

**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**Thirty-First Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Northeast Mississippi Association**  
**OF**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**WHEN CONVENED WITH**  
**Pearce Chapel**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**  
**OCTOBER 9, 1965**



**THE NEXT SESSION WILL MEET WITH THE**  
**Fulton Free Will Baptist Church**  
**FULTON, MISSISSIPPI**

**Friday Before the Second Sunday in October, 1966**

**Minutes**  
**OF THE**  
**Thirty-First Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Northeast Mississippi Association**  
**OF**  
**Free Will Baptists**  
**WHEN CONVENED WITH**  
**Pearce Chapel**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**  
**OCTOBER 9, 1965**



THE NEXT SESSION WILL MEET WITH THE

**Fulton Free Will Baptist Church**

FULTON, MISSISSIPPI

Friday Before the Second Sunday in October, 1966

# **Thirty-First Annual Session**

## **OF**

# **Northeast Mississippi Association Of Free Will Baptists**

The Thirty-First Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists was opened by singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" led by Brother Milton Worthington. The morning devotion was brought by Brother H. Stalnaker and taken from Rev. 2:10. The welcome was given by Brother Ronald Howland and the response by Brother Tillis Walley. Brother Ronald Howland gave a partial report of the digest committee. The report was accepted and delegates seated. Recognition was made of visiting ministers. The moderator's message was given by Brother Tom Johnson and Brother Worthington led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven". The State Home Missions Board Report was given by Brother Randy Cox. The Wcmans Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. Tom Johnson. The financial report of Morganwood Youth Camp was given by Mr. L. E. Duncan and was accepted and adopted. Brother Carlton Lambert gave a report on the Children's Home. After a short recess the ordaining counsel recommended the ordination of Brothers Hollis Warren and Earl Pennington as ministers of the gospel. The recommendation was accepted and an ordination service followed with Bro. M. L. Hollis in charge. Brother Worthington led the singing of "I Am Resolved." An offering was taken to be divided in four groups: Bible College, Home Missions, State Missions, Children's Home. Brother Worthington led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace". The morning message was brought by Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and taken from I Samuel 17:20 emphasizing the need for ministers to remain true to God's Cause. Dismissed for lunch.

### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

**CREDENTIALS:** Rev. Ronald Howland, Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, Rev. W. F. Clark.

**TEMPERANCE:** Rev. G. C. Lee, Sr., Mrs. Lovert Stubblefield, Mrs. Nell White.

**OBITUARY:** Rev. W. M. Bowman, Annie Oliver, Mrs. Leola Galloway.

**C.T.S.:** Rev. Gerald Owens, Mrs. Kimble Crossley, Mrs. Oliver Haas.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Mr. L. E. Duncan, Mrs. Margie Gates, Mrs. Pearl Ray.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Rev. Tillis Walley, Rev. Herbert Stalnaker, Mrs. Herman Keith.

**NOMINATING:** Rev. Randy Cox, Mr. Boyd May, Mr. Wendell Brown.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Rev. Henry Van Kluyve. Rev. Hurston Noe gave a stirring devotion from John 4.

### **REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

Dr. L. C. Johnson gave a report of Free Will Baptist Bible College, stating that in this day and age education is just about a prerequi-

site for any field of work. The cost of sending one student to school for four years is about \$3,000. He then showed a picture of the proposed plan of expansion for the College. He further stated that no denomination is growing without a training program.

This report was received as information by the Body.

#### **REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE**

We the C.T.S. committee recommend that a committee be appointed to set a day for an area wide C.T.S. Rally. This C.T.S. Rally will work in conjunction with our National C.T.S. work.

A motion carried to accept this report.

Submitted by:

Rev. Gerald Owens  
Mrs. Kimble Crossley  
Mrs. Oliver Haas

#### **REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The yearly meeting of the Northeast District Sunday School Convention will meet the fifth Sunday of this month. We urge that all Sunday Schools have at least one training course a year, and that each have a Daily Vacation Bible School in 1966. We further urge each Sunday School to try to have a working visitation program. We urge that all teachers attend the convention to be held at Amory Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi.

Submitted by:

Mr. L. E. Duncan  
Mrs. Margie Gates  
Mrs. Pearl Ray

A motion carried to accept this report.

#### **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, your credentials committee, report the following: That all our ministers with certificates are in good standing with their churches and thereby recommend that they be given a certificate of good standing in the Association. We recommend that Rev. Milton Worthington be accepted into this Association as an ordained minister. We also recommend that Rev. Glen Shelby of Nashville, Tennessee, be given a card of good standing.

Submitted by: Rev. Ronald Howland

Rev. W. F. Clark  
Rev. Wayne Yarbrough

A motion carried to accept this report.

#### **REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, your Temperance Committee, beg leave to give this report. We believe that intemperance is practiced by many professed Christians. We should be careful in our speech, that we do not become offensive, that we always speak pure, clean and wholesome words that becomes a Christian. We should not only guard our speech but our actions also and walk as becomes Christians, therefore abstaining from all appearances of sin and wickedness. We will encourage our people against strong drink. We further urge our people, especially our young people, to dress decently and modestly.

Submitted by:

Rev. C. G. Lee, Sr.  
Mrs. Lovert Stubblefield  
Mrs. Nell White

#### **REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We, the Obituary Committee see the angels are still gathering flowers from our midst. Four of our members are gone on to their

reward since our last association. May God bless their loved ones and all strive to meet them on haeven's bright shore.

Submitted by:

Bro. Bowman

Mrs. Annie Oliver

Mrs. Leola Galloway

A motion carried to accept this report and after a short period of silent prayer Bro. R. L. Barnes led in prayer.

### REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee recommend the following:

Item I—Whereas, this Association has only one day to transact its business and,

Whereas, it takes a period of twelve months to change the present constitution,

Be it resolved, that section seven in our present constitution be changed to read: "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 at the morning session to be voted on in the afternoon session.)

Item II—Be it resolved, that section eight of the Quarterly Meeting Minutes be inserted in the church minutes.

#### Revision of section eight . . . .

"An ordaining council of three preachers in good standing with the local church and association shall be called by a local church when it has candidates to be examined for the ministry. The licensing and ordaining of preachers is the responsibility of the local church, but the licensing and ordaining of preachers will be carried out upon the recommendation of the called ordaining counsel. The choice of the council shall be that of the candidate or candidates to be examined."

Submitted by:

Thos Walley

Herbert Stalnaker

Mrs. Herman Keith

Item III—Be it resolved, that the date of our association be changed from Friday and Saturday to Thursday and Friday.

Item IV—be it resolved, that we give Pearce Chapel Church a rising vote of thanks for the gracious way they have entertained us at this association.

A motion made and carried to adopt this report and consider it item by item. Item I was adopted. Motion was made and carried that item II be referred to a committee, to effect a change in section eight of the constitution. Motion made and carried to amend this to read that the moderator appoint this committee. Item III was defeated. Item IV did not get a motion and so was killed.



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1964-1965 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR**  
**RECEIPTS:**

BROUGHT FORWARD .....	\$ 71.62
RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES 1964 SESSION .....	447.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	519.02

**EXPENDITURES:**

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS .....	\$ 20.00
FOREIGN MISSIONS .....	28.80
BIBLE COLLEGE .....	46.30
MORGANWOOD CAMP .....	10.00
MISS. STATE HOME MISSIONS .....	38.80
CHILDREN'S HOME .....	63.30
STATE ASSOCIATION FEE .....	20.00
NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY .....	115.69
POSTAGE .....	3.80
TRAVEL MILEAGE TO NAT'L. ASS'N. (RALEIGH, N C.) .....	90.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FEE .....	25.00
ASSOCIATION FORMS (PRINTING) .....	40.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	502.25
BALANCE IN BANK .....	\$ 16.47

W. G. Prude, Treasurer

A motion carried to accept this report. Bro. Prude resigned his position as treasurer and a rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given for his 30 years of service in this capacity.

**REPORT OF THE DIGEST COMMITTEE**

Refer to the chart in the back for the full digest committee's report.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We, the nominating Committee, recommend the following:

MODERATOR: Tom Johnson

ASST. MODERATOR: Randy Cox

CLERK: Milton Worthington

ASST. CLERK: Mrs. Billy Sharpston

TREASURER: Wendell Brown

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: W. F. Clark (3 years) Wayne  
Yarbrough

MISSION BOARD: J. P. Bowman (1970)

MORGANWOOD CAMP COMMITTEE: Jimmy Stembridge  
(1972)

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Tillis Walley

TRUSTEE OF CHILDREN'S HOME: Roland Rutledge

Submitted by:

Randy Cox

Boyd May

Wendell Brown

A motion carried to elect as recommended.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

A motion was made and carried that The First Free Will Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi become a member of the Northeast Mississippi Association. A short history of the church was given stating, 12 charter members, now nine weeks old and having received 4 converts. Its auxiliaries consist of Sunday School, C.T.S. and Ladies Auxiliary.

The Nominating Committees report was given and accepted.

The Fulton Free Will Baptist Church extended an invitation for us to meet with them in our next session. The invitation was accepted and thus our session is to meet with them in Fulton, Mississippi.

Motion made and carried to reelect Billy Sharpston as mission conference director for the association.

Motion made and carried that the following be appointed as delegates to the State Association with the moderator having the privilege to appoint alternates if one or more of these could not serve: Mrs. Earl Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Brummattee, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Paulette Hoffman.

Motion made and carried that the following be appointed as delegates to the National Association, with the moderator having the privilege to appoint alternates in the event these could not serve: Mr. L. E. Duncan, Mr. T. J. Armstrong, Mr. Tillis Walley.

Motion made and carried that we recess for the evening mtal. Prayer by Bro. Henry Vanklyve.

#### EVENING SESSION

After a delicious evening meal served by the Pearce Chapel Church we commenced our evening service. We had a time of singing and praising the Lord. The music was led by Milton Worthington and the praise time by Tom Johnson. The moderator appointed the following on special C.T.S. committee: Rev. John Reed, Mrs. Kimble Crossely, Mrs. Frances Johnson, Bro. Gerald Owens, and Bro. Cliff Jones. The Digest Committee consisting of Bro. Wendell Brown, Rev. Billy Sharpston, and Rev. Gerald Owens. The Constitutional Committee composed of Bro. Roland Howland, Bro. Wayne Yarbrough and Rev. Tillis Walley was appointed. We were led in singing of another hymn by Bro. Worthington after which special music was rendered by a visiting duet. Brother Rufus Coffey, Director of Conference Ministers, brought us a challenging message from Luke 10:25-29 entitled "ON THE OTHER SIDE".

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MORGANWOOD CAMP FOR 1964-1965 ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

##### RECEIPTS:

Amory First Church .....	\$ 178.63
Beech Springs .....	79.78
Columbus First .....	385.00
Main St., Amory .....	17.25
Pearce Chapel CTS .....	71.54
Tupelo .....	574.14
Tupelo Auxiliary .....	45.00
Northeast Miss. WNAC .....	10.00
N. E. Miss. Ass'n. ....	10.00
N. E. Quarterly Meeting .....	75.00
Rally Offering .....	25.00
Rent .....	39.30
Campers' (Reg. Fees) .....	960.00
Store Sales & Gifts .....	304.24
Brought Forward .....	924.64
Total .....	\$3700.02

##### EXPENDITURES:

Community Federal .....	\$1021.40
Insurance .....	3464.41
Well & Pump .....	748.46
Lawn Mower .....	293.08
Buildings and Repairs .....	197.44
Labor .....	59.00
T. E. P. A. ....	37.88
Groceries .....	326.71
Literature .....	77.10
Evangelist .....	125.00

Campers' Insurance .....	49.30
Camp Cooks .....	144.00
Gas .....	78.64
Camp Staff — Refreshments .....	27.00
Store Supplies .....	104.85
	<hr/>
	\$3636.27
Balance in Bank .....	\$63.75

## REPORT OF MORGANWOOD CAMP FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR OF 1964-1965

The camp experienced the best year thus far this past year. God used the weeks of camp to challenge and change the lives of many of the young people. It had the best attendance ever recorded and the spirit of the Lord was evident from the very beginning. Let us endeavor to make the coming year another milestone for the Lord in our camping program.

Submitted by: Bro. L. E. Duncan

### ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

Rev. Tom Johnson, Moderator ..... 504 9th Ave. North Amory, Miss.  
 Rev. Randy Cox, Asst. Moderator ..... 1810 Main St., Columbus, Miss.  
 Rev. Milton Worthington, Clerk ..... Box 5024, Tupelo, Miss.  
 Mrs. Billy Sharpston, Asst. Clerk. .... Rt. 2 Saltillo, Miss.  
 Mr. Wendell Brown, Treasurer ..... 201 W. Main, Fulton, Miss.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, 1966 ..... Rt. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
 Rev. Tom Johnson, 1966 ..... 504 9th Av., N. Amory, Miss.  
 Rev. W. F. Clark, 1968 ..... Houston, Miss.  
 Rev. Ronald Howland, 1967 ..... Rt. 1, Smithville Miss.

### MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. P. Bowman, 1970 ..... 3962 Mamie Rd., Memphis, Tenn.  
 Rev. Wayne Yarbrough, 1966 ..... Rt. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
 Mr. H. G. Cooper, 1976 ..... Philadelphia, Miss.  
 Rev. W. F. Clark, 1968 ..... Houston, Miss.  
 Rev. John Reed 1969 ..... 6th Ave. N. Amory, Miss.

### MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

Mr. Jimmy Stembridge 1972 ..... Rt. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
 Mr. Cecil Dees 1966 ..... Columbus, Miss.  
 Mr. W. C. Robison 1967 ..... Smithville, Miss.  
 Mr. Jack Crawford 1968 ..... Amory, Miss.  
 Mr. James Jones 1969 ..... Amory, Miss.  
 Mr. Madera Nelms 1970 ..... Eupora, Miss.  
 Mr. L. E. Duncan 1971 ..... Box Tupelo, Miss.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Billy Sharpston      Rev. W. F. Clark      Mr. L. E. Duncan  
    Rev. Tillis Walley      Mr. Wendell Brown

### CHILDREN'S HOME TRUSTEE

Mr. Ronald Rutledge ..... Box 5024, Tupelo, Miss.

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE DIRECTOR FOR 1965

Rev. Billy Sharpston, ..... Route No. 2, Saltillo, Miss.

### MINISTERS LISTED FOR 1964-1965

Rev. J. P. Bowman ..... 3962 Mamie Road, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Rev. W. F. Clark ..... Houston, Miss.  
 Rev. Randy Cox ..... 1800 Main St., Columbus, Miss.



Rev. L. C. Graham ..... Fernbank, Alabama  
 Rev. William A. Gray ..... Hanging Moss Circle, Jackson, Miss.  
 Rev. Ronald Howland ..... Smithville, Miss.  
 Rev. Tom Johnson ..... 504 — 9th Ave. North, Amory, Miss.  
 Rev. J. L. Lavender ..... Aliceville, Alabama  
 Rev. G. C. Lee, Sr. .... Calhoun City, Miss.  
 Rev. Gerald Owens ..... Route No. 1, Dorsey, Miss.  
 Rev. John Reed ..... 6th Ave. North, Amory, Miss.  
 Rev. Billy Sharpston ..... Route No. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
 Rev. Herbert Stalnaker ..... Toccopolo, Miss.  
 Rev. Wayne Thomas ..... Route No. 1, Thaxton, Miss.  
 Rev. Tillis Walley ..... Route No. 1, Fulton, Miss.  
 Rev. L. E. Winter ..... 4042 Elliston, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Rev. Milton W. Worthington ..... Box 5024, Tupelo, Miss.  
 Rev. Wayne Yarbrough ..... Route No. 2, Saltillo, Miss.  
 Rev. Glen Shelby ..... 328 Rose St., Nashville, Tenn.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

Church	Clerk	Address
AMORY, 1st —	Mrs. W. L. Kendrick	709 5th Av. S. Amory, Miss.
AMORY, Main St.—	Mrs. T. J. Hawkins	512 5th St. N. Amory, Miss.
ANTIOCH —	Mr. Kenneth Tutor	Rt. 1, No. 1, Toccopola, Miss.
BEECH SPRINGS —	Mr. Mitchell Corder	Rt. No. 2, Saltillo, Miss.
BETHLEHEM —	Mr. E. B. Tucker	Rt. No. 2, Pontotoc, Miss.
COLUMBUS, 1ST—	Mrs. Peggy Jones	1800 Main St. Columbus, Miss.
DAMASCUS—	Mrs. Covert McKee	Rt. No. 5, DeKalb, Miss.
DEPRIEST CHAPEL—	Mrs. Elmer Phillips	Rt. No. 1, Box 92D, Caledonia, Miss.
FAWN GROVE—	Mrs. Charles Comer	Rt. No. 1, Dorsey, Miss.
FULTON—	Mrs. Doris Parmer	Box 203, Fulton, Miss.
HOLLIS CHAPEL—	Miss Johnnie Mae Bailey	R.T. No. 4 Box 311 Columbus, Mississippi
McGREGOR CHAPEL—	Mrs. Bryant Maharrey	Rt. No. 2, Pontotoc, Miss.
NEW GAULEY—	Mr. C. E. Goodson	Rt. No. 1, Box 58, Calhoun City, Miss.
NEW LIFE—	Mrs. J. B. Oliver	Rt. No. 3, Houlka, Miss.
PEARCE CHAPEL—	Mr. R. H. Pearce	Smithville, Miss.
PHILADELPHIA—	Miss Donna Smith	Kosciusko Road, Philadelphia, Miss.
PLEASANT GROVE—	Miss Carolyn Matkins	Thaxton Star Route, Pontotoc, Miss.
SPRINGDALE—	Mr. G. L. Dulin	Rt. No. 5, Box 5, Oxford, Miss.
STETSON CHAPEL—	Mrs. Saley May	Toccopola, Miss.
TUPELO—	Miss Jo Ann Parham	337 Canal St. Tupelo, Miss.
UNION HILL—	Mrs. Jewel Stevens	Rt. No. 4, Tupelo, Miss.
WEST MEMPHIS—	Mrs. Edus Bowman	3962 Mamie Road, Memphis, Tennessee
WHITE HILL—	Mrs. Earl Shelby	Rt. No. 4, Eupora, Miss.
LEE'S CHAPEL—	Mrs. A. C. Hollis	Star Route, Box 71 C Columbus, Mississippi

## MINISTERS STEWARDSHIP RECORD (Yearly Reports)

1964-1965

MINISTER	MESSAGES	MEETINGS	MILES	MEMBERS
Gerald Owens	215	0	23,000	10
Tillis Walley	106	2	20,000	5
Wayne Yarbrough	149	2	12,918	16 (5 converts)
George C. Lee, Sr.	88		2,610	
Randy Cox	155	2	23,000	55 (23 converts)
Wayne Thomas	82	1	1,120	1
John Reed	175		15,000	2
W. F. Clark	145	4	Many	9 (5 converts)
H. E. Stalnaker	79		12,000	
Tom Johnson	130	5	18,000	27 (19 converts)
James P. Bowman	83		1,938	7 (5 converts)
Billy Sharpston	123		18,000	7 (4 converts)
William A. Gray	112	1	16,000	12 (4 converts)
Grover L. Lee	56		2,670	3 (1 convert)
G. C. Price	37	2	Many	

### TREASURER'S REPORT

(For Convention Year 1964-1965)

NOTE: This report is the responsibility of the Local, District, State or National Treasurer. The Local Treasurer compiles her report from the regular individual Monthly Report made by Local Auxiliary members and sends a copy to the District Treasurer ten days before the District Auxiliary Convention. The District Treasurer compiles all local Treasurer's reports for the District Convention and sends a copy to the State Treasurer ten days before the State Auxiliary Convention. The State Treasurer compiles all district Treasurer's Reports and sends a copy to the National Treasurer by July 1. The National Treasurer compiles all State Reports for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. ALL REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER DATES MENTIONED WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL REPORT FOR THE MINUTES BUT WILL NOT BE REPORTED AT THE CONVENTION.

Only if there are no convention organizations within a state will a local treasurer send her report to the WNAC Treasurer.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHEAST DISTRICT AUXILIARIES

#### I. STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS:

Number of Auxiliary members contributing to Missions 97  
 Number of tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year 36  
 Number of tithers as a result of Stewardship Study Courses 7  
 Number of new tithers this convention year 15  
 Present number of tithers 54

#### II. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount of offering sent to WNAC Co-Laborer Fund \$113.43  
 Amount of offering sent to student Loan Fund \$56.00  
 Cash gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College \$115.00  
 Total Easter offering for Foreign Missions \$61.81  
 Amount of Thanksgiving Offering for National Home Missions \$31.07  
 Amount of Christmas offering for State Home Missions \$97.42  
 Cash gifts to Children's Homes \$17.25  
 Value of boxes to Children's Homes \$575.30  
 Cash gifts to aged ministers \$15.00

Total gifts to Missions sent to WNAC Treasurer this convention year \$1,092.03  
 Total Per Capita representation fee sent to WNAC Treasurer this convention year \$9.70  
 Total amount spent for Auxiliary literature \$219.19  
 Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities \$193.81

Respectfully submitted,  
 Mrs. Letcher Fields  
 Treasurer  
 103 Ala. St. Columbus, Miss.

### DELEGATES REPRESENTING (seated) in this session

AMORY 1st—Mrs. Tom Johnson, Mrs. Leola Galloway, Mrs. Faye Stevens, Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Mrs. Helen Rutledge.

AMORY Main St. — Mrs. James T. Frederick, Mr. D. K. Bliss.

ANTIOCH —

BEECH SPRINGS — Mrs. Ona Hill, Mrs. Peggy Harris, Mrs. Mrs. Alice Barber, Mr. Mrs. John Stembridge.

BETHLEHEM — Mrs. Dora May, Mrs. Lavert Stubblefield, Mrs. Horace Moony, Mr. J. V. Mills.

1st F.W.B. Columbus — Mrs. R. C. Rector, Mrs. Kimble Crossley, Cecil Deas, Cliff Jones, J. L. Williams.

DAMASCUS — Hollis L. Warren, Mrs. Hollis L. Warren, Mrs. S. F. Chisolm, Covert C. McKee (alt.)

DEPRIEST — Stoneware Ling, Mrs. Stonewall Ling, T. L. Webb, Mrs. T. L. Webb, Archie Williams.

EGGVILLE — Mr. Audie Ford, Jewel Stevens, Mrs. Herman Keith, Mrs. Maude Brooks.

FAWN GROVE — Jaunita Franks, Mrs. Nolan Franks, Mrs. Alma Carnathan, Charlene Dill and Joel Franks.

FULTON —

HOLLIS CHAPEL — Mrs. Pearl Ray, Mrs. Roy Pickle, Mrs. Tillis Walley.

LEE'S CHAPEL — Mr. D. D. Hollis, Mr. L. P. Hollis and Mrs. Vista Forrester.

MCGREGOR CHAPEL — Mrs. Ercelle Heatherly, Mrs. Mable Wilson, Mrs. Callie Tucker, Mrs. A. A. Montgomery.

NEW GAULEY — Mrs. Estelle Lee, Mrs. Tillie Bell Collins.

NEW LIFE — Annie Hitchcock, Lula Marphis, Betty Marphis, Annie Oliver, Paulett Huffman.

PEARCE CHAPEL — Mr. R. H. Pearce, Mr. Thelbert Armstrong, Mrs. Thelbert Armstrong, Mr. E. R. Burrow, Mrs. Burrow.

PLEASANT GROVE — Mrs. Margee Gates, Mrs. Ella Rea Matkins, Mrs. Barbara Matkins, Mrs. Wanda Holcomb (alt.)

Springdale — Mr. and Mrs. Norris Brummett, Mrs. Lucille Taylor, Mrs. Myrlie Jenkins, Mrs. Nell White.

STETSONS CHAPEL — Mrs. Vail Sledge, Mrs. Baxter Inman, Mike Inman.

TUPELO — Mrs. Oliver Hass, Mrs. Earl Alexander.

West Memphis — Mrs. Mildred Smitther, Mrs. Lillie Weeks, Mrs. Reba Robbins (alt.)

WHITE HILL —



## 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 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 altera-



tions having been given in writing at the morning session to be voted on in the afternoon 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 on Friday before the second 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 Moderators.

Section 6.—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. 3

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 1:7-8; 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:.

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 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 trust and the spirit, or to resist them and perish. Tit. 2nd Chapt; Rev. 2:10-5.

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 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 well 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.

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION**

### **OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

#### **Article I — Name**

This body shall be known henceforth as the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### **Article II — Purpose**

The object of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the various associations and churches of Mississippi, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom

in connection with the various associations and churches comprising this organization.

### **Article III — Treatise of Faith and Practice**

This body adopts the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

### **Article IV — Membership**

Section 1 — The membership of this association shall consist of all associations and churches that, from time to time, upon approval of the state association, shall become members of this body.

Section 2 — Representation: Each district association holding membership in the state association shall be entitled to five (5) representatives elected from the laity, with an additional representative from each church comprising the district association. Furthermore, all ordained ministers and deacons holding membership in churches within this state association shall be entitled to membership in this body.

Section 3 — Any local church whose association is not a member of the State association, may be represented with one lay delegate and the ordained minister and deacons of that church.

Section 4 — It is understood that the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist and the area associations comprising its membership have no judicial authority over any local church.

Section 5 — The Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists, the yearly association comprising its membership and their member local churches do not grant any judicial authority to any representative body to which they may belong.

### **Article V — Officers**

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated and elected by a standing vote from the floor at each regular meeting.

Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those present and voting. Officers thus elected shall hold their positions until their successors are elected and installed.

### **Article VI — Boards and Committees**

Section 1 — The Executive committee is a standing committee, composed of Moderator, assistant Moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, and Treasurer.

Section 2 — This association shall elect whatever Boards of Committees it deems necessary for its operation and shall state whether they are standing or temporary.

### **Article VII — Meetings**

This Association shall hold its regular meetings annually at a time and place fixed by the last regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee when extreme necessity demands, providing that the clerk of each association has been properly notified at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the meeting. Fifteen (15) legal representatives shall constitute a quorum for any special meeting for this Association.

### **Article VII — Representative Fees**

This body requests that each association holding membership in this give a representative fee of \$20.00 per year and each local church give a representative fee of \$10.00 per year.

### **Article IX — Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the morning session and voted on during the afternoon session.



**BY-LAWS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When neither the Moderator nor the Assistant Moderaor is present, the Executive Committee shall elect a Moderator pro tem, who shall call he Association to order.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to record the minutes of meetings and to enroll the delegates to the Association who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to a credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all Associational funds and disperse same as authorized by the Association.

4. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Association when the Association is not in session. Any action taken by this committee shall be submitted in report to this Association.

5. Travel shall be paid by this association at the rate of six (6) cents per mile to any officer, board member, or committee member transacting business authorized by or in behalf of the Association. The treasurer shall pay such expense when a written, signed claim is presented by each individual involved.

6. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees which shall present to the body nominations for such committees as are necessary.

7. That we receive the letters and seat the delegates on the strength of the Credential committee report, and omit public reading of the letters: all letters be mailed with the represenative fee to the State Association clerk by the first of the month in which meetings are to be meeting.

8. A Parliamentarian shall be elected by this body to decide any controversial proceedings upon the basis of **Robert's Rules of Order**.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing and tabled in the morning session and voted on during the afternoon session.



Amount Spent for Local Causes

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Total Offering	General Offering	Tithes	Special offering	Building Fund	other	Pastors Salaries	Evange- listic Work	Visiting Ministers	Building and Repairs	Literature
1 Amery - 1st	1426441	1188245		127996	500		472000	48599		320635	8600
2 Amery - Main St.	562885						300000	35000			492
3 Antioch	234292	234797					72500	13500		71566	55
4 Beech Springs	1198768	299607	486485	22766	37910	350000	397500	30000		375841	6921
5 Bethlehem	233845	213565	20280				111268	32590	4310	14707	
6 Columbus - 1st	53184217	2287166			1650000	1047057	453250	47199		3193423	24842
7 Damascus	118615						77900	21768			275
8 Depriest Chapel	179917	59917		60000	60000		36000	12500			400
9 Eggville Church	311085	247726		2500			159000	10000		400000	1185
10 Fawn Grove	106061		4600	1961	100000		205100	26057			1939
11 Fulton	642606				156500	44804	260000	15000		27100	1283
12 Hall's Chapel	535288	110464	346096	38728		40000	147000	22500		51280	2090
13 Lee's Chapel							47142		11508		
14 McGregor's Chapel	363429	352709		10720			131353	37300		22582	
15 New Canby	121167						51000	16500			980
16 New Life							62632	10900			368
17 Pearce Chapel	996493	697656		26590	100500		390000	34000		235694	4766
18 Philadelphia											
19 Pleasant Grove	43813	12000			17200		15175	4000		17200	436
20 Springdale	299156	225610	34260			39286	129138	17800			1510
21 Stetson Chapel			11350	8320			11350	5900			
22 Tupelo	2021227	357250	1311759	158067		204150	480000	61220		126405	13924
23 West Memphis	106290	33745	61811	10740				10040		1584	
24 White Hill	44214					5375	30000	11000			128
25 Total	14930529	6720507	2276642	417588	2124610	1750666	4039310	523328	15819	4858017	70465

Amount Spent for Outside Causes

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Mission Local Growth Camp	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Educational	Epiphany	Super- Annuity	Assn. State Meth. 1 Projects	Other	Total outside causes	Value Church Property	Value Personage Property
1 Amery - 1st	17563	39180	17863				37828		198590	6342500	120000
2 Amery - Main St.	1725	5290	15323						28315	2580000	
3 Antioch		5870	5870						23480	500000	
4 Beech Springs	1978	8122	10177					5000	46477	2500000	60000
5 Bethlehem	500		2000	500				3000	11310	750000	
6 Columbus - 1st	37500	158562	44343				8000		437217		
7 Damascus											
8 Depriest Chapel			1000				500		2500	1000000	
9 Eggville Church									20329	800000	50000
10 Fawn Grove	1000	1461								1350000	
11 Fulton		2428	2428					1500	8784	2500000	
12 Hall's Chapel		21375	6000				4500	2000	40925	1000000	75000
13 Lee's Chapel											
14 McGregor's Chapel			2500					5000	10270	1250000	
15 New Canby		7000	3000						10000	500000	
16 New Life										500000	
17 Pearce Chapel	7151	30080	13135			1500	9000		74929	1800000	60000
18 Philadelphia										750000	
19 Pleasant Grove											
20 Springdale		1000	1500					13800	252438	1200000	
21 Stetson Chapel										150000	
22 Tupelo	52414	102257	14373				6000		311442	9500000	90000
23 West Memphis								500	1000	690000	
24 White Hill											
25 Total	131134	38674	139474	500		1500	65828	30800	1476796	35662500	455000



Association of Free Will Baptist 1964-1965

Membership

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Advertising Radio Television	Janitor, maids Jury Supplies Transportation	Misc.	Other	Utilities	Notes	Insurance	Revenue - Taxes	Total Local Expenditures	Church Resident	Non- Resident	Sunday School	Church Training Service	Woman's Auxiliary
09	47.04		798.37	597.79	754.99		199.80	59.71	1173.03	203	80	206	81	21
26	15.62		467.96	11.508		1182.17	176.12		546.264	67	13	50	23	
10			40.00		42.07		41.60	15.00	176.943	70	69	35		
14			1450.56		294.00		182.00		1087.953	133	44	140	60	15
			89.60		163.59			152.94	2164.86			95		20
21	60.27	658.20	439.64	1191.41	112.200	4550.00	387.70	264.46	4972.598	292	24		125	
50			41.20	2002	38.99				1124.39	54	24	30		
60			90.00		10.000		56.00	11.22	782.21	33	12	50		
57				89.45	40.4					90	16	65	20	8
91					39.08		86.88	41.90	292.384	106	94	94	40	
32	12.50			10.20	48.67		153.00	36.00	3409.79	62	5	45		
04			950.75	563.64	133.05		57.30		427.658	77	9	85	66	10
	27.70		73.98	375.75	81.88		66.50	100.00	2638.24	72	16	65	25	15
00			55.00		26.34			63.00	917.63	45	35	40		
86				257.91					1042.09	96		30		
63	30.00		507.00		831.61		9.891		821.064	194	146	142	85	17
63			200.00		31.02			38.50	276.90	35	15	37		10
00			610.50		930.7		62.43		2386.38	90	174	164	55	
			16.20			4130.52			193.70	12	3			
46		938.39	793.07		1058.70	↑	412.05		1781.708	270	55	281	123	20
			7.21			10000	27.00		1043.23	24	2	94		
80					20.77			16.75	565.31	49	23	50		10
54	192.63	1596.39	6641.04	3221.62	5279.13	9962.69	2007.35	802.98	12976.114	2094	809	1682	703	146

Association of Free Will Baptist 1964-1965

Members Received

Members Dismissed

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Ant. Serv for ministers	Men - you - Word Youth Camp	F.W.B. Bible College	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Children's Home	Total Amount Expensed	Baptism	Letter	Statement	Letter	Deceased		
00	25.00		353.30			525.20	25.00	19	8	-0-	5	1		
	25.00		42.50			172.5	25.00					1		
	10.00		58.70			58.70	10.00				1			
00	5.00		168.00			72.00	5.00	4	3			1		
	10.00	5.00	15.00			5.00	25.00	1		2	1			
			1224.12			669.00		3	9		3			
	5.50						5.50							
	25.00					10.00	25.00	7			4			
00	10.00				29.00			6	1	1				
	10.00		90.50			92.78	10.00	2	2		4	1		
	10.00					24.28	10.00	3	6					
00	15.00		60.00			1030	15.00	3	2	1	1	1		
	10.00							4						
	10.00		2.750		10.00	5.00	25.00	4	1		1			
	5.00		5.00		5.00	5.00	25.00		1			2		
	10.00					10.00	20.00	5				3		
00	10.00		10.000			35.00	10.00	11	3		6	3		
	6.00						6.00		1		1	1		
	25.00		48.00			15.00	25.00	3			8			
	5.00						5.00							
00	30.00		1176.22			1176.6	30.00	5	5		5			
	5.00					5.00	10.00	4	1	2				
	10.00					10.00	10.00	2			1			
00	276.50	500	336.984	500	44.00	1689.57	311.50	86	43	6	42	14		