

Minutes
Of The
Forty-Third Annual Session
Of The
Northeast Mississippi
Association
Of
Free Will Baptists

When Convened With
Mainstreet Free Will Baptist
Church
October 8, 1977

The Next Session Will Meet With The
Columbus First Free Will Baptist
Church

Columbus, Miss.

Saturday Before The Second Sunday
in October, 1978

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BEECH SPRINGS -
BETHELEM - Theresa Taggart, Rhonda Champion, Joyce Massey, Lillian Stubblefield,
Mable Wilson, Helen Stubblefield.
DAMASCUS - James Weathers Jr., Douglas Weathers.
DEPRIEST - Mary Ann Webb, Mary Wise, William Gene Wise
EGGVILLE - Mrs. Herman Keith, Mrs. Allen, Stephens, Herman Keith.
FAWN GROVE - Carolyn Franks, Gladys Franks, Elanor Spradling, Debbie Howell.
FIRST AMORY - Carolyn Dwyer, Millie Wright, Nelda Boozer.
FIRST COLUMBUS - Mrs. O. L. Fields, G. W. Harris.
FIRST GREENVILLE -
FIRST PHILADELPHIA - Sister H. G. Cooper Sr., Sister Davis Creekmore.
FIRST WEST MEMPHIS - Bro. & Sister Adams, Bro. & Sister Jaymer.
FULTON -
GREENWOOD MISSION -
LEE MEMORIAL -
MAIN STREET - William Puckett, Milton Threadgill, Linda Knight
MCGREGORS CHAPEL - Mrs. Winston Akers, Mrs. Lewis Shettles.
Mrs. James Tutor, Mrs. John W. Tucker, Mrs. Lucille Maharrey.
NEW GAULEY - Wilma Goodson, Elizabeth Goodson, Clyde Goodson, Dorathy
Harralson, Rogenia Pollan.
NEW LIFE - Mary Cruse, Ruby McDonald, Jo Horton.
NORTH SIDE - Mrs. Clara Cobb, Francis Ashmore.
OXFORD -
PEARCE CHAPEL - Hattie Duncan, Clista Knight, Lucille Johnson, Lona Bates, Louise
Stevens.
PINE GROVE - Janice Bennett, Robbie Guest, Mrs. John Bennett.
PLEASANT GROVE - Connie Matkins, Ella R. Matkins, Kathlynn Plumb.
SMITHVILLE FIRST - Quinton Stafford, Alice Grey Stafford, Inez Armstrong, Dorthy
Riggan, Mrs. Clouse.
SPRINGDALE - Janie Daniels, Tana Daniels, Juanice Hodge, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Duler,
Myrlie Jenkins.
TUPELO - Ed Harrell, Larry Dubois, Ricky Gaines, Larry Gunnoe.
VICTORY - James Shepherd, Sylvia Shepherd.
WHITE HILL - Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Fields.

MINUTES

Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Amory Main Street Free Will Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi, on October 8, 1977.

9:15 a.m. - Registration by Mrs. Herbert Knight.

9:30 a.m. - Song Service led by Bro. G. W. Harris with Mr. Randy Sawyer at the piano. Prayer led by Rev. Wendell Walley. Opening remarks by moderator, Rev. Bill Robinson. Devotional given by Rev. Mike Jones. Appointment of Committee on Committees by Moderator, see report. Welcome by host pastor, Rev. Don Holland.

10:00 a.m. - Seating of delegates by moderator. Report of Mississippi Missions by Chairman of Board, Rev. Wendell Walley. Also reporting was Rev. Steve Nichols.

10:35 a.m. - Recess

Home Mission Board report by Rev. Roy Thomas.

10:50 a.m. - Report of Committee of Committees and Constitutional Change. Motion to table Constitutional Change until afternoon service. Special Singing - Quartet with Larry Little, G. W. Harris, Larry Gunoe, and Ricky Gaines.

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service - Message by Rev. Roy Thomas taken from Leviticus 25:8-10.

12:00 - Lunch - Prayer by Rev. Don Holland.

1:15 p.m. - Song Service - led by G. W. Harris, prayer by Rev. Russell Clouse. Devotional given by Rev. Larry Reynolds from II Cor. 6:19:20.

1:35 p.m. - Digest Report by Mrs. Herbert Knight.

1:40 p.m. - Treasurere's Report - see report. Committee reports, Women's Auxiliary - no reports, C.T.S. - see report, Sunday report - see report, Credentials committee - see report, Obituary - see report, Resolutions - see report.

2:23 p.m. - Report on Morganwood Youth Camp By Rev. Danny Dwyer - see report.

2:33 p.m. - Miscellaneous Business.

1. Motion to accept change in Constitution and By Laws of Northeast Miss. Assn. of Free Will Baptist, as presented by Committee. Passed.

2. Motion to accept change in Constitution of Morganwood Youth Camp. Passed.

3. These Constitutional Changes Printed in 1977 minutes. Passed.

2:53 p.m. - Report of Nomination Committee - see report.

2:58 p.m. - Election of Officers.

Adjournment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Danny Dwyer (Chrm.)
Rev. Mike Jones
Mr. G. W. Harris

C.T.S. COMMITTEE

Mr. Larry Gunnoe (Chrm.)
Rev. Russell Cloule
Mrs. Al Hamm

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Rev. Don Holland (Chrm.)
Rev. O. L. Fields
Mrs. Carolyn Franks

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. O. L. Fields
Mrs. Mildred Wright
Mrs. Herbert Knight

Respectfully submitted,
James Mills
Danny Dwyer
O. L. Fields

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The credentials committee met in a special called meeting at Smithville FWB Church on Sept. 24, 1977. The purpose of the meeting was to comply with the wishes of the Quarterly Conference to come up with some method to deal with Minister Absenteism. The following recommendations were made by Rev. Al Hamm, Rev. Billy Bevan, Rev. Herb Knight, and Rev. Leander McAdams.

1. We recommend that a roll call of ministers be taken at each quarterly meeting.
2. We also recommend that each minister, seeing he is to be absent, should notify the quarterly conference, preferrably in writing, as to his absence.
3. We further recommend that any minister missing 3 consecutive meetings be dropped from the minister's roll and will not be granted a minister's card.
4. A minister will be reinstated when he attends 2 consecutive meetings. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Al Hamm, Chariman
Rev. Billy Bevan, Sec.
Rev. Herb Knight
Rev. Leander McAdams

1. We recommend that Rev. Howard Simmons, coming to us from the Ala. * Miss. State Line Assoc., be accepted into full fellowship of our Assoc. with all the rights and privileges of an ordained Minister. Passed.
2. We recommend that Rev. Don Holland be accepted into our Assoc. with all the rights and privileges of an Ordained Minister. Passed.
3. We recommend that Rev. Hollis Warren be accepted into full fellowship of our Assoc. with all the rights and privileges of an Ordained Minister, pending a letter of good standing from the Martin Assoc. of Southwest Georgia. Passed.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

1. That the quarterly meeting accept the invitation of the New Gauley Church to meet with them in January, 1978. Passed.
2. That the quarterly meeting accept the invitation of Pearce Chapel to meet with them April, 1978. Passed.
3. That the quarterly accept the invitation of Fawn Grove to meet with them in July, 1978. Passed.
4. That the Association accept the invitation of the Columbus First Church to meet with them in October, 1978. Passed.
5. Recommend we donate \$50.00 from our treasurer to the General Fund of Ms. State Association. Passed.
6. That we give the Main Street Church a standing vote of appreciation for the good food and hospitality. Passed.

Respectfully,
Wayne Yarbrough
J. M. Cobb
Donald R. Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee gratefully acknowledge the work of each Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, each Church worker of our churches during the past year. We encourage all teachers and workers to study and pray more because we feel that the answer to a good Sunday School is found in II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." Passed.

Submitted by:
Don Holland (Chairman)
Carolyn Franks
O. L. Fields

C.T.S. COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We commend the entrants and their sponsors who represented us in the competitive events and who participated in the Music and Arts activities at the National Association. We recommend that each church provide competitive activities for their youth.
2. We recommend that all participants in CTS Competitive activities on the district level abide by the state and national guidelines concerning character and dress. Passed.

Respectfully submitted
Larry Gunnoe
Russell Clouse
Mrs. Al Hamm

OBITURAY COMMITTEE REPORT

AMORY - Helen Smithson, Mrs. Hubert Calhoun
EGGVILLE - Mr. Elmer Brooks
FULTON - Miss Guina V. Gann
MAIN STREET - Mrs. Hilda Mayfield
McGREGOR CHAPEL - Mrs. Leona Burk, Mrs. Marie McDonald
NEW GAULEY - Effie Bryant, Charlie Whitworth
PEARCE CHAPEL - Lopez Blackman, Janell Knight, Emma Robinson, Ethel Millican,
Mary Cole.
TUPELO - Virgie McNutt, Herman Williams, Cecil Cheek
WHITE HILL - Opal Vaughn

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. O. L. Fields
Mrs. Mildred Wright
Mrs. Herbert Knight

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Nominating Committee submit the following nominations:

Moderator..... Rev. Al Hamm
Assistant Moderator..... Rev. Malone Cobb
Clerk-Treasurer..... Bro. T. J. Armstrong
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer..... Bro. John Clingan
Executive Committee..... Moderator makes up 5th member
on this committee - Al Hamm
Credentials Committee..... 1982 - Rev. Steve Nichols
To Replace Al Hamm - Wayne Yarbrough
Resolutions Committee..... 1982 - Rev. Don Holland
To Replace Larry Gunnoe - Mike Jones
Morgan Wood Camp Board..... 1982 - Rev. Herbert Knight
C. T. S. Rally and Competition Director..... Larry Gunnoe

Submitted by:
Rev. Danny Dwyer
Rev. Mike Jones
Bro. G. W. Harris

NORTHEAST MISS. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention met Sept. 24, 1977 at the Smithville FWB Church. There were 17 churches represented with 15 pastors, 8 Sunday School Superintendents, 34 teachers, and 24 others in attendance.

The convention was made up of 2 seminars and a morning message. The morning seminar was conducted by Rev. Dann Patrick, Memphis, Tenn. Bro. Patrick stressed the importance of all Sunday School workers living a consistent Christian life. He used scripture from Matthew and Acts.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Richard Cordell, Guin, Alabama. His topic was, "The Principals of Church Growth," saying if you work, it works.

The afternoon seminar was conducted by Rev. Danny Thompson, Red Bay, Alabama. He stressed the importance of teaching , its purpose and its aims.

From the love offering and convention dues, the convention was able to give each speaker an honorarium of \$25.00 each. Also, \$50 was given to Greenwood, \$50 to Jackson, and \$50 to the State Women's Auxiliary project, "Wheels For the Haas's."

The convention proved to be a challenge to each pastor, teacher, and individual that attended.

Next years convention will be held at the Bethlehem FWB Church, on Saturday, September 23, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Reba Haas, Sec-Treas.
Mr. H. G. Cooper, Pres.
Mr. H. A. Roberts, V-Pres.---

TREASURER'S REPORT 1976-1977

Balance on Hand Sept. 30, 1976.....	337.36
Letters and offering annual Assn.....	491.75
Letters to First Quarterly Meeting.....	150.00
Offerings at First Quarterly Meeting.....	32.75
Letters to Second Quarterly Meeting.....	185.00
Offering at Second Quarterly Meeting.....	45.06
Letters to Third Quarterly Meeting.....	160.00
Offerings at Third Quarterly Meeting.....	36.75
C.T.S. Competition Fund.....	165.00
Designated Miss. Missions.....	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$1,628.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Associational Officers.....	60.00
State Association Representative Fee.....	30.00
Postage & Clerk Supplies, Printing of Constitution.....	91.99
Amory Advertiser - 1976 Minutes.....	210.00
Bible College.....	135.58
Foreign Missions.....	190.58
Mississippi State Missions.....	180.58
Rev. Harold Pitts - Speaker.....	25.00
Rev. Dave Franks - Speaker.....	25.00
C.T.S. Competition Material and State Fee.....	145.51
Moderator Travel.....	11.52
National Home Missions.....	5.00
Childrens Home.....	10.00
C.T.S.....	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$1,125.76

Total in Treasurer.....	\$502.85
Less C.T.S. Reserve.....	19.49
Balance on Hand Oct. 8, 1977.....	\$483.36

DEACONS

AMORY FIRST -

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BEECH SPRINGS -

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Thomas Crawford, Paul Stubblefield

COLUMBUS FIRST - Pete Stripling, Vertis Smith, Billy Crossley, Jack Speed, Johnny
Frye, Letcher Fields

COLUMBUS NORTH SIDE -

DAMASCUS - S. F. Chisholm, J. H. Smith, W. T. Gibson

DEPRIEST CHAPEL - S. D. Jones, Kelly Easter, Joe Mack Easter

EGGVILLE - Herman Keith, Rayvon Lofton, Elmer Brooks, Vernon Keith, John M. Lamb
Jr., J. R. Brock

FAWN GROVE - John Brown, Roy Brown, Russell Burcham, Charles Comer, Marvin
Franks

FULTON -

GREENVILLE -

MCGREGORS CHAPEL - W. B. May, Winston R. Akers, John W. Long, Avery L.
Russell

NEW GAULEY - Clarice Goodson, James Goodson, Curtiss Bryant, Albert Strickland,
John Cozart, D. L. Doler

NEW LIFE - J. B. Oliver, Herman Moultrie, Theron Tallant, Paulie Sledge

OXFORD -

PEARCE CHAPEL - E. V. Clingan, Trannie Sullivan, Mell Horne Jr., Hurston Noe, T. L.
Cowley, C. R. Brasfield

PHILADELPHIA -

PLEASANT GROVE - Mike Thomas, Richard C. Plunk

PINE GROVE -

SPRINGDALE -

TUPELO -

WEST MEMPHIS -

WHITE HILL -

VICTORY - Jimmy E. Harrell

LEE MEMORIAL -

SMITHVILLE FIRST - Darrell Stafford, Johnnie Clingan, T. J. Armstrong

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS AND MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP**

Revised and adopted October 8, 1977

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this association shall be to bring together our churches throughout North Central Mississippi for a closer union among our people and to harmonize the efforts of individual churches as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission.

ARTICLE III

Treatise of Faith and Practice

The body adopts the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the accompanying Articles of Faith. However, this association grants no judicial authority to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1

This Association shall be composed of churches in the general area of North Mississippi.

- (1) The church must be recommended for membership by a member church of the Northeast Association.
- (2) The church shall be examined on matters of faith and practice by the Executive Committee of this Association and, if found to be sound, recommended to the Association for membership.

- (3) The church shall be received under the watch care of this Association for the period of one (1) year; after which upon maintenance of sound doctrine and practice, it shall be received by vote into full fellowship of the Association and voting privileges.

Section 2 - Representation

Each church shall be allowed five (5) delegated representatives and they must be duly appointed by their church while in conference and bear credentials from the same to this body.

The deacons and ministers of each church in good standing with this association shall be standing delegates along with the officers of this association.

Section 3

This association shall not usurp any judicial authority over any of its member churches.

ARTICLE V Officers

The officers of this association shall consists of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, the same being elected at the close of each annual session by a majority vote of the delegates present and shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed. Officers of this assocaition shall be members of local churches in good standing with this association.

ARTICLE VI Boards and Committees

Section 1

The Executive Committee is a standing committee composed of five (5) members. One member is the Moderator of the Association who serves as chairman. The other four (4) members are elected y this Association and serve terms up to four (4) years each, with a member going off each year.

Section 2

Morganwood Camp Board is a standing board composed of five (5) members to be elected by the Northeast Association in annual session for the terms of one (1) to five (5) years. This board shall operate under the camp Constitution and By-Laws approved by the association.

Section 3

The ordination of men into the gospel-ministry is basically the function of the local church. However, this association shall elect a standing credentials committee comprised of five (5) ministers serving up to five (5) years each with one (1) member going off each year.

Section 4

The Resolutions Committee is a standing committee comprised of three (3) members serving a three (3) year term with a member going off each year.

Section 5

All boards and committees, appointed or elected, that fails to perform their duties or make reports as directed by this Association, shall automatically be terminated and another board or committee shall be appointed or elected. The Chairman of the terminated committee shall not be re-elected to this committee for at least one (1) year; the other members may succeed themselves.

Section 6

This Association shall elect such boards and committees as are necessary to effectively fulfill its purpose.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

The Association shall meet on Saturday before the second (2nd) Sunday in January, April, July, and October. The October meeting will constitute the annual session. The Executive Committee shall have the right to alter meetings in case of a conflict.

ARTICLE VIII Relationship to Other Bodies

This Association shall be a member of the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be entitled to representation in that body.

ARTICLE IX Amendments

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present 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.

BY-LAWS

1. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the Association when the Association is not in session and shall report its actions to the Association. The Executive Committee may call a special session of the Association if deemed necessary. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Examining Committee of churches desiring membership as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution.

Duties of Officers

Section 1

The duties of the Moderator shall include presiding at the meeting of the Association, serving as Chairman of the Executive Committee and appointing other committees not covered by the Constitution.

Section 2

The duties of Assistant Moderator shall including presiding at the request of the Moderator or in his absence and assisting the Moderator in such ways as may be covered by the Constitution.

Section 3*

The duties of the Clerk-Treasurer shall be to record and publish the minutes of the Association and handle and disburse monies belonging to the Association. He shall issue a financial statement at each meeting.

* The Treasurer shall receive an honorarium at the annual meeting, the amount to be determined by the Association.

Section 4

The duties of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be to assist the Clerk-Treasurer at his request.

Section 5

The officers of Section One (1) through Four (4) shall serve as the Program Planning Committee for the Association.

Duties of Standing Committees

Section 1

The Resolutions Committee shall present to the Association any resolutions they deem necessary for the Association to vote on. These resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

Section 2*

The Credentials Committee shall serve as an Examining Committee for licensing and ordaining of ministers and deacons upon the request of the local church. Also, examine all ministers who wish to become a member of this association. The Credentials Committee shall expedite all correspondence regarding credentials. When requested, this committee may serve as an ordaining committee.

* See Appendage

RULES OF DECORUM

(A) It is recommended that any member leaving the body secure permission from the Moderator, except by adjournment.

(B) 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.

(C) 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.

(D) Motions made and lost shall be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

(E) No one shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and for no more than ten minutes at a time without special leave from the body.

(F) All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

(G)i) Matters not covered in the above statements shall be decided according to Robert's Rules of Order or another written parliamentary authority.

(H)l) These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present 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.

* Appendage - A person desiring ordination into the Gospel ministry and to become a member of this association must present a letter of request for a license from the church of which he is a member. Following an oral examination, a candidate must serve one (1) year as a licentiate. After one (1) year the candidate may apply for ordination when requested by the candidate's home church. He must take and pass a written examination provided by the Credentials Committee. The candidate may be ordained in his home church or at an Associational meeting using the Credentials Committee as the Ordination Council for the service if he so desires.

A person desiring membership in this Association must present a letter of request from his local church and a letter of good standing from his previous Association. Upon reception of the letter in good standing, the minister shall have full privileges of the Association.

The following outline for licensing and ordaining ministers shall be followed:

SUGGESTIONS FOR ORDINATION PROCEDURES

- I. When a candidate comes to be licensed, a file should be set up for the candidate by the Ordination Council. This should include:
 - A. Candidate's name
 - B. Address
 - C. Names of people who will give testimonies concerning the candidate's character.
 - D. A credit reference which will show the candidate's business relationships.
 - E. A synopsis to show his ministerial activities; where he is preaching, etc.
 - F. Candidate's marital status
 - G. What he is doing toward his education
 - H. An oral examination be given as to his Biblical knowledge which should cover:
 1. General facts
 2. Ability to explain the basic Biblical concepts.
 - I. A statement concerning the doctrinal position which should include:
 1. The candidate holds a sound, clean-cut position in agreement with the basic fundamentals of Christianity.
 2. The candidate holds a sound, clear-cut position in agreement with the distinctive doctrines of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.
 - J. That a candidate be set aside for a period of one (1) year before ordination.
- II. Candidate who comes for ordination after one (1) year should be given a written examination of which a copy is included.

SUGGESTED WRITTEN EXAMINATION

This examination should be written in ink or typed on 8½ x 11 paper. Please be neat and sign each page. Feel free to use your Bible, other books, or whatever you need to help you express yourself in answering these questions. Each member of the Ordaining Council will read your examination and if they have any further questions, they will ask them of you when you appear before the Ordaining Council.

GENERAL

Briefly tell of your conversion and give reasons for your assurance of salvation.

How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?

Why do you want to be ordained?

Give a short account of your call to preach.

Do you meet the qualifications of I Timothy 3:1-7?

Do you have a family?

Number of children.

Have you or your wife ever been divorced?

What is the extent of your education? Elementary grades

High School

College

Other

What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs, or wordly amusements?

DOCTRINAL

Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired infallible Word of God and that it is the only rule of faith and practice?

What do you believe about evolution and the Genesis account of Creation?

What is the gospel?

What is salvation?

How would you proceed to explain the way of salvation to a lost soul?

Explain your views on baptism.

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

Should feet washing be observed? Explain.

What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?

Give your interpretation of the following doctrines:

God
Deity of Christ
The Virgin Birth of Christ
The Work of the Holy Spirit
Repentance
Faith
Justification
Regeneration

Atonement
Sanctification
Final Judgment
Heaven
Hell
Satan
Second Coming
Resurrection

Suggested examination continued---

What is the church?

Who is eligible for membership?

How should the church discipline a member?

How should the work of the church be financed?

What are the duties of a minister?

DENOMINATION

Who is a Free Will Baptist?

What is meant by the term "free moral agent?"

Have you read the Treatise completely and do you subscribe to the doctrines and practices that are outlined in it?

Is there anything in the treatise that you do not believe or would not teach?

If you ever changed your views on any of these doctrines, what would you do?

What are the grounds for relinquishing your ordination credentials?

What is the relationship for the local church to the denomination?

Do you solemnly pledge to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and to faithfully uphold the Free Will Baptist doctrines outlined in the Treatise?

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR MORGANWOOD YOUTH CAMP

ARTICLE I

Name

The camp shall be known as Morganwood Youth Camp of the Northeast Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Morganwood Youth Camp was conceived and constructed by Christian men and women for the purpose of challenging young people through Bible teaching and Christian recreation in a camp atmosphere.

ARTICLE III

Board Member

Section 1 - Members

This board is a standing board comprised of five (5) members elected by the Northeast Association in annual session for the term of one (1) to five (5) years. This board shall be under the supervision of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist. This board shall meet bi-monthly.

Section 2 - Duties

The board shall be responsible for the:

1. Election of the Camp Director and Assistant Camp Director at their November meeting.
2. Securing and supervision of Custodian and his duties
3. Election of a Secretary-Treasurer, Chairman, and Vice-Chairman.
4. Pre-camp preparation of camp facilities
5. Maintenance and camp improvements
6. All members shall be required to sign all deeds, notes, contracts, etc.
7. Rental of camp facilities

Section 3 - Secretary-Treasurer

1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by the camp board.
2. It shall be his responsibility to pay all bills, when presented and signed by authorized camp personnel, also all bills for lights, notes, as approved by the board. All bills accounts to be paid by check.
3. He shall present an annual financial statement to the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist.
4. He shall be present on camp opening day to receive registration funds for deposit.

Section 4 - Camp Director

1. Be responsible for setting up camp calendar
2. Be responsible for camp program and personnel
3. Be responsible for all disciplinary action during the camping session
4. He will authorize the printing and mailing of applications forms and advertising materials at the discretion of the board.
5. Attend all board meetings.

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1977 CHURCHES	Childrens Home	Laymans Board	C.T.S.	Executive Office	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Retirement Ins.	Nat. Home Missions	District & State Agencies	Other Sts. & Dist.	Total Outside Causes
Antioch	.148				.148	.148		.148		.148	.740
Beech Springs					1,450	.180		.180		.400	2,210
Bethlehem										.217	.217
Damascus											
Depriest Chapel											
Eggville					.204			.407		.300	.911
Fawn Grove					.266	.166		.478		.266	1,176
First F.W.B. Amory					1,850	.895		1,116		.874	4,735
First F.W.B. Columbus				.180	2,861	2,469	.180	.180			5,870
First F.W.B. Greenville					.350	1,002				.781	2,133
First F.W.B. Philadelphia								.100			.100
First F.W.B. West Memphis								.025		.050	.075
Fulton			.025		.100	.250		.050		.310	.735
Greenwood Mission											
Lee Memorial											
Main Street											.887
McGregors' Chapel						.140		.466		.294	.900
New Gauley		.225			.225	.094	.014	.101		.187	.720
New Life											
Northside					.359	.120		.120		.220	.819
Oxford											
Pearce Chapel					1,017	.805		.178		2,619	4,620
Pine Grove											
Pleasant Grove	.010		.005		.005				.010		.030
Smithville First						.200		.410			.610
Springdale					.480						.480
Tupelo											
Victory								.100			3,500
White Hill										.020	.120
TOTAL	.158	.225	.030	.180	9,315	6,469	.194	4,059	.010	6,686	31,588

1977 CHURCHES	Church Membership	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Auxiliary Enrollment	Masters Men Enrollment	V.B.S. Enrollment	Prayer Meeting Average
Antioch	58	3		51	35	24		85	yes
Beech Springs	157	4	7	111	52	15		yes	45
Bethlehem	221	3	3	85	45	18		yes	yes
Danascus	58		4	20					8
Depriest Chapel	60	4	6	40					25
Eggville	117	2	1	80	35			48	18
Fawn Grove	198	3	2	60	35	20		47	
First F.W.B. Amory	208	12	3	126	30	24		yes	60
First F.W.B. Columbus	300	15	28	227	112	20		90	80
First F.W.B. Greenville	45	6	1	50				45	20
First F.W.B. Philadelphia	5			5					
First F.W.B. West Memphis	78	10		83				45	12
Fulton	80		1	68	56	15			yes
Greenwood Mission									
Lee Memorial									
Main Street	67	4	4	35					22
McGregor's Chapel	95		4	80	35	16		55	10
New Gauley	98	2	6	60		12			
New Life	48	1		25					
Northside	69	5	2	54	30				25
Oxford									
Pearce Chapel	264	8	8	168	71	16		114	60
Pine Grove	38	2	2	7	yes				15
Pleasant Grove	61	7		42	24	6		30	13
Smithville First	62	10		66	49	11			30
Springdale	100	3		65	20				20
Tupelo									
Victory	90	40	4	100				101	yes
White Hill	43	8	2	40		11		40	33
TOTAL	2620	152	88	1748	629	208		700	496

1977 CHURCH	Representative Fee	Value of Pastorium	Value of Church Property	Church Indebtedness
Antioch	25		30,000	
Beech Springs	10	40,000	75,000	10,000
Bethlehem	10			
Damascus	15		35,000	
Depriest Chapel	25		30,000	
Eggville	10	30,000	90,000	
Fawn Grove	10		75,000	2,465
First F.W.B. Amory	10	25,000	200,000	13,000
First F.W.B. Columbus	10	35,000	300,000	55,203
First F.W.B. Greenville			160,000	92,000
First F.W.B. Philidelphia	10		30,000	
First F.W.B. West Memphis	10			
Fulton	10	30,000	80,000	3,825
Greenwood Mission				
Lee Memorial				
Main Street	25			
McGregor's Chapel	50		75,000	
New Gauley	15		20,000	
New Life	10		8,000	
Northside	10	25,000	75,000	3,300
Oxford				
Pearce Chapel	20	25,000	85,000	
Pine Grove	10			15,494
Pleasant Grove	20		37,000	
Smithville First	10		150,000	
Springdale	15		30,000	
Tupelo				
Victory	10			
White Hill	10	40,000	35,000	
TOTAL	360	250,000	1620,000	195,287