

**MINUTES**  
**Of The**  
**Twenty-Third Annual Session**  
**Of The**  
**Northeast Mississippi Association**  
**Of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**



**Convened With Amory Church**  
**On October 3rd and 4th, 1957**



Next session will meet with The Pearce's Chapel Church, near Smithville, Miss., on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1958.

The 23rd Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association met with Amory Church on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1957, with Rev. Paul Kettelman, Moderator presiding, and Rev. G. C. Lee, Sr. as Clerk in his place.

Opened with song led by Bro. M. H. Hollis and prayer by Rev. Lee. Devotion by Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, using Mark 1:16-28 and Luke 9:1-6 as Scriptures, and speaking on "The Challenge to the Church."

Rev. M. L. Hollis, as host pastor, extended to all a very warm and hearty welcome. Rev. Paul Kettelman followed by telling us, "Why we are here".

Letters were read by reading clerks from all churches except Antioch, whose letter was received after close of Association and report included in these minutes. Motion carried that delegates be seated.

Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Committees; Revs. Wilburn Beasley, M. H. Hollis and M. L. Hollis.

Rev. Raymond Tilley from Alabama and Rev. Paul Long from Georgia were seated as visitors, Rev. Flenoy Clerk of Houston, Miss., was also welcomed as a visitor in our midst.

A move duly seconded and carried to grant a letter of dismission to Randall Memorial Church of Memphis so that they might unite with the newly formed Tennessee body. Same was forwarded to Rev. G. C. Lee, Jr., pastor of the church.

After an adjournment from business and a short recess the meeting was called together by singing of "Holy Manna". Rev. Luther Gibson preached the introductory sermon using as a subject, "Unconditional Surrender." Reading from Matt. 16:20-28. A very challenging message indeed.

During the noon hour the Ladies of the Church served a very delicious meal in the basement of the church, a happy time of feasting and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions by Rev. M. H. Hollis, who read from 133 Psalm and made a good talk.

The committee on Committees reported as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: Stanley Partain, L. D. Gibson and Blanche Pennington.

CREDENTIALS: J. C. Gibson, D. S. Hill and J. C. Duncan.

TEMPERANCE: C. R. Hollis, Troy Brown, Bonnie Dodson and Mrs. H. G. Wright.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Mrs. W. C. Barber, Mrs. Ola Ingram, Mrs. Lonnie Raines, Mrs. R. L. Ray, and Mrs. Troy Brown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: L. E. Duncan, Floyd Ard, Mrs. Hobson Waldon and Mrs. H. S. Cooper.

F. W. B. LEAGUE: Mrs. Boyd Jones, Mrs. L. E. Duncan and Miss Inez Robison.

FINANCE: Mrs. Herschel Stone, Mrs. J. E. Allen, Miss Bonnie Dodson and Mrs. E. C. Hawkins.

OBITUARY: Mrs. J. V. Morgan, Mrs. Oscar McCrory and Mrs. G. C. Lee Sr.

Rev. Paul Kettelman made an oral report on the work of a Comity Committee that was appointed at the 1956 Session to investigate the possibility of uniting the various Associations in Mississippi into a State Body. He reported that after visiting the people in the southern part of the State that prospects were very good toward the organization of a State work. The executive Committee was empowered to follow up on this work as soon as possible.

## REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Resolved, that since we have children from Mississippi in the Free Will Baptist Home For Children at Greenville, Tenn., we support same with funds from our churches. You may send funds direct to the Home at this address; FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN, Route 9, GREENEVILLE, TENN. or send them through your treasurer, W. G. Prude, East Tupelo.

2. Resolved, that we give to the Amory Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown us, while in their midst, and pray that our God may ever bless them.

## DISTRICT AND YEARLY REPORT OF LADIES AUXILIARY RECORDING SECRETARY

This report is the responsibility of the local recording secretary. The local recording secretary compiles her report from the regular Individual Monthly Reports made by the Local Auxiliary members and sends a copy to the District recording Secretary ten days before the District Auxiliary Convention.

### Yearly Report Of The Ladies Auxiliary Of Free Will Baptist Of Mississippi

President—Mrs. Luther Gibson, East Tupelo, Miss.

Treasurer—Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Columbus, Miss.

Delegates—Miss Kay Whitaker, Mrs. Hilma Marlin, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Paul Kettelman, Mrs. Luther Gibson, Mrs. L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. Jack Sherman, Mrs. Ezell Witt.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting, (4) Amount Per capita sent (\$5.70).

1. Enlistment Department;

1. Enrolment at the beginning of Year, 72; Present enrolment, 57.

2. Number new members, 12; Number lost, 27; Average attendance 27.

1. Youth Department; GTA, 2; YPA 3.

2. Total membership 16; YPA 32.

3. Number Stewardship Declamation contests held, 1.

4. Number Vacation Bible Schools, assisted in, 3.

5. Number Active Church Libraries, 2.

6. Number Bible Students Assisted, 6.

III. Study Course Department:

Courses Conducted

Attendance

2 Missions

24

1 Stewardship

15

1 Manual

24

3 Evangelism

37

4 Prayer

51

Number daily Bible readers

32

IV. Program Prayers Department:

1. Number special programs held, 4

2. Number weeks of prayer, 9

3. Total Amt. of Self Denial Offerings, resulting from weeks of Prayer, \$76.90

4. Total numbers of Altars, 22

5. Total Observing Prayer Fellowship, 15



V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number Making Soul Winning Efforts, 43
2. Souls Won, 4
3. Number Active in Community Missions, 88
4. Total Value of all contributions, to childrens Home, \$154.65

VI. Publicity Department:

1. No. Subscribers to FWB Papers, 32
2. Number articles written for publications, 0
3. Other publicity work, 0.

VII. Personal Gifts (Gift thru other channels)

Special Offerings: Missions, \$63.50; Free Will Baptist College, \$393.28; Children's Home, \$86.59; Superannuation, \$4.00; Others, \$10.00.

Chapters read, 14,063; Sick Visits made, 2125; Sick cards sent, 1215; Trays carried, 199; Flowers sent, 188; Gifts, 285; Baskets fruit, 30; Jail visits, 20; Books read, 41; Bibles given, 4; Cottage prayers, 2; Bible College, \$60.00; Morganwood Youth Camp, \$60.00; Personal Gifts to Bible College Students, \$174.25.

District Recording Secty.

Mrs. Jolly Winders.

Address: 300 Main St.,

Tupelo, Miss.

The following ministers made their report:

Greetings; To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Amory Church on the 3rd and 4th day of Oct., 1957.

It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1957.

I have preached 156 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, Baptized one convert, Received 2 into the church, Preached one Memorial sermon, Pastored one church, Conducted one funeral.

Received from church pastored, \$3428.00. Received for revivals, \$138.00. Total received, \$3428.00. Traveled 1800 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilburn Beasley

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Amory church on Oct. 3rd and 4th, 1957.

It is with true thankfulness to God that I am able to make the the following report of my work for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1957.

I have preached 112 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited 131 sick people, Baptized 7 converts, Received 9 into the church, helped Ordain one Deacon, Preached One commencement sermon, Pastored 2 churches, conducted 2 funerals, Received from churches pastored \$1363.09, Received for revival work, \$49.18, Total received, \$1413.28. Traveled 8848 miles.

My address is Saltillo, Miss, RFD.

Wayne Yarbrough.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of October, 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending Sept. 30th, 1957.

I have preached 48 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, Total received for year, \$262.90. Traveled 3800 miles. My address is Saltillo, Miss.

Ernest Ownby

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Amory church on Thursday and Friday the 3rd and 4th of Oct., 1957.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending Sept. 30th, 1957.

I have preached 248 sermons, Prayed many prayers, Visited many sick people, Baptized 20 members, Received into the church 22, Pastored (1) church, Conducted 21 Funerals, Received from church pastored, \$3600.00. Received from revival work, \$350.00. Total received, \$3950.00. 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 Amory Church on Oct. 3rd. and 4th., 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending Oct. 1st, 1957.

I have preached 97 sermons, prayed many prayers visited many sick people, Baptized 13 converts, received 16 into the church, helped ordain 5 ministers, Pastored 2 churches, conducted 2 funerals, Received from churches pastored, \$1809.65. Traveled 7710 miles. My address is Amory, Miss.

W. O. Knight

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of Oct., 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending Sept. 30th, 1957.

I have preached 105 sermons, Baptized 3 converts, Received into the church, 3, Preached (1) Memorial sermon, Pastored 2 churches, Received from churches pastored, \$696.75. For revivals \$60.00, Total received \$756.70. I have traveled 2592 miles. My address is Columbus, Miss.

G. P. Perkins

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association Of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of Oct., 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending Sept. 30th, 1957. I have preached 175 sermons, Baptized 4 converts, Received into the church, 6. Preached 4 commencement sermons. (1) memorial sermon, Pastored 4 churches. Conducted 4 Funerals. Received from churches \$906.89. Received from Revival work \$202.60, Total received, \$1188.89. Traveled 2887 Miles. My address is Thaxton, Miss., RFD.

G. C. Price

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of Oct., 1957, It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending Oct. 1st, 1957.

I have preached 139 sermons, Received one into the church, preached one Memorial sermon, Married 5 couples, Helped Ordain one preacher, and two Deacons. Pastored one church, Conducted 8 funerals, Received from church, \$1053.31. Traveled 1166 miles. My address is Calhoun City, Miss.

Geo. C. Lee, Sr.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of Oct. 1957.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending the 30th of Sept., 1957. I have preached 89 sermons, Received 3 into the church, Pastored 3 churches, Received from churches pastored, \$2041.75. For revival work, \$73.22, Total received, \$2114.97. Traveled 20,000 miles. My address is 3231 Hardin Ave, Memphis, Tenn.

G. C. Lee, Jr.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of Oct., 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I make the following report of my years work ending Sept. 30th, 1957.

I have preached 222 sermons, Baptized 15 members, Received into the church, 9, Preached 2 commencement sermons, Pastored (1) church, Conducted 24 funerals, Received from church pastored, \$3640.00, received from revivals, \$700.00, Total received \$4,340.00. Traveled, 20,000 Miles. My address is East Tupelo, Miss.

L. D. Gibson

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 3rd and 4th of October, 1957. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I am able to make the following report of my years work ending on Sept., 30, 1957.

I have preached 200 sermons, Baptized 2 converts, Received 10 into the church, Pastored 2 churches, Received from churches pastored, \$2200.00, revival work, \$500.00, Total received, \$2700.00. Traveled 22,000 miles. My address is Columbus, Rt. 5.

M. H. Hollis

At this time Rev. L. D. Gibson made an earnest appeal to the Association to respond to the call from the Bible College for help in funds for the new addition being made to the school. Each church was urged to call on their people to at least raise as much as one hundred dollars by the first of January, 1958.

Recessed for 10 minutes.

Called together by singing and prayer, Song led by brother Kettelman and the song was, "We'll work till Jesus Comes."

The Credentials Committee made their report:

We your committee report as follows: We have checked the church letters and find all of our preachers in good standing and fellowship. We recommend that the following brothers be ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, Brother Flenoy Clark of the New Gauley church, and Victor Neurenschwander, of the Fawn Grove church.

Signed, The Committee.

J. C. Gibson

C. L. Hill



The following Auxiliary reports were made, New Gauley, White Hill, Amory and McGregor Chapel.

New Gauley,

Enrolled members .....	10	Daily bible readers .....	8
Flowers given .....	21	Made personal contacts .....	28
Paid on cemetery work .....	\$10.00	Bought gifts .....	\$11.97
Sent to Orphanage Home .....	\$10.00	Bible College .....	\$12.00
Visited sick .....	157	Covered chairs .....	\$7.21
Cards sent .....	103	Gave college, Quar. ....	\$5.00
Gave to needy .....	28	Flowers for church .....	\$3.00
Trays sent .....	6	Stamps, cards, etc. ....	\$8.66

Mrs. Estelle Lee, Pres.

Calhoun City, Miss.

Mrs. Josephene Suggs, V. Pres.

Calhoun City, Miss.

Mrs. Odell Strickland, Sec.-Treas.

Calhoun City, Miss.

White Hill Auxiliary,

Statistics for year 1957, Ten members enrolled,

Books for pastor .....	\$29.00	Stork shower .....	10.00
Furniture polish and wax .....	1.50		
Flowers for funerals .....	27.18		\$63.68
Trays for sick .....	5.00		
		Amt. in Treas. ....	\$2.75

Pres. Mrs. Dorris Shelby

Vice Pres. Mrs. May Hays

Secty.-Treas. Mrs. Myrtle Lucious

McGregor Chapel, Auxiliary;

Activities		Disbursements	
No. members enrolled .....	27	Flowers .....	\$24.00
Average attendance .....	16	Baskets .....	6.08
Number Meetings .....	13	Cards .....	7.55
Cards to sick .....	121	Lit. and year books .....	14.50
Visits to sick .....	808	Gifts to sick and needy .....	15.30
Trays and baskets .....	22	Bible College students .....	15.00
Flowers to sick .....	28	Chairs for primary grades .....	13.82
Funds Received		Groceries for homes of families	
Bal. brought forward		where death had visited .....	14.40
Oct. 1st, 1956 .....	\$67.41	Christmas gifts for aged .....	11.89
Tithes and offerings .....	172.05	Church interior .....	50.00
Total .....	\$239.46	Church pews .....	50.00
		Total .....	\$222.54
		Balance on hand Sept.	
		30, 1957 .....	\$16.92

Mrs. Shelby Bevill, Pres.

Pontotoc, Rt. 5, Miss.

Mrs. Mack B. Maharry, Secty.

Pontotoc, Miss., Rt. 2

### Amory Auxiliary,

The report of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist church of Amory, Miss., Oct., 1956 to Oct., 1957.

Amount on hand, \$108.63. This amount was made by having a Stanley Party and from donations and membership dues.

Amount paid out during the year, \$119.97. This amount was paid out for year books, gifts, and flowers for church, and silver bought for the church.

Paid on Air conditioner	\$25.00	Cards	93
Visits to sick	238	Gifts	108
Trays to sick	38	Amount of money	
Flowers	101	on hand	\$108.63

Pres. Mrs. Bertha Hathcock

Vice P. Mrs. Clyde Jones

Secty. Mrs. Stella Haney

Study leader,

Miss Beatrice Smithson

### Temperance Committee Report;

We, your Temperance committee make the following report, we would recommend that we abstain from all intoxicating drinks, and that we use our influence in keeping our State and counties dry. Be temperate in our ways of life and abstain from all appearance of evil, that we as professed followers of Christ go about doing good every day.

C. R. Hollis

Mrs. H. G. Wright

Troy Brown

M. W. Elliott.

Adjourned till 7 P. M. for service from the stand.

At the 7 o'clock hour, Rev. Raymond Riggs, of Nashville, Tenn., and representative of the Foreign Mission work for our denomination, brought a masterful message from Acts 4th verse. His subject was "Witnessing for Jesus all over the world." It was a timely message and well received, and at the close of his message there was an offering received which amounted to (\$44.60). Singing, "Blest Be The Tie".

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met by singing, and devotion conducted by Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, and a good message. Business was resumed and the following was transacted.

There was a move to seat the South Mississippi delegation as visitors and they were seated, and their letter of recommendation was read.

Greetings to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Amory church on Oct. 3rd, and 4th, 1957.

We send our beloved brethren Tony Holifield, Rev. J. O. O'Donnell, Rev. Tillis Walley, Rev. G. W. Pearson and Rev. J. T. Quick to converse with you concerning the re-establishing of a State Association. This done by order of the South Mississippi Association while in session at New Lovewell church. This the 28th day of Sept., 1957.

Mod. Rev. J. T. Quick

Clerk, Dave Palmer

Rt. 3, Box 169

Waynsboro, Miss.



FINANCIAL STATISTICS												
CHURCHES	VALUE	INDEBT EDNESS	TOTAL OFFERINGS	PASTOR'S SAL-EXP.	EVANGEL- IST.	VISIT'G PREACH'S	SINGER PIANIST	BLDG.& REPAIRS	HOME MISSIONS	FOR'GN MISS'S	BIBLE COLLEGE	S. & LEA SUPPLIES
AMORY	36.800		6.325.09	2.600.00	365.25	100.00	390.00	1.519.62	62.70	15.00	32.33	179.42
ANTIOCH	5.000		746.44	573.50	100.00	7.00			28.12	12.50	18.74	36.75
BEECH SPRINGS	15.000	3.100	9.293.91	3.290.00	175.00		50.00	2.254.07	120.00	111.51	95.50	246.65
BETHELEM	5.000		1.670.42	839.58	162.30	38.59		154.85			12.00	60.00
COLUMBUS-1ST	35.000	1.626	11.448.50	3.846.10	476.41	12.30		1.251.56	195.25	215.78	355.78	484.57
DAMASCUS	5.500		830.68	449.00	124.00	27.00	54.64					56.07
DEPRIEST CHAPEL	3.500		430.90	300.00	50.00						115.15	36.00
EAST TUPELO	50.000	13.500	19.229.19	4.380.50	150.00	110.00	60.00	7.284.12	999.61	499.46	1.144.75	1,090.40
FAWN GROVE	6.000	613	1.897.48	658.23	165.22	59.00		4.00	2.00	32.75		71.95
FULTON	6.000			225.00	200.00	41.00	15.00	426.88		64.00	34.00	28.00
LEE'S CHAPEL	5.500			694.00	50.00			184.48				
MOOREBOR CHAPEL	10.000			924.82	151.50	58.00		1,830.83			52.90	104.51
NEW GAULEY	10.000		1.259.06	1,053.31	65.00	56.75				4.00	50.00	66.00
NEW LIFE	4.000		391.47	265.31			10.00	286.30				
PEARCE'S CHAPEL	8.550		2.572.22	900.00	162.43	194.33	104.68	726.00		15.00	25.00	
PHILADELPHIA	6.000		1.317.66	762.38	90.00			112.16				52.52
PLEASANT GROVE	5.000			174.10			18.00					5.85
SPRINGDALE	10.000		1.321.80	945.75	120.00	15.00		1,042.00	70.00	18.00	40.00	86.86
STETSON CHAPEL	2.000			86.00	35.00							
UNION HILL	2.500	340	1.279.81	353.67	100.00	17.00		688.14				64.85
WHITE HILL	4.000			418.75	121.50	11.50	10.00	269.50				39.50
HOLLIS CHAPEL	8.000	3.000	3.118.28	960.00	225.00	25.00	200.00	85.50				242.82
TOTALS	241.350	22.179	63,032.91	24,710.00	3,088.61	578.14	912.32	18,216.01	1,47.68	957.25	2,008.90	2,952.72

PARSONAGES: AMORY \$12.200, BEECH SPRINGS \$5.500, COLUMBUS 1ST \$7.500, EAST TUPELO \$8.000. TOTAL \$33.200.  
MORGANWOOD CAMP & HOME MISSIONS OFF. COMBINED. COLUMBUS 1ST LISTED \$2200 Pd on Indebtedness & 635.00 Janitor.

CHURCH STATISTICS									
INS.	UTIL.	BEN.	INCI.	TOTAL EXP.	FUNDS SENT WITH LETTER	REC'D BAP' M	REC'D LET'R	DISMI'D LETTER	TOTAL MEM' P
94.61	551.47	106.00	281.56	6,242.43	25.00	15	9	14	258
36.61	39.76		20.00	816.12	33.66				152
	159.68	127.01	285.50	9,751.92	10.00	1	1		176
33.88	55.60	82.00	1,424.92	1,424.92	20.00	3	2	2	109
54.00	217.67	125.19	473.14	10,774.07	258.39	14	8	6	196
			65.15	784.34	10.00	1		1	95
			25.00	526.15	25.00	7			83
78.78	485.63	879.07	5,748.84	18,602.76	10.00	13	9	8	341
36.60			725.82	725.62	10.00	9	2	3	150
9.08	43.00		50.74	1,139.67	5.00		2	1	49
	35.00		15.00	976.48	5.00			1	29
45.75	31.77	243.18	97.75	3,711.01	26.00	3		2	84
40.00	25.00	10.00		1,259.06	10.00			1	125
				512.61	5.25	1	3	2	86
54.90	150.47	25.00	170.00	2,330.75	25.00		3	3	392
16.72	27.48		129.91	1,101.17	5.00	2	1		61
	16.20			213.30	20.60				85
29.57	43.76	75.14		2,486.02	25.00	10	1	2	262
		20.00		121.00	5.00				58
15.00		45.00		1,339.66	5.00	4		2	140
	24.22	72.06		976.28	10.00	2			68
43.66	78.71			1,860.09	5.00	7	4		65
555.25	1,985.44	1,808.65	7,362.59	67,675.43	558.90	92	45	46	3084

Visiting us from the Little Brown Creek Association were Rev. Whitehead, and Brother Lambert and another Brother we failed to get his name.

**Report of League Committee.**

We your League Committee make our report. We urge that all Leaguers who are active, visit the Leagues that are close to them, to exchange ideas as to what will interest the Leagues of the different churches as each League President is interested in their Leagues growing. We find eleven churches out of the twenty two churches with Leagues, with an enrolment of 643 members. Pastors please stress the importance of having a real live League in your church.

**Signed by Committee:**

Mrs. Boyd Jones  
Mrs. L. E. Duncan  
Inez Robinson

We, your Finance Committee have gone over the books of the the Treasurer and find them neatly and correctly kept.

**Signed by Committee:**

Mrs. Hersel Stone  
Mrs. J. E. Allen,  
Miss Bonnie Dodson  
Mrs. E. C. Hawkins

**Report of Sunday School Committee:**

J. Edgar Hoover avows that the Sunday School is the first line of defence against juvenile delinquency. Since this is the belief of our head of the F.B.I., We believe that it should be of the greatest concern to us as Christians.

We urge all our pastors and Christian workers that appear before congregations from Sunday to Sunday to urge them to bring their children to Sunday School, not send them or tell them they ought to go. "A child brought up in Sunday School is seldom brought up in court". We recommend a 100% representation in our coming Sunday School Convention which convenes with the East Tupelo church fourth Sunday in this month, Oct., 1957. We ask that every officer and teacher in our Sunday Schools make this their Motto. "To know Him (Jesus) and to make Him known."

**Signed by Committee:**

L. E. Duncan  
Mrs. Hobson Walden Floyd Ard  
Mrs. H. G. Cooper

**Treasury Report for Associational Year, 1956-57**

Receipts Brought Forward .....	\$ 7.15
Associational Funds .....	190.52
Childrens Home .....	35.00
F. W. B. Bible College .....	81.75
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	\$314.42

**Unified Funds, by Churches:**

Amory .....	\$ 2.50
Antioch .....	60.81
Columbus .....	857.43
Damascus .....	15.00
East. Tupelo .....	1885.82
McGregor .....	10.25
New Gauley .....	40.99

Pleasant Grove .....	3.00
Randall Memo. ....	2.50
Springdale .....	20.00
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	\$2898.30
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Total Receipts .....	\$3212.72

#### EXPENDITURES

Association Officers .....	\$ 20.00
FWB Bible College .....	934.13
Foreign Missions .....	577.33
Home Missions .....	24.83
Northeast Miss, H. M. ....	1.00
Children's Homes .....	165.32
Nat. Coop. Funds .....	120.31
National Sup. N. ....	22.19
Morganwood Camp .....	1158.31
Minutes and Mailing .....	96.32
Postage .....	4.90
Mileage for Exe. Com. ....	39.78
National Fee .....	5.00
Delegates to National Association .....	36.00
Programs and Church Literature .....	3.38
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	\$3208.70
Balance in Treasury .....	\$4.02

There was a move and properly seconded to donate the tent and all of its curtains to the Morganwood Youth Camp at Tupelo, Miss. They are to move it at once from Rev. M. L. Hollis premises.

At this time there was the usual appointment of delegates to the different Association near us. They were as follows, To the Jasper, Rev. Wilburn Beasley and M. L. Hollis. To the Little Brown Creek, which meets in Sept. 1958. Paul Kettelman, L. D. Gibson and L. E. Duncan. To the Mt. Moriah Paul Kettelman, M. L. Hollis. To the Ala. State, meets at Chilacauga, Ala., Rev. Wilburn Beasley. South Mississippi Association, Friday before the 1st Saturday in Sept., 1958 With Thompson Creek church, Wilburn Beasley, M. L. Hollis, Wayne Yarbrough, Paul Kettelman. State Line, W. O. Knight. Vernon, M. L. Hollis, Mrs. Blanch Pennington, Mrs. Rolin and Mrs. Ray.

To the National Association, L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Ernest Ownby and Mrs. L. E. Duncan.

It was moved that if any one failed to go to the National, that his or her place be filled by those who do go.

The next session of the Association will meet with the Pearce's Chapel church in 1958.

Nomination were made for officers and the following were elected, Paul Kettelman, as Moderator, Wilburn Beasley Asst. Moderator, L. D. Gibson clerk and G. C. Lee, Sr. Asst. Clerk. W. G. Prude as treasurer.

Executive committeeman elected to fill vacancy of D. D. Hollis was M. L. Hollis for three years. Elected for the 5 year term vacated by E. E. Cowart was, Stanley Partain.

The Ordaining Council at this time conferred with the two parties who were candidates for ordination, Bro. Clark and Brother Neunschwander. After their examination by counsel, they were re-



commended for ordination and were properly ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery Counsel, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. W. O. Knight, Rev. Geo. C. Lee, Sr., and layman, L. E. Duncan.

The next quarterly meeting was voted to go to McGregor Chapel the first of Jan. 1958.

Reading of the Obituary report and prayer in memory.

We, your Obituary committee make our report as follows, We find that there has been the visitation of the grim reaper in our midst since our last association and took away 13 of our beloved ones, for whom we mourn.

Loved ones from the following churches.

New Gauley, R. R. Goodson, B. B. Cozart. Stetson Chapel, Mrs. Lou Akins, Bethlehem, Virddie Smitherman, Pleasant Grove, Mr. Claud Long. 1st Church, Columbus, Mr. Mike Vails, Mrs. Will Baker. Damascus, Mrs. Cora Smith. Amory, Mrs. Frank Harmon East Tupelo, Mrs. Mary Davidson. Springdale, Mrs. Hattie Bowles. Union Hill, Paul Witt, W. M. Cowart. We mourn the going of these beloved members and may God bless the bereaved and may we all look forward to some day meeting our loved ones who have gone on before.

Signed by Committee:

Mrs. J. V. Morgan

Mrs. Estelle Lee

Mrs. Oscar McCroy

It was voted that the Moderator and Clerk formulate a set of questions for the trial and passing on young preachers for ordination or recommended for ordination by their churches.

Time for closing this session of the association but before the close, Rev. Wilburn Beasley went into the Sacred stand and preached a good sermon from the thought of "Consecrated Life". At the close there was a move to adjourn this session of the Association to meet with the Pearce's Chapel church in 1958. Thus closed another wonderful and successful session of the Northeast Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Paul Kettelman Moderator

Geo. C. Lee, Sr., Clerk

19 churches reported Sunday School, with an enrolment of 1898.

10 churches reported Leagues with an enrolment of 558.

6 churches reported Ladies Auxiliary with an enrolment of 123.

10 churches reported prayer meeting.

1 church reported Men's Brotherhood with 15 members.

1 church reported Bible Class with 55.

1 church reported GTA with 12 and YPA with 10.

East Tupelo reported 28 members in "The Master's Men".

## DIRECTORY:

Churches	Clerks	Address
Amory	Mrs. J. C. Duncan	Amory, Rt. 2
Antioch	Mrs. E. R. Bryon	Toccopola
Beech Springs	Mrs. C. W. Cochran	Saltillo, Rt. 2
Bethlehem	M. M. Ramey	Pontotoc
Columbus 1st	Mrs. Cecil Deas	110 Mill Street, Columbus
Damascus	Mrs. C. C. McKee	Dekalb, Rt. 5
Depriest Chapel	C. R. Hollis	Gattman

East Tupelo—Jo Ann Parham, East Tupelo  
 Fawn Grove—Mrs. Colyn Franks, Dorsey  
 Fulton—Mrs. Lilly Kennedy, Fulton  
 Hollis Chapel—H. B. Edwards, Star Rt., Columbus  
 Lee's Chapel—A. C. Hollis, Route 5, Columbus  
 McGregor Chapel—Onice Coker, Route 5, Pontotoc  
 New Gauley—C. E. Goodson, Calhoun City  
 Pearce's Chapel—Gilbert Johnson, Smithville  
 Philadelphia—Mrs. W. R. Burkes, Philadelphia  
 Pleasant Grove—J. D. Stepp, Pontotoc, Rt.  
 New Life—Mary Cruse, Rt. 3, Houlka  
 Springdale—W. T. Gunter, Star Rt., Oxford  
 Stetson Chapel—Mrs. Ila Inmon, Toccopola  
 Union Hill—B. M. Maxwell, Rt. 2, Saltillo  
 White Hill—E. W. Shelley, Rt. 4, Eupora

#### Pastors

M. L. Hollis	Amory
G. C. Lee, Sr.	Calhoun City
L. D. Gibson	East Tupelo
W. O. Knight	Amory
Wilburn Beasley	Saltillo
Wayne Yarbrough	Saltillo
Earnest Ownby	Saltillo
G. C. Price	Pontotoc
Flenoy Clark	Houston
M. H. Hollis	Columbus
Paul J. Kettelman	Columbus
Victor Nurenschwander	Dorsey
G. P. Perkins	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 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 beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and the laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; I Tim. 2:4.

Article 6.—THE SINFULNESS OF MAN—Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:19.

Article 7.—THE WORK OF CHRIST—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. 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 chapt.; 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 persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. 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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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wilburn Beasley—1 Year ..... Saltillo  
L. D. Gibson—2 Years ..... East Tupelo  
M. L. Hollis—3 Years ..... Amory

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C. O. Flaherty—4 Years ..... Philadelphia  
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L. E. Duncan, Sec'ty-Treas. .... East Tupelo

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