.



The following committees were appointed, Literature, Rev. Elton Coleman, Mrs. L. E. Duncan, Miss Inez Robertson, Mrs. Clyde Goodson, and Mrs. Effie May.

Ladies Aid, Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. Lovie West, and Mrs. Johnnie Sue Sullivan.

League and Christian Education, Earl Alexander, Dee Hollis, John Brown, Jodie Walker, and Earline Davis.

Obituary, C. L. Adair, Jeff Robertson, A. J. Owens, J. T. Alexander, and J. C. Gibson.

Temperance, Ivy Daniels, Sallie May, John Stimbridge, Janice Griffin and B. E. Sugg.

Finance, W. G. Prude, C. R. Hollis, and Oliver Haas.

The following ministers made their reports: M. L. Hollis, W. O. Knight, L. C. Johnson, G. C. Lee, O. W. Wages, Elton Coleman, G. C. Price, W. H. Fondren, Milton Crowson, L. E. Winter, J. E. Tilley, and Ted Finley.

Rev. T. L. Walker of The Mt. Moriah association at this time came to the floor and made a good talk as one of our welcome visitors.

The Temperance committee made their report, as follows:

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 we would that men do to us do we even so them." We would also like to put this association on record as against strong drink in every form, and urge all our people to always seek to be good law abiding citizens by voting for men as well as measures when we go to the polls to cast our vote, we should know our men and what they stand for. We would also recommend that we see that our school rooms are supplied with good Christian instructors to teach our children the right morals as well as the manners of life. Signed by committee.

The League reports, follows: We, the committee on League work beg to make the following report, we recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature in the Leagues, and that each church should endeavor to get a Christian paper in each home in the community. We further recommend that each church have a League and if there is any church that does not have one that they organize at once. We recommend daily Bible reading in the home. Signed by Committee.

The next session of this association was voted to go to the Damascus church near DeKalb, Miss., 1948.

Obituary report follows: We find that the Lord of mercy in His providence has called from this life the following brothers and sisters since our last meeting. Priceville: Rev. J. M. Haas; Damascus, Sister Mary Kynard; East Tupelo, Sister T. A. Stanford; Amory,

Brother R. R. Pitts; Springdale, Sister McGregory; Antioch, Sister Maggie Norwood; New Gauley, Brother Jack Parker and Brother M. A. Cook; Pearces Chapel, Sister Ida Towery, and Depriest, J. T. Cox. Signed by Committee.

It was ordered that we have a full page of the deceased ones and that it be bordered in black as a memorial.

There was a song at this time, "Precious Memories" and a standing silent moment of prayer in memory of the deceased and for the bereaved.

Literature committee made their report as follows: We beg leave to report as follows: We find that (18) churches out of 19 report Sabbath Schools. We commend the pastors and leaders in these churches for the great progress in this field. We trust that all churches will report schools another year. We recommend that all pastors sponsor a teachers training school or program in their churches and also a Daily Vacation Bible School each summer.

We also 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. Signed by Committee.

At this time there was a move to adjourn and homes were assigned and we closed the day for business.

Met back for the evening service from the stand. There was a good spiritual singing begun at six thirty, and the ordination of three deacons took place at 6:50 p. m. The following were ordained: Earl Alexander and Oliver Haas from the Priceville church and W. C. Rea from East Tupelo church. The following as the ordaining counsel for the association took part, Rev's. M. L. Hollis, Cgr., Rev. G. C. Lee and Rev. W. O. Knight, Rev. T. L. Walker of The Mt. Moriah association of Ala., gave the charge. After which the prayer and laying on of hands and these brethren were presented to the association as duly ordained deacons of their respective churches.

At 7 o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. G. C. Lee who had for his subject, "Ordinances in the Church" and after the message the association observed the Lord's supper and had a wonderful time, washed feet and closed the service with a song and hand shaking with much feeling of divine inspiration. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Hollis.

#### Ministers Report

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on October 2, 1947. Since

the last association I have preached 26 sermons, conducted one funeral, had two conversions, prayed many prayers, visited some sick, traveled 1007 miles, received for services rendered, \$169.50. May God bless this association, my address is Calhoun City, Miss., R. F. D. 1., L. E. Winter.

Greetings to Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem Church on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 200 sermons, visited many sick, baptised 10, received 25 members into the church, preached 1 commencement sermon, pastored one church, onducted one funeral, received from churches pastored \$2402.40, received for evangelistic work, \$600.00, traveled 20,000 miles, my address is 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn., L. C. Johnson.

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bethlehem church. On the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my work ending on the 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 15 times, visited many sick, baptised 13 persons, received 13 into the church, had 45 professions, helped ordain one deacon, pastored one church, conducted one funeral, received for pastoral work \$225.25, traveled 1525 miles. My address is Amory, Miss., Box 326. W. O. Knight.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem church on 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my work, ending 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 341 sermons, visited many sick people, baptised 46, received 114 into church, helped ordain 2 ministers, and 6 deacons and one licensed preacher, preached 1 commencement sermon, three memorials, pastored 4 half-time churches, conducted 63 funerals, received from churches pastored, \$2260.00 and have traveled 20,000 miles. My address is Red Bay, Ala. M. L. Hollis.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Bethlehem church, on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending on the 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 75 sermons, visited many sick people, baptised 8 persons, received into the church 11, helped ordain 4 deacons, had one memorial service, pastored one full time for part of the year and one half-time the balance of the time, conducted 14 funerals, assisted in 3 revivals,



married 4 couples, received from the church pastored, \$938.64, and from other work, \$375.42, making a total of help for the year, \$1316.06. My address is Calhoun City, Miss., Box 175. G. C. Lee.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem church, on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make my report to you for the year ending the 2nd day of October 1947. I have preached 125 sermons, visited many sick people, baptised 17 converts, received 27 into the church, helped ordain 1 minister, and 4 deacons, licensed minister, 1. I have prayed many prayers, helped in 4 revivals, pastored 4 churches, conducted 4 funerals, received from churches pastored, \$1258.19. For revival work, \$212.03, making a total help for the year \$1471.02, traveled 8002 miles. My address is Pontotoc, Miss., Star Route. G. C. Price.

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Miss. of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem Church on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my work ending the 2nd day of October, 1947. I am a licensed preacher, I have preached 20 sermons, had 3 conversions, visited many sick people, prayed many prayers, helped in 3 revivals, total received for work, \$53.80, traveled 1,000 miles. My address is Toccopola, Miss., R. F. D. Milton Crowson.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Bethlehem Church. I have preached many sermons, traveled many miles, baptised 5 converts, had many converts and received \$432.70 for my work. My address is East Tupelo, Miss. Luther Gibson.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of The Free Will Baptist when convened with Bethlehem church on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make this report for my work ending the 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 10 sermons, visited several sick ones, conducted 4 funerals. My address is Denmark, Miss., R. F. D. W. H. Fondren.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Bethlehem church, on 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make my report for the year ending 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 46 sermons, helped in one revival, had 6 reclaimed and 21 professions of faith, total received for work, \$80.06. I have traveled 1187 miles. My address is 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Elton Coleman.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem Church on 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make this report to you for the year ending 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 86 sermons, pastored one church, and half-time two churches, and helped in four revivals and had two converts, helped ordain one deacon, traveled 1000 miles, received two hundred and twenty dollars (\$220.00) for my work, prayed many prayers, visited the sick, and conducted one funeral. My address is Pontotoc, Miss., Rt. 4. O. A. Wages.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem church on 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my work, ending on the 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 103 sermons, visited several sick, pastored one church, conducted 5 funerals, received for pastoral work \$1383.37, traveled 12,000 miles. J. E. Tilley.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Bethlehem church on the 2nd day of October, 1947. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my work as a licensed preacher for the year closing 2nd day of October, 1947. I have preached 35 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited several sick people, received for work \$30.55, traveled 733 miles. My address is Toccopola, Miss. T. R. Finley. I also helped organize one Sunday School and helped in one meeting.

#### FRIDAY—SECOND DAY

The Association met by singing, and devotion by Rev. L. E. Winter. Song by Rev. Gibson. The minutes were read and adopted.

There was a move that the Articles of Faith of the Free Will Baptist and the Covenant of the church be read, and the clerk took the floor and read the Articles of faith and the church Covenant, and then there was a move made and passed that it be read at each sitting of our Association hereafter.

There was a move properly sustained that the pamphlet of Rev. M. L. Hollis, on instructions to young converts with covenant and baptismal certificates in it be indorsed by the association and recommended to the churches.

Resolution committee made the following report: Be it resolved, That since the home mission board of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association has been dormant for the last four years, that it be dissolved and that present funds in treasury be



transferred to the board of missions of the State Free Will Baptist Association.

Signed by the present home mission board of Northeast Mississippi Association: C. R. Hollis, W. F. Bevill, W. G. Prude, J. T. Alexander, and L. E. Duncan. Adopted and passed.

The building funds report was made and there was a move to abolish this committee and refund all the money back to the original donors to said fund and this was unanimously adopted and the funds are being refunded. Adjourned for preaching from the stand. Rev. Luther Gibson took the stand and delivered a masterful message on the great commission. Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon session opened by singing led by G. C. Lee and prayer and devotion by Miss Inez Robison.

At this time the moderator appointed corresponding delegates to the various associations as follows: To the Jasper Association, M. L. Hollis, W. G. Prude and Luther Gibson.

To the Mt. Moriah: D. D. Hollis, To the Vernon, Jeff Robertson. To the Zion Rest, Rev. G. C. Price; The Little Brown Creek, Ted Finley; To the State Association, Mrs. Oliver Haas, Mrs. S. L. Moon, Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Rufus Davis and Mrs. T. L. Sullivan.

There was a rising vote of thanks given at this time for the kindness and courtesy shown this body while convened with Bethlehem church and community, we shall never forget your hospitality and know the good Lord will bless you greatly for your generosity in taking care in such a wonderful way this session of the association, God bless all of you and may we meet again in such an association and fellowship.

This brought us to the election of the officers for another year, and the election resulted in the following being elected for the next associational year: Rev. Luther Gibson, Moderator, Rev. Geo. C. Lee, Ass't. Moderator; L. E. Duncan as Clerk, with W. F. Bevil as ass't. Clerk, and W. G. Prude, treasurer. The business session was closed and brother T. L. Walker took the stand and preached a great sermon on the race of life and the home of the soul, and with much rejoicing this session closed out with fellowship meeting, thus closed the 1947 association of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist.

M. L. Hollis, Mod.  
L. C. Johnson, Ass't. Mod.  
G. C. Lee, Clerk  
L. E. Duncan, Ass't. Clerk  
W. G. Prude, Treas.

Ladies Aid Report: Four churches report ladies aids, Columbus, Amory, East Tupelo, and Pearces Chapel. Only one church, Pearces Chapel submitted a report. We urge, that each church organize a society and enter wholeheartedly toward getting more ladies in-

interested in this work. Any church interested in organizing a society and are not fully informed as to the proper method to take may receive instructions by contacting Mrs. Fannie Rolston, Nashville, Tenn., or any president of the above named aids. The report referred to above follows:

Smithville, Miss., September 29, 1947. We the Woman's Auxiliary Society of Pearces Chapel submit the following report of our years work. Number enrolled 15, meetings for the year 45, visits to sick 429, trays to sick 63, flowers to sick 46, boxes to shut-ins \$12.70, chapters reported read 971, contributed \$5.00 on church expense on homecoming. Flowers for deceased \$3.00. Contributed to Foreign \$5.00, gifts to our outgoing society \$2.84, quilted 5 quilts. Completed the study of the book of Acts. Have a program from yearbook each first Monday since May, followed by business meeting. Gifts for all causes \$37.27. Brought forward from last September, \$11.50. Amount in treasury as of the close of this year, \$59.41.

Mrs. C. M. Cowart, Secretary.

The following is the reports of the churches by Deacons, Delegates, Clerks, and Pastors.

Pearces Chapel, Pastor not given. Deacons: S. L. Cowley, F. R. Brook, W. R. Reedy, C. R. Brasfield, R. H. Pearce, H. L. Francis and T. L. Cowley. Delegates, Mrs. Johnnie Sue Sullivan, Miss Inez Robinson. Clerk, R. H. Pearce, Smithville, Miss.

Depriest Chapel: Pastor, Rev. M. E. Carpenter, Vernon, Ala. Deacons: C. R. Hollis, Albert Williams, L. J. Lee and Claxton Knight. Delegates: Joe P. Hollis, Quitman Coleman and Mrs. E. G. Pague. Clerk, Kelly Pague, Gattman, Miss., Box 8.

Amory: Pastor, M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala. Deacons: G. J. Robertson, Clyde Francis, D. H. Cannon, R. L. Barnes, Romine McNeill. Delegates: Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. S. L. Moon, Mrs. B. D. Schumport. Clerk, Robert L. Barnes, Quincy, Miss.

Antioch: Pastor, Rev. Joe S. Frederick, Hackleburg, Ala. Deacons: J. R. Davis, Ivy Daniels, Roy Morris, Bud Tutor, and M. L. Morris. Delegates: Myrtle Lois Daniels, Doris Crowson, and Earline Davis. Clerk, W. F. Beville, Toccopola, Miss.

Springdale: Pastor, Joe S. Frederick, Hackleburg, Ala. Deacons: J. O. Walker, G. L. Dulin, Lonnie Cobb and Mc Bowles. Delegates: Bill Hudson, William Gunter and Sister Imma Fondren. Clerk, T. Gunter, Oxford, Miss., Rt. 4.

Damascus: Pastor, Grover Price. Deacons: J. E. Smith, M. C. Johnson and J. R. Kynard. Delegates: J. C. Gibson. Pastor's address, Pontotoc, Miss., Star Rt. Clerk, Mrs. Covert McKee, DeKalb, Miss., R. F. D. 6.

East Tupelo: Pastor, Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss. Deacons: Preston Marcy, C. C. Davidson, L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude, L. C.



Bedford and W. C. Rea. Delegates: Mesdames, Iva Blackwell, Lovie West, Hazel Bedford and Myrtle Duncan, alternate. Clerk, Jo Ann Parham, East Tupelo, Miss.

New Gauley, Pastor, Geo. C. Lee, Calhoun City, Miss., P. O. Box 175. Deacons: W. A. Calder, J. H. Calder, E. H. Keenum, Wenfred Parker, and Clarice Goodson; Delegates: Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Mrs. Estell Lee and Miss Janice Griffin; Clerk, Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Calhoun City, Miss.

Columbus: Pastor, J. E. Tilley, Ethelville, Ala. Deacons: Letche Fields, J. T. Baxter, C. L. Adair and H. A. Sanders. Delegates: C. R. Adair, D. D. Hollis. Mrs. Wilcoxon, Clerk.

Beech Springs: Pastor, L. O. Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss. Deacons, Norman Creely, Bilbo McCullough, Elbert Brooks and L. B. Hill. Delegates: John Stimbridge, Cecil Brooks, Omer Dillard. Clerk, Elbert Brooks, Saltillo, Miss.

Stetson Chapel: Pastor, G. C. Price, Pontotoc, Miss., Star Route. Deacons: L. M. May, Chess Swain. Delegates: Sallie May, H. C. May. Clerk, J. J. Inmon, Toccopola, Miss.

New Macedonia: Pastor, C. M. Jenkins, Richton, Miss. Deacons: H. E. Roberts, T. B. Oliver. Delegates: Mrs. Ruby Donalds, Annie Oliver. Clerk, R. W. Hill, Houlka, Miss., Rt. 3.

Fulton: Pastor: M. L. Hollis, Red Bay, Ala. Deacons: Marvin Jerrells, Troy Ballard and Orvil Kennedy. Delegates: Earl Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Marie Jerrells. Clerk, Lena Cavness, Fulton, Miss.

New Life: Pastor: C. M. Jenkins, Richton, Miss. Deacons: J. H. Morphis, J. M. Corder. Delegates: Cortez Doty and Mrs. Bula Morphis. Clerk, Cortez Dowdy, Pontotoc, Miss.

Priceville: Pastor, Geo. C. Lee. Deacons: J. T. Alexander, H. A. Roberts, Oliver Haas and Earl Alexander. Delegates: Mrs. Oliver Haas, Mr. Wesco Millwood, Elbert Griffin. Clerk, J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss.

Fawn Grove: Pastor: I. K. Boyette, Hamilton, Ala. Deacons: John Brown, Bob Enloe, Roy Brown and Preston Yealding. Delegates: Virgil Murphy, Kenyon Brown and Corbit Franks. Clerk, Jesse Morgan, Mooreville, Miss.

Bethlehem: Pastor: W. O. Knight, Amory, Miss. Deacons, C. J. Ard, S. W. Tucker and B. E. Sugg. Delegates: Marvin Ramsey, Effie May, Leon Coker. Clerk, C. J. Ard, Pontotoc, Miss.

Union Hill: Pastor: Joe S. Fredrick, Hackleburg, Ala. Deacons: J. M. Harris, D. B. Robbins, Herman Keith, E. L. Brooks and E. R. Lofton. Delegates: Marlin Potect, B. B. Powell and H. C. Potect. Clerk, B. B. Powell, Mooreville, Miss.

Pleasant Grove: Pastor: W. O. Wages. Deacons: Jim Thomas, J. V. Bennett and A. J. Owens. Delegates: J. D. Stepp, Wilburn Warren and Charley Russell. Clerk, Jim Thomas, Thaxton, Miss.



**IN MEMORY**

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

Sister Mary Kynard, DeKalb, Miss.

Sister T. A. Stanford, East Tupelo, Miss.

Brother R. E. Pitts, Amory, Miss.

Sister McGregory, Denmark, Miss.

Sister Maggie Norwood, Toccopola, Miss.

Brother Jack Parker, Calhoun City, Miss.

Brother M. A. Cook, Vardaman, Miss.

Sister Ida Towery, Smithville, Miss.

Brother J. T. Cox, Gattman, Miss.

Sleep on dear ones and take thy rest, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Rev. 14-13.

## 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 of 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 Board: 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 be absent 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; Acts 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. Gal. 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 RE-

TRIBUTION—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. 15:23.

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF 1947 SESSION OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION

### Finances

#### RECEIPTS:

Brought forward .....	\$283.76
Minute Funds .....	88.73
Home Mission Funds .....	57.90
F.W.B. Bible College .....	37.28
Superannuation .....	28.00
Foreign Mission Fund .....	31.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$526.67</u>

#### EXPENDITURES:

Rev. M. L. Hollis, Moderator .....	\$ 5.00
Rev. George C. Lee, Clerk .....	10.00
W. G. Prude, Treasurer .....	5.00
F. W. B. Bible College .....	37.28
Rev. Winford Davis, Treas., Foreign Missions .....	31.00
Transfer of Home Mission funds to Miss. State Home Mission fund .....	125.80
Total Expenditures .....	<u>\$214.08</u>
Balance in Treasury October 7, 1947 .....	\$312.59

**Treasurer's Report For Associational Year 1946-47.****RECEIPTS:**

Brought forward .....	\$143.30
Funds rec'd at 1946 Session .....	375.66
From Antioch for Superannuation .....	34.00
From Bethlehem .....	5.00
From Fawn Grove .....	13.00
From New Gauley .....	21.50
Totals .....	<u>\$592.46</u>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Associational Officers .....	\$ 20.00
Bible College .....	34.60
Foreign Missions .....	32.00
Fulton Church .....	100.00
Rev. E. A. Lewis .....	30.00
Minutes and Postage .....	60.00
State Home Missions .....	30.00
Programs .....	2.10
Total .....	<u>\$308.70</u>

Balance September 30, 1947 .....\$283.76

Committee,

C. R. Hollis

M. O. Haas



CHURCHES	No. Members	Rec. By Letter	Rec. By Baptism	Dismissed	Deceased	S. S. Enrollment	League Enrollment	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Bldgs. & Repairs	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ch. Education	Superannuation	Benevolences	Incidentals	Bible College	Minutes	Total Exp.	Value Church Buildings
AMORY.....	79	2	10	1	70	62	727.50	240.00	1231.80	10.00	10.00	34.96			19.79	5.00		3.40	2263.66	25,000.00
ANTIOCH.....	154	3	13	1	1	90	25	435.50	396.07	300.00	63.00	98.00	60.75	3.00	100.00	10.00	2.21	3.00	1539.39	1,500.00
BEECH SPRINGS.....	135					60		322.40	55.00						80.00	40.00	3.20	3.50	400.90	2,000.00
BETHLEHEM.....	118			6		50		300.00	130.00	90.00	90.00	4.00		5.00			2.97	4.00	627.97	3,500.00
COLUMBUS.....	154			2		70	40	1310.52	150.00	114.06	62.35	50.00	110.00		125.50	92.26	5.00	5.00	2064.63	10,000.00
DAMASCUS.....	87	2		2	1			635.90	157.10		5.00			2.00		24.00		2.00	926.00	1,000.00
DEPRIEST CHAPEL.....	61			3	1			395.00	65.00		20.00	5.00	16.00	11.00			5.00	5.00	546.00	3,000.00
EAST TUPELO.....	196	1	2	6	1	71	26	2080.00	300.00	1633.82	306.88	171.15	292.50	37.98	210.20	166.24	151.82	10.00	5150.59	5,500.00
FAWN GROVE.....	207	1	10	2		65	100	275.00	81.00		2.00	2.00	42.00	14.50	47.00	25.50	2.00	3.00	485.00	3,000.00
FULTON.....	17	6	4			30		170.00										5.00	175.00	5,000.00
NEW GAULEY.....	167	3	8	1	2	75		938.64	151.90	11.25	105.00	5.00		26.50	56.00	130.60		5.00	1495.89	5,000.00
NEW LIFE.....	15					30		50.00										3.00	60.50	600.00
NEW MACEDONIA.....	14	2				60		50.00	35.00	25.00								2.50	112.50	500.00
PEARCE CHAPEL.....	453	3	14	6	1	100	17	720.00	125.00	17.45		26.00		5.00	102.22	40.93		10.00	1031.60	5,400.00
PLEASANT GROVE.....	98					50		60.00	75.00				35.00					4.10	165.00	750.00
PRICEVILLE.....	92		4			40	48	366.30	87.00	481.89	79.00	26.20	5.00	5.00	95.00	174.25	15.00	5.00	1294.64	2,600.00
SPRINGDALE.....	212	10	27	1	2	40		480.70	170.10		2.00	2.00		12.00		172.20	2.00	4.63	833.00	2,000.00
STETSON CHAPEL.....	69		1	2		27		86.30		12.10			15.00		9.75			4.00	125.40	1,550.00
UNION HILL.....	117	3	8					149.50	89.30	40.40	4.50					13.02		6.00	292.72	2,000.00
TOTALS.....	2445	36	97	32	10	928		9553.26	2283.41	3959.77	727.73	399.35	411.21	116.98	755.46	894.00	191.20	88.13	19,590.32	79,850.00

Ladies Auxiliaries at Amory, Antioch, Columbus, East Tupelo and Pearce Chapel.  
Parsonage at East Tupelo. Valued at \$4,000  
Weekly Prayer meetings at Amory, Antioch, Columbus, East Tupelo and New Gauley.