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OFFICERS

**TRU FREEMAN—Moderator
Rt. 1, Box 161, Richton, Ms. 39476**

**SHIRLEY DYKES—Clerk
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**EDNA NOWELL—Treasurer
Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Miss. 39367**

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the South Mississippi Association convened with Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Friday night, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Songs, "Victory In Jesus" and "I'm in the Gloryland Way" directed by Bro. Norman Nowell. Prayer by Bro. Bobby Mills.

Moderator read rules of the association.

Business began by calling body to order by moderator. Motioned and seconded to enter into conference.

ENROLLING OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel — Marilyn Shows, Mrs. Troy Hinton
Buckatunna — James Snellgrove, Peggy Snellgrove
Corinth — Ruby Henderson, Zeb Henderson
County Line — Myrtle Phillips, Anita Malone
Fellowship — Beth Byrd, Delores Walley
Lee's Chapel (Jones) — Tony Holifield, Myron Jordan
Lee's Chapel (Wayne) — Theresa Malone, Rose Lee
Lovewell — Marvin Brewer, Johnny Brewer
Pascagoula — Ellen Johnson, Vinnie Mae Brewer
Pine Grove — John Dailey, Marcus Nowell
Richton — Lura Martin, Sandra Valentine
Thompson Creek — Mrs. Bick, Mrs. Hendry

*Parnell
L. D. Walley*

ENROLLING OF MINISTERS

✓ Johnnie Aricer — Rt. 6, Box 399, Laurel, Ms. 39440
✗ Daniel Gaskins — P.O. Box 353, Richton, Ms. 39476, Ph. 788-3191
~~Billy Robinson — Rt. 1, Buckatunna, Ms.~~
✓ C. C. Brewer — Rt. 1, Richton, Ms. 39476
✗ J. K. Walley — Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 3936, Ph. 735-3437
✗ Glen Shelby — Rt. 1, Richton, Ms. 39476
✗ Norman Nowell — Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367
✗ Frank Henderson — Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367
✗ Bobby Glen Mills — 4803, Coronado St., Pascagoula, Ms., Ph. 769-9565
✗ Columbus Brewer — Rt. 4, Richton, Miss. 39476
✗ W. H. Henderson — Rt. 1, Richton, Miss. 39476

ENROLLING OF DEACONS

Buddy Nowell — Rt. 3, Waynesboro
B. V. Nowell — Rt. 3, Waynesboro
Frank Henderson — Rt. 3, Waynesboro
Levi Smith — Rt. 1, State Line, Miss.
Claude Burgess — Rt. 1, Buckatunna

Message brought by Rev. Columbus Brewer. Dismissed by Bro. Bobby Mills.

SAT., SEPT. 8, 1973

Song "Victory In Jesus" led by Bro. Tru Freeman. Devotion by Bro. Glen Shelby from Timothy II, Chapter 2.

Business session began by moderator suggesting that we take care of any old business.

It was moved and seconded that resolutions 1 and 4 be dropped. Resolution No. 3 was adopted.

Song "Oh, I Want to See Him" by Bro. Nowell. Special singing by Martin Family. The 11:00 message was delivered by Rev. Billy Robinson. His scriptures came from Hebrews 11:24-25.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator called body to order.

Song "I'm Bound for That City" led by Bro. Norman Nowell. Prayer. Reading of Committee Reports.

CONGRATULATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Congratulations Comm. express our thanks to Pine Grove Church for the warm hospitality and good food extended to this South Miss. Assoc.

Sandra Valentine
Peggy Snellgrove
L. D. Walley

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary report as follows:

Larry Walley — Fellowship

Mrs. George Williams — Thompson Creek

Mandric Walley — Lovewell

Bernis Brewer — Lovewell

Mrs. Maudie Sumrall — Lee's Chapel (Jones)

We recommend that the association stand a few minutes in memory of those departed loved ones in Christ.

Myrtle Phillips
Marcus Nowell
Beth Byrd

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, the Credential Committee, have met to examine Bro. Bobby Martin, Bro. Norman Nowell, and Bro. Burt Dunnam.

We have examined Bro. Bobby Martin from the San Diego District Assn. of FWB of California and found him to be sound in the doctrine of Free Will Baptist and recommend that he be accepted by letter from his previous association.

We have examined Bro. Norman Nowell and found him sound in the doctrine of FWB and recommend that he be ordained as a Freewill Baptist Minister.

We have examined Bro. Burt Dunnam and found him to be sound in the FWB doctrine but we cannot recommend him on the grounds that he has two living wives.

C. C. Brewer
William Robinson
Glen Shelby
J. K. Walley
Daniel Gaskin

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee make the following recommendations: 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 all those things that militate against the physical body and abstain from all of them regardless of their 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.

Johnny Aricer
Norman Nowell
Vinnie Mae Brewer

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your Sunday School Committee submits the following:

We recommend that the Pastor of each Church give the Sunday School Supt. the responsibility of supervising the Sunday School with the Pastor fully cooperating, and recommending to the church its cooperation in its advancement and study of God's word.

We also recommend that each church give the 5th Sunday Night Worship Service to be conducted by the Sunday School teachers and their programs prepared by the students.

We believe that when each child has the privilege of participating in these

programs a greater interest will be created and the attendance will increase.

W. H. Henderson
Mrs. E. F. Hendry
Ruby Henderson

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church send one member to represent on the board to check the old minutes for things that have been left out each year and new things that were never added. Passed.

2. We suggest that Article 8 of the Rules of Decorum read "not more than 10 minutes" instead of 15 minutes. Passed

3. We suggest that Article 10 in the Constitution comply with Number 1 section under ministers in the treatise. Passed.

4. We recommend that resolution No. 2 of last year be brought to the floor for discussion. Passed

5. We recommend that each church cooperate with the other Miss. Churches in having a Bible College Day for the building program. The suggested day is Nov. 18, but the churches are asked to set dates at their own convenience nearest to that day. Passed.

6. We recommend that the association put some restrictions on deacons as to meeting the Assn. Each church should send a letter of good standing for its deacons in order for them to have a vote in the Assn. Passed.

Numbers of members, visitors, deacons, and ministers to register: 94

Number of Deacons: 4

Number of Ministers: 11

Number of Delegates: 29

Number of Visitors: 50

New Treasurer: Rev. Johnny F. Aricer, Rt. 6, Box 399, Laurel, Ms. 39440

New Moderator: Rev. Glen Shelby, Rt. 1, Box 44, Richton, Ms. 39476

Delegates to the State Association: Mrs. Johnny Aricer, Bro. Tony Holifield, Mrs. J. K. Walley, Mrs. Lura Martin, Mrs. Norman Nowell

Bro. Norman Nowell ordained for the ministry to the Assn. Bro. Glen Shelby conducted the ordination.

Bro. Billy Robinson was appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Mission Board as a replacement for Bro. O. C. Johnson.

Moderator asked that the clerk write for a letter of good standing for Bro. Bobby Martin.

Moderator ask that clerk write the Grace Chapel Church and inquire on their intentions to remain with our association.

Due to resolution No. 1, the Articles of Faith and the Constitution will not be printed in the 1973 minutes.

<u>X</u> Ministers Report	Money Received	Miles Traveled	Revivals Held	Number Baptized	Additions to church	Funerals Preached	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored
Rev. Johnny Aricer	\$2175. ⁰⁰	4828	0	2	4	0	100	1
Rev. Carter Brewer	\$900. ⁰⁰	3000	0	0	0	1	53	2
Rev. C. C. Brewer	\$2000. ⁰⁰	5000	0		5	8	100	2
Rev. Truman Freeman	Worked in Sunday School							
Rev. Dan Gaskin	\$1920. ⁰⁰	3000	0	0	1	2	156	1
Rev. Bobby Mills	\$636. ⁰⁰	8000	0	0	5	0	75	1
Rev. Edd Mazingo	\$6000. ⁰⁰	22000	2	13	28	2	114	1
Rev. Norman Nowell	\$2427. ⁰⁰	6500	0	0	38	0	105	1
Rev. William Robinson	\$1600. ⁰⁰	6700	1	1	5	2	155	1
Rev. Glen Shelby	\$5370. ⁰⁰	20000	2	0	0	0	150	1
Rev. J. K. Walley	\$3034. ⁹⁹		1	11	5	6	110	1

IX	Church Reports	Value	Paid Pastor	Paid Assn.	Expenses	Evangelistic	Education	Missions
	Bethel	\$10,000.00	\$1920.00	\$10.00	\$2430.00	\$100.00	\$98.85	\$378.41
	Buckatunga	\$50,000.00	\$1875.00	\$10.00	\$21,407.72	\$125.00	\$70.73	\$92.18
	Corinth	\$30,000.00	\$3034.99	\$10.00	\$5982.73	\$271.56	\$241.30	\$168.94
	County Line	\$15,000.00	\$805.00	\$10.00	\$2414.34	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$180.00
	Fellowship	\$15,000.00	\$5020.00	\$10.00	\$8231.71	\$150.00	\$282.00	\$482.10
	Lovewell	\$10,000.00	\$1200.00	\$15.00	\$1993.69	\$195.00	\$272.87	\$356.00
	Lee's Chapel (Jones)	\$10,000.00	\$976.46	\$10.00	\$1373.73	\$100.00	\$64.32	\$41.00
	Lee's Chapel (Wayne)	\$10,000.00	\$2180.00	\$10.00	\$4738.15	\$140.00	\$178.94	\$564.30
	Pascagoula	\$70,000.00	\$6191.98	\$10.00	\$11,336.54	\$175.00	\$208.26	\$350.00
	Pine Grove	\$10,000.00	\$2427.00	\$10.00	\$7421.09	\$345.00	None	\$30.00 \$295.00
	Richton	Rent	\$1675.00	\$10.00	\$2536.03	\$100.00	None	\$205.00
	Thompson Creek	\$5500.00	\$763.13	\$10.00	\$1170.16	\$110.00	\$170.91	\$83.50