

MINUTES
OF
THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened with the
BEECH SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

September 30-October 1
1954

The next session will be held with the
Fawn Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Twelve miles East of Tupelo, Mississippi
the Thursday and Friday before the first
Sunday in October, 1955.

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The session was opened Friday morning, September 30, at 10:00 a.m. with singing led by Rev. M. H. Hollis. After prayer Rev. George Lee made a move to open the session for business. After a second to the move it was passed.

Mrs. Ralph Riley and Mrs. Ruby Burkes were appointed reading clerks by the moderator, Rev. Luther Gibson. They proceeded to read the letters of the 22 churches represented. It was then moved by Rev. Herbert Stalnaker and seconded that we accept the letters and seat the delegates. Passed. The following committee on committees was appointed and approved by the body: L. E. Duncan, Milton Smith, and W. M. Johnson.

The pastor of Beech Springs Church, the Rev. L. D. Gibson, gave a hearty welcome to all attending the association. The moderator then recognized the following visiting delegates: Bro. and Sister J. L. Brown, R. C. McCoy, and J. A. Whittemore, and others from Little Brown Creek Association whose names were not turned in to the clerk.

After extending an invitation for membership in the association and receiving no response the body was recessed until eleven o'clock after the singing of "Amazing Grace".

After recess the committee on committees gave a partial report and it was accepted. The appointments made at this time were the resolution and credential committees. The moderator then introduced the morning speaker, Rev. J. D. O'Donnell. He brought a message from Genesis 5:24 and Heb. 11:5-6 using the topic, "By Faith, Enoch."

Rev. M. H. Hollis led us in the singing of a hymn and we were dismissed for lunch. The ladies of the church served a very delicious meal.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After a period of singing the moderator introduced the devotional speaker, Rev. Herbert Stalnaker, who brought an inspiring devotional. The body once again entered into a business session. The report of the Committee on Committees was read and adopted. (see COMMITTEE REPORTS)

The minister's reports were read and adopted (see MINISTER'S REPORTS). After this the Credentials Committee's report was read and adopted (see COMMITTEE REPORTS). A partial report of the Resolutions Committee was made and Articles 1 and 2 were rejected; articles 3 and 4 were passed (see COMMITTEE REPORTS).

The Home Mission Board and the following committees made their reports and they were accepted: Women's Auxiliary, League, and the Temperance Committees. (see COMMITTEE REPORTS).

Rev. M. L. Hollis gave an oral description of the three revivals that had been sponsored by the Board in Memphis, Aberdeen, and Sulligent. He said that much lasting good had been accomplished at all places although there were no churches organized at the two latter places. Bro. Boyd Jones moved that the Board be authorized to give the trailer to the Youth Camp. Passed.

Bro. H. A. Roberts gave an oral statement of the amount of money in the superannuation treasury. The amount was \$1061.63. It was moved and seconded and passed to accept this report. The pastor of the church then appointed delegates places to stay for the night. The delegates were served a nice supper by the ladies of the church after the session was dismissed.

THURSDAY EVENING

The evening service was opened with singing led by Bro. Prude. This was followed by an interesting devotional delivered by Bro. Lee. This was followed by a hearty testimony meeting. Bro. Prude and Bro. Stenbridge led us in more congregational singing before the message.

The moderator introduced the evening speaker, the Rev. W. S. Mooncyham, National Executive Secretary of the National Association. He brought a great message on the subject, The Odds are Against Us. We were then dismissed until the next morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session was opened at 8:30 a. m. with singing led by Bro. M. H. Hollis and prayer by Bro. C. J. Ard. Bro. L. E. Winters delivered the morning devotional.

After a move and second to enter business the following reports were given and accepted: Christian Literature, Finance, and final report of Resolution committees (see COMMITTEE REPORTS).

The following Ordaining Council was elected: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. George Lee, Rev. W. O. Knight, Bros. Roy Brown and L. E. Duncan. Rev. M. L. Hollis and Bro. John Brown were appointed as the program committee for the coming year.

After a move and second was passed to enter into the organization of a quarterly meeting, the assistant moderator took charge and the following business was presented:

1. Move and second to have one quarterly meeting. Passed
2. Move and second to meet Thursday night and Friday before the first Sunday in each quarter. Passed.
3. The following places were chosen as hosts for the coming year: Columbus, East Tupelo, and New Gauley.
4. The following officers were elected for the quarterly meeting: Moderator, Rev. George Lee; Clerk and Treasurer, Bro. L. E. Duncan. These officers were to be the program committee.
5. Move and second to accept the constitution and by-laws in the treatise. Passed

After this business was finished a move and second was made to make provisions in our constitution for an Executive Committee. This was passed but must be voted again at the next session. The following corresponding delegates were appointed: Alabama State, Rev. Gibson, Rev. Hollis, and Bro. Duncan; Little Brown Creek, Bro. Duncan, Bro. Prude, and Rev. Hollis; Vernon, Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. M. H. Hollis. The following delegates were elected to attend the National Association: Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mr. W. M. Johnson, Boyd Jones, Mrs. J. D. O'Donnell, and Mrs. L. E. Duncan.

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LADIES' AUXILIARIES REPORTS	AMORY	COLUMBUS	EAST TUPELO	EAST TUPELO YPA	EAST TUPELO GTA	MCGREGOR'S CHAPEL	PEARCES' CHAPEL	WHITE HILL
Receipts	\$ 176	\$787.32	\$274.56	\$18.52	\$12.27	\$181.79	\$121.53	\$242.95
Expenditures	\$162.13	632.87	255.00	13.50	6.88	181.79	55.29	229.95
Total enrolled	18	27	19	15	15	35	8	23
Sick visits	172	1483	915	12	12	309	Many	25
Trays to sick	26	173	77			45	Many	15
Flowers to sick	32	115	78				Many	15
Cards to sick	78	383	618				"	15
Gifts to sick	13	363						
Chapters read		5319	7686					
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AMORY	20	14		1	263	199	63	150	75	18	\$36,000	\$12,000	\$852.00
ANTIOCH			11		148	50	98	40			\$5,000		
BEECH SPRINGS	9	8	(17)	3	206	125	81	96	60		\$8,500		
BETHLEHEM			2	1	91	31	60	55			\$3,500		
COLUMBUS	3	8	28	3	152	100	52	203	67	27	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$5610
DAMASCUS	1		1		90	50	40	20			\$2,500		
DEPRIEST'S CHAPEL	3		2	1	82	40	42	54			\$3,500		
EAST TUPELO	15	20	12	4	285	195	90	236	103	19	\$25,000	\$7,500 3,500	\$290
FAWN GROVE	27	1			208	125	83	75	75		\$5,000		\$64
FULTON	2	3			42			34			\$5,000		
LEE'S CHAPEL	1		2		86	40	46	50			\$4,000		
MCGREGOR'S CHAPEL	5	8	1		87	77	10	60	30	35	\$10,000		
NEW GAULEY			10	2	100	60	85	12			\$7,500		
NEW LIFE	2	1		1	55	20	35				\$3,000		
PEARCE'S CHAPEL	11		12	2	421	200	221	102		8	\$8,000		
PHILADELPHIA	1	3		3	48	39	9	50	38		\$5,400		
PLEASANT GROVE			3		70	45	25	39			\$7,500		\$57.36
PRICEVILLE	1	4	6		107	55	52	60	45		\$4,500		
SPRINGDALE	4	3	10		259	110	149	96			\$5,000		
STETSON'S CHAPEL	5	1	3	1	60	40	20				\$3,000		
UNION HILL	5	2	1		152	62	90	40			\$3,000		
WHITE HILL					50	20	30	50		23	\$3,000		

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	Received in Tithes	Received in Offerings	Miscellaneous Receipts	Loans	Total Receipts	Associational Funds	Pastor
AMORY		\$7629.84			\$7629.84	\$ 25.00	M. L. Hollis
ANTIOCH		\$1770.63			\$1770.63	\$ 54.20	G. C. Price
BEECH SPRING	\$1758.	\$1469.81	\$ 780.29		4008.10	25.00	Luther Gibson
BETHLEHEM	290.	912.25	150.00		1357.25	25.00	W. O. Knight
COLUMBUS	\$3518.	\$3654.22	\$5412.42	\$5750	18984.22	150.77	J. D. O'Donnell
DAMASCUS		1183.07			1183.07	14.00	R. C. McCoy
DEPRIEST						25.00	Roy Barnes
E. TUPELO	\$6798.	5091.50	365.00	\$2800	15671.90	25.00	Luther Gibson
FAWN GROVE		1075.30	109.00		1184.30	15.00	M. L. Hollis
FULTON		450.49	53.51		396.98	15.00	M. L. Hollis
LEE'S CHAPEL	21.50	686.67	275.00		983.17	7.50	G. P. Perkins
MCGREGOR'S	350.00	1203.41			1553.41	35.70	G. C. Lee
NEW GAULEY		1534.51			1534.51	30.00	W. O. Knight
NEW LIFE						8.00	
PEARCE'S		1925.45	205.55		2131.00	25.00	M. L. Hollis
PHILADELPHIA		1884.00			1884.00	5.00	M. H. Hollis
PLEASANT GROVE	50.00	25.00			25.00	9.00	L. E. Winter
PRICEVILLE	2631.	275.45			2907.23	20.00	Joyce Gore
SPRINGDALE	138.20	1541.99			1680.19	22.20	J. E. Frederick
STETSON CH.					201.55	5.00	G. C. Price
UNION HILL							Leander McAdams
WHITE HILL						15.00	L. E. Winters

(These numbers stand for dollars and cents if not shown)

CHURCHES

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF MINISTERS

	Sermons	Commencement Sermons	Funerals	Converts Baptized	Number members Received	Number Ministers Ordained	Number Deacons Ordained	Number Ministers Liscensed	Churches Pastored	Received from Churches Pastored	Received From Revivals Held	Total Receipts	Miles Traveled
Luther Gibson East Tupelo, Miss	350	1		37	48			2	2	\$4,340.00	\$575.00	\$4,915.00	20,000
J. L. Gore %Bible College	127				4				1	1,855.00		1,855.00	36,400
M. H. Hollis Columbus, Mississi.	175		3	10	16				3	1,900.00	\$700.00	2,600.00	20,000
M. L. Hollis 9th St. N., Amory	412	1	46	116	137	2	4		4	3,743.00	439.00	4,182.00	25,000
W. O. Knight Amory, Miss.	90		4	6	10				2	1,370.28	286.00	1,656.28	8341
George C. Lee, Jr. Shelton, Nebraska	50		1						1	400.00	600.00	1,000.00	25,000
George C. Lee, Sr. Calhoun City, Miss	123						2		2	1,958.81	102.95	2,115.76	3,383
G. P. Perkins Columbus, Missa	90			7	15		1		1	960.00	230.00	1,190.00	18,000
J. D. O'Donnell 109 18th S. S. Colu.	124		4	1	14		1		1	3,000.00	175.00	3,175.00	7,500
G. C. Price Pontotoc, Miss.	112	2	4	11	9				4	541.97	229.35	771.32	5,230
H. E. Stalnaker Toccopola, Miss	many						1		1 (Assistant)			252.00	4 months at Ch. Home
L. E. Winter Calhoun City, Miss	157			1	5				3	148.41	145.73	1,325.09	8,231

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

RECEIPTS

Brought forward	\$785.88
Unified Program	105.83
" " " "	15.33
Aberdeen collection	6.33
Sulligent " "	35.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$948.58
Cash on hand reported by	
Boyd Jones	35.00
	<u>983.58</u>
EXPENDITURES	655.21
BALANCE	328.37

EXPENDITURES

Record book	\$ 6.25
Roy Brown	4.00
R. R. Crossley	4.00
E. E. Coward	1.30
Rev. M. L. Hollis (Aberdeen)	75.00
Posters	22.50
Rev. M. L. Hollis (Sulligent)	150.00
Rev. M. L. Hollis (chair covering)	14.28
Boyd Jones (expense of setting up tent)	77.88
Rev. M. L. Hollis (rent on building in Memphis)	150.00
Rev. M. L. Hollis (Memphis)	150.00
	<u>655.21</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1954-55

RECEIPTS:

Brought forward	\$ 80.54
Associational funds	156.00
Children's Home	82.00
Unified Program:	
Amory	128.02
Antioch	106.04
Beech Springs	298.87
Bethlehem	23.00
Columbus	513.39
Damascus	10.00
Depriest's	10.00
East Tupelo	986.24
Fulton	20.00
New Gauley	87.00
Pearce's	86.72
Priceville	263.60
Springdale	20.20
White Hill	5.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2876.62

EXPENDITURES:

N. E. Miss. Home Missions	\$ 121.16
Nat'l Home Missions	134.31
Bible College	516.98
Foreign Missions	520.98
N. E. Miss. Super'n	333.85
Nat'l Super'n	49.58
Morganwood Camp	899.06
Travel Mileage to Nat'l	50.00
Children's Home	82.00
Postage and Printing	12.62
National Association fee	5.00
Minutes	95.37
Associational officers	20.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2840.91
Balance in treasury	\$35.71
Due N. E. Super'n	37.63

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: L. E. Duncan, Milton Smith, W. M. Johnson

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. G. C. Lee, H. A. Roberts, Boyd May, Boyd Jones, J. C. Gibson

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Mrs. Hazel Jarrel, Milton Smith

CREDENTIALS: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Leonard Hill, John Brown, J. E. Smith, Herbert Stalnaker.

LEAGUE: Mrs. Ruby Burkes, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, John Stenbridge, Mrs. Ethis Bryant, Donald Winders. (continued next page)

COMMITTEES, continued

TEMPERANCE: Rev. M. H. Hollis, W. M. Johnson, Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. J. C. Gibson, and Mrs. Ralph Riley

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE: Rev. W. O. Knight, Mrs. G. C. Lee, Mrs. Silas Dollar, Mrs. Nola Bevill, Mrs. Luther Hamm

OBITUARY: Rev. G. C. Price, Mrs. Nona Headington, Mrs. Wayne Haas, C. J. Ard, Mrs. Shelby Bevill

LADIES' AUXILIARY: MRS. M. L. Hollis, Mrs. Lee Annis Baker, Mrs. E. V. Clingan, Mrs. V. L. Murphy

FINANCE: W. G. Prude, Mrs. Lilie Kennedy, Mrs. Goldie, Moutry, Mrs. J. V. Morgan, Miss Faye Smith

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DELEGATES

AMORY: Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. M. L. Hollis, Mr. E. C. Hawkins

ANTIOCH: Mrs. Nola Bevill, Mrs. Tera Waugh

BEECH SPRINGS: L. B. Hill, John Stenbridge, Oscar McCorry

BETHLEHEM: Laverta Stubblefield, Bettie Stubblefield

COLUMBUS: Mrs. Silas Dollar, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Lee Annis Baker

DAMASCUS: Mrs. J. C. Gibson, Mrs. D. L. Warren, Chester Johnson, Alternate, J. C. Gibson

DEPRIEST'S: Mrs. Paul Gault, Miss Ruby Sue Heard, Mrs. D. A. Williams

EAST TUPELO: Donald Winders, Sisters Alloys Whitaker, Nona Headington, Elizabeth Gibson

FAWN GROVE: Mrs. V. L. Murphy, Mrs. Archie Burcham, Mrs. J. V. Morgan

FULTON: Mrs. Pearl Stone, Mrs. Lillie Kennedy, Mrs. Hazell Jarroll

LEE'S CHAPEL: Hollis Dawkins, Edd Perrigin

MCGREGOR'S: Floyd Ard, Mrs. Shelby Bevill, Mrs. Boyd May

NEW GAULEY: Mrs. Ethie Bryant, Mrs. Goldie Moutrie, Mrs. Estell Lee

NEW LIFE: Annie Oliver, Ruby McDonald, Charlie Morphis

PEARCE'S CHAPEL: M. E. Eliot, Mrs. E. V. Clingan

PHILADELPHIA: C. O. Flaherty, Mrs. Ruby Lee Burkes, Mrs. Cla Ingram

PLEASANT GROVE: Mrs. Ida Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stopp

PRICEVILLE: Luther Hamm, Mrs. Wayne Haas, Mrs. Ralph Riley; alternates: Mrs. H. A. Roberts, Mrs. Earl Alexander

SPRINGDALE: L. O. Daniels, Elwood Daniels, Lonnie Cobb, Morris Brummett

STETSON'S CHAPEL: Sallie May, L. W. May

UNION HILL: Loraine Stanford, Holland Smith, Faye Smith

WHITE HILL: Mrs. Christine Springer, Hollis Lucius, Mrs. Myrtle Lucius, Alternate: Mrs. Maggie Fields.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LADIES' AUXILIARY--There are seven auxiliaries in the Association. We have 22 churches representing, leaving 15 without auxiliaries. We urge the other churches to organize and find out the good that you can accomplish and the many ways to raise your church funds and the joy of working for your church to make it a better place in which to worship.

We, your CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, as far as we have been able to find out, find all our ministers in good standing with their churches in the association. We recommend the ordination of Rev. Joyce Gore. We recommend that each church report the names of all ministers, licensed and ordained, in their letters to the association. We recommend that all our ministers be given certificates of standing by the clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS, continued

We, your OBITUARY COMMITTEE, beg leave to report that from churches reporting to this session of our association, we find that 22 of our beloved members have been called by the death angel since the 1953 session to their eternal reward. May we in this session stand with bowed heads and humble hearts, in a minute of meditation and prayer in memory of the following named brothers and sisters of our association who have answered God's call to come up higher:

AMORY--Thomas Roberts
NEW LIFE--J. H. Morphis
PHILADELPHIA--Mrs. B. B. Barnes
 Mr. Sam Neal
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COLUMBUS--Mrs. Joel McGee
 J. L. Lampkins
 Mrs. Ella Weir
EAST TUPELO--W. F. Killingsworth
 Mrs. Jeannetta Rea
 R. L. Beggs
 Daphine Sullivan

PEARCE'S CHAPEL--Andrew Frederick
 Mrs. H. O. Brook
BETHLEHEM--Ferbis Graham
BEECH SPRINGS--Claude Landsdale
 Mrs. George Heatherly
NEW GAULEY--Perry Bryant
 Earnest Kecnum
STETSON'S CHAPEL--Ches Swimme
DEPRIEST'S CHAPEL--W. J. Smith
MAY THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD SHINE
 THROUGH YOUR LIVES...

We, the SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE, are glad to report that all of the Sunday School literature published by the Press is now approved by our National Sunday School Board. We urge that our Sunday Schools use this approved literature as much as is possible. We urge that our churches strive for better attendance and better Sunday Schools. We recommend that our Sunday Schools have study courses where possible to improve teaching methods. We further recommend that all delegates urge their Sunday Schools to represent in the Northeast Mississippi Sunday School Convention if they have not been doing so. We also recommend that our churches adopt the record system approved by the Convention.

We, your LEAGUE COMMITTEE, urge that all the Leagues sponsor more activities for the young people in order to hold their interest and thereby keep them coming regularly. We also urge that we put more stress on league work. We recommend that the churches with leagues visit the other churches and put on programs thereby getting them interested in league work and also help them organize where possible. Eleven churches have leagues. Eleven do not. Please contact a church near you and ask them to let you help them organize one. We recommend that all leagues adopt the system of awarding certificates or pins for regular attendance similar to the system used in the Sunday School.

We, the CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COMMITTEE, want to call the attention of our people to the more attractive literature now being published by our Press and to urge our people to use it in their Sunday Schools exclusively where possible. Our National Sunday School Board is doing a great job and need our cooperation. Select choice literature for our children and exclude worldly publications from our homes as far as possible. We also recommend that our people subscribe to as many of our church papers as possible.

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We, your LEAGUE COMMITTEE, urge that all the Leagues sponsor more activities for the young people in order to hold their interest and thereby keep them coming regularly. We also urge that we put more stress on league work. We recommend that the churches with leagues visit the other churches and put on programs thereby getting them interested in league work and also help them organize where possible. Eleven churches have leagues. Eleven do not. Please contact a church near you and ask them to let you help them organize one. We recommend that all leagues adopt the system of awarding certificates or pins for regular attendance similiar to the system used in the Sunday School.

We, the CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COMMITTEE, want to call the attention of our people to the more attractive literature now being published by our Press and to urge our people to use it in their Sunday Schools exclusively where possible. Our National Sunday School Board is doing a great job and need our cooperation. Select choice literature for our children and exclude worldly publications from our homes as far as possible. We also recommend that our people subscribe to as many of our church papers as possible.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Articles 1 and 2 were rejected.

3. That the association set a date for the organization of a quarterly meeting of our churches. Passed

4. That the minutes be mimeographed instead of printed to save money and to get them out more quickly. Passed

5. That the next session of the association meet with the Fawn Grove Church. Passed

6. That we extend to Beech Springs Church and community a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for the fine way they have entertained this session. Passed

7. That since the Superannuation Board is only to pay out money to old preachers that are set aside by the association as superannuates, and since we have over a thousand dollars in the treasury that cannot be paid out until we have a superannuated minister, that the Board be authorized to loan this money to the churches at a rate of 5% per annum interest. Passed

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

PREAMBLE: In order to labor together in unity, to co-ordinate our efforts in evangelism and pastoral work, to engage in a more definite plan of work, and to get to know each other better, we, the ministers of this association do hereby organize this ministers conference.

ARTICLE ONE-NAME--This organization shall be known as the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference.

ARTICLE TWO-PURPOSE--It shall be the purpose of this conference to unite our ministers in evangelistic work, to arouse our sentiments against worldliness, to work together to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ wherever He shall lead.

ARTICLE THREE-MEMBERSHIP--The members of this conference shall be the licensed and ordained ministers in good standing belonging to the churches composing the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists. Visiting ministers of sound Christian character shall have a hearty welcome as advisory members in any session of this conference.

ARTICLE FOUR-OFFICERS--The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President, and a Secretary-treasurer. These shall be elected at the end of each associational year to serve one year.

ARTICLE FIVE-MEETINGS--This conference shall meet at least twice a year; one meeting being held during the association each year; and others being set during the year by the officers of this conference.

ARTICLE SIX--This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular business meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. This conference of ministers shall recommend to the association which of its member shall receive certificates of standing each year.

2. Each member or minister belonging to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists shall report to this conference yearly in person or by letter to be recommended for certificate of standing.

3. By-laws may be added to or taken from these by a majority vote of members present at any regular business meeting.