

**Minutes**  
OF THE  
**Twenty-Sixth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**Northeast Mississippi Association**  
OF  
**Free Will Baptist**  
WHEN CONVENED WITH  
**Amory Free Will**  
**Baptist Church**  
SEPTEMBER 29th and 30th, 1960



THE NEXT SESSION WILL MEET WITH THE  
**Tupelo Free Will Baptist Church**  
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

On Thursday and Friday before the 1st Sunday  
in October, 1961



# NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST

## MINUTES OF THE 26th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The 26th Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association met with the Amory Free Will Baptist Church on Thursday and Friday before the 1st Sunday in October 1960. The Association was declared opened by the Moderator, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, presiding. The Rev. Luther Gibson, clerk of the Association at his place of service.

The meeting was opened by the singing of the Hymn, "Love Lifted Me", led by Rev. W. O. Knight. The Devotional was conducted by Bro. Knight using as a Scripture for his remarks, Mark 2:1-12.

The Rev. M. L. Hollis extended to us a warm welcome to his church and the Association. The response was given by Rev. Paul Kettelman.

Mrs. Gordon Hart and Mrs. Luther Gibson were appointed as reading clerks. The letters of the Churches were read and motion was made and carried that the letters be accepted and delegates be seated.

The following were visiting with us from other Associations and states: Rev. Joe Haas, Rev. Billy Melvin, Rev. Rolla Smith of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. Herbert Tetteroe of Greenville, Tenn.; Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Hart of Smithville, Miss.; Rev. Carlton Lambert of Eldridge, Ala.; Rev. O. L. Fields of Reform, Ala.; Rev. William Atkinson, Winfield, Ala.

The following were appointed on the Committee on Committees by the Moderator: Rev. George C. Lee, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, and Mr. L. E. Duncan.

Rev. Wilburn Beasley gave his message addressing his remarks to those present using as Scripture, Acts 1:8. The need of witnessing in all the world.

Bro. Herbert Tetteroe gave to the Association his report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Greenville, Tenn., as how the Lord has and is supplying the needs of the children and the Home. He challenged us with his remarks to support this worthy cause. Rev. Joe Haas led in prayer after which a short recess was observed. After recess, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees reported as follows:

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Luther Gibson, Mrs. Wilburn Beasley, and Mr. H. G. Cooper.

CREDENTIALS: Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. Paul Kettelman, and Rev. Wayne Yarbrough.

TEMPERANCE: Rev. M. H. Hollis, Mr. John Stembridge, and Mrs. Clyde Bedford.

OBITUARY: Rev. W. O. Knight, Mrs. Robert Strube, Mrs. Hobson Walden.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mr. L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Hollis Francis, and Mrs. Boyd Jones.

NOMINATING: Mr. J. C. Gibson, Mr. G. L. Dulin, Mr. R. L. Barnes.

The morning Worship was begun by singing the Hymn, "Bring Them In". The Moderator introduced to the Association the Rev. Billy Melvin, the Executive Secretary of the National Association

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of Free Will Baptist. Bro. Melvin delivered the morning message using as a Scripture, Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts. 1:8; II Tim. 3:1. He brought a wonderful message on the need of reaching the lost with the message of the Gospel. Rev. M. L. Hollis led in the closing prayer.

An hour of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by those who were attending the Association. The ladies of Amory Free Will Baptist Church served a bountiful lunch which was enjoyed by all.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened by singing the Hymn, "At Calvary". The devotional was conducted by Rev. George C. Lee, who read from Exodus 4; "What is that in Thine Hand".

### REPORT ON ALABAMA CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Carlton Lambert gave a report of the Children's Home and its work in Eldridge, Ala. He presented their needs of the Home to the people of our Association and State.

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The resolutions committee made its partial report to the Association. Motion made and carried that the report be accepted. The following resolutions were presented and adopted.

### RESOLUTIONS

Believing that any properties being used and financed by the churches of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, and within the confines of said Association should be owned, operated and maintained by said body. We the trustees, of Morganwood Camp and League Rally Resolutions Committee, do hereby offer the following resolutions:

Be it resolved, That the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, hereby accept full responsibility of ownership, supervision, and maintenance of Morganwood Camp. That all Properties, cash on hand, indebtedness, and approved building plans be transferred to said association as early as convenient.

Letcher Fields, J. T. Anderson,  
L. E. Duncan, Bub Jones,  
William Beasley

Be IT RESOLVED, That a committee consisting of five members be appointed, or elected, at this session of association, four members to be from Laity of Association. This committee to be known henceforth as Morganwood Camp Committee.

This committee will be held responsible to the association for the upkeep, direction, and promotion of Morganwood Camp, and they shall see to it that it is used for the Glory of God and for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom here among men. This committee shall bring to each annual session of the association a written report of their stewardship, and any recommendations they believe for the betterment of the Camp and its facilities.

The original committee to be appointed, or elected, to serve terms as follows: One year — Two Years — Three Years — Four Years — and Five Years, then one member shall be elected annually for a term of five years. Members may succeed themselves in office if deemed worthy by the association. It will be the duty of this committee to select a general director for camp sessions as the need arises, and to work in harmony with him, with one another, and under the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ at all times.

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### RESOLUTIONS: FOR MANAGEMENT OF STAFF AND CAMPERS AT MORGANWOOD CAMP SITUATED ON ROUTE 4, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Be It Resolved by the Morganwood Camp Committee of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists and its Auxiliaries, that these resolutions be drafted and enacted for the best interests for the promotion and welfare of Morganwood Camp, and that these resolutions be effective for all sessions of youth and others who may attend this Camp. All campers to be nine years of age or older and members of the Caucasian (White) race.

1. There shall be a general director, whose duties shall be to carry out these resolutions. All campers and assistants shall render fair and due respect unto him. He must see that the rules for discipline and religious conduct be executed. The camp director shall be subject to the camp committee for his conduct and duties rendered, and it shall be his duties further to see that proper religious exercises be held regularly, each day of camp, in accordance with the Free Will Baptist Treatise and according to New Testament teachings.

2. The general director may appoint as many assistant directors as he deems necessary; these may be determined as directors of music, director of Sunday School, director of League, director of Missions, etc. He may also appoint a dietician and a steward, if necessary.

3. The dietician shall assume the supervision of the preparation, cooking and serving of meals, and shall exercise the right to supervise all kitchen assistants. The meals shall be served as fitting in the program of the camp activities, namely breakfast, lunch and dinner. Meals to be wholesome and each one well fed.

4. It shall be the duties of the steward to see that the camp is kept clean and sanitary, that garbage is disposed of each day. When necessary, he shall purchase commodities. Also he shall see that mail is delivered to and from camp each day, preferably in the morning. He may help in serving of meals and other refreshments when called upon.

5. The use of tobacco and the use of profanity or other unchristian language shall not be tolerated, and any camper so doing shall be properly admonished, and if correction is not attained the party shall be dismissed from the camp.

6. The director shall call his assistants all his assistants for the disciplining of any camper. The campers' parents may appeal the case to the camp committee for any discipline which may cause a grievance and which is not thought properly adjusted. In the case of an appeal the camp committee's decision shall be final.

7. The director shall conduct or appoint someone to conduct proper religious services twice a day, which may be determined as Vespers, evangelistic and morning devotions.

8. The director shall have, with the assistance of all his assistants, a proper and fitting athletic program each afternoon, and no director or camp attendant shall be excused from these exercises, unless unable to participate because of illness. The exercises shall be of such nature as to maintain a healthful program for the exercising of the body.

9. All programs must have the consent of the director before the program is staged.

10. The time for retiring and rising shall be at the discretion of the camp staff and be properly placarded about the camp premises.



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Registration fees and any other financial matters will be determined by the camp committee. The camp committee will also publish leaflets advising those interested in attending camp the necessary articles of clothing, bed linens, toilet articles to be brought for their comfort during stay at camp.

These resolutions may be amended or others added as needful.

### 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 community dry. Always appear 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. We urge all Free Will Baptist to study this report and practice it in every day life.

Signed, Your Committee,

Rev. M. H. Hollis

Mr. John Stembridge

Mrs. Clyde Goodson

### 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 the 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. Paul Kettelman; Address, Columbus, Miss.

TREASURER: Mrs. Elgin Parker; Address, Saltillo, Miss.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting, 4, amount per capita representation fees sent to Treasurer: \$23.70; No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries, 1; No. "C", 2; No. "B", 1.

#### I. ENLISTMENT DEPARTMENT:

1. Enrollment at beginning of the year, 74; present enrollment 79.
2. Number of New Members, 20; Number lost, 15; Average Attendance, 55.

#### II. YOUTH DEPARTMENTS:

1. No. Youth Organizations: GTA, 3; YPA, 2; BA, 3.
2. Total Membership: GTA, 38; YPA, 14; BA, 25.
3. Number Stewardship Declamation Contests held, 1.
4. Number of Vacation Bible Schools assisted in, 3.
5. Number of active Church Libraries, 2.
6. Number of Bible College Students assisted, 19.
7. Other Activities. 1 Youth Revival; 1 Youth Camp.

#### III. STUDY COURSE DEPARTMENTS:

Courses Conducted	Attendance
Missions 3	
Stewardship, 1	
Manual, 4	

#### IV. PROGRAM PRAYER DEPARTMENT:

1. Number Special Programs held, 5
2. Number of Weeks of Prayer held, 11.
3. Total amount self-denial offering resulting from weeks of prayer, \$109.50.

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4. Total number of Family Altars, 33.
5. Total members observing Prayer Fellowship, 18.
- V. PERSONAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS:
  1. Number Making Souls Winning effort: 85.
  2. Number of Souls won, 1.
  3. Number Active in Community Missions, 49.
  4. Total value of all contributions to Children's Homes, \$402.95.
- VI. PUBLICITY DEPARTMENTS:
  1. No. Subscribers to FWB Papers, 20.
  2. No. Articles written for publication, 7.
  3. Other publicity work.
- VII. PERSONAL GIFTS:

Special Offerings: Missions, \$372.51; Free WILL BAPTIST Bible College, \$416.02; Children's Home, \$136.57; Superannuation, \$1.00; Other, \$60.00; Youth Camp: Student Loan, \$15.00.

District Recording Secretary —Mrs. Cecil Dees.  
Address—Columbus, Mississippi.

### OFFICERS OF DISTRICT AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Paul Kettelman, Columbus, Mississippi.  
Vice President: Mrs. Elgin Parker, Saltillo, Mississippi.  
Treasurer: Mrs. Earnest Ownby, Saltillo, Miss.  
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Charles Brown, Tupelo, Miss.  
Assistant Rec. Sec.: Mrs. Faye Rector, Columbus, Miss.  
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Fred Terrell, Rt. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
Study Course: Mrs. Kimble Crosley, Columbus, Miss.  
Personal Service: Mrs. Clifton Barber, Rt. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
Youth Chairman: Mrs. Watson Marlin, Rt. 4, Tupelo, Miss.  
Program Chairman: Mrs. Luther Gibson, Box 1324, Tupelo, Miss.

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT OF AMORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Report of the Amory Free Will Baptist Auxiliary, Oct. 1st, 1959 to Oct. 1st, 1960. During this period of time we made 255 sick visits; sent 73 trays to sick; mailed 200 cards to sick and shut-ins. Sent flowers amounting to \$40.00 besides phone calls for sick and afflicted.

Daily Bible readers — 80 per cent.

Four Stork Showers

Four wedding showers

One shower for young lady going to Bible College.

Chairs for Choir — \$120.00

Rugs for church — \$906.66

Baptistry draperies — \$50.00

Love offerings — \$70.56

Accidentals bought for church — \$30.00

Dues collected — \$37.75

Donations received — \$279.66

We also sold jewelry, candy, had bake sales and Stanley parties amounting to \$231.75. Total received — \$1,796.38.

### Financial Report of Northeast Mississippi Association For The 1959-60 Associational Year

#### RECEIPTS:

Brought Forward .....	\$ 23.92
Associational Fees .....	187.50
Associational Funds .....	211.42

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## UNIFIED PROGRAMS & OTHER FUNDS BY CHURCHES:

Amory .....	15.00
Antioch .....	200.00
Damascus .....	7.50
McGregor's Chapel .....	5.00
New Life .....	10.00
New Gauley .....	6.86
Philadelphia .....	3.50
Pleasant Grove .....	10.00
White Hill .....	40.00
Northeast Miss. Quarterly Meeting .....	33.29

Total Receipts ..... \$542.77

## EXPENDITURES:

Associations Officers .....	\$ 20.00
Minutes .....	129.00
Programs & Association Materials .....	6.90
Postage .....	7.32
Mileage to National Ass'n Ashville .....	60.00
National Ass'n Fee .....	10.00
Bank Exchange .....	1.10
Morganwood Camp .....	91.82
Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	68.74
Foreign Mission .....	65.91
Childrens Home .....	71.44

Total Expenditures ..... \$532.73

Balance In Treasury ..... \$ 10.04

W. G. Prude, Treasurer

## GREETINGS:

The members of McGregor's Chapel Auxiliary wish to make the following report for the year 1959-1960:

## ACTIVITIES:

Members .....	23
Average Attendance .....	11
Number Meetings Held .....	11
Cards Mailed Sick .....	211
Visits to Sick .....	796
Trays and Baskets .....	57
Flowers .....	48
Gifts .....	2

## RECEIPTS:

Cash on hand October 1, 1959 .....	\$ 28.62
Offering .....	8311

Total ..... \$111.73

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Tithe .....	\$ 8.48
W. N. A. C. Literature .....	13.95
Other Expenses Incurred at Funerals .....	5.66
Gifts .....	10.09
Flowers to Sick .....	34.66
Cards and Postage .....	12.20

Total ..... 85.04

Cash on hand September 30, 1960 ..... \$ 26.69

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### FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE REPORT

We, the Free Will Baptist League Committee, recommend that each Free Will Baptist Church who does not have a League endeavor to organize one in the immediate future and that their pastor support and back his church in this worthy Christian training program.

The children that are being trained in our League today will be the leaders of our churches of tomorrow. By supporting our League we support and promote the growth of the work of our Lord, our church, and our denomination.

Our prayer is that new Leagues will be organized and each League will grow strong in the coming year.

Signed, your Committee,

Mrs. Earl Alexander

Mrs. Boyd Jones

Mrs. Faye Stembridge

### RECESS

After a period of fellowship the Association was called to order by singing "There is Power in The Blood" Prayer by Rev. W. O. Knight.

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Rev. Rolla Smith gave his report to the Association concerning the program of Foreign Mission within the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Rev. Smith presented a challenge to us for support to the cause of missions. He told of the number of young couples who are now ready for service in the fields of Mission Program. Pray that God will continue to raise up laborers.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee hereby recommend that Rev. Gordon Hart ordained Minister of the Central Conference of North Carolina State Association be received into our Association with full privileges of an ordained minister and that he be given a card of good standing with the Association with his name placed on the list of ordained ministers of this Association. The above recommendation is contingent upon the receipt of a letter of good standing from the Central Conference of North Carolina.

We find all Ministers of the Association at peace and in harmony among themselves and in good standing before the world with the exception of grievances that exist between the former pastor and members of the New Gauley Church: We recommend that this matter be worked out by the local church.

Your Committee,

Rev. M. L. Hollis

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough

Rev. Paul Kettelman

At the close of the business session, Mr. A. C. Ferguson was ordained to the Deaconship of the Springdale Free Will Baptist Church. Members of the Ordaining Council laid their hands on this young man in prayer with Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. W. O. Knight giving the charge. Closing prayer by Rev. W. F. Clark.

### EVENING SERVICE

Before the evening Worship Service the Amory Free Will Baptist Church recommended the ordaining into full time Gospel Min-



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istry the Glenn Dale Hudson. Glenn Dale went before the Ordaining Council who later laid their hands on him and Ordained him to the preaching the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The evening worship service was opened with the singing of Hymn, "Standing on the Promises" "There is Power in The Blood", "To The Work, To The Work". Rev. Paul Kettelman led in prayer. The congregation joined in singing the hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth".

A Free Will Offering was received to be divided between the Executive department and the Foreign Missions department of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Rev. Wilburn Beasley introduced the speaker of the Evening: Rev. Rolla Smith, who delivered the evening message. Bro. Smith spoke to us from Mark 16:15, 16; The Command, The Promise, The Warning. The evening service was closed by singing "Jesus I Come". Closing prayer, Rev. Billy Melvin.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened by the singing of "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus". Bro. Paul Kettelman led the Devotion using I Thess. 1:1-10 as the background of his devotional. He brought out four truths that should be evident in each Christian's life.

### BUSINESS SESSION

The minutes of the previous day were read and accepted by the body. Bro. Beasley gave an oral report concerning the Master's Men, and the advantages a church has with this organization in it. He stresses the importance of the Master's Men in the local church.

Motion made and carried that the Sunday School Report be accepted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

From a total church membership of 3145 in our Association we have only 1659 enrolled in our Sunday School, and realizing that we should have a total enrollment of 3470 in order to have a working margin for growth of our churches we need to get busy in our Sunday School enlargement. Sunday School is big business and we need to give it all we have. We challenge the Key Man in our Sunday School work, who we believe to be the pastor of the church, to lead his church into an enthusiastic campaign to double our Sunday School enrollment by this time next year, should the Lord tarry.

May we as officers and teachers in our Sunday School catch a vision of what is required of us. May we, in these days of loose living, lay special emphasis on each quarter's temperance lesson, stressing the importance of living a clean life at all times.

Remember: "The child that is brought up in the Sunday School is seldom brought up in court." "That if we do not reach the hearts of our children for Christ today, they will break our hearts tomorrow."

Respectfully Submitted  
Your Committee

Ministers reports were read and accepted by the Association.

### MINISTERS YEARLY REPORT

Greetings: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Amory Church on the 29 day of Sept., 1960. 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

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25th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 120 sermons; Prayed many Prayers; visited 726 sick people; Baptized 5 converts; received 6 people into Churches; helped ordain no ministers and no Deacons. Preached no Commencement sermons; preached 1 Memorial sermon; pastored 1 church; conducted 5 funerals; received from church pastored \$1,400.23; Total received for the year \$1,400.23, traveled 11,800 miles.  
II Tim. 4:2

Respectfully submitted,  
Ernest Ownby

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. It is with thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached approximately 150 sermons; Prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 7 converts; received 21 people into churches; Helped ordain none. Pastored 1 church; conducted 7 funerals; received from church pastored \$4,022.09; received for revival work \$335.00; total received for year \$4,357.09; traveled 18,000 miles.  
II Tim. 4:2.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul J. Kettelman

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending on the 25th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 98 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 8 converts; received 9 people into churches; pastored 2 churches... conducted no funerals. Received from churches pastored, \$1,737.00; received for revival work \$213.50. Total received for the year \$1950.50; traveled 9,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. P. Pukins

Greetings: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. 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., 1960. I have preached 86 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited several sick people; Baptized 5 converts; received 12 people into churches; helped ordain no ministers; pastored 3 churches; conducted 4 funerals; received from churches pastored \$2,053.51; total received for year \$2,053.51; traveled 7,614 miles.  
II Tim. 4:2.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. O. Knight

Greetings: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 25th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 76 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 4 converts; received 7 people into churches; pastored 1 church; conducted 3 funerals; received from church pastored \$1238.50; received \$50.00 for revival work; total received for year \$1,288.50. Traveled 10,976 miles

II Tim. 4:2

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wayne Yarbrough



CHURCHES	Value	Indebtedness	Total Offering	Pastors Salary-Exp.	Revival Exp. and Evangelist	Visiting Preacher	Singer Pianist	Bldg. and Repairs	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College
Amory	63,425.00	23,106.00	9,765.26	3,120.00	300.00	75.00	235.00	600.00	35.00	128.00	5.00
Antioch	5,000.00		2,163.33	1,142.00	100.00		75.00	215.50	215.00		
Beech Springs	15,000	1,300.00	6,984.83	3,880.00	190.45		50.00	171.21	125.01	92.00	105.00
Bethlehem	7,000.00		1,945.87	968.00	113.50			406.76	78.00		12.00
Columbus First	69,500.00	13,100.00	14,858.70	4,022.09	201.00			2,431.53	240.00	555.56	1,024.64
Damascus	3,500.00		1,131.63	884.45	127.64		23.50				
DePriest Chapel	3,500.00		597.01	350.00	75.00			60.00			
East Tupelo	50,000.00	1,250.00	19,055.34	4,768.37	518.67	195.00		371.15		781.70	788.83
Fawn Grove	7,000.00			615.30	178.82	54.07				113.00	
Fulton	3,000.00		778.78	337.50	75.00					25.00	18.00
Lee's Chapel	6,750.00		985.82	840.76	100.00				10.00		
McGregar Chapel	12,000.00		1,941.80	556.81	145.50	234.45			134.25	11.42	11.42
New Gauley	5,000.00		968.41	450.00	50.60				20.56	20.56	
New Life	5,000.00		18.43	443.64			20.00			4.00	
Pearce Chapel	8,550.00		5,846.04	1,202.48	282.47	35.00		6,970.32		481.00	
Philadelphia	6,000.00		1,245.94	925.87	80.00	52.10					
Pleasant Grove	8,000.00			125.00			18.00				
Springdale	10,000.00		1,827.60	1,135.05	120.00				60.00	10.00	10.00
Stetson Chapel	5,000.00			118.50	42.60						
Hollis Chapel	10,000.00		2,731.50	1,300.00	75.00	75.00	300.00	976.50			
Union Hill	6,800.00	234.60	3,072.48	1,400.23	100.00	15.40		930.00	32.30	22.80	
White Hill	4,000.00		2,021.37	1,011.01	100.00			75.00		12.50	

Bible College	S. S. and League Supplies	Insurance	Notes, Interest Utilities	Benevolence	Incidentals	Total Exp.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Value of Parsonage	Morganwood Camp	Childrens Home	Funds sent with Letter	Bible College Student
5.00	425.00	184.75	361.00	422.74	880.12	7,031.50	7	8	8	1	275	12,000.00	30.00	125.00	25.00	
	42.00	36.61	22.86	95.25	37.95	1,933.17	4	3	1	1	157				10.00	
105.00	340.19		205.65	740.23	512.40	6,674.22	6	3	4		186	6,000.00	95.00		15.00	108.74
12.00	125.66		53.88	40.56	122.45	1,945.87	4	1	1	1	110				25.00	
1,024.64	896.16	314.20	772.82	3,256.98	564.75	15,590.85	7	9	5		249	16,500.00	369.50	300.00	10.00	317.52
	23.25		23.78	30.29	12.25	1,125.16	0	0	2	0	83				10.00	
	34.00			20.00	36.00	575.00	0	0	0	0	81				25.00	
788.83	1,168.64	374.56	5,997.32	297.47	565.15	18,380.97	5	4	5		376	9,000.00	1,021.65	275.00	30.00	
	66.30	36.60	83.68	103.80		1,364.20	7		2		170			104.63	10.00	
18.00	18.91	19.24	56.28		40.43	677.86			1		48				15.00	
	76.26		49.47		50.70	941.79		3			34				8.00	
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## NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI FREE WILL BAPTIST

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Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 25th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 145 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 9 converts; received 14 people into churches; pastored 2 churches; conducted 5 funerals; received from churches pastored \$2260.00; received for revival work \$400.00; total received for the year \$2660.00; traveled 13,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. H. Hollis

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 150 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; received 6 people into churches; preached 1 commencement sermon; pastored 3 churches; conducted 6 funerals; received from churches pastored \$1210.87; received for revival work \$200.00; total received for the year \$1410.87; traveled 12,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. C. Price

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory Church on the 29-30 of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 41 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; pastored 1 church. Received from church pastored \$39.50; total received for the year \$71.50; traveled 12,000 miles.

PS. For the past 6½ months, I have had a radio program every Sunday morning 7:30-8:00 over WKDL, Clarksdale, Miss.

Respectfully Submitted,  
H. E. Stalnaker

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory Church on the 29-30 of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 165 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 6 converts; received 9 people into churches; pastored 1 church; conducted 5 funerals; received from church pastored \$3,880.00; received \$100.00 for revival work; total received for year \$3,980.00. Traveled 18,000 miles.  
II Tim. 4:2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilburn Beasley

Greetings: To the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Amory church on the 29th day of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 25 day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 59 sermons; prayed many prayers... visited many sick people; received 5 people into churches; preached 1 Memorial sermon; pastored 1 church; conducted 2 funerals; received from churches pastored \$485.33; received for revival work \$144.05; total received for year \$669.88. Traveled 2,437 miles  
II Tim. 4:2.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. L. E. Winter

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Greetings: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Amory Church on the 29-30 of Sept., 1960. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following report of my year's work, ending on the 30th day of Sept., 1960. I have preached 176 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptized 5 converts; received 7 people into churches; pastored 1 church; conducted 15 funerals; received from churches pastored \$4,160.00; received \$725.00 for revival work; total received for year \$4,885.00, traveled 20,000 miles.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Luther Gibson

I have had over one hundred decisions in meetings this year.  
II Tim. 4:2.

### FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The Rev. Paul Kettelman gave an oral report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. The Bible college is serving the people of our Denomination and this Institution merits the support of our people every where. We believe as we invest in the cause of Christian Education that we will promote the cause of Christ throughout the world. We urge the Ministers of our church to present this Institution to their people, and lead them in their support to this cause.

### DELEGATES TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Delegates appointed by Moderator to the National Association of Free Will Baptist, when convening in Norfolk, Va., in July 1961. Those appointed were as follows: Mrs. Gordon Hart; Mrs. Hobson Walden; Mr. L. E. Duncan.

VERNON ASSOCIATION: Rev. M. L. Hollis.

STATE LINE ASS'N. Rev. M. L. Hollis.

ALABAMA STATE: Rev. Gordon Hart; Rev. M. L. Hollis.

LITTLE BROWN OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI: L. E. Duncan; Rev. Wilburn Beasley; Rev. Luther Gibson.

Motion made and carried that we go on record as a body preferring the National Association to continue meeting yearly as it is now doing.

Motion made and carried that the Nominating Committee's report be adopted and we elect one at a time. All those recommended to the Association as officers were elected with the exception of the Ass'n. Moderator. The Rev. M. L. Hollis was elected Ass'n. Moderator.

Motion made and carried that action be recended of the previous session of the Association concerning money in the Home Mission treasury and the money be kept in Mississippi.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Gordon Hart replace the Rev. L. E. Winters on the Home Mission Board.

Motion made and carried that this Association be changed from a two day Session to one day beginning at next session.

Motion made and carried that we accept the Resolution's final report.

"That we give the Amory Church a rising vote of thanks for their kindness shown to the visitors during this setting of the Association.

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee, make the following report: We find that there have been fourteen whom the Lord has called home



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since we last met. The following have been taken: Will Daniels; Clarence Daniels, John Lester Goodson, Mrs. Mary Whitworth, Nell Long, Derris Aron, Mrs. W. T. Pettis, Mr. J. W. Barton, Murray Addington, J. H. Murphy, Bill Corder, Francis Perkins, and G. J. Robertson.

Signed,  
Your Committee

Recess by Prayer: Mr. L. E. Duncan.

### MORNING WORSHIP

The morning worship service was begun by singing "Rescue The Perishing", led by the Rev. Luther Gibson. Prayer by Bro. Beasley. Rev. M. L. Hollis introduced the speaker of the hour, the Rev. John Moehlman who delivered the morning Message. Before the message, Mrs. Moehlman sang for us, "No one Ever Cared For Us like Jesus". Bro. Moehlman read from Jonah 1:1; 3:1; 2:1. "Then Jonah Prayed".

After the morning worship the ladies of the Amory Church served a delicious meal. Following the evening meal all went home.

### PASTORS

M. L. Hollis	Amory, Miss.
G. C. Lee	Calhoun City, Miss.
L. D. Gibson	Tupelo, Miss.
W. O. Knight	Amory, Miss.
Wilburn Beasley	Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2
Wayne Yarbrough	Saltillo, Miss. Rt. 2
Farnest Ownby	Saltillo, Miss. Rt. 2
G. C. Price	Pontotoc, Miss.
Flenory Clark	Houston, Miss.
M. H. Hollis,	Columbus, Miss., Rt. 5
Paul Kettelman	Columbus, Miss.
G. P. Perkins	Columbus, Miss.
Herbert Stalnaker	Toccopola, Miss.
Gordon Hart	Smithville, Miss.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	CLERKS	ADDRESS
AMORY	Mrs. J. C. Duncan,	Amory, Miss., Hwy. 278 East.
ANTIOCH	Miss Lynn Hodges,	Toccopola, Miss.
BEECH SPRINGS	G. W. Vanderford,	Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2.
BETHLEHEM	M. M. Ramsey,	Pontotoc, Miss.
COLUMBUS	Margaret Gaston,	1210 Shady St., Columbus, Miss.
DAMASCUS	Mrs. C. C. McKee,	DeKalb, Miss., Rt. 5.
DePRIEST CHAPEL	S. D. Jones,	Caldonia, Miss.
TUPELO	Joe Ann Parham,	Canal St., Tupelo, Miss.
FAWN GROVE	Mrs. Victor Howard,	Dorsey, Miss.
FULTON	Mrs. Lena Caviness,	Fulton, Miss.
LEE'S CHAPEL	A. C. Hollis,	Columbus, Miss., Star Rt.
McGREGOR CHAPEL	Mrs. Bryant Maharry,	Pontotoc, Miss. Rt. 2.
NEW GAULEY	C. E. Goodson,	Calhoun City, Miss., Rt. 1.
NEW LIFE	Mrs. Mary Cruse,	Houlka, Miss., Rt. 3.
PEARCE CHAPEL	Gilbert Johnson,	Smithville, Miss.
PHILADELPHIA	Mrs. W. R. Burks,	Philadelphia, Miss. Rt. 6, box 4
PLEASANT GROVE	Mrs. J. D. Stepp,	Pontotoc, Miss., Star Rt.

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SPRINGDALE — W. T. Gunter, Oxford, Miss., T. S. R.

STETSON CHAPEL — Mrs. Carl Frizzell, Toccopola, Miss.

HOLLIS CHAPEL — Mrs. Fester Wright, 304 21st St., N. Columbus, Miss.

UNION HILL — M. G. Poteet, Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2

WHITE HILL — Earl W. Shelby, Eupora, Miss., Rt. 4

### ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Moderator ..... Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2  
Assistant Moderator, Rev. M. L. Hollis ..... Amory, Miss.  
Rev. L. D. Gibson, Clerk ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Rev. Paul Ketteman, Assnt. Clerk ..... Columbus, Miss.  
W. G. Prude, Treasurer ..... Tupelo, Miss.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Wilburn Beasley, One year ..... Saltillo, Miss.  
Rev. Luther Gibson, Two years ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Rev. M. L. Hollis, Three years ..... Amory, Miss.

### YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Cecil Dees, one year ..... Columbus, Miss.  
Bub Jones, two years ..... Amory, Miss.  
Luther Gibson, three years ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
L. E. Duncan, four years ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Trice Kingley, five years ..... Saltillo, Miss. Rt. 2

### HOMES MISSION BOARD

C. O. Flaherty, one year ..... Philadelphia, Miss.  
W. O. Knight, two years ..... Amory, Miss.  
Oliver Haas, three years ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Gordon Hart, four years ..... Smithville, Miss.  
L. E. Duncan, five years ..... Tupelo, Miss.

### CHILDREN HOME TRUSTEE

Gurvis Phillips ..... Saltillo, Miss., Rt. 2

### QUARTERLY MEETING OFFICERS

Rev. Luther Gibson, Moderator ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
Rev. Paul Ketteman, Ass'nt. Moderator ..... Columbus, Miss.  
L. E. Duncan, Clerk ..... Tupelo, Miss.  
W. G. Purde, Ass'nt. Clerk ..... Tupelo, Miss.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. M. L. Hollis ..... Amory, Miss.  
George C. Lee ..... 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 amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of



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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 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 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.

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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 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 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. 1 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

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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 perserver 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 8th 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 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.



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