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PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Session of the South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Buckatunna Free Will Baptist Church, Friday night, September 6 at 7 o'clock p.m.

Songs, "Send the Light" and "Power in the Blood" directed by Rev. Tru Freeman. Moderator read the rules of the association.

Business began by calling the body to order by moderator. Motion was made and seconded that we enter into conference.

ENROLLING OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Bethel	Mrs. Peggy Hinton
Buckatunna	Mrs. Lewis Ezell, Mrs. Lena Mills
Corinth	Cecil Dunn, Leonard Clifton
County Line	Mrs. Lura Martin, Mrs. Myrtle Phillips
Fellowship	Mr. Winfred Walley, Mrs. Winfred Walley
Lee's Chapel (Jones)	Tony Holifield, Ronnie Thomas
Lee's Chapel (Wayne)	Mrs. Glen Shelby, Mrs. J. C. Taylor
Lovewell	Johnny Brewer, Cordell Walley
Pascagoula	Ricky Hammonds, Liz Hammonds
Pine Grove	Roy Holifield, Betty Holifield
Richton	
Thompson Creek	Mrs. Candace Beck, Mrs. Bonnie Hendry

ENROLLING OF MINISTERS

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Frank Henderson	Rt. 3, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367
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Johnny Aricer	Rt. 6, Box 399, Laurel, Ms. 39440
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J. L. Gore	905 Valencia St., Jackson, Ms.
Carter Brewer	Rt. 4, Richton, Ms. 39476
C. C. Brewer	Rt. 1, Richton, Ms. 39376

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Ron Niebruegge	Tupelo, Mississippi
Rev. Herman Hersey	Nashville, Tennessee

ENROLLING OF DEACONS

Charles Henderson	Rt. 3, Waynesboro
J. C. Burgess	Rt. 1, Buckatunna
Jimmy Walley	Rt. 1, Richton
Elbert F. Ezell	Rt. 1, Buckatunna
Levi Smith	Rt. 1, State Line
Houston Daly	Rt. 1, Buckatunna
J. C. Taylor	Rt. 5, Waynesboro
Steve Brewer	Pascagoula
Buddy Nowell	Rt. 3, Waynesboro
Dave Palmer	Rt. 3, Waynesboro

Lloyd Valentine	Rt. 3, Richton
B. O. McLain	Rt. 1, Richton
Albert Burgess	Rt. 1, Richton
Grady Pittman	Rt. 1, Buckatunna
Ellis Smith	Rt. 1, Richton
Marlyn Dykes	Rt. 2, Richton
Troy Hinton	Hattiesburg
John Paul Rigney	Rt. 1, Buckatunna
H. L. Skipper	Rt. 5, Waynesboro

Message brought by Rev. Herman Hersey.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1974

Song "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Tru Freeman. Devotion by Rev. Bobby Mills from St. John, Chapter 15, Verses 1-15.

Business was begun by reading the Rules of Decorum. The clerk read the new Constitution and By-laws to be considered and acted upon in the afternoon.

Rev. Ron Niebruegge gave a report on mission work in the state. Rev. J. L. Gore gave a report on the mission in Jackson, Miss.

Recess.

Committees appointed by the moderator.

Rev. Herman Hersey gave a report on his work in Nashville pertaining to the retirement for our retired ministers and missionaries.

Song "Some Day" led by Rev. Tru Freeman. Special singing by the Salvation Gospel Singers. The 11:00 message was delivered by Rev. J. L. Gore.

Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Reading of the committee reports

Congratulations Committee

We, the Congratulations Committee express our thanks to the Buckatunna Church for the warm hospitality and good food extended to this South Mississippi Association.

Elizabeth Hammonds
Tony Holifield
Winfred Walley

Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee report as follows:

Sally Patrick	Pine Grove
O. C. Fagan	Pascagoula
Sherman Holifield	Lee's Chapel (Jones)
Berthia Hytte	Corinth
Ed Andrews	Bethel
Eveline Pippen	Thompson Creek
	Mrs. R. C. Phillips
	Mrs. J. C. Taylor
	Leonard Clifton

Credential Committee

We, the Credential Committee met with Bro. Columbus Brewer and examined him at the request of Lovewell Church where he is a member for ordination as a Free Will Baptist Minister and found him to be sound in the doctrine and faith of the Free Will Baptists and recommend that he be ordained at Lovewell at his request.

We met with Rev. Herman Pannell and Rev. Glen Batten and examined Bro.

Pannell as an ordained minister from the Northeast Association of Free Will Baptists. We found him to be sound in the doctrine and faith of the Free Will Baptists and recommend that he be accepted in this Association as an ordained Free Will Baptist Minister pending a letter of good standing from the Northeast Association.

We examined Bro. Glen Batten to be ordained as a Free Will Baptist Minister and found him sound in the doctrine and faith of Free Will Baptists and recommend that he be ordained at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pascagoula at the request of the church and Bro. Batten.

Rev. J. K. Walley
Rev. C. C. Brewer
Rev. Frank Henderson
Rev. Johnny Aricer
Rev. Daniel Gaskins

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 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 and drugs.

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. Johnnie Aricer
Jimmy Walley
Grady Pittman

Sunday School Committee

We, the Sunday School Committee suggests the following:

1. We recommend that all our churches have a training program for our teachers to teach them ways to use all the materials available to them.

2. We recommend that our pastors, Sunday School Supt., and teachers use more visual aids that are available from the national office.

3. We recommend that some period of services be given to the Sunday School Students to present programs of learning to their church.

4. We recommend that each church set aside a Sunday at the end of each quarter for promotion day, for our students to be recognized for perfect attendance, etc. There are perfect attendance pins and certificates available from the National Sunday School Office.

Carter Brewer
Marlyn Dykes
Mrs. Bobby Martin

Resolutions Committee

1. We, the Resolutions Committee recommend that the revised constitution and by-laws be brought before the body, to be dealt with item by item. Passed.

2. We recommend that the moderator appoint two active laymen to work with him on South Mississippi local home missions board and that this board look into the offer that was presented to the association by Bro. Clifton Lee. Passed.

3. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Gore and Rev. Bobby Martin be accepted into this association in full fellowship since the clerk has received their letters of good standing. Passed.

4. This resolution was presented to the committee by members of the body: We recommend that the director of the Youth Camp be elected from the floor of the Association. This is an important position and we feel that a larger representation of

the association should elect this person rather than just the youth camp board since they are only appointed. Rejected by the moderator. The body was not given the opportunity to vote on this resolution.

Rev. J. K. Walley
Rev. Truman Freeman
Steve Brewer

Delegates to the State Association: Tony Holifield, Mrs. Lura Martin, Leonard Clifton, Mrs. Herman Pannell, Mrs. Johnnie Aricer.

Committee on Committees: Bro. J. C. Burgess, Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. Glenn Batten.

Five-member committee mission board: Rev. J. K. Walley, Rev. Norman Nowell, Bro. Grady Pittman, Bro. Jimmy Walley, and Bro. James Bunch.

Number of members, visitors, deacons, and ministers to register: 125.

Number of deacons: 19

Number of Ministers: 17 (including two visiting ministers)

Number of Delegates: 21

Number of Visitors: 68

New Moderator: Rev. J. K. Walley

Assistant Moderator: Rev. C. C. Brewer

New Clerk; Mrs. Lena Mills

Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Robbie Mills

New Assistant Treasurer: Bro. Charles Henderson

REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

DirectorRev. Daniel Gaskins

Assistant DirectorRev. Bobby Mills

Number of Campers121

Number of Workers31

EvangelistRev. Al Hamm

Teachers:

PrimaryMiss Linda Little and Mrs. Bobby Mills

JuniorRev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker

TeensRev. and Mrs. J. L. Gore

Deans:

Girls.....Mrs. Glen Shelby, Mrs. Rachel Walley and Mrs. Johnny Aricer

BoysRev. Johnny Aricer, Berry Van Nowell, Rev. Norman Nowell
Rev. Frank Henderson and Ricky Hammond

Music DirectorRev. Norman Nowell

PianistMrs. Norman Nowell

Recreation DirectorRev. Bobby Mills
Ricky and Liz Hammonds, Assistant Directors

Morning Devotions.....Rev. Herman Pannell

NurseMiss Linda Jordan

Life Guards:

BoysRicky Hammonds; Girls — Mrs. Ricky Hammonds

Kitchen Staff:

Director.....Mrs. Berry Van Nowell

Assistant DirectorMrs. Charles Henderson

Workers—Mrs. Pete Shows, Mrs. Kay Reiter, Mrs. Peggy Hinton, Mrs. Peggy Hutcheson, Mrs. Annie Hinton, Mrs. Otis Johnson, Mrs. Vinnie Mae Brewer, Mrs. Norman Nowell

Campers of the year:

Beth Byrd and Zeb Henderson — popular vote of the campers

Rachel Martin and John Henderson — selected by Staff Members

Financial Report:

Amount received from churches,
individuals and Campers fees\$2622.20
Amount spent1987.30
Balance\$ 634.90

The Youth Camp Board met August 9, 1974 at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church. The Camp Director gave the report of the Youth Camp. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Board Chairman — Bro. Jimmy Walley; Assistant Chairman — Bro. Grady Pittman; Treasurer — Bro. Dave Palmer; Camp Director — Rev. Daniel Gaskins; Assistant Camp Director — Rev. Glen Shelby.

The Board gave the Director the authority to begin necessary steps to set up Youth Camp for 1975. The Assembly of God Youth Camp has been rented at the same rate as previous years. The date will be June 22-27, 1975. The Board voted to deposit \$500.00 to the Youth Camp Saving Fund.

On behalf of the Youth Camp Board, I want to thank everyone who helped make this another good year at Camp. The great blessings received overshadowed the minor problems. We hope and pray that every worker will prayerfully consider going back next year and also many others to share in this great work for the Lord.

I ask that everyone be much in prayer that the will of God be done as we continue setting up the 1975 Youth Camp.

Prayerfully submitted,
Rev. Daniel Gaskins,
Youth Camp Director

PREAMBLE

We, the Free Will Baptists of the 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, by-laws and rules of decorum.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This association shall be known as the South Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. This body shall be composed of all ordained ministers and ordained deacons who are in good standing with a local church with delegates duly elected from the churches.

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 listing the ordained ministers and the ordained deacons in good standing.

Section 2. Upon recommendation from a local church, the association shall investigate any ordained minister on an inactive list from the church.

Section 3. A three-member Resolution Committee, a three-member Finance Committee, a five-member Credential Committee, and a three-member Christian Education Committee appointed by the moderator in a previous session shall serve as delegates until the adjournment of the next annual session. Also a three-member Committee on Committees appointed by the moderator to recommend membership on various committees.

Section 4. The Mission Board shall be a standing board composed of five members (two ministers and three laymen) with one going off each year.

Section 5. 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 4. This body shall be considered an advisory council, but having no authority over the local affairs of the church.

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

Article 6. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer who shall be chosen by a majority of visible votes annually.

Section 1. The executive committee shall be composed of the general officers.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to plan and promote all associational and fellowship meetings.

Section 3. The association's executive committee shall act on behalf of the association when the association is not in session. Its actions shall be reported to the association for acceptance or rejection. The executive committee can call a special session of the association if deemed necessary.

Article 7. Meetings

Section 1. The association shall meet on Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September. We recommend that each church send \$20 for an associational fee.

Section 2. The fellowship of this association shall meet on the fourth Sunday in January and the fourth Saturday in May. We recommend that each church send \$10 for each fellowship day.

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 for a period of one year under the supervision and watchcare of the association before being accepted into the association in full fellowship. We agree as churches composing this association to use our best influence to promote interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as Temperance cause, Sunday School, Missions, and other denominational enterprises.

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 period prior to ordination often at least a year. Then if his life and conduct prove to be satisfactory to his church and they wish to have him ordained to the ministry, his church shall send a letter to the association recommending that he be ordained, and if on approval of the associational presbytery the association shall recommend that he be ordained at such a time when his work required ordination.

Section 2. The credential committee will use questions adopted by this association to examine ministerial candidates and answer further questions asked by committee members.

Section 3. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with the Free Will Baptist denomination must first unite with a local Free Will Baptist Church. He will then be subject to examination by the credential committee. He is required to present a letter of good standing from the association of which he was last a member. His ordination credentials may then be accepted by the association upon recommendations from the credential committee. A minister coming from another Free Will Baptist Association or any missionaries under the auspices of the State Mission Board must follow the same procedure.

Section 4. Henceforth, any candidate or minister from this denomination and association or other denomination and association requesting ordination cannot be divorced and remarried according to I Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 1-7 and Mark, Chapter 10, Verses 1-12, and must meet the other qualifications of these scriptures.

Article 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds visible votes of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing in the morning session and tabled and voted on during the afternoon session.

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 \$50 for personal expenses. The association shall reimburse the clerk for any expenses incurred while performing duties authorized by this association.

Article 3. The names of delegates from different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session. Delegates shall be seated in area designated by the Moderator.

Article 4. All business shall be brought before this body by motion and second and shall be disposed of according to Roberts Rules of 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 10 minutes at a time, no more than twice without consent of the body, on any given subject.

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.

Article 11. Duties of Boards and Committees

Section 1. The Resolutions Committee shall examine all resolutions made by churches and after careful consideration present a report to the association for approval or rejection.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall make a report to the association of all receipts and disbursements authorized by the association. This will include the treasurer's report.

Section 3. The Credential Committee shall be in charge of any matter concerning the examining and ordaining of ministers. When requested, this committee may serve as an ordaining committee.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Christian Education Committee to promote all phases of educational work in the state, to be a link from the local church to the national level, to promote teaching materials and personnel for educational programs in the church, and to plan and promote Sunday School and CTS rallies on the district level.

Section 5. The Duties of the Mission Board shall be to encourage prayerful and financial support to South Mississippi missions from churches and individuals, to promote and assist the organization of new churches, to report progress made at each quarterly meeting and association meeting, and to be a connecting link with state and national mission boards.

Church Reports	Value	Paid Pastor	Paid Assn.	Expenses	Evangelistic	Education	Missions
Bethel	\$ 5500.00	\$2080.00	\$40.00	\$2853.67	\$125.00	\$46.39	\$362.32
Buckatunna	\$50,000.00	\$1825.00	\$30.00	\$5465.89	\$125.00	\$26.00	\$126.00
Corinth	\$30,000.00	\$2974.68	\$25.00	\$9310.00	\$206.00	\$170.37	\$460.30
County Line	\$25,000.00	\$1660.00	\$40.00	\$4185.92	\$125.00	\$ 25.00	\$270.00
Fellowship	\$15,000.00	\$4130.00	\$40.00	\$9153.03	\$100.00	\$221.00	\$734.16
Lovewell	\$10,000.00	\$2589.80	\$30.00	\$3920.86	\$150.00		\$510.43
Lee's Chapel (Jones)	\$13,500.00	\$2142.00	\$30.00	\$2946.75	\$200.00	\$ 34.20	\$165.80
Lee's Chapel (Wayne)	\$10,000.00	\$3410.00	\$40.00	\$23,842.12	\$150.00	\$118.14	\$690.78
Pascagoula	\$80,000.00	\$4960.00	\$25.00	\$9786.60	\$125.00	\$243.00	\$341.00
Pine Grove	\$30,000.00	\$3370.00	\$30.00	\$7355.46	\$450.00	\$116.00	
Richton	\$75,000.00	\$1050.00	\$10.00	\$26,753.92	\$555.00		\$581.90
Thompson Creek	\$ 5200.00	\$1101.79	\$30.00	\$1830.89	\$225.00	\$ 78.86	\$ 68.86

Minister's Report	Money Received	Miles Traveled	Revivals Held	Number Baptized	Additions to Church	Funerals Preached	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored
Johnny Aricer	\$1250.00	3500	0	0	0	0	53	1
Carter Brewer	\$ 70.00	1000	0	1	0	0	20	0
C. C. Brewer	\$1500.00	5000	0	0	5	10	125	1
Truman Freeman	\$2589.80	unknown	0	2	12	0	110	1
Frank Henderson	\$ 589.20	5060	2	5	14	0	81	1
Dan Gaskins		4800	0	1	1	1	156	1
Bobby Mills	\$2000.00	10,000	0	0	3	0	85	1
Norman Nowell	\$3370.00	4700	1	8	0	1	118	1
Glen Shelby	\$5400.00	10,000	2	1	1	0	175	1
J. K. Walley		1000	1	9	16	5	120	1