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The 25th Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association met with the Springdale Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1959. The Association was opened with the Rev. Paul Kettelman, Assistant Moderator, presiding. The Rev. Luther Gibson, as Clerk, in his place.

Opened with singing the hymn, "Revive Us Again", led by Rev. Kettelman. The Devotional was conducted by the Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, using as Scripture, (Nehemiah 4:1-6) "God's Workers". A very timely message.

The Rev. W. O. Knight, host pastor, extended to us a very warm welcome to the Association and to his church. The response was given by Bro. L. E. Duncan.

Miss Kay Whitaker and Mrs. Gladys Starnes were appointed as reading clerks. Motion made and carried that letters be accepted and delegates be seated.

The following were visiting with us from other Associations and states: Mr. Burgess from the Free Will Baptist Children Home in Greenville, Tenn., the Rev. George Dunbar from Chucky, Tenn.; the Rev. E. B. McDonald, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Louis Moulton, Nashville, Tenn.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees. The following were named on this committee: Paul Kettelman, Chairman; Rev. M. L. Hollis and W. F. Clark.

Rev. W. O. Knight gave his message addressing his remarks to those present using as a subject, "A Church and its Victory", Scripture, Acts 2:41-47. After adjournment from business Rev. G. C. Price led in prayer. A short recess was observed and the meeting was called together by the Moderator.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees reported as follows:

Resolutions: G. P. Perkins, Mrs. Boyd Jones, Herbert Stalknaker.

CREDENTIALS: Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. Earnest Ownby, Rev. M. H. Hollis.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Mrs. Doris Shelby and Mrs. Oveat Graham.

LADIES AUXILIARY: Mrs. L. D. Gibson, Mrs. Clyde Jones and Mrs. Wilburn Beasley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Nola Bevill, and Mr. C. O. Flaherty.

FINANCE: Mr. W. C. Comer, Mrs. Ola Ward, Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery, Mr. John Steambridge, and Mrs. Earnest Galloway.

LEAGUE: Mrs. Grace Haas, Mrs. Troy Brown, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Annie Hitchcock, and Mrs. Ida Carter.

OBITUARY: Rev. Earnest Ownby, Mr. D. D. Hollis and Mr. Tom McQuary.

The morning service was opened by the singing of, "A Worker For The Lord", led by Mr. Lonnie Potts. Prayer by Bro. Ownby.

Bro. Louis Moulton brought an inspiring message from II Cor. 10:16, using as a theme, "The Gospel to the Regions Beyond." The message was a real challenge to the Free Will Baptist the message of Christ to those who have never heard.

An hour of Christian fellowship was experienced by those who were attending the Association. The ladies of Springdale and An-

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tioch churches served a bountiful lunch which was enjoyed by all.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Bring Them In", led by Bro. W. O. Knight. Bro. Herbert Stalknaker delivered the devotional using as a scripture Matt. 5:16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

### **REPORT ON THE CHILDREN HOME**

Bro. George Dunbar and Bro. Burges represented the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn. to our Association and presented their needs to us. They showed slides of all the children in the home and also the buildings in which they live.

### **RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **YEARLY REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF MISSISSIPPI**

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Kimble Crossley, Address, Columbus, Miss.

TREASURER: Mrs. Elgin Parker, Address, Route 2, Saltillo, Miss.

Names of delegates: Mrs. Autis Stanford, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, Mrs. John Stembridge, Mrs. Elgin Parker, Mrs. Faye Rector, Mrs. Hobson Waldon, Mrs. Jane McDaniel, Mrs. Willie Brown, Mrs. Alloys Whitaker, Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mrs. Lance Reese, Miss Kay Whitaker and Mrs. Ola Bedford.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting, 3, Amount per capita representation fees sent to Treasurer: \$18.60; No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries 0; No. "B" 1, No. "C" 0.

#### **I. Enlistment Department:**

1. Enrollment at beginning of year, 58; present enrollment, 58.
2. Number new members, 8; number lost, 8; average attendance 39.

#### **II. Youth Department:**

1. No. Youth Organizations: GTA, 3; YPA, 3; BA 1.
2. Total Membership: CTA, 26; YPA, 27; BA, 15.
3. Number Stewardship Declamation Contests held, 1.
4. Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in, 3.
5. Number Active Church Libraries, 1.
6. Number Bible College Students assisted, 19.
7. Other Activities: 1 Youth Revival; Contributing to Students Loan Fund, 1; Contributing to GTA, YPA, National project, 2.

#### **III. Study Course Department:**

COURSES CONDUCTED—Missions, 2; Attendance 17.

COURSES CONDUCTED—Stewardship, 1; Attendance, 17.

COURSES CONDUCTED—Manual, 3; Attendance 33.

COURSES CONDUCTED—Circles, 3.

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COURSES CONDUCTED—Evangelism, 3; Attendance 30.

COURSES CONDUCTED—Prayer, 1; Attendance, 8.

COURSES CONDUCTED—Number Daily Bible Readers, 36.

### IV. Program - Prayer Department:

1. Number Special Programs held, 6.

2. Number weeks of Prayer held, 7.

3. Total amount self-denial offering resulting from weeks of Prayer, \$142.72.

4. Total number Family Altars, 24.

5. Total members observing Prayer Fellowship, 6.

### V. Personal Service Department:

1. Number making Soul-winning efforts, 13.

2. Number souls won, 4.

3. Number active in Community Missions, 43.

4. Total value of all Contributions to Children's Home, \$411.26.

5. Number Circles reporting special gifts to Missionary families, 3.

### VI. Publicity Department:

1. No. subscribers to FWB papers, 27.

2. Number articles written for publication, 10.

3. Other publicity work, 2 Auxiliaries kept standard of achievement record.

### VII. Personal Gifts: (Gifts through other channels)

Special Offerings: Missions, \$278.69; Free Will Baptist College, \$396.00; Childrens Home, \$66.00; Superannuation, .000; Other, Auxiliary offering, 120.08; Youth Camp, 60.00; Total to National project \$345.90.

District Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cecil Deas, Address, 110 Mill Street, Columbus, Miss.

### GREETINGS:

The members of McGregor's Chapel Auxiliary wish to make the following report for the year 1958-59:

### ACTIVITIES

No. members on roll	21	Visits to sick	529
Average attendance	12	Trays and baskets to sick	40
No. meetings held	13	Flowers	33
Cards mailed out	165	Donations for Christmas gift	1

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1958	\$43.33	Cash received	128.67
Offering	85.34		

### DISBURSEMENTS

Tithe	\$10.91	Gift, house burned	5.00
Donation to sick family	8.00	Flowers to sick	8.00
Christmas gift to aged	14.60	Cards and postage	12.46
WNAC Literature	12.75	Flowers for funerals	20.33
Other expenses incurred		Total	\$100.05
at funerals	8.00	Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1959,	28.62

### BUSINESS SESSION

Motion made and carried that the Constitutional change be ac-

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cepted and appear as it is written in the minutes. Motion made and carried that all reports be accepted.

### LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the Auxiliary Committee, find only six (6) churches with 118 women enrolled in Auxiliary work and only fifty (50) young people enrolled in G. T. A. and Y. P. A. work. Knowing that the purpose of the Auxiliary is to teach and promote missions and to sponsor the missionary education of our youth, we plead with our pastors to encourage every woman in the church to participate in the Auxiliary. Every lady is invited to attend our next District Auxiliary Convention at Beech Springs, on Tuesday, October 13, 1959.

Signed, your committee,  
Mrs. Luther Gibson  
Mrs. Wilburn Beasley  
Mrs. Clyde Jones

### WHITE HILL LADIES AUXILIARY

President—Mrs. Dorris Shelby

Vice-President—Mrs. Lois Lewis

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Nita Fields

Number Members, 10

Cards sent sick, 50, .....	\$2.00	Family whose house burned..	50.00
Trays for sick, 15, .....	15.00	Total expense .....	227.00
Flowers for sick -memorial..	15.00	Amount in Treasury .....	10.63
Sick and needy .....	50.00	Total .....	\$237.63
Orphan Girl .....	75.00		

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, make the following report:

We recommend abstaining from all intoxicating drinks and we as Christians not to patronize any place of business that sells such, use our influence to keep our State and counties dry. Always appear in Godly apparel and meet those who use alcohol with love and patience in order to win them to Christ. Abstain from all habits that would hinder us from being soul winners for Christ.

Signed, your Committee,  
Rev. Wayne Yarbrough  
Mrs. Earl Shelby  
Mrs. W. O. Graham

### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We, the Free Will Baptist League Committee, recommend that each Free Will Baptist Church and pastor wholeheartedly support with prayer, attendance, zeal and enthusiasm the League Work, which is the Training services of our Denomination.

According to the church reports most, but not all the churches now have Leagues which are developing our leaders for tomorrow. We recommend that each person in the church be enlisted and used

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in the League work if possible. By supporting our League we support and promote our Denomination.

Signed, your committee,

Mrs. Hobson Waldon  
Mrs. Grace Haas

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee, recommend that all ordained Ministers of our Association be given Ministers Cards, for the coming year showing that they are in good standing with the Association.

Signed, your Committee,

Rev. Wilburn Beasley  
Rev. Earnest Ownby  
Rev. M. L. Hollis

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Finance, do hereby report the finance to the Association correct, and we do recommend that all of our churches support the worthy institutions that have been brought before us to the fullest extent.

Signed, your Committee,

W. C. Comer  
Mrs. Ola Ard  
Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery  
Mrs. Earnest Galloway  
Mr. John Stembridge

### TREASURER'S REPORT OCT. 1, 1958 TO SEPT. 28 1959.

#### RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand, 9/30/1958.....	\$1.87	Home Missions .....	35.15
Associational Funds .....	173.50	Total .....	\$243.02
Children's Home .....	32.50		

#### UNIFIED PROGRAM—BY CHURCHES

Antioch .....	\$216.25	Pleasant Grove .....	7.00
Columbus 1st .....	186.89	Springdale .....	20.00
Damascus .....	7.50	Union Hill .....	2.00
East Tupelo .....	125.00	Total .....	569.64
Fulton .....	5.00	Total Receipts .....	812.66

#### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Children's Home .....	\$89.43	National Association dues.....	10.00
Bible College .....	170.89	Postage .....	1.00
Morganwood Camp .....	227.86	600 Association Minutes .....	119.45
Foreign Mission .....	113.85	Total Expenditures .....	788.74
Home Mission .....	36.26	Balance in Treasury 9/28/59	23.92
Association Officers .....	20.00		

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### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the pastor and host church for the wonderful way in which they have entertained the association.

Signed, the Committee,  
Rev. G. P. Perkins  
Mrs. Boyd Jones  
Rev. Hubert Stalnaker

### SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

"And these Words . . . Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children . . . and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou riseth up."

"Train up a child in the way it shall grow in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

The Sunday School is the training and teaching ministry of the church, and since we have fallen down in the teaching and training so much in the home we should see that all of our children have an opportunity of attending Sunday School every Lord's day.

"A child brought up in the Sunday School is seldom brought up in court." Fathers and mothers, don't send your children to Sunday School, but carry them with you.

We urge every Sunday School worker to attend the S. S. Convention when it convenes with McGregor's Chapel Church the 4th Sunday in Oct.

NSSA Convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga. Oct. 21-23. Attend this if at all possible. You will see the greatest demonstration of Sunday School in action that we know of.

May God arouse us as Free Will Baptist to the dire need of more and better Sunday Schools.

Signed, the Committee,  
L. E. Duncan  
C. O. Flaherty  
Mrs. Nola Bevill

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Bro. E. B. McDonald presented the cause of the Free Will Baptist Bible College to our Association. He told of what the Bible College is doing for the Lord Jesus through the students who have gone out. He encouraged our people to support the College through their prayers and also our gifts. Bro. McDonald delivered his message from the book of Rom. 1:16. Using as a subject "I am not ashamed."

His message caused us to realize how little we have done and are doing for the cause of Christ. An offering was received in the amount of \$82.02 and was divided between Home Mission, Bible College and the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn.

Adjourned with prayer, led by Bro. Lee.

### EVENING SESSION

The evening service was opened with the singing of, "Heavenly Sunlight," led by the Rev. W. O. Knight. A special message in song

Churches	Value	Indebtedness	Total Offering	Pastor's Salary -Exp.	Evangelist	Visit-Preacher	Singer Pianist	Building and Repairs	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College
Amory	63,425	25,000	31,165.27	3,120	120.00	60.00	295.00	26,774.37	82.18	304.02	38
Antioch	5,000		1,764.03	917.50	100.00	20.00	15.00	260.65		175.00	
Beech Spring	15,000	1,900	5,818.79	3,670	130.00	110.00	75.00	902.33	137.91	109.65	6
Bethlehem	6,500		1,540.40	715.96	126.00	75.00		34.42	239.44		1
Columbus First	64,500	14,700	28,338.63	3,875.23	405.00	86.00	240.39*	15,398.40	483.45	589.20	66
Damascus	3,500			1,028.04	107.00						
DePriest Chapel	3,500		490.91	350.00	75.00					27.00	1
East Tupelo	50,000	6,250	17,671.60	4,445	366.38	33.75	35.00	1,283.11	1,585.10	635.38	76
Fawn Grove	7,000			529.14	196.15	56.15	55.19	734.00		188.00	
Fulton	4,000		812.50	304.40	137.50			42.00		331.00	3
Lee's Chapel	6,700		1,198.60	855.08	85.00			40.85	10.00		
McGregar Chapel	12,000		2,115.18	1,001.75	100.00		114.00%	47.80		29.35	2
New Cauley	10,000		621.17	390.57	75.00				91.60	28.00	5
New Life	5,000		623.96	608.96		15.00					
Pearce Chapel	8,550		4,741.41	975.00	235.70	30.00		87.38		443.00	4
Philadelphia	6,000		1,729.87	686.60	162.12	425.93					
Pleasant Grove	8,000			135.15							
Springdale	10,000		560.43	1,136.48	155.00	78.55		300.00			
Stetson Chapel	5,000			160.58							
Union Hill	5,500	448.85	2,342.76	1,237.30		195.00		931.91		10.00	1
White Hill	4,000			919.58	100.00			29.98	20.00	20.00	

East Tupelo added \$4,560 for notes and interest and \$360 for hymn books

\* indicates donations for Children's Homes

# indicates Columbus First money spent on office expense

% indicates McGregor Chapel money spent on singing school

	Bible College	Sunday School League Supplies	Insurance	Utilities	Benevolences	Incidentals	Total Expense	Fund Sent With Letters	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by ltr.	dismissed by ltr.	Deceased	Total mbrship	value of parsonage	Morganwood camp
02	380.46	212.26	247.93	299.72	260.45	100.00	42,288.39	10.00	15	6	8	2	275	12,000	32.00
00		42.00	28.55	15.26	50.00	94.35	1,718.31	10.00	13		2	3	152		
65	60.00	313.69	254.00	187.14	17.50	287.00	6,314.22	10.00	8	1	1		187	5,500	60.00
	12.00	94.40		48.50				20.00		1	3		107		
20	660.00	716.78	190.00	539.28	903.76	1,246	27,054.01	10.85	37	9	1	1	239	7,500	330.00
		26.57			51.50	44.15	1,257.26	10.00	9	3	3		85		
00	15.60	50.00			31.00	35.00	583.60	10.00				2	81		
38	762.11	990.38	310.87	677.49	559.09	656.89	17,654.69	20.00	19	28	6	3	362	9,000	671.14
00		74.65	36.60	78.12	113.04	474.60	2,545.67	10.00		1	3	1	170		
00	37.00	32.61	22.62	83.30		117.02	1,109.49	10.00		1	1		49		
		32.39		31.54	10.00*	27.21	1,053.53	5.00		2			31		
35	29.37	106.91	73.20	69.33	380.80	145.41	2,117.97	10.00			1		87		
00	56.00*	72.25	45.25	37.90	93.00	136.44	710.37	10.00	10		2	1	180		
								13.00		1	1		89		
00	45.00		43.45	67.74	98.55*	218.73	2,269.80	25.00	9	2	2		384		
		49.89	16.72	37.61	3.50	194.83	1,577.20	13.50					57		
		20.00		16.58			171.73	12.00	1			1	85		
		122.32		141.90			1,933.95	25.00	3	2	2	3	265		
								3.00			1				
00	17.40	130.00		250.00	9.75	20.25	2,791.61	5.00	1	5			99		
00		41.54		57.04	125.00	31.00	1,364.14	45.00					68		

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was rendered by the young Ladies Trio. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Wilburn Beasley. The theme of the message was "Witnessing." A wonderful time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by those in attendance. An old time Testimony meeting was witnessed along with the devotional.

Bro. George Lee took the stand and brought to us a soul searching message from the 13th chapter of I Cor. "The Hopeless, The False Hope, and the True Hope. The service was closed by singing of the hymn, "There Is A Fountain", Prayer by Luther Gibson.

### FRIDAY MORNING

Services were opened with Prayer led by Luther Gibson. Bro. Prude led our hearts in the singing of hymns, "Rock Of Ages" and "Come Thou Fount." Rev. G. C. Price led in the Devotions, using as a Scripture "Eph. 4:29. His subject was "Grieve Not The Holy Spirit."

### BUSINESS SESSION

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved by the Association. Bro. Duncan gave a report concerning the Master's Men and the need of having a Chapter in every church and the importance of such an organization, Bro. Kettelman and Bro. Beasley also gave a report of what is being done in their churches through the Master's Men and boys activities.

Motion made and carried that the Sunday School report be adopted. Bro. Duncan gave a brief lecture on the Sunday School and its worth.

Minutes reports were read and adopted.

Motion by Paul Kettelman, seconded by Wilburn Beasley that the money that is in the Home Mission Treasury be given to the National Home Mission and be used for the advancement of His Kingdom here on earth. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that a committee be appointed consisting of three, to work out details in presenting an exhibit at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair in Tupelo in 1960 explaining to the people who Free Will Baptists are and what they believe.

Nominations were made for officers and the following were elected: Bro. Beasley was elected Moderator; Rev. Paul Kettelman was elected assistant moderator; Rev. Luther was elected clerk; Bro. L. E. Duncan was elected assistant clerk; Bro. W. G. Prude was elected financial treasurer; Rev. Luther Gibson was elected to the Executive Committee; Rev. L. E. Winters was elected to the Home Mission Board.

The next session of the Association will meet with the Amory Free Will Baptist Church in Amory, Miss.

Motion made and carried that authority be given to those from Mississippi attending the National Association to fill the delegation to represent the North East Mississippi Association.

### REPRESENTING OTHER ASSOCIATION IN 1960

Bro. Wilburn Beasley, Bro. L. E. Duncan the Vernon Association Rev. M. H. Hollis, the Mt. Moriah, Association; Rev. Luther and

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Rev. Wilburn Beasley, the Bluff City Association; Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, the Little Brown Creek Association.

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee make the following report:

We find that there have been a number whom the Lord has called home since we last met. The following have been taken from our fellowship: Mrs. Noviso Bradfield, Mr. Onie Cooker, Mr. Thomas Loyd, Mr. Thomas Lyle, Mr. Ishom Parker, Mrs. Ida Turner, Mrs. John Henry Britt, Mr. Ishom White, Mr. Leslie Todd, Mrs. Martha Walker, Mr. Charlie Johnston, Mrs. Lula Martin, Mr. Walker Anderson, Mr. Lovay Warren, Mrs. J. D. Depriest; Mrs. Nettie Pogue, Mrs. S. M. Crawford, Mrs. Lillie Parker Gedson.

### THE MORNING WORSHIP

The Morning Worship was begun by the singing, "I'll Live In Glory", led by the Rev. W. O. Knight. Prayer by Paul Kettelman, Bro. Kettelman delivered a wonderful message from Gal. 3, using as a subject, "The Curse of the Law." After the morning worship a delicious meal was served by the ladies of host church. Following the hour of fellowship all went home.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	CLERKS	ADDRESS
Amory—	Mrs. J. C. Duncan,	Amory, Route 2
Antioch—	Mrs. Lynn Hodges,	Toccopola, Miss.
Beech Springs—	G. W. Vanderford,	Saltillo, Route 2
Bethlehem—	M. M. Ramsey,	Pontotoc, Miss.
Columbus—	Miss Margaret Gasten,	1210 Shady St., Columbus
Damascus—	Mrs. C. C. McKee,	Route 5, Dekalb, Miss.
Depriest Chapel—	Mrs. Sam Jones,	Route 1, Caledonia, Miss.
East Tupelo—	Miss Jo Parham,	East Tupelo, Miss.
Fawn Grove—	Mrs. Victor Howard,	Dorsey, Miss.
Fulton—	Mrs. Wendell Brown,	Fulton, Miss.
Hollis Chapel—	Elwanda Wright,	304-21st St. Columbus, Miss.
Lee's Chapel—	A. C. Hollis,	Star Route, Box 71c, Columbus, Miss.
McGregor Chapel—	Mrs. Iris Russell,	Route 5, Pontotoc, Miss.
New Gauley—	C. E. Goodson,	Route 1, Calhoun City, Miss.
Pearce's Chapel—	Gilbert Johnson,	Smithville, Miss.
Philadelphia—	Mrs. W. R. Burks,	Route 6, Box 4, Philadelphia, Miss.
New Life—	Mrs. Mary E. Cruse,	Route 3, Houlka, Miss.
Springdale—	Mrs. Jesse Parker Jr.,	Route 4, Oxford, Miss.
Pleasant Grove—	Mrs. J. D. Stepp,	Pontotoc, Miss.
Stetson Chapel—	Mrs. Francis Tallent,	Toccopola, Miss.
Union Hill—	B. M. Maxwell,	1407, Paradise Dr., Tupelo, Miss.
White Hill—	Earl W. Shelby,	Route 4, Eupora, Miss.

### PASTORS

M. L. Hollis	Amory, Miss.
G. C. Lee Sr.	Calhoun City, Miss.
L. D. Gibson	East Tupelo, Miss.

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W. O. Knight .....	Amory, Miss.
Wilburn Beasley .....	Saltillo, Miss.
Wayne Yarbrough .....	Saltillo, Miss.
Earnest Ownby .....	Saltillo, Miss.
G. C. Price .....	Pontotoc, Miss.
Flenoy Clark .....	Houston, Miss.
M. H. Hollis .....	Columbus, Miss.
Paul Kettelman .....	Columbus, Miss.
G. P. Perkins .....	Columbus, Miss.
Herbert Stalnaker .....	Toccopola, Miss.

### ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Moderator .....	Saltillo, Miss.
Rev. Paul Kettelman, Assistant Moderator .....	Columbus, Miss.
Rev. L. D. Gibson, Clerk .....	Tupelo, Miss.
L. E. Duncan, Assistant Clerk .....	Tupelo, Miss.
W. G. Prude, Treasurer .....	Tupelo, Miss.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. M. L. Hollis, one year .....	Amory, Miss.
Rev. Wilburn Beasley, two years .....	Saltillo, Miss.
Rev. Luther Gibson, three years .....	Tupelo, Miss.

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Lenard Hill, one year .....	Saltillo, Miss.
C. O. Flaherty, two years .....	Philadelphia, Miss.
Stanley Partain, three years .....	Columbus, Miss.
Oliver Haas, four years .....	Tupelo, Miss.
L. E. Winters, five years .....	Calhoun City, Miss.

### QUARTERLY MEETING OFFICERS

Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Moderator .....	Saltillo, Miss.
Wayne Yarbrough, Assistant Moderator .....	Saltillo, Miss.
L. E. Duncan, Clerk .....	Tupelo, Miss.
W. G. Prude, Assistant Clerk .....	Tupelo, Miss.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

M. L. Hollis .....	Amory, Miss.
George C. Lee Sr. ....	Calhoun City, Miss.
W. O. Knight .....	Amory, Miss.
H. C. Ard .....	Pontotoc, Miss.
L. E. Duncan .....	Tupelo, Miss.

### 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 amuse-

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ments 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 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 demoninational 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 the 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 five 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

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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 DEORUM

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 services.

Section 5.—No member shall be absent from the body without leave of the Moderator.

Section 6.—All members desiring to speak shall arise, address the Moderator, and personal reflection shall be avoided.

Section 7.—All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off 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 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 whom 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.—PERSEVERANCE — 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 Chapt.; 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

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and for personal communication with God, Deut. 5:12-14; Heb. 4:4.

Article 16.—RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT 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.