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THURSDAY MORNING

Thursday morning's Session was opened with the singing of "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. W. G. Prude. Prayer was led by Rev. Luther Gibson.

Rev. L. E. Winters gave the devotion using first 7 verses of Eccl. 3rd chapter. Rev. J. S. Frederick, host pastor, extended to all visitors a warm and hearty welcome. Rev. Milton Crowson gave the response in behalf of visitors.

Rev. George C. Lee, Moderator took charge of Association and business of same was begun. Moderator appointed Mrs. Luther Gibson and Mrs M. O. Haas as reading clerks. We are happy to report that all churches belonging to Association was represented by delegates or letter or by both before time for Minutes to be written. Letters were read and delegates seated. In the reading of the letter we noted that some of the churches were showing an upward trend while some were in need of more grace that they might launch out into the deep for the master

Moderator appointed Resolution and Credentials Committee. (See Committee Appointments) Visitors and Corresponding delegates were given a welcome by the Body. Bros. D. C. Lambert and Leamon Brown were corresponding delegates from the Little Brown Creek Association and Rev. J. S. Frederick from Jasper Association of Alabama. Lee's Chapel Church a newly organized body of believers from near Columbus in Lowndes County were welcomed into our Association with its delegation. A 15 minute intermission was taken at this time.

Congregation reassembled with the singing of "When I see the Blood" "No Not One" and "At the Cross." Prayer led by Rev. G. C. Lee, Rev. L. C. Johnson, President of F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville brought the introductory message, Scripture read John 7:32-39, subject, "Christ is the Answer". A sincere message, from the heart of one who has given himself for the Master's use, and brought in a convincing manner to show us that Christ is the Answer to man's every need.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Grover Price.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

As we enjoyed the bountiful lunch spread by the good ladies of

Springdale Church and community we were made to rejoice because of God's wonderful blessings that he doth daily bestow upon us.

The afternoon session was opened with Devotions by Rev. O. A. Wages who read from Ezek. 34:1-16. Prayer by Rev. L. D. Gibson. Bro Prude led congregation in singing, "It Won't be Very Long." Rev. George Lee brought a short message of encouragement to the assembled body and urged that we go forward in the work for the Master and do all that we can while He tarries.

Committee appointments were made as follows:

RESOLUTION: L. E. Duncan, J. H. Calder and W. F. Bevill.

CREDENTIALS: L. C. Johnson, D. D. Hollis and C. E. Goodson

LADIES AUXILIARY: Sisters, L. D. Gibson, Boyd Jones and A. D. Shelton.

TEMPERANCE: G. C. Price, Goldie Moutry and Willie Alexander.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: W. O. Knight, J. E. Smith and Will Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: C. R. Hollis, Milton Crowson and Ruth Pittman.

LEAGUE: Mrs. J. M. Haas, Mrs. Will Johnson and Janette Bevill.

OBITUARY: J. C. Gibson, L. E. Winter and L. B. Hill.

Report of Credential Committee received and adopted as read. (See Com. Reports) Ministers reports were read and received for publication in Minutes. (See Ministers Reports).

Special number in song rendered by McGregor Girl Quartet.

After a short recess Rev. J. S. Frederick brought a short and pointed message from John 3:14, showing that if we expect to do things for God we must lift up Christ.

A partial report of Resolution Committee was read and adopted.

A report by Committee on League was read and adopted. Report by Rev. J. S. Frederick, Chairman of Host Committee read. Rev. L. C. Johnson led the closing prayer for the first day's business session.

THURSDAY EVENING

After a good song service led by different song leaders Rev. Luther Gibson brought the first of the evening messages

reading from II Cor. 12th Chapter and using as a subject, "Power for Service." Rev. Grover brought a message on some of our Church Ordinances. This was followed by feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility.

FRIDAY MORNING

Bro. Prude led the congregation in several hymns to open the second day's session of Association. Prayer led by Bro. W. F. Fields. Bro. D. D. Hollis read and commented on the First Psalm for Devotions. Clerk read minutes of first day's session.

Moderator announced the selection of J. H. Calder, Boyd Jones and Boyd May as Board of Assembly Camp to work with Miss. League Board.

Report of Committee on Christian Literature received and adopted.

Report of Temperance received and adopted. Talks were made by several of the brethren, following the Temperance report, warning us of the indifference toward the liquor traffic by our church people, and that unless God's people do all they can against it to what it may lead.

Report of Sunday School Committee adopted with some omissions made by Committee after objections were voiced by some of delegates.

Report of Committee on Ladies Auxiliaries received and adopted.

Voted by body to include reports from Ladies Auxiliaries and Men's Fellowship in minutes. Bro. W. G. Prude led the congregation in singing, "Just Over in the Gloryland."

The Board of Presbytery led by Rev. M. L. Hollis ordained, in a very impressive ceremony, the following named brothers: G. P. Perkins to the ministry. G. G. Perkins, Robert Henderson, A. A. Montgomery, Leon Coker, W. B. May, Boyd Jones and W. L. Tubb, Jr., as Deacons.

White Hill Church in Webster was chosen as Host for 1950 Session and the following officers were elected to serve for this Associational year:

George C. Lee,	Moderator
M. L. Hollis	Asst. Moderator
L. E. Duncan	Clerk
Milton Crowson	Asst. Clerk
W. G. Prude	Treasurer

Rev. Luther Gibson was selected as field secretary for F.W.B. Childrens Home at Eldridge, Ala.

L. E. Duncan, H. A. Roberts and John Brown were appointed as Planning Committee for this year's work.

The following named Corresponding delegates were appointed by Moderator:

Little Brown Creek: L. E. Winter, G. C. Price and L. E. Duncan.

Vernon: W. G. Prude and Luther Gibson.

Jasper: Luther Gibson and Milton Crowson.

Mt. Moriah: Milton Crowson and Luther Gibson.

Bro. W. G. Prude led the congregation in singing, "What a Friend" and "Blessed be the Tie." Rev. M. L. Hollis brought the closing message of the Association. He read from Jer. 8:1-6 and used as a subject, "What Have I Done?" It was a real challenge to the body to do more during the coming year than ever before for the Lord.

With the singing of "God be With You" a parting handclasp and the benediction by Bro. J. E. Smith, the 15th Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists was brought to a close. We believe that many things were accomplished for the glory of the Lord and that we will "Go Forward" in a greater way for Him during this Associational year.

Adjourned to meet with White Hill Church in Webster County on Thursday and Friday before the First Sunday in October, 1950.

George C. Lee, Moderator

L. E. Duncan, Clerk

HOW TO GET TO WHITE HILL CHURCH

Churches in North and West part of Association—come by way of Calhoun City on highway No. 9, go to Walthall, then East 5 miles to Church. Other may go No. 15 to Mathiston, No. 82 to Eupora, No. 9 to Walthall thence East to church.

LIST OF CHURCHES WITH DELEGATES, DEACONS, PASTOR AND CLERK WITH POSTOFFICE

AMORY: Maida Jones, Pete Brown and Dan Mayfield. G. J. Robertson, Clyde Francis, D. H. Cannon, George Robinson, Robert Barnes, Romine McNeil, Boyd Jones and Loyal Tubb. Rev. M. L. Hollis. Beatrice Smithson. Amory.

ANTIOCH: O. D. Tutor, Opal Tutor and Myrtle Lois Daniel. Ivy Daniel, Lud Bevell, W. G. Hodges, Bud Morris, M. L. Morris and Rufus Davis. J. S. Frederick. W. F. Bevell. Toccopola.

BEECH SPRINGS: Dorothy Robinson, Louise Alred and Edgar Stembridge. L. B. Hill, N. J. Creely, D. E. Brooks, Ezell Heatherly and Bill McCollough. L. D. Gibson. L. B. Hill. Saltillo, Rt. 2.

BETHLEHEM: Ola Ard, Beatrice Graham and Lavada White. B. E. Suggs, S. W. Tucker, C. J. Ard, Quay Garrison and Monroe Ramsey. W. O. Knight. Quay Garrison. Pontotoc, Route 2.

COLUMBUS: Elbert Graham, Mary Barnes and Mrs. Elbert Graham. J. L. Baxter, A. J. Sanders and Letcher Fields. T. L. Walker. Myrtle Barnes. Columbus.

DAMASCUS: J. C. Gibson. J. E. Smith, M. C. Johnson and J. R. Kinard. Grover Price. Mrs. Covert McKee. DeKalb Route 6.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL: Mrs. R. T. Cantrell, Clarence Holcomb and Ralph Pogue. D. A. Williams and C. R. Hollis. M. L. Hollis. C. R. Hollis. Gattman.

EAST TUPELO: Elizabeth Gibson, Mr and Mrs. A. D. Shelton. D. P. Marcy, C. C. Davidson, L. E. Duncan, W. G. Prude, L. C. Bedford and W. C. Rea. L. D. Gibson. Jo Ann Parham. East Tupelo.

FAWN GROVE: Bill Booley, Milton Franks and C. E. Comer. John Brown, Roy Brown, Bob Enlow and Marvin Franks. I. K. Boyett. Jesse V. Morgan. Dorsey.

FULTON: No Delegates elected. Marvin Jarrels, Arval Kennedy and Troy Ballard. Fulton.

LEE'S CHAPEL: D. D. Hollis, G. G. Perkins and G. P. Perkins. L. L. Perrigan, G. G. Perkins and Edd Perrigan. J. E. Tilley. B. L. Perrigan. Columbus, Route 5.

MACEDONIA: H. E. Roberts, Ruby McDonald and Edna Tal-
lent. H. E. Roberts and J. B. Oliver. G. M. Pearson. H. E. Roberts. Houlka.

McGREGOR: Janette Bevill, Ann and Jean Tedford. Andrew Montgomery, Leon Coker, J. M. Corder and Boyd May. W. O. Knight. Mary Montgomery. Pontotoc.

NEW GAULEY: Mary Johnson, Goldie Moultry and Ruth Pitman. W. A. Calder, J. H. Calder, Ernest Keenum, C. E. Goodson, Will Johnson and Winford Parker. G. C. Lee. Mrs. Clyde Goodson. Calhoun City.

NEW LIFE: Mrs. W. W. Walls and Mrs. R. J. Roberts. J. H. Morphis and J. L. Hancock. O. A. Wages, R. W. Hill. Houlka.

PEARCE CHAPEL: L. J. Lee, Inez Robinson and Mrs. L. J. Lee. R. H. Pearce, W. R. Reedy, C. R. Brasfield, T. L. Cowley and H. L. Francis. M. L. Hollis. R. H. Pearce. Smithville.

PLEASANT GROVE: Cuple Warren, Dabney and Annie Mae Nix. Jim Thomas, J. V. Bennett and A. J. Owens. G. C. Lee. A. J. Owens. Thaxton.

PRICEVILLE: Willie Alexander and Polly Haas. J. T. Alexander, M. O. Haas, H. A. Roberts and Earl Alexander. G. C. Lee. Mrs. J. M. Haas, Tupelo Route 2.

SPRINGDALE: Gladys Bowles, Lucell Taylor and Bill Hudson. G. L. Dulin, Jodie Walker, Lonnie Cobb and Mack Bowles. J. S. Frederick. W. T. Gunter. Oxford Route 4.

STETSON CHAPEL: Mrs. L. M. May. L. M. May and J. C. Swain. No pastor listed. No clerk listed. Toccopola Route.

UNION HILL: B. B. Powell, H. C. Price and Bobby Keith. Herman Keith, Ravon Lofton and E. L. Brooks. J. L. Lavender. E. F. Harris. Mooreville route.

WHITE HILL: Mrs. E. O. Vaughn and E. J. Edison. Walter Fields, Bedford Trull and Clyde Henley. L. E. Winter. E. O. Vaughn. Eupora Route.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your committee on F.W.B. League, beg leave to report as follows: We find only 7 churches in the Association have a League. We would to God that all churches had a League since where we find a league we find young people that are willing to work for the glory of the Master. Respectfully submitted. Signed by Committee.

We, your Committee on Temperance, urge that our people be temperate in all things, not only be temperate in the use of strong drink but wholly and completely abstain from it. We should be temperate in our speech, being careful that we do not say things that would harm anyone. We should, at all times, abstain from the very appearance of evil. We urge that our ministers be temperate in dealing with each other and help one another to do those things that will bring the greatest honor to God, and abstain from those things that would not honor. Signed by Committee.

We, your committee on Literature, beg leave to report as follows: We feel the need of Christian education and realize that much that we learn depends upon the literature that we read. We recommend the careful and prayerful study of the Bible in the home, Sunday School and League. We urge that our people subscribe for Christian publications and especially to read and support our church or denominational papers. Signed by Committee.

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to make the following report: We recommend the ordination of Bros. G. G. Perkins, A. A. Montgomery, Robert Henderson, Leon Coker, W. B. May, Boyd Jones and W. L. Tubb, Jr., as Deacons and the Ordination to Ministry of G. P. Perkins. We also recommend that Macedonia Church investigate the standing of their newly elected pastor with his local Association. If this should not be satisfactory that Macedonia take such action as would protect its good standing with this Association. Signed by Committee.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, recommend that each Church in the Association have Sunday School on each Lord's Day, and that our denominational literature be used. We suggest that each Sunday School elect only those that are consecrated Christians as Officers and Teachers, if unable to find enough within their own

membership that they use those of other faiths that are fundamental. We also recommend that each Superintendent insist on regular attendance. Signed by Committee.

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

1. Be it Resolved: That we join with the Miss. League Rally in the building of A Free Will Baptist Assembly Camp by electing or appointing a THREE Member Board to confer and work with the Rally Board.

2. Be it Resolved; That we instruct all delegates from the Northeast Miss. F.W.B. Ass'n. to vote for the dissolution of the Miss. State FWB Ass'n. when that Body convenes in November.

3. That we recall to active service in the Northeast Miss. Ass'n. the last elected Mission Board consisting of Bros. C. R. Hollis, W. G. Prude, W. F. Bevill, J. T. Alexander and L. E. Duncan.

4. That a Planning Committee be appointed to make plans for the work within the Northeast Miss. FWB Ass'n. for the coming year, same to be presented in written form to the body at a Call Session of same as soon as State Association is dissolved.

5. That we elect a Director from the Northeast Miss. FWB Ass'n. to work in behalf of the FWB Home for Children at Eldridge, Ala., that he may receive and transmit funds to such institution. That he make a yearly report of his work.

6. That we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to Springdale Church and community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and cared for during our stay with them. Signed by Committee.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Greetings to the 15th Annual Session of the N. E. Miss. Association of F.W.B.: It is with a true heart of love that I am able to make the following report of my past year's work. I am happy to say that the Lord has blessed me to preach 58 times, I have visited them that were sick and in prison. I have pastored two churches and have tried to be helpful in many ways as the opportunities presented themselves. Thanks to the Lord for His goodness to me and by His help I have been able to carry on. I have traveled many miles and have gotten much pleasure from serving Him.

O. A. Wages

Pontotoc, Miss., Rt. No. 4

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Springdale church on the 29-30 day of September 1949. 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 30th day of September, 1949. I have preached 210 sermons; Prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 24 Converts; Received 40 people into churches; Helped ordain 3 Minister; Preached 13 special services; Pastored 2 churches; Conducted 19 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$2540.18; Received \$558.00 for revival work; Total received for year \$3098.18; Traveled many miles.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Gibson

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Springdale Church on the 29th day of September, 1949. 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 30th day of September, 1949. I have preached 99 sermons; Prayed many Prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 58 Converts; Received 82 people into churches; Helped ordain 3 Ministers; Organized 1 Church; Preached 2 memorial sermons; married 4 couples; Conducted 16 funerals. Received from churches pastored \$1747.69; Received \$226.44 for revival work; Total received for year \$1974.13; Traveled 4143 miles.

Geo. C. Lee
Calhoun City, Miss.

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Springdale Church on the 29th day of September, 1949. 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 29th day of September, 1949. I have preached 218 sermons; Prayed many Prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 16 Converts; Received 24 people into the churches; Helped ordain 1 Minister; Pastored 3 Churches; Conducted 6 funerals. Received from Churches pastored \$1646; Received 323.80 for revival work; Total received for year \$1970.22, Traveled 16,177 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
G. C. Price

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Springdale Church on the 29th day of September, 1949. 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 28th day of September, 1949. I have preached 130 sermons; Prayed many prayers; visited a number of sick people; Helped ordain 1 Deacon; Preached 1 Memorial sermon; Pastored 3 Churches. Received from churches pastored \$859.70; Received \$33.50 for revival work; Total received for year \$893.20; Traveled 12,960 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. L. E. Winter

GREETINGS: To the Northeast Mississippi association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Springdale Church on the 29th day of Octbber, 1949. 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 24th day of October, 1949. I have preached 67 sermons; Prayed many prayers; visited several sick people; Baptized 21 converts; Received 24 people into churches; Helped ordain 3 Ministers and 3 Deacons; Married 3 couples; Pastored 3 Churches; Conducted 1 funeral. Received from churches pastored \$868.30; Received \$281.90 for revival work; Total received for year \$1150.20; Traveled 6734 miles.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Knight
Box 326
Amory, Miss.

GREETINGS to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Springdale church on September 29, 1949. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my year's work. I have preached 58 sermons, traveled 4,475 miles, had 6 conversions, helped in 3 revivals, prayed many prayers, visited many sick people and received \$224.90 for my work.

Milton Crowson
Rt. 1, Tupelo, Miss.

IN MEMORIAM

We, your Obituary Committee, find that Eighteen members of our beloved Association have gone to their reward since the last session convened.

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN
THE LORD. Rev. 14:13

BRO. LUCIAN COX, AMORY
BRO. R. L. RAINS, BEECH SPRINGS.
BRO. WASH McCOLLOUGH, BETHLEHEM.
BRO. DeWITTE JOHNSON, DAMASCUS.
SISTER MATTIE JANE HARBOUR, DAMASCUS.
BRO. C. M. LONG, EAST TUPELO.
SISTER SELINA BRASFIELD, PEARCE CHAPEL.
SISTER JO ANN STAFFORD, PEARCE CHAPEL.
SISTER JIM THOMAS, PLEASANT GROVE.
SISTER J. C. McCOY, PLEASANT GROVE.
BRO. LUM EDWARDS, SPRINGDALE.
BRO. WILLIAM EDWARDS, SPRINGDALE.
SISTER MELINDA EDWARDS, SPRINGDALE.
SISTER DRUSILLA MITCHELL, SPRINGDALE.

THEY ARE NOT DEAD! BUT THEY HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE MISTS THAT BLIND US HERE,
INTO THE NEW AND LARGER LIFE
OF THAT SERENER PLACE.

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"The lights are out
In the mansions of clay;
The curtains are drawn,
For the dweller's away;
He silently slipped
O'er the threshold by night,
To make his abode
In the city of light."

STATISTICAL TABLE CHURCHES																			
	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Number Active	Number Inactive	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid on Buildings or Repairs	Home Missions	Paid For					
AMORY.....	10	18	2	1	128	80	48	25,000.	1,500.	875.00	449.77	1265.03	2.65						
ANTIOCH.....	9		1		161	96	65	4,000.		807.29	151.75	3000.00	50						
BEECH SPRINGS.....	15	6	1	1	159	80	79	2,500.		561.18	61.30	40.32	00	17.					
BETHLEHEM.....	10		36	1	75	29	46	3,500.		387.85	111.25	16.13							
COLUMBUS.....	4	5	2		157	85	72	10,000.	4,190.	1755.00	100.00	364.42	00						
DAMASCUS.....	5	1	1	2	89	44	45	1,000.		492.81	125.00	90.00	00						
DEPRIEST CHAPEL.....	6	2	2		63	15	48	3,000.		255.00	75.00		00	5.					
EAST TUPELO.....	4	15	8	1	223	100	123	12,000.	900.	2151.00	125.00	3776.43	41	162.					
FAWN GROVE.....	16	1		4	230	130	100	3,000.		300.00	75.00		00	5.					
FULTON.....	1	2			25	25		5,000.		105.00	48.00	525.00							
LEE'S CHAPEL.....	16	20			36	36				16.00	82.00		00						
MACEDONIA.....	1				18	18		1,000.		100.00	50.00								
MCGREGOR CHAPEL.....	5	3	2		46	46		5,000.	1,196.	304.45	150.00	789.00							
NEW GAULEY.....	14	2	6		198	66	132	5,000.		1083.14	100.00	29.60	00	27.					
NEW LIFE.....			5		20	15	5	1,250.				2.50	00						
PEARCE CHAPEL.....	2	7	4	2	458	225	233	5,500.		840.00	223.79	118.91	10						
PLEASANT GROVE.....	3		6	2	80	35	45	750.			90.00	25.00							
PRICEVILLE.....	26	1	3		113	63	50	4,500.		664.45	203.00	1649.25	00	44.					
SPRINGDALE.....	2	1	8	4	233	88	145	3,000.		646.63	128.50	140.00							
STETSON CHAPEL.....		1			70	10	60	1,500.		53.00									
UNION HILL.....	5	2	1	1	122	35	87	2,000.		400.33	60.00	28.80							
WHITE HILL.....	14	8			51	40	11	2,000.		218.31	85.00	1300.00							
TOTAL.....	168	95	88	19	2755	1361	1394	99,800.	7,786.	12,016.44	2,494.36	13,160.29	66	261.1					

Columbus parsonage valued at \$5,000; East Tupelo parsonage valued at \$100.
East Tupelo has a Men's Fellowship.

Paid on Buildings or Repairs	Home Missions	Paid For Foreign Missions	Paid For Christian Education	Paid For Superannuation	Paid For Benevolences	Paid For Incidentals	Total Expenditures	S. S. Enrollment	League Enrollment	Ladies Aux. Enrollment	Sent for Minutes	Sent for Home Missions	Sent for Bible College	Sent For Superannuation	Sent For For. Missions	Sent For Unified Program	Total Amount Sent
65.03	55		37.00		84.00	90.47	2843.92	76	35	20	3.00		5.00				8.00
00.00	30		127.50		162.00	25.00	4343.04	60			5.00	10.00	7.50	7.50	22.71	2.50	55.21
40.32	30	17.35	10.00			35.50	733.20	97	65		5.10						5.10
16.13			120.00				635.23	55	18		3.00	2.75	5.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	27.75
64.42	30					326.23	2938.88	95	46	25	5.00	2.50			2.50		10.00
90.00	30				63.95	24.00	835.76				3.00	17.00					20.00
	30	5.00	42.00	5.00		22.50	409.50	36	96		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		25.00
776.43	41	162.72	641.15	147.72	208.19	500.00	8527.62	100	35	22	10.00					180.84	190.84
	30	5.00	70.00	5.00	40.00	40.00	545.00	75	100		2.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	20.00
525.00							678.00	52			5.00						5.00
	30						103.00	50			3.00	5.00					8.00
						5.00	155.00	65			2.25						2.25
789.00								55	32		4.60						4.60
29.60	30	27.10	110.00		62.00	126.00	1527.84	100			5.00	6.25	5.00	5.00	6.00	2.75	30.00
2.50	30						20.50				1.50						1.50
18.91	30		26.06			190.99	1484.79	121	75	13	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	25.00
25.00			25.00	2.00			142.00	50			3.00			2.00			5.00
49.25	30	44.00	114.00		92.05	144.50	2929.25	68	70		3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	28.00
40.00							861.59	70			6.10	9.10					15.20
											3.50						13.50
28.80						24.00	528.13	38			5.00	5.00		5.00		5.00	15.00
300.00			10.00				1613.31	38			5.00					6.00	11.00
60.29	65	261.17	1332.71	159.72	712.19	1556.21	31,855.56	1301	572	80	93.05	77.60	40.50	41.50	52.71	210.59	515.95
Total													5.00	5.00	5.00		15.00
Pearce Chapel Ladies Auxiliary													45.50	46.50	57.71		530.95

We, The Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Springdale Church. We send our beloved brothers, to-wit: Bro. D. C. Lambert and Bro. Leamon Brown to sit with you in your deliberations, and help transact any business that may come before your honorable body. We cordially invite delegates from your association to attend the next meeting of The Little Brown Creek Association, which is to be held with Little Brown Church on Friday before the First Lord's Day in September, 1950.

Moderator's Address: Rev. D. W. Jones, Corinth, Miss., Rt. 1

Clerk's address: (Miss) Maudie Mae Epperson, Burnsville, Miss., Rt. 2.

NIGHT AUXILIARY—Amory, Miss.

Mrs. Tom Evans, President of the Auxiliary No. 1 organized a Night Circle last October, 1948, with 12 members. Up to this date we have grown to 26 members. During a period of a year we have made numerous visits to the sick, sent cards, flowers and gifts to the sick and shut-ins.

Sent 1 Spray	4.00
Flowers to sick members	3.38
Was responsible for a needy family last Christmas, clothing, food and fruits	11.50
Besides the clothing that was donated within our circle	
3 gifts to circle members	5.01
2 wedding showers, sent flowers to church	3.00
Sponsored a quartette and paid for adv.	4.00
Donated curtains to kitchen at church	6.77
Donated silver for Social Hall at church	15.60
Donated some dinner ware.	
Sent cash donations as follows:	
Free Will Baptist Orphanage	7.50
Foreign Missions	2.50
Free Baptist Bible College (Nashville)	5.00
Paint for S. School rooms	5.00
Material for Sunday School rooms	14.82
Bought Literature	
On Furnishing the church floor	17.04
TOTAL	105.12
We have on hand now	26.64

Mrs. Kate Weaver, Secretary

REPORT OF AMORY FREE WILL BAPTIST DAY CIRCLE

Bought curtains and springs for cabinet; 5 sprays of flowers at \$5.00 each; Miscellaneous \$11.50; Baby gifts 4; flowers for church at Easter \$3.00; Trays for sick 15; visits to the sick 30; flowers carried to the sick 35; get well cards and sympathy cards sent, 75; sent box of things to a child that had leg broken; sent a basket of juices, fruit and candies to a sick lady.

Mrs. Millie Ritter, Secretary

Quilting Quilts	24.50
Bazaar	8.75
Special Donations	14.85
Birthdays and Dues	17.91

66.01

Paid out for fixing sink.....	9.71
Wreath for one of our members	4.00
Help in fixing the church floor	17.04

30.75

Leaving a balance in Treasury	\$35.26
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Mrs. R. G. Addington

President: Mrs. Clyde Francis

Smithville, Miss., Sept. 26, 1949

We the Woman's Auxiliary of Pearce Chapel submit the following report of our year's work:

No. enrolled 13

Meetings for the year 33.

Visits to the sick 400

Trays to sick and shut-ins 100

Flowers 25

Chapters reported read 1500

Contributions to Alabama Orphanage	\$15.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Superannuation	5.00
Christian Education	5.00
Paid for S. S. Register.....	11.50
Letters for bulletin board for church	12.50

Sent sick and shut-ins 10 boxes and 35 cards. Had lesson

from year book on first Mondays followed by business meeting.
Studied Book of Matthew for Bible study.

Quilted 13 quilts.

Gifts to all causes \$91.06.

Brought forward from last year \$61.11

Amt. in treasury at close of this year \$67.74.

Funds sent to Ass'n. F. m. 5.00, Superannuation 5.00, B. C. 5.00,

Total \$15.00.

C. M. Cowsart, Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT—EAST TUPELO LADIES AUXILIARY

East Tupelo, Miss.

Sept. 1948 - Sept. 1949

To the Northeast Free Will Baptist Association: Greetings:

Number enrolled 22

Number inactive 2

Dropped from roll 2

New Members 4.

Dues collected	\$100.00
Christian Education	60.50
Selling Xmas Cards	100.00
Making Aprons	25.00
Offerings	12.75
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	\$298.25

EXPENSES:

Christian Education	\$120.00
Curtain for Church	50.00
Xmas Cards	40.00
Benevolences	52.00
Literature	7.88
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	\$269.88

Bal. in Treas. \$28.37

Sent to shut-ins and Elders:

Flowers 64; Trays 43; Cards 104; Sick visits 240.

Mrs. Hubert Post, Sect. and Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF EAST TUPELO CHURCH

From October 1, 1948 To October 1, 1949

	Balance in Bank October 1, 1948.....	\$ 7.45
CHECKS	Deposits:.....	26.42
\$ 5.00—For School		1.48
5.00		5.10
5.00		12.25
5.00		3.05
5.00		3.80
5.00		12.00
5.00		3.51
5.00		3.50
5.00		2.50
5.00		9.00
5.00		6.00
20.00—For work on Grounds		12.00
9.14—For Tracts		9.50
10.33—For Transformer		3.00
4.97—For Lumber		
16.12—For Playground Equipment	Total	\$136.23

\$120.56

Deposits less checks 120.56

Balance in Bank October 1, 1949 15.67

H. E. Post, President

W. C. Rea, Treasurer

Report of Treasurer from October 12, 1948 to September 28, 1949

Brought forward from October 11, 1948	\$118.86
Paid for Postage	\$ 3.73
Paid for 1948 minutes	70.00
Total paid out	\$73.73
Balance on hand September 28, 1949	\$ 45.13

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Prude, Treasurer

Report of Treasurer of N. E. Miss. Superannuation Board

Brought forward from October 11, 1948.....	\$213.20
Balance on hand September 28, 1949	\$213.20

W. G. Prude, Treasurer

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

After prayerful consideration of the things pertaining to the urgency of our work and knowing that God would have us to be up and about His business, especially in the interest of the Lost at home and abroad, of the training of His servants and the care of those who have already passed their days of active labor in His vineyard, we herewith present for the consideration of the Association the following program to be instituted as expedient as possible.

1. The immediate organization and functioning of the Board of Missions.
2. The reorganization of the Board of Superannuation.
3. The organization of a Board of Christian Education.
4. That above named Boards prepare and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws to govern their work.
5. That no person be a member of more than one standing Board at a time, unless it is deemed necessary.
6. That we use the Unified Program for the Support of our work, thus making our offerings to Missions, Christian Education and Superannuation all together. This to be divided as follows:

Home Missions	50%
Foreign Missions	20%
Christian Education	20%
Superannuation	10%
6. That the Free Will Baptist Messenger be published under the direction of the Board of Missions, with the Subscriptions of Churches and individuals being placed in that Board's treasury.
7. That we adopt "A Church Letter to District Association" that is revised to accomodate more adequately a complete report
8. That every Church spend more time in PRAYER than ever before and then help God to answer their prayers .

L. E. Duncan

H. A. Roberts

John Brown

Planning Committee

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

SUPERANNUATION—W. O. Knight, Amory, Chairman; Geo. C. Lee, Calhoun City, Secty.-Treas.; Jodie Walker, Oxford; J. E. Smith, DeKalb, H. A. Roberts, Tupelo.

MISSIONS—C. R. Hollis, Gattman; L. E. Duncan, East Tupelo; W. F. Bevill, Toccopola; W. G. Prude, Tupelo; J. T. Alexander, Saltillo.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—L. D. Gibeon, East Tupelo; Mrs. H. E. Post, Tupelo; R. H. Pierce, Smithville; J. H. Calder, Calhoun City; Mrs. Letcher Field, Columbus.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists 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 the 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 amendment or alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the 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 a Board of Missions, a Board of Superannuation, and a Board of Christian Education.

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 be-

ginning 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 services; Treasurer, \$5.00; and Moderator, \$5.00, for their service.

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 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; Acts 2:45; Eph. 2:1.

Article 5.—THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all being 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 aith. Acts 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 domination 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 OBEDIENCE—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. Acts 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 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.