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Thursday Morning, October 4th, 1956

The Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Association met with Pleasant Grove church. The meeting was called together by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis, the clerk, Rev. Geo. C. Lee being present took the chair as clerk. W. G. Prude the treasurer was also present and took over the finance.

The meeting was opened by a devotion conducted by Rev. G. P. Perkins, reading from 1st Cor. 13th ch.

The Moderator appointed Committee on Committees, the following members, L. E. Duncan, W. M. Johnson and W. E. Comer.

Reading clerks were, Mrs. Luther Gibson, and Mrs. Hobson Waldon. The following churches were represented by letter, Amory, Springdale, Beech Springs, Antioch, White Hill, Stetson Chapel, Pearce Chapel, Union Hill, Depriest Chapel, East Tupelo, Lee's Chapel, Columbus, Fawn Grove, Fulton McGregor Chapel, New Life, Pleasant Grove, Philadelphia, New Gauley, Bethlehem, Hollis Chapel, Damascus. A move was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The hand of welcome was extended to visitors by the Moderator and clerk.

A call was made for new churches, and the Hollis Chapel church of Columbus, Miss. was received by majority vote.

Recessed for preaching from the stand, Rev. L. C. Johnson President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. was with us and brought a timely message on the progress of the school and the work in general. His subject was the "Harvest is white and the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that more laborers will be sent into the harvest." There was an offering for the school and \$81.75 was given.

Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon session, was called by singing by brother W. G. Prude, No. 185 was used. Devotion by song.

There were some committee reports at this time, as follows:

Temperance Report, "We your temperance committee make our report. We recommend that each pastor stress the point of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. Also at any time that our people have a chance to vote against it urge them to do so. Signed by Committee L. E. Winter, Rebecca Wages, and G. P. Perkins.

Finance Report

Treasurer's report for Association year 1955-56 for the Northeast Mississippi of Free Will Baptists.

Receipts:

Associational funds	\$ 182.15
Children's Home	33.00
Amory	5.00
Amloch	95.30
Beech Springs	15.00
Leitchem	20.00
Columbus	849.34
Damascus	20.00
Depriest	15.00
East Tupelo	1664.40
Fulton	5.00
McGregor Chapel	7.40
New Gauley	30.33
Pleasant Grove	4.00
Stetson Chapel	7.00
Brought Forward	24.04
Total Received	\$2976.96

Expenditures:

Association Officers	\$ 20.00
Home Mission N. E.	14.90
Free Will Baptist Bible College	781.09
Foreign Missions	377.70
Superannuation, N. E.	244.22
Natl. Superannuation	49.62
Cooperative Funds	212.00
Morganwood Camp	931.84
National Home Missions	92.69
Minutes and Mailing	93.36
Mileage for Delegates	70.00
National Fee	5.00
Children's Home	75.40
Postage	1.99
Total paid out	\$2969.75
Balance on hand	7.15

League Report

We your league committee report as follows, we urge that all leaguers who are active visit the league that is closest to them and help organize the work in their church. We find nine churches with leagues out of twenty-two churches, with enrollment of 537 members. We would urge the pastors to especially stress the need of a league in their church.

Signed by committee,
W. G. Prude,
Mrs. J. C. Duncan
Z. J. Waugh

Ladies Auxiliary Report

We find ten Auxiliaries with a membership of 199 members, in the association leaving twelve without an Auxiliary. We urge these to organize one soon, so they too may enjoy the blessings derived from an Auxiliary. The purpose and object of the Auxiliary is to be the missionary force and to encourage each person to be a witness. We find four organized GTAs and YBAC with a membership of 72. These organizations are very helpful and inspirational to our young people. If you do not have one of these, organize one and enjoy the blessings derived from them.

Signed by Committee,
Mrs. Geo. C. Lee, Sr.
Mrs. Hobson Waldon
Mrs. L. D. Gibson.

District Womans Auxiliary Report July 1955-June, 1956

Extra activities accomplished:

Get well cards sent	1358
Sick visits made	2865
Trays to sick	175
Bible chapters read	17189
Baskets to needy	55
Flowers given	194
Phone calls	137
Contacts made	264
Money to College, Bible	\$60.00
Money to Youth Camp	\$60.00
Cronk fund	\$5.00
One sewing machine given to Rev. and Mrs. Cronk.	
Gifts	272
Jail visits	21
Books read	44
Gave one bible to auxiliary member.	
Pieced and quilted 2 quilts. one for a family and one for the Alabama children's home. District convention, Beech Springs, Columbus, East Tupelo, New Gauley and Philadelphia.	

Annual Report Of Ladies Auxiliary

Free Will Baptist Womans Auxiliary of The District Convention of Mississippi President, Mrs. Luther Gibson, Address East Tupelo, Miss., Treasurer, Mrs. Charlie Cochran, Address Saltillo, Miss., RFD 2. Names of the delegates, Mrs. L. D. Gibson, Mrs. L. E. Duncan, Number of Auxiliaries reported, 5. Amount per capita representation fees sent to treasury, \$8.60. No. of "1" Standard Auxiliaries, None. No. "B" (3) No. "C" (2).

Do you wish to entertain the District Convention, District or State, ()

I. Enlistment department:

1. Enrollment at the beginning of Convention year, 72 present enrollment, 96.
2. Number new members, 24. Number lost_____ Average attendance, 64.

II. Youth Department:

1. Number youth organizations: GTA 4, YPA 4, BA_____
2. Total Membership: (37 GTA) YPA 58.
3. Number Stewardship Declamations Contest held 0.

4. Number Vacation Bible Schools: assisted in 3.
5. Number Active Church Libraries 3.
6. Number Bible College Students assisted, 3.
7. Other Activities 4.

III. Study Courses Department:

1. Courses Conducted.

Missions 4.

Stewardship 0.

Manual 2.

2. Reading Circles 0.

3. Number Daily Bible Readers 70.

IV. Program-Prayers Department:

1. Number Special Programs Held 1.

2. Number Weeks of Prayer Conducted 6.

3. Total Amount Self-Denial Offering Resulting from Weeks of Prayer \$20.00.

4. Total Number Family Altars 39.

5. Total Number Members Observing Prayer Fellowship 18.

V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number Making Soul Winning Efforts 90.

2. Number Souls Won 11.

3. Number Active in Community Missions 111.

4. Total Value of all Contributions \$151.72.

VI. Publicity Department:

1. Number Subscriptions to Free Will Baptist papers 41.

2. Number Articles written for Publication 3.

3. Other Publicity work done.

(Contributions thru other channels)

Special Offerings.

Missions	\$119.87
Free Will Baptist Bible College	391.80
Children's Home	48.58
Superannuations	
Others	20.00

Name: Mrs. Kimble Crowsley
Recording Secretary

Address: East and McKellar,
Columbus, Miss.

To the Association at Pleasant Grove Church, Thaxton, Miss.
Greetings;

We, the members of the McGregor Chapel W.N.A.C. wish to make the following report:

We had a shower at the church for a family whose home had burned. Also we bought food for two families, where the death angel had visited.

Activities:

No. Members enrolled	27
Average Attendance	10
No. Meetings held	11
Cards sent	50
Sick Visits	110
Trays to sick	5
Flowers to sick members	3

Funds:

Receipts			
Bal. Brought Fwd.		Groceries	10.30
from '55	\$ 8.57	Year books	6.00
Tithes and Offerings	106.89	Flowers for sick	7.65
Sale of Cards	21.00	Church Awnings	25.00
Sale of flavoring	7.31	Christmas Cards	12.80
Offerings	6.15	Postage	.76
Total	\$141.35	Total	\$ 73.94
		Bal. cash	67.41
Disbursements			
Lamp for Pulpit	\$ 3.46		\$141.35
Gifts for sick	8.19		
Balance on hand, \$67.41.			

Mrs. Shelby Bevill, President
Star Rt., Thaxton, Miss.

Mrs. Mack B. Maharrey, Secretary
Rt. 2, Pontotoc, Miss.

New Gauley Ladies Auxiliary Report

We were organized Oct. 19th, 1955. Since that time we have moved slowly but steadily.

We have visited sick	251
Sent Cards	168
Trays	25
Sent to Home Missions	\$5.00
Sent to childrens home	\$5.00
Light for pulpit	\$11.50
Gift for sick	\$6.50
Gave bible to member	

Flowers for church and flowers for deceased, one bath room set for two. Sent birthday and anniversary cards to each member of Auxiliary. Organized GTA. We have 5 tithers, Nine daily bible readers. We have in our treasury, \$28.91.

Pres. Mrs. G. C. Lee, Sr.
Calhoun City, Miss.

Mrs. Abe Strickland, Present Secty.
Sec. Tres. Mrs. L. E. Winter Past Secty.
Calhoun City, Miss.

White Hill Ladies Auxiliary Report:

Statistics for 1955-56	
Enrolled as members	16
Trays for sick	\$10.00
Scarf for pulpit	4.00
Map for adult S. S. Room	12.50
Church record book	8.50
Bible Dictionary	3.50
Bible Commentary	3.50
Bible Concordance	3.50
Two pictures for church	13.90
Bell for S. S.	.85
Name plates for S. S.	.70
Three Col. plates	17.00

Flowers	3.09
Gift for Pastor	20.00
Total	\$101.04
Balance in Treasury	\$12.25

Pres. Mrs. Dorris Shelby
Vice Pres. Mrs. Mae Hays
Secty. Tres. Mrs. Myrtle Lucious
Eupora, Miss.

Amory Free Will Baptist Auxiliary Report: Amory, Miss.

Report of the Ladies Auxiliary of Amory Auxiliary for 1955-56.

Amount of money for the year, \$96.95.

This amount was made by selling cards, year books, donations and membership dues.

Amount paid out for the year \$55.94. This amount was paid for flowers, gifts, programs, books, and showers.

Amount of money brought over from last year \$10.00.

Balance on hand \$50.71.

Visits to sick	203
Trays	71
Flowers	84
Cards	137
Gifts	63

Resolution Committee report as follows:

We, your committee on Resolutions, offer the following resolutions, Be it Resolved; That a Community Committee be appointed by Moderator to visit the Zion Rest Association also the Little Brown Creek Quarterly Meetings for the purpose of investigating the possibility of the organization of a State Association. This passed and the following were appointed as a committee to make this investigation: Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. Luther Gibson and Mr. D. D. Hollis.

2nd. Resolved that we give the Pleasant Grove church and community a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown us while meeting with their church in this session of the association.

Paul Ketteman, Chairman
H. A. Roberts, Mrs. Nell White

We your committee on credentials, report as follows: In checking with the churches and letters we find all our ministers in good standing in their respective churches. We recommend that Mr. C. L. Hill and Mr. Charles Cochran of the Beach Springs church be ordained to the deacons office and they were ordained by the following council, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. L. D. Gibson and George C. Lee, Sr. Also we recommend that Mr. Ernest Ounby also of the Beech Springs church be ordained to the gospel ministry and he was duly ordained by the above council.

There was a move to accept the Hollis Chapel church into the association. To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pleasant Grove church, on Oct. 4th, 1956. We the members of the Hollis Chapel Free Will Baptist church of Columbus, Miss. while in conference voted to ask for membership in your honorable body, trusting that we might help you in the carrying on of the wonderful work of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and that your body might aid us in our efforts for Him. To this end we do hereby petition membership with you.

Moderator, M. L. Hollis, Amory, Miss.
H. B. Edwards, Church Clerk

We your Sunday School Committee report as follows: We find there are seventeen Sunday schools in our association, with 1631 students enrolled. We would like to urge those churches who do not have a school to organize and have one, and we would suggest that the churches near by assist them to organize and get going.

Signed by committee

Floyd Cline
Mrs. P. R. Stewart
Mrs. E. V. Clingan

Obituary Report:

We, your Obituary committee beg leave to report as follows: We find that there has been 17 deaths in our ranks. From Depriest Chapel, Brother Albert Williams, Troy Dove. From Union Hill, Brother Clyde Lucas, Brother H. F. Price, Brother Henry Cochrell, Sister Mattie McCoullough and Sister Hattie Parker. From New Gauley, Sister Ida Keeton. From Pearce Chapel, 3, Mrs. Ida Price, Mrs. Claudia Cowley and Mr. Chester Shumpert. From East Tupelo, 2, Brother C. C. Davidson and Sister M. C. McGraw. From Amory, 1, Mr. R. L. McNeil. New Life, Mr. Osborn Morphis. From Lees Chapel, Brother W. J. Dawkins. From McGregor Chapel, Brother Leon Coker and J. M. Corder. We mourn their going and may we stand in silent meditation and prayer for these dear ones who have out striped us and gone before, public prayer was led by Rev. Geo. C. Lee.

The following members of the association served on the various committees Auxiliary, Mrs. Geo. C. Lee, Sr., Mrs. Hobson Walden and Mrs. L. D. Gibson. Temperance, Rev. G. P. Perkins, Rev. L. E. Winter and Rebecca Wages. Obituary, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Mrs. Gattie Tubb, Mrs. Ila Boyd. Sunday School, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Floyd Chine, Mrs. E. V. Clingan. League, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Helen Richey and Mrs. Ruby Burkes. Finance W. G. Prude, Joe Bramblett and Z. J. Waugh. Credentials, Rev. L. D. Gibson, G. J. Robertson and Elzie Harris. Resolution, Rev. Paul Kettelman, H. A. Roberts and Mrs. Nell White.

The following preachers made their report:

Greetings; to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending the 1st of Oct., 1956. I have preached 151 sermons, prayed many prayers visited many sick people Baptized 7 persons, Received into the church 11 members, Preached 2 commencement sermons, Pastored 3 churches, conducted 4 funerals. Received from pastoral work \$1084.51 and for revival work \$113.04. Total received for year, \$1197.50. Traveled 2053 miles.

Respectfully, G. C. Price
Thaxton, Miss.

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I have preached 135 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, Baptized 6 converts, Received 9 members into the church, Preached one Memorial sermon, Pastored one church, Conducted two funerals. Received from church pastored \$3120.00, Received from revivals \$75.00, Total from my year's work \$3195.00, Traveled 18,000 miles. My address Route 2, Saltillo, Miss. Wilburn Beasley.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free

Will Baptist, when convened with the Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my year work ending the 1st of Oct., 1956.

I have preached 204 sermons, Baptized 12 converts, received into the church 22 members. Pastored one church, conducted 2 funerals, Received from church pastored \$3562.50. Received for revivals, \$210.00. Total received \$3782.50. Traveled 20,000 miles. My address is Columbus, Miss. Paul Kettelman.

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my year's work ending the 1st of Oct., 1956.

I have preached 163 sermons, Prayed many prayers, visited many sick. Baptized 17 converts, Received into the church, 32 members. Pastored one church, Many funerals. Received from the church pastored, \$3545.00, for revival work, \$750.00. Total received for the year, \$4295.00 Traveled 23,000 miles. My address is East Tupelo, Miss. L. D. Gibson.

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I have preached, 128 sermons, Prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, Baptized 11 converts, received into the church 14 members, Helped ordain 1 minister, and two deacons. Pastored 3 churches, conducted 23 funerals, Received from churches pastored, \$1909.76, and from revival work, \$75.00 Total received, \$1986.76. Traveled 4744 miles. My address is Calhoun City, Miss, Box 175. Geo. C. Lee, Sr., Married 5 couples.

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I have preached 25 sermons, and one memorial sermon, Total received, \$22.00, traveled 1400 miles. My address is Saltillo, Miss. RFD. Ernest Ounby.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am to make the following report of my year's work ending Oct. 1st, 1956.

I have preached, 63 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited 138 sick people, Baptized 11 converts, received into the church 17 members, Pastored one church, conducted 4 funerals, received from church, \$300.00 for revival \$21.00. Total received, \$321.00, traveled 6813 miles. My address is Saltillo, Miss., RFD. Wayne Yarbrough.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years, work ending the 1st. of Oct., 1956. I have preached 185 sermons, prayed many prayers visited many sick people, held one funeral, baptized 7 converts, Total received from church pastored, \$1500.00, from revivals, \$400.00. Total received \$1900.00. Traveled 15,000 mimles. My address is Columbus, Miss. RFD. H. M. Hollis.

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I have preached 125 sermons, Prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, Pastored two churches, conducted one funeral, Received from churches pastored \$300.00. For revival work \$170.00. Total received \$470.00. Traveled 1000 miles. My address is Columbus, Miss., Star Route. G. P. Perkins.

Greetings: To The Northeast Mississippi Association Of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Pleasant Grove church on the 4th day of Oct., 1956. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending the 1st of Oct., 1956.

I have preached 77 sermons, visited many sick people, had 8 conversions, 4 joined the church, Baptized 7 members, married two couples, received for work as pastor, \$662.65, traveled 3465 miles. My address: Rev. L. E. Winter, 504 Green Ave. Cordova, Ala.

Delegates to National Association which meets with the churches of Birmingham, Ala. next July, 1957. Mrs. Hobson Waldon, L. E. Duncan, Boyd Jones, Mrs. Charles Cochran and W. M. Johnson.

Moderator was granted authority to fill in the vacancies to the National Association. If some should not go.

Delegates to Jasper, Ala. Rev. Wilburn Beasley, and Bro. Ounby.

Delegates to Vernon, Bro. Hines, and Bro. M. H. Hollis.

Delegates to Mt. Moriah, Rev. Wilburn Beasley and Bro. Ray.

Alabama State Association, Rev. L. E. Winter and Rev. Beasley, Brother Ray.

At this time the Rev. Paul Kettelman brought a timely message on the subject of real Stewardship. There was a song and praise service led by Rev. M. H. Hollis.

The Ordination of two deacons and one preacher, to deaconship of the Beech Springs, and Minister to the Lord's work also from Beech Springs.

The next session of the association will meet with the Amory Free Will Baptist on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1957.

The vacancy on the Home Mission Board was filled by the appointment of Bro. Flaherty of Philadelphia. On the Executive Board Brother Luther Gibson was appointed.

There was a move and approved by majority vote that the tent be rented out to any responsible people of our association for religious work, and the parties renting same to be responsible for the tent.

The time has finally come to elect officers for another year, Moderator elected, Brother Paul Kettelman, clerk, Geo. C. Lee Asst. Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Asst. Clerk, brother Wilburn Beasley. Treas. W. G. Prude.

The Quarterly meeting were voted to the following places, For the last of December, 1956, Beech Springs, For the March meeting, Columbus, and for the June meeting no choice.

There was a move to close out the superannuation account and give the money back to the various churches according to their paying. The treas. of the board was authorized to send the money by check to the churches.

Thus closed another fine session of the association.

M. L. Hollis, Md.

Geo. C. Lee Sr., Clerk

W. G. Prude Treas.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Paul J. Kettelman	Moderator
M. L. Hollis	Assistant Moderator
George C. Lee	Clerk
Wilburn Beasley	Assistant Clerk
W. G. Prude	Treasurer

HOME MISSION BOARD

Four Years	Leonard Hill
Three Years	Roy Brown
Two Years	Oliver Haas
One Year	E. E. Cowart
Five Years	C. O. Flaherty

QUARTERLY MEETING OFFICERS

G. C. Price	Moderator
L. E. Duncan	Clerk and Treasurer
Program Com. For Quarterly Meeting	L. E. Duncan and G. Price
State Representative To General Board	W. G. Prude

EXECUTIVE BOARD

D. D. Hollis—1 Year	Columbus
Wilburn Beasley—2 Years	Saltillo
L. D. Gibson—3 Years	E. Tupelo

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 Saviour 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 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 undertaking 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 Saviour 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.

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 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 faith. 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.—PRESEVERENCE—All believers in Christ, who through grace prevere 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. Acts 8 Chpt.; I Tim. 5:10; Luke 22:49.

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

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

Article 16.—RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done ill unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. Jno. 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 15:23.

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Columbus Statistics:

Received by Baptism	12
Received by letter	10
Dismissed by letter	3
Excluded	2
Total Members	172
Sunday School Enrolment	206
League Enrolment	90
Women's Auxiliary Enrolment	22
Prayer Meeting	38

Our delegates are, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Silis Dolar, Our Deacons are, Mrs. Floyd Cline, Kimble Crowsley, Silas Dolar, Willie Brown and Leither Fields. Clerk, Mrs. Cecil Deas, Columbus, Miss., and Pastor, Rev. Paul Kettelman, Columbus, Miss. Fulton:

Received by Baptism, 5, by letter 2, total membership, 50, Sunday S. enrolment, 25. Our delegates are, Mrs. Ila Boyd, Wiley Smith, Mrs. Alice Woods, and Mrs. Maud Dodson. Our Deacons are, A. W. Kennedy, Marvin Jerrells, Troy Ballard. Our clerk is, Mrs. Nadine Stone, Fulton, Miss. our pastor is Rev. M. D. Hollis, Amory, Miss. Beech Springs:

Received by Baptism, 6, by letter, 3, Excluded, 1, Active membership, 165, S. S. enrolment, 124, League enrolment, 69, Womans Auxiliary, 24, Y. P. A. & G. T. A., 25-15. Our delegates are, Mrs. Ernest Onuby, John Stimbridge, and Mrs. Charlie Cochran. Our Deacons are, G. L. Hill, Mr. Charlie Cochran. Our address is Saltillo, Miss. Clerk, Jimmie Stimbridge, Pastor, Rev. Wilburn Beasley. White Hill:

Received by Baptism, 3, By letter 1, dismissed by letter 1, Total Membership, 66. Active, 34. Womans Aux. 16. Prayer meeting 20. Our delegates are, Floyd Card, Lavarie Card and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fields. Our Clerk is, Earl W. Shelby, Eupora, Route 4, Miss. Pastor, Rev. G. P. Perkins, Columbus, Miss. Depriest Chapel:

Received by Baptism, 3. Dismissed by letter 2. Total members 83. S. S. Enrolment 54. Our delegates are Archie Williams, Miss Ruby Sue Hearn, and Miss Geneva Cox. Our clerk is C. R. Hollis, Gatman and pastor, Rev. A. G. Lacy, Hackleburg, Ala.

Union Hill:

Received by Baptism, 12. By letter 5. Deceased 5. Total Membership 141. Active 59. S. S. Enrolment, 60. League 30. Our delegates are, Audie Ford Winnie Ruth Lofton and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lucas. Our clerk is B. M. Maxwell Pastor, Wayne Yarbrough, Saltillo, Miss.

Pleasant Grove:

Total members, 85. Our delegates are Mrs. Ida Carter, Wilburn Warren. Our clerk is J. D. Stepp, Pastor, Rev. G. C. Price, Thaxton, Miss. RFD. Our deacons, Jim. Thomas, John Bennett, Wayne Thomas.

New Gauley:

Received by Baptism 12, by letter 2. Dismissed 1. Deceased 1, Total membership 139. Active 75. S. S. Enrolment 75. Womens Aux. 26. G. T. A. S. 12. Weekly prayer meeting. Our delegates are Mrs. Estell Lee, Mrs. Bobby Honeycutt and Mrs. Tillie Bell Collins. Our clerk is C. E. Goodson. Pastor Rev. Geo. C. Lee. We have gone on full time work. Address Calhoun City, Miss.

Pearce Chapel:

Received by Baptism, None, by letter 1, dismissed 3, deceased 3. Total membership 413. Active 221. S. S. Enrol. 102. Our delegates are, Mrs. E. V. Gilngin and Mrs. P. R. Stewart, Geo. Hathcock. Our Deacons are Junior Horn, E. V. Clingan and G. R. Brasfield. Our clerk, Gilbert Johnson, Smithville, Miss. Pastor M. L. Hollis, Amory, Miss.

East Tupelo:

Received by Baptism, 19, by letter 13, dismissed 13. Deceased 2. Total membership, 322. Active 243. S. S. Enrol. 302. League, 148. Womens Aux. 26. G. T. A. S. and Y. P. A. 23. Weekly prayer meeting. Our delegates are, Helen Richey, Camilia Riley, Elizabeth Gibson. Our Deacons are W. G. Prude, D. P. Marcy, L. E. Duncan, L. C. Bedford, H. M. Murphy, M. C. Haas, and H. A. Roberts. Our clerk Jo Ann Parham, East Tupelo, Miss. Pastor, L. D. Gibson, East Tupelo.

Amory:

Received by Baptism, 4, by letter 7, dismissed by letter 6. Deceased 1. Total Membership 264. Active 139. S. S. Enrolment 150. League 55. Womens Aux. 18. Mens brotherhood 20. Weekly prayer meeting. Our delegates are, Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. Ernest Galloway, Mrs. Gattie Tubb. Our clerk is Mrs. J. C. Duncan. Our pastor Rev. M. L. Hollis, Amory, Miss.

New Life:

Received by Baptism, 5 by letter 2. Deceased 1. Total members 79. Active 38. Our delegates are Mrs. Rebecca Wages, Mrs. Annie Oliver, our clerk is Mary E. Cruse, Houlka, Rt. 3. Our pastor is Rev. G. C. Price, Pontotoc.

Lee's Chapel:

Dismissed by letter 7. Deceased 1. Total membership 30. S. S. Enrol. 40. League Enrol. 12. Weekly Yes. Our delegates are D. D. Hollis, Hollis Dawkins, and Brother L. P. Hollis. Our deacons, are Hollis Dawkins, and E. P. Perrigan. Our clerk is, A. C. Hollis, Columbus, Miss. Our pastor is Rev. R. E. Tillie, Ethyville, Ala.

McGregor Chapel:

Received by letter, 1. Dismissed by letter 5. Deceased 2. Total members, 88. S. S. Enrol. 60. Womans Aux. 27. Our delegates are Floyd Ard, Ruby Bevill and Mrs. Gertrude Graham. Our clerk is, Mrs. Onice Coker, our pastor, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Saltillo, Miss. Clerks address, Pontotoc. Our Deacons are A. A. Montgomery, Boyd May, Shelby Bevill and Lonnie Merritt.

Antioch:

Received by Baptism 1, by letter 3. Dismissed by letter 1. Total membership 152. S. S. Enrol. 40. Our delegates are, Wayne Tutor, Tal Henderso and Mrs. Z. J. Waugh. Our Deacons are W. G. Hodge, Z. J. Waugh and L. W. Bevill. Our clerk is Mrs. Nola Bevill, Toccopola, Miss., Pastor Rev. G. C. Price, Pontotoc.

Bethlehem:

Received by Baptism, 13. Dismissed by letter 2. Total members 100. S. S. Enrol. 109. Weekly Prayers. Our delegates are Mrs. Ola Ard, Mrs. Beatress Graham and Delphy Mooney. Our Deacons are, C. J. Ard, S. W. Tucker and Quay Harrison, M. M. Ramsey. Our clerk M. M. Ramsey, Pontotoc, Pastor Rev. W. O. Knight, Amory, Miss.

Philadelphia:

Received by Baptism, 6, by letter 2. Dismissed by letter 1. Total membership, 59. S. S. Enrolment, 32. League 28. Womans Aux. 8. Y. P. A. 12. Our delegates are, Mrs. Ruby Burkes, C. O. Flajerty, Mrs. A. L. Hataway. Our Deacons, are H. G. Cooper, Sr. Our clerk, Mrs. J. T. McAuthor, Philadelphia, Miss. Pastor, Rev. M. H. Hollis, Columbus, Miss.

Springdale:

Received by Baptism 5, by letter 1. Dismissed by letter 1. Total Membership, 257. Active 95. S. S. Enrolment 95. League 5. Young people bible study every Monday night. Our delegates are, Aria Morgan, Vallie Fay Clifton and Nell White. Our Deacons are, No Deacons reported. Clerk, W. T. Gunter, Oxford, Miss. Pastor W. O. Knight, Amory, Miss.

Fawn Grove:

Received by Baptism, 3, by letter 1. Dismissed by letter 3. Total Membership, 170. Active 75. S. S. Enrolment 87. League 40. Our Delegates are, Chester Comer, Mrs. Chester Comer, and Ballie Cause. Our Deacons are Marvin Franks, Roy Brown and John Brown. Our clerk is, Mrs. Colin Franks. Dorsey, Miss. Pastor M. L. Hollis, Amory.

Stetsons Chapel:

Dismissed by letter, 2. Total membership 58. Weekly prayers. Our delegates are Henry Gorden, Mrs. Kattie Gordon and Mrs. Joe Kitchens. Our Deacons are Joe Bramblett and Martin May. Our clerk is, Mrs. Ila Inmon and Pastor Rev. G. C. Price, Pontotoc. Clerks address, Toccopola, Miss. RFD.

Damascus:

Received by Baptism 6. Dismissed by letter 2. Total members 96. S. S. Enrolment 25. Our Delegates are: J. H. Smith, G. S. Johnson and Mrs. Myrtle Caraway. Our deacons are, J. E. Smith, M. C. Johnson and Fred Chism. Our Pastor. Rev. H. E. Crawford, Northport, Ala. Clerk, Mrs. C. C. McKee, DeKalb, Miss.

Hollis Chapel:

Received by Baptism 6, by letter 8, dismissed 3. Our delegates are, R. S. Partain, Mrs. R. R. Crowsley, and Mrs. Carl Wheeler, our clerk is, H. B. Edwards, Columbus, Miss. Pastor Rev. M. L. Hollis, Amory.

CHURCHES	VALUE CHURCH	VALUE PARSONAGE	DEBITS	RECEIVED TIMES	REC. FW OFF	LOANS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PASTOR SALARY	PASTOR EXPENSE	VISITING PREACHER	EVANGELIST	SINGER - TANIST	BUILDING REPAIRS	M.W. CAMP	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	BIBLE COL.	SUP. ANNU.	S.S. SUPPLIES	INSUR- ANCE	UTILITIES	BENEVOLENCE	INCIDENTAL	TOTAL EXP.	ASS'N FUNDS	UNIFIED PROGRAM	TOTAL SENT	CHILDRENS HOME
AMORY	\$36,800	\$12,200		\$6339.76			\$6339.76	\$2550		\$200	\$247.96	\$360	\$1291.36		\$80	\$102	\$28.65		\$91.68	\$105.72	\$804.51	\$1008		\$5961.89	\$5	\$2.50	\$10	\$2.50
ANTIOCH	\$5000				\$960.39			\$624.50		\$32.50	\$75		\$168		\$39.96	\$17.76	\$17.72	\$13.32	\$36.70	\$29.10	\$20	\$10		\$933.65	\$10	\$22	\$32	
BEECH SPRINGS	\$10,000	\$5500	\$1700	\$3188.86	\$3600.41		\$6789.27	\$3180	\$50	\$21.15	\$150	\$60	\$1640.24	\$10	\$75	\$102.54	\$94.40	\$19	\$164.54	\$381.90	\$104.49	\$95.50	\$558.41	\$6707.17	\$10		\$15	\$5
BETHLEHEM	\$5000			\$555.04	\$522.06		\$1107.10	\$623.50		\$38	\$135		\$1.50		\$65.90				\$193.99		\$39.39	\$27.50		\$1144.78	\$20		\$20	
COLUMBUS, FIRST	\$35,000	\$8000	\$3826	\$7472.64	\$3935.89		\$11,408.53	\$3562.50	\$84	\$50	\$319.44		\$2025.64	\$445.60	\$121.90	\$459.75	\$309.49	\$161.69	\$526.78	\$121.97	\$575.35	\$166.46	\$664.45	\$983.58	\$10		\$10	\$239.10
DAMASCUS	\$3500				\$939.20		\$939.20	\$678.22			\$112								\$36.63			\$37.00	\$50.95	\$914.80	\$2	\$10	\$12	
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	\$3500				\$557.82			\$215.00		\$20			\$17.50								\$140.95			\$452.45	\$10		\$35	\$15.00
EAST TUPELO	\$65,000	\$9000	\$17,500	\$10,497.81	\$8128.75		\$21,396.32	\$3900	\$195	\$375	\$150	\$60	\$9355	\$826.46	\$205.40	\$224.48	\$606.21	\$122.47	\$1048.50	\$495.08	\$477.48	\$428.26	\$1859.04	\$20,313.38	\$10		\$10	
FANN GROVE	\$4000				\$1525.77			\$887.91		\$31.78	\$145.20				\$85.78		\$23.81		\$63.37	\$36	\$234.76			\$1525.77	\$10		\$10	
FULTON	\$4000				\$457.70			\$240		\$30.00	\$175						\$25		\$9.05					\$262.92	\$5		\$10	\$5
LEE'S CHAPEL	\$5000			\$50				\$630			\$50										\$30				\$8		\$8	
MCGREGOR CHAPEL	\$5000		\$35	\$500	\$1402.77		\$1917.77	\$949.68		\$130	\$150		\$161				\$43.50	\$10.25	\$82.50	\$45.75				\$1752.77	\$5	\$10.25	\$15.25	
NEW GAULEY	\$10,000			\$31.84	\$1225.62		\$1205.62	\$863.60		\$44.85		\$51							\$68.54	\$42.08	\$109.53	\$37	\$9.02	\$1225.22	\$10	\$17.16	\$27.16	
NEW LIFE	\$3000							\$288.83		\$3			\$150		\$3			\$5							\$5		\$5	
PIERCE CHAPEL	\$7500				\$2224.99		\$2224.99	\$900		\$115	\$125	\$125	\$2.37		\$160.07		\$30			\$27.45	\$81.31		\$608.49	\$2199.69	\$25		\$25	
PHILADELPHIA	\$6000		\$90		\$1331.34	\$90	\$1421.34	\$841.75		\$146			\$315						\$90	\$16.58	\$12				\$5		\$5	
PLEASANT GROVE	\$8000							\$184.85					\$15												\$3	\$3.50	\$6.50	
SPRINGDALE	\$10,000			\$119.49				\$853.15		\$8	\$105.25		\$875.94		\$7.50	\$61.31			\$137.95	\$17.49	\$90.46			\$2257.05	\$5	\$20	\$25	
STETSON CHAPEL	\$2000				\$50			150.17				\$25													\$5		\$5	
UNION HILL	\$4500		\$420.30	\$267	\$2097.38		\$2344.38	\$300		\$9.60	\$100	\$20	\$1491						\$51.34		\$19.96	\$117.76	\$50	\$2199.66	\$5		\$5	
WHITE HILL	\$4000							\$416.60		\$19.16	\$85	\$6	\$777.44		\$6.50	\$6.50			\$38.10				\$34.95		\$10		\$10	
HOLLIS CHAPEL															\$2.50			\$2.50							\$5		\$10	
RANDELL MEMO.																												
TOTALS	\$299,800	\$34,700	\$35,946.30	\$29,022.44	\$28,994.09	\$90	\$66,114.26	\$14,110.00	\$329	\$1274.04	\$2124.65	\$707	\$18,296.99	\$1277.06	\$834.01	\$974.34	\$336.73	\$336.73	\$2098.84	\$1319.09	\$2739.19	\$1019.48	\$3835.31	\$48,835.19	\$188	\$85.41	\$300.91	\$266.60