

**Minutes  
of the  
63rd Annual Session  
of the  
South Mississippi Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists**

**convening with  
First Free Will Baptist Church Pascagoula  
of Jackson County  
Friday Night, September 4, and  
Saturday, September 5, 1970  
at 9:30 a.m.**

**OFFICERS**

**REV. C. C. BREWER — Moderator  
Rt. 1, Richton, Mississippi**

**MRS. ROBERT MILLS — Clerk  
Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Mississippi**

**MRS. RENA WALLEY — Treasurer  
Buckatunna, Mississippi**

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-third Annual Session of the South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Pascagoula Free Will Baptist Church, Friday night, September 4, at 7:30 P.M. After the Song "There Is Power In the Blood," directed by O. E. Johnson and prayer by Dr. W. A. Godsey, we sang, "I Need No Mansion Here." The moderator called the body to order and gave the opening address, reading Acts 15:18. Prayer by moderator.

The moderator then declared the body in order for business.

The moderator appointed O. E. Johnson as reading clerk.

### ENROLLING MINISTERS

Rev. Truman Freeman  
Rev. William Buster  
Rev. C. C. Brewer  
Rev. J. K. Walley  
Rev. L. D. Walley  
Rev. Cecil Walley  
Rev. Daniel Gaskins  
Dr. W. A. Goodsey  
Rev. Ben McSwain  
Rev. Edd Mozingo

### ENROLLING OF DEACONS

Charles Henderson — Corinth  
Frank Henderson — Corinth  
Buddy Nowells — Corinth  
B. V. Nowells — Corinth  
J. S. Meeks — Faith Chapel  
Jimmy Walley — Fellowship  
O. E. Johnson — Pascagoula  
G. W. Brewer — Pascagoula  
Marlin Dykes — County Line  
B. O. McLain — Lovewell  
Huey Walley — Lovewell  
Troy Hinton — Lee's Chapel

## ENROLLING OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel — Kenneth Walley and Mable Walley  
Buckatunna — Lena Mills  
Corinth — George Henderson and Rob Mizell  
County Line — Bobby Glen Mills and Myrtle Phillips  
Faith Chapel — Mrs. Walter Meeks and Virginia Cochran  
Fellowship — Linda Little and Vaudie Walley  
Lee's Chapel (Jones) — Lottie Hammond and Tony Holifield  
Lee's Chapel (Wayne) — Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Malone  
Lovewell — Johnny and Katherine Brewer  
Thompson Creek — Hazel Henry and Candase Bak  
Pascagoula — Vennie Mae Brewer and Christine Stokes

The body voted to curtail business until 9:30 A.M. September 5.

Song — "Jesus Is His Name," directed by Johnny Brewer.

Dr. W.K. Godsey brought the message. He read the first chapter of Matthew and John 3rd chapter and 3rd verse. He brought a very inspiring message on the Virgin Mary and Saving Blood. Prayer by Dr. Godsey. Song "Nothing But The Blood." Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

Saturday, September 5, 1970 opened with song, "Follow Me," Prayer by Rev. Wm. Buster and opening address by Rev. Ed Mozingo. He gave a good report on the life of Paul.

The moderator then called for petitionary letters. The mission at Richton, Mississippi was voted on and passed to accept their letter and to accept the Richton mission into this association.

Appointing of various committees.

Sunday School — Tony Holifield, Jimmy Walley and Frank Henderson.

Temperance Committee — Rev. L. D. Walley, B. V. Nowell, and Johnny Brewer.

Resolution Committee — Buddy Nowell, Rev. Truman Freeman, Rev. Cecil Walley.

Obituary Committee — Charles Henderson, Tom Walley, and B. O. McLain.

Digest Committee — Rev. Daniel Gaskin, Rev. Wm. Buster, and Stanley Brewer.

Credentials — Rev. Wm. Buster, Charles Henderson, Rev. L. D. Walley, Rev. J. K. Walley, and O. E. Johnson.

Congratulations Committee — Linda Little, Myrtle Phillips, and Hughie Walley.

Moderator called for 10-minute recess. Dismissed by Rev. L. D. Walley.

## AFTER RECESS

Song, "I See Jesus." Rev. Daniel Gaskins gave out State Association minutes.  
Song, "Jesus Use Me."

The moderator appointed Rev. Wm. Buster to bring the 11 o'clock message.  
Rev. Buster read verses 11 and 12, 3rd chapter of Matt. and the 31st and 34th verses of Luke, Chapter 1.

Rev. Buster gave a message on God's Fan and the Devil's Sifter in the seven steps of Peter away from the Lord. It was a very enriching message and the Spirit

of the Lord was very much felt.

B. V. Nowell gave a short report on missions in Mexico where he had visited friends.

Special Songs — “I Need No Mansion Here,” by quartet; “Psalms of Victory,” by Rev. C. C. Brewer; and “He Will Pilot Me,” by choir.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Gaskins.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

The moderator called the body to order. Songs, “Victory In Jesus,” and “Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All.”

Call for various committee reports.

Sunday School committee report.

We, your Sunday School committee, submit the following:

We recommend the use of visual aids that are obtainable from the Sunday School Department, especially for young children.

We request that all delegates emphasize the importance of rededicated teachers and that each teacher put on a visitation program to encourage Sunday School attendance.

Frank Henderson  
Tony Holifield  
Jimmy Walley

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance committee, make the following recommendation:

By virtue of the fact that men differ in their physical constitution and that all men are not the same, we therefore recommend that men must evaluate those things that militate against the physical body and abstain from them regardless of its nature.

To abstain from all intoxicating beverages.

That we refrain from using vain words of no profit in our daily conversation — words that would militate against Christian brotherhood.

Temperance comes from the Greek root, meaning not to over indulge in lawful things.

Rev. L. D. Walley  
B. V. Nowell  
Johnny Brewer

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolution committee recommend the following report:

That the association send an offering of \$35.00 to the State Association to help publish the Mississippi Messenger.

That this association be represented at the State Association. That the moderator appoint five lay delegates to represent us at said State Association.

That the association and quarterly meeting send out a program to each church two weeks before meetings.

This is for each church that has the meetings to plan a program and send out these programs to each church and to each person who will participate in said

programs.

That the churches of this association accept one pattern of church letters to the association and one to the quarterly meeting.

That the clerk be impowered to order these letters and send to each church.

That ministers coming from another association, whom are pastoring churches in this association be examined by the Credentials committee and acted upon in the first association or quarterly meeting following the examination.

That the next session of this annual association meet with Lovewell Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County.

The moderator then read a very interesting letter from Rev. Roy Pearson whom is going to Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary committee report as follows:

Sister Beadie Brewer — Lovewell

Brother Monroe Holifield — Pascagoula

Brother E. H. Hinton — Bethel

Name unknown — Faith Chapel

Brother W. T. Lee — Lee's Chapel (Wayne)

Brother and Sister A. W. Stevens—Lee's Chapel (Jones)

We, recommend that all stand in silent prayer in memory of these who we believe are God's gain and our loss.

B. O. McLain

Charles Henderson

Tom Walley

A good report was given by Rev. Wm. Buster on the Youth Camp. He reported that some were saved and many rededicated their lives to Christ. Pray that they will be faithful.

Congratulations to the staff at the Youth Camp. You did a wonderful job in the Lord.

## ELECTING OFFICERS

Moderator — Rev. Truman Freeman

Assistant moderator — Rev. L. D. Walley

Clerk — B. V. Nowells

Treasurer — C. H. Henderson

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials committee, have examined Rev. Ed Mozingo and recommend that he be received in full fellowship in this association.

Rev. Wm. Buster

Charles Henderson

Rev. L. D. Walley

O. E. Johnson

Rev. J. K. Walley

## DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Total Membership — 771

Members received this year — 35

Died this year — 7

Total Deacons — 38

Sunday School enrollment — 387

Officers and teachers — 43, 50

Paid Pastors — \$18,925.94

Paid Evangelist — \$1,928.83

Home Missions — 829.62

Foreign Missions — 164.35

Children's Home — 448.43

Bible College — 723.69

Sunday School Expenses — 817.63

Miscellaneous — 15,659.03

Association Fees — \$132.00

The Delegates to the State Association are as follows:

Linda Little, Mrs. B. V. Nowells, Stanley Brewer, and Robert Mizell.

## CONGRATULATION COMMITTEE

We, the Congratulation committee express our thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church in Pascagoula for the warm hospitality and good food extended to the South Mississippi Association. May God bless each of you till we meet again.

Mrs. Myrtle Phillips

Linda Little

Hughie Walley



1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, were given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
2. **GOD.** There is only 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 Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore and obey.
3. **CHRIST.** 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.
4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Sprit all the attributes of God.
5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercised a wise and benevolent province over all beings and all things by maintaining the Constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
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 tenderness that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.
7. **THE WORD OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that in full and free is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are:
  - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
  - (2) Faith or the unreserved commital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
  - (3) Continuation in faith and obedience until death.
9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. **FREEDOM OF WILL.** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth of the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, The Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the Water of Life freely.
12. **PERSERVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace preserve in holiness to the end of life have promise of eternal salvation.
13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuate under the Gospel; feet washing, and ordinances teaching humility of universal obligation, are to be administered to all true believers.

**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 everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2).

**15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set aside from secular employment and amusements for rest, worship, Holy works, and activities and for personal communications with God.

**16. RESURRECTION.** 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 evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## 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 knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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 or 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 unite 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 for us we are able to promote the success of the church and the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprise supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society constantly by praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done in 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 and By-laws of South Mississippi  
Association of Free Will Baptists**

**PREAMBLE**

We, the Free Will Baptists of South Mississippi Association for the sake of strength that comes on unity and oneness of purpose for the advancement of the cause of Christ, for the Glory of God, and the good of mankind do ordain and establish this constitution and by-laws.

**CONSTITUTION**

Article 1. This association shall be known as South Mississippi Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2. This body shall be composed of all ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with a local church and delegates duly elected from churches composing same. Each church shall be entitled to two delegates to represent her at each session.

Article 3. Representation:

Section 1. Every church affiliated with the South Mississippi Association shall be represented with two delegates. A report from each church shall be rendered at each session.

Section 2. A three-man Resolution Committee and Finance Committee appointed by the Moderator in previous session shall serve as delegates until dismissed by this body.

Article 4. This body shall be considered an advisory council, but having no authority over local affairs of the church.

Article 5. All questions of doctrine and matters of general interest shall be settled by two-thirds vote of the association; and this vote shall be final.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer who shall be chosen by a majority vote annually.

Article 7. This association shall meet at such time and place as shall be most convenient and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

Article 8. This association adopts the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as our Articles of Faith and Practice.

## Article 9.

Section 1. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt the Articles of Faith and Practice and conform to its usage. We agree as churches composing this association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance cause, Sunday School, Missions and so on.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the general officers.

## Article 10.

Section 1. Any person who feels that he is called to preach shall first ask the church to which he belongs to license him for a year. Then if his life and conduct proves to be satisfactory to his church and they wish to have him, ordained to the ministry, his church shall send a letter to this Association or ordain him, and if on approval by the associational presbytery the association shall ordain him.

Section 2. New Ministers coming from other denominations shall be received in this association as to his qualifications in other denominations. He must adopt the Articles of Faith and Practice and conform to its usage. He must be recommended by the Presbytery.

## RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This association shall be called to order by the moderator, assistant moderator or clerk.

Article 2. The clerk shall have the right to supervise the printing of the minutes and shall be allowed twenty dollars (\$20.00) plus mailing expenses for services at the annual session.

Article 3. The names of delegates from different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.

Article 4. All business shall be brought before this body by motion and second and shall be disposed of according to Roberts Rules or Order.

Article 5. The moderator shall vote in case only when the association is equally divided, but shall have equal right to speak on any question provided he puts the assistant Moderator in the chair while he speaks.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall rise and address the moderator.

Article 7. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or uses words of personal reflection.

Article 8. No person shall be allowed to speak more than fifteen minutes at a time, nor more than twice without the consent of the body.

Article 9. No member shall laugh or talk during the time the debate is going on.

Article 10. No member shall absent himself from the Association while in session without the leave of the moderator.

MINISTERS' REPORT	Sermons Preached	Couples Married	Funerals	Baptised	Churches Pastored
Rev. B. Z. Byrd	57	3	4	4	1
Rev. C. C. Brewer	100	10	4	5	2
Rev. Wm Buster	110	3	1	5	1
Rev. Truman Freeman	120	4	3	3	1
Rev. L. D. Walley		0	0	0	1
Unknown	50	0	3	0	2

<b>CHURCH REPORTS</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Paid Pastor</b>	<b>Paid Assn.</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Evangelistic</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Missions</b>
Fellowship	\$25,000.00	\$3,380.00	\$15.00	\$ 221.00	\$160.00	\$610.97	\$436.00
County Line	3,500.00	545.00	15.00	1,446.70	150.00		60.00
Lovewell	10,000.00	1,200.00	15.00	982.48	100.00	115.00	240.00
Bethel	5,000.00	1,920.00	10.00	73.20	165.00	150.00	200.00
Buckatunna	2,500.00	730.00	10.00	25.92	125.00	66.02	174.50
Corinth	10,000.00	1,659.89	12.00	1,936.75	268.83	224.93	82.15
Lee's Chapel (Jones)	10,000.00	1,875.00	10.00	474.75	185.00	54.83	55.00
Lee's Chapel (Wayne)	10,000.00	1,840.00	20.00	221.00	125.00	119.06	256.19
Pascagoula	50,000.00	3,070.00	15.00	7,637.85	320.00	267.53	
Faith Chapel	10,000.00	1,200.00	15.00	200.00	100.00	235.00	225.00
Thompson Creek	5,500.00	611.09	10.00		100.00	82.16	
Richton Mission	Rent	795.00	10.00	240.00	130.00	116.00	85.00
Pine Grove	No Report						

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Boyd called or order by Moderator.
2. Moderator's introductory Message.
3. Enrolling Ministers and Deacons.
4. Enrolling churches and delegates.
5. Seating delegates.
6. Appointing of Reading Clerk.
7. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
8. Appointing of Finance Treasurer.
9. Appointing of various Committees.
10. Receiving of Ministers Report.
11. Receiving of various committees reports.
12. Electing Officers.
13. Closing.